

ZACK COMES ALIVE

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Scene I

In the morning, we see a house in the middle of the stage, USC, a walkway from the house goes in each direction, with one to a pen for sheep and cows, and the other leads to a vegetable stand/driveway to get to and from town with the crops.

Modern day, 8AM, in spring, Zack and Sunny are awake and onstage, in front of the sheep pen.

Sunny:

So how was your night's sleep, Zack?

(pets him on the head)

Zack:

(shakes his head yes, and jumps up like for a treat, excited)

Woof!

Sunny:

Oh I guess that is a "yes"? So are you ready to go see your friends, the sheep?!

Zack:

(Super excited, and run back and forth)

WOOF WOOF WOOF WOOF!

Sunny:

OK, let's go wake up your little friends.

(Walk over to the pen and Larry is there half asleep, and Sunny opens the gate to let Zack in, and walks back to the house)

Zack:

Wake up, Larry!

Larry:

Hmmmmmmmmmm, is it time already? I didn't really sleep well. I wish I had a bed inside like you.

Zack:

It isn't that comfortable.

Larry:

At least it's a little comfortable and you don't have to hear the Big Bad Wolf, howling in the forest.

Zack:

We know he doesn't hunt at night.

Larry:

Ha, one day he did though! He stole my wife Lucinda! How could you forget about that?

Zack:

I thought you didn't like her.

Larry:

I know but still, she made funny jokes in the mornings.

Zack:

She wasn't that funny. She made non-funny jokes, like at the same time they were funny AND they were not funny.

Larry:

That's not the point, I still miss her!

Zack:

Ok, fine, we'll change the subject...please.

Larry:

Well, now it's time for you to go get the food, and make sure nobody eats us. We're not ready to be dinner.

Zack:

Wait, I forgot, I didn't wake everyone else. They're all still sleeping.

Larry:

It's ok, I got this, just go get our breakfast. *(like an alarm clock)* BAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!

Zack:

Ow, my ears. Take it down a notch.

(sound effect OS all sheep saying Baa, at different times, a cacophony)

Larry:

See, that wasn't so hard.

Zack:

Alright, I'll go get the food.

Larry:

What?! You didn't get the food before you made me wake everyone up.

Zack:

Oh, yeah, it's just that my ears were hurting from your loud mouth, and I got tired of walking.

Larry:

It's not that far of a walk. I walk there like 20 times, so I can get MUSCULAR. All the girls are fighting over me.

Zack:

Ha ha, liar.

Larry:

No, that is not a lie. I was telling the truth. That's how I got Lucinda. And she was the most beautiful sheep I had ever seen!

Zack:

Alright, alright, ok.

Larry:

Alright, now go get breakfast. I told you like a thousand times already!

Zack:

Well, you were distracting me, and I get distracted pretty easily!

(Jason comes out of the house)

Jason:

Keep it down out there! I'm still sleeping!

(Zack runs up to Jason and growls at him)

Zack:

Grrrrrrrrrrr

Jason:

Weren't you supposed to do your job and make sure the Big Bad Wolf doesn't eat the sheep?
Look, he's creeping right now in those bushes over there!

Larry:

Baaaaa, look out, the big bad wolf!

Jason:

Wait, you can actually talk?! I thought I was just hearing your thoughts.

Larry:

Nope, we can't talk, you didn't hear anything. Baaaaaaaa.

Zack:

Wait, what do you mean about hearing our thoughts?!

Jason:

Nothing , don't worry about it. *(long pause with everyone sizing each other up)*

Larry:

I remember, your grandpa was a mind reader.

Jason:

This isn;t about me, this is about you!

This is even better than normal animals! I can get so much more money for you at the market!

Larry:

You can't sell us! Sunny will be sad.

Jason:

Oh yeah, Sunny is gonna be so sad. She isn't even gonna recognize you're gone. Sunny doesn't even count the sheep. And I can replace you, Zack, with another dog that can't talk. She won't even notice it's not you!

Zack:

Yes, she will! Because I have special ears, and she says I'm special, and if you got another dog, they wouldn't even know how to herd sheep.

Jason:

No, that's where you're wrong. You're a Golden Retriever and there are so many dogs that look like you! I bet I can find one with the same floppy ears as you! And then I'm gonna teach the other dog to herd sheep and she's gonna think that I am spending quality family time with you.

Larry:

No, she'll know that's is not us because you hate animals. You said they're disgusting and you don't even know why you have them.

Jason:

(to Larry)

How did you know I said that? Did you read my journal?! Get back in the pen! I'm tired of your mouths! Zack, get back in the house and stay outta my room!

(Larry goes to the pen and Zack goes to the house. Sunny comes out as Zack runs inside)

Sunny:

What's all the racket?! Are you talking to yourself, Uncle Jason? Or yelling at the animals?! That isn't nice, they haven't done anything wrong.

Jason:

But the animals can -

Sunny:

I don't wanna hear it! You leave those animals alone. Breakfast is almost ready, why don't you come in and calm down.

(Jason and Sunny enter the house. End of scene one.)

Scene II

The sun is starting to set. Zack sneaks outside to see Larry. He is bringing some applesauce to him.

Zack:

(whispers)

Hey, wake up, Larry.

Larry:

What are you doing out here? We're gonna get caught! Plus, you're supposed to be in your comfortable bed.

Zack:

Aw, not this again. I brought you some applesauce. We gotta talk about Jason's plan. He might get rid of us! We need to make a plan for ourselves.

Larry:

(he spills his applesauce)

Let's make a plan out of this applesauce. Maybe we can make a big bucket FULL of applesauce and dump it on him!

Zack:

How is that gonna stop him? You're just hungry. Don't worry, clumsy, I'll bring you more later.

Larry:

Aw man, can't we do that? Cuz I could just lick up applesauce all day!

Zack:

That's just a plan to get applesauce, that doesn't help us at all!

Larry:

We're just animals, what are we supposed to do?

Zack:

Maybe we can use Sunny! She loves us, she'll do anything for us!

Larry:

Well, we can't just talk to her.

Zack:

Yeah, we don't wanna spoil our secret. Maybe we can leave clues. Maybe if we can get into Jason's bedroom, she can find his journal, with all his evil plans.

Larry:

Why don't we make a mess all over the house and she has to go clean Jason's room, and we leave his journal in the middle of the floor.

Zack:

She'll have to look at it then!!!

Larry gives Zack a High Five and gets applesauce all over Zack's paw.

Zack:

Aw man, I'm gonna get my comfortable bed all dirty!

The sun sets and Zack walks back to the house for the night and Larry goes to sleep.

Scene III

Morning. Zack races out the front door, and Larry is asleep.

Zack:

Larry, Larry, WAKE UP! We gotta hide. Jason is gonna come and do something. We gotta hide!

Larry:

Ah, how big of a mess is it?!

Zack:

No time! Let's go!

Zack and Larry run OSR into the barn. Jason storms out the front door, covered in applesauce.

Jason:

Ah, where are those little demons?

Sunny runs out behind Jason.

Sunny:

Oh, you tried an applesauce mask. I hear it's very good for your skin.

Jason:

No, that dog and that sheep did this to my face! And don't even get me started on how messy my room is!

Sunny:

Ok, I will clean it up. How bout you go take a bath? I don't think it was there fault, I think it was an accident.

Jason:

What type of accident is that?

Sunny:

Zack is a herding dog! He was probably trying to herd the sheep out of the house.

Jason:

Ah fine, I'm gonna go get cleaned up. You better make sure my room is spotless!

Sunny:

Alright, I'll get to work.

Jason storms inside and Sunny follows him.

Scene IV

Afternoon. Zack and Larry are lounging on the ground by the pen. Sunny comes running out of the house with Jason's journal.

Sunny:

Wake up, wake up, Zack and whatever your name is! I have some questions! *Deep breath.* But I'm not mad at you.

Zack and Larry look at each other.

Zack:

Woof!

Sunny:

Give it up, I know you can talk. Why didn't you tell me this earlier?

Zack:

Alright. This is Larry.

Sunny:

Oh boy, that's how you talk! I thought you'd be more hyper!

Larry:

Nope, he isn't. He is quieter than a bunny, and bunnies are pretty quiet.

Sunny:

Ok, I found this journal and it says that you can talk, AND Jason wants to get rid of all the animals.

Zack:

We know. We made the mess so you would find the journal.

Larry:

So what do we do now, Sunny?

Sunny:

Well, according to this journal he can read minds, so we better not think of any plans.

Larry:

Well, we'll do it the old fashioned way, write it!

Larry, Zack, and Sunny beginning writing a plan together. Lights fade. End of scene.

Scene V

Night time. Larry, Zack, and Sunny are hiding in the pen. Jason comes out the front door. We see a rope stretched from the vegetable to the pen to trip Jason at the bottom of the steps.

Jason:

Ugh, where are those little rascals? I usually can hear their thoughts.

Sunny:

Whispers

Keep your minds empty

Jason walks slowly down the steps and trips and falls into mud and cannot see. Sunny and Zack run and tie his hands behind his back and his ankles.

Jason:

AHHHHHHHHHHHHH! Get off me!

Sunny:

I know what your plan is. You are not gonna take these innocent, poor animals. They're my friends.

Larry:

Oh, I like this. This is an old fashioned way to capture people. Now can we eat?

Zack:

No, not yet. Now we need to put him in a barrel.

Jason:

NOOOOOOOOOOOO!

Sunny grabs the barrel next to the door and places it over Jason's head.

Sunny:

This is what you get. We've put up with your attitude for too long.

Zack, Larry, and Sunny tip the barrel over and roll Jason OSL.

Jason:

Ow, ow , ow , ow owwwwwwwwwwww!

Sunny:

He will think twice before messing with us. Now let's have a party!

Larry:

YAY! Food!

Sunny gives Larry and Zack hugs, and the lights fade to black.

The end.