

**POLAR BEARS**

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ACT 1

EXT. DAN'S SPOT -- DAY

A chunk of ice rests low on the water. ARCTIC ADVENTURER DAN, appearing out of the snow, in a thick fuzzy parka carrying filming equipment. Dan is a very small man with huge glasses, making his eyes seem disproportionately large. He has small arms and small legs, making his walk less of a stride and more of a pitter-patter. Dan walks across the ice and spots two POLAR BEARS wrestling with each other. Exited, he sets up his tripod and camera while taking frivolous notes.

EXT. POLAR BEARS -- DAY

DAN V.O.

At long last! I have waited nearly a year for this magnificent find!

We see the bears on their hind legs, roaring at each other while they unsuccessfully try and take bites out of each other's face.

DAN V.O.

I seem to have stumbled upon two male Polar Bears, approximately seven and a half feet tall and engaged in what can only be described as a serious battle. Though the reason is unclear, as of yet, it seems as though this is no mere playful bout, these bears are ferociously taking swings at each other. And by the sound of their roars, I believe they are in a serious predicament.

EXT. PAD -- DAY

We see he has been writing what had been said. He finishes his thought on the pad.

EXT. BEARS -- DAY

We notice the bears have stopped fighting. Exhausted yet determined, one of the bears, ANDY, tries to lazily swat the other bear, JIM but fails and flops to the ground, Jim follows suit.

ANDY

Oh, who cares! You can't vote anyway!

JIM

I'm just saying, the terrorists could bomb anyone, but it's us they're after, us and those goddamn pandas.

ANDY

Racist. You know what, I think you'd only vote for McCain because you think Palin is adorable.

JIM

That's beside the point; she's totally qualified for the job!

ANDY *Wesley*

Yeah sure, I think I can see ~~Wallisa~~, Alaska from here. Does that make me the official Alaskan Bear spokesperson?

JIM

It should, this is called vantage point politics, The Bush administration uses all the time! Take poverty. If they don't see any homeless, they aren't there!

Andy yawns and scratches his stomach. He moves his arms with the conversation, much like any human would do. From Dan's POV it looks like they are ~~fighting~~. *Hugging*

EXT. DAN'S SPOT - DAY

Dan spots the bears conversing, and starts to get excited, while taking frivolous notes. We see the bears in the background.

DAN

Oh how magnificent! This is a typical male mating motion, though both are male.. I wonder if I am the first to encounter a homosexual polar bear! Oh the excitement is killing me! Look how the arms flail about, he is most defiantly doing what any human would perceive as a hump, a type of bear courting!

EXT. - BEARS - DAY

ANDY

That ridiculous. Look where Bush got us, remember Schmoyle and Hanz? The Coca-Cola twins?

JIM

What ever happened to those guys?

ANDY

Well, they lost most of their money in Vegas but that's not what did them in. Apparently they took a faulty loan on their house just south of us.

EXT. OCEAN - DAY

We see the bears and Dan far off in the distance, mere specks on the screen. Just in front of them is a wide expanse of Ocean.

ANDY (CONTINUED)

Long story short, their homes were foreclosed due to a combination of global warming and the mortgage crisis.

EXT. BEARS - DAY

JIM

That global warming crap is still a theory; don't tell me you actually bought all that Al Gore bullcrap in that movie.

ANDY

The nearest movie theatre is about 863 miles away Jim. How the hell was I supposed to get there?

JIM

Well with gas being as expensive as it is these days.

Andy, annoyed with Jim tries to swat him in the face.

EXT. DAN'S SPOT - DAY

Dan, again seeing this motion, whips out his notepad and takes more notes.

DAN

Unbelievable! Just extraordinary! This may seem like a battle of the fates, but these gay bears are only courting each other, it seems as though they have taken a fond liking to each other and are prepared to mate! I must get my camera ready to catch the big moment.

Dan pulls out an absurdly robust camera with a five-foot lens.

EXT - BEARS - DAY

JIM

I'm serious! We could use a bit of cash flow around here, I mean what do we make in a year: a Hundred thousand? Two hundred thousand?

ANDY

We eat and hibernate Jim, not exactly your mom and pop's business.

JIM

Exactly! I hear from my Cousin down south that they're selling little stuffed polar bears for kids to sleep with. We haven't seen a dime!

ANDY

We should file a lawsuit!

JIM

YEAH!

In his excitement, JIM stands on his hind legs. Andy swipes Jim's legs, and Jim falls into the ocean with a SPLASH - all over Andy.

ANDY

You're an idiot.

EXT. DAN'S SPOT - MOMENTS EARLIER

Dan, ever more exited, is still taking copious notes. He looks into his camera and hears the two bears ROARING at each other. He takes the camera off of the tripod, and slowly walks closer to the bears. Finding a good place, he kneels, filming now at a dangerously close proximity.

EXT. CAMERA VIEW - DAY

We see the view inside the camera of the bears. All we hear is the roars of the bears as Jim, in what appears to be a rage, stands up and spreads his arms. We see Andy trip Jim.

DAN

This is UNBELIEVABLE! A prime bear rejection! For the first time in history I have seen one homosexual bear offer his body up to another and the first homophobic rejection! This is an unprecedented finding! Wait till Al Gore hears about

THIS!

We see both Jim, who is in the water, and Andy's ears perk up.

DAN  
Shit!

EXT. DAN'S SPOT - DAY

Dan drops to the ground, camouflaging himself in the snow covered ice.

EXT. BEARS - DAY

ANDY  
Did you hear something?

JIM  
You're paranoid. You remind me of my washed up cousin, that crazy one that was in that one episode of Lost. I'm here freezing my nuts off while that prick is off creating ridiculous plot hole -

ANDY  
Shh.. Something is here, lets check it out.

Dan awkwardly climbs out of the ocean and shakes.

JIM  
About time, I'm starving!

ACT 2

EXT - BEARS - DAY

The bears begin to sniff around, but are unsuccessful, Jim catches wind of another smell and sticks his nose in the air.

JIM  
You know what this smells like?

ANDY  
What?

JIM  
Like that Australian guy, you know that wrestles crocodiles and everything

ANDY

Oh yeah, he gave me my awesome wristband.

We see Andy has a tracing unit on his paw.

ANDY (CONTINUED)

I heard he got impaled on a fish

JIM

Damn shame, I've always wondered what it would be like if I got into a fight with him.

ANDY

Who knows, my koala cousin Larry said he was about as strong as a whale, and thirty feet tall to boot.

EXT. ROCK LAIR - DAY

Jim and Andy walk near a twenty by twenty foot ROCK, and about seven and a half feet tall.

JIM

Height never stopped anyone before, take Danny Devito one of the smallest AND angriest guys on the pla - LOOK!

Jim stops short in a patch of snow, in front of him is the large rock.

INT. ROCK LAIR - DAY

Dan cowers in fear as he hides inside a hollowed out rock. Inside is what looks like a lab and living area, with various lab equipment, test tubes and a few cameras along with a small kitchen, and a few couches. Dan hears the bears approaching his lair and becomes fearful and nervously paces his lair. Suddenly he stops and frantically checks his pockets. Unable to find what he is looking for, he goes over to his desk and picks up a small device. On the device is written "UNIVERSAL FINDER", and a menu pops up with three four choices "PARKA", "PANTS", and "PHONE." He presses the Phone button and it begins to beep while a red light on it turns on. He searches the room while until he found a place where the beeping became very fast - the couch. He jumps into the couch - leaving the finder - and pulls out a rather large SATTELITE PHONE. He dials a few numbers, but the display reads, "out of battery, you're fucked." Dismayed and now shaking, he pockets his phone and pulls out his notepad.

DAN

I don't know how long I can wait in here undetected, I should've brought a gun! ..Or a battery.. Goddamn airport security. Luckily, I brought the regulation 3 Oz of nitro glycerin for times like these! (beat) What's going on?!

Rumble and Roars as we hear the bears begin to claw through the outer shell of the rock. Dan is horrified.

EXT - ROCK LAIR - DAY

Jim is seen rasping his nails across the rock. He is sharpening them in a very feminine manner.

JIM

I don't know why we never noticed this huge rock before but I'm telling you man, this is the greatest way to add a little ferocity for the ladies.

ANDY

What do you mean?

JIM

Every lady loves a man who's all ferocious and strong. Unfortunately, all those TV dinners have left me with a bit of a belly. Therefore I have to compensate. (beat) Razor Sharp Nails.

ANDY

Correct me if I'm wrong, but don't CHICKS trim their nails?

JIM

Technicalities.

Out of the blue appears FOXY BEAR who walks sexily by the bears. Jim quickly turns his "nail shaving" into a sexy pose.

JIM

(loudly)

AS I WAS SAYING. Any man that shaves his nails is a downright queer. Man are my pecks hurting from those last hundred...thousand pushups. Better do a thousand more to ease the pain.

ANDY

(sarcastically)

Oh, she's a shoe in.

The fox is seen in the distance, running away and jumping into the ocean.

INT - ROCK LAIR - DAY

We pan around the room. Dan is out of sight. Suddenly, he pops out from under a pile cushions on a couch. Quickly he whips out his notepad.

DAN

The clawing seems to have stopped. No doubt a complex mind game they often play with their prey. Those ravenous beasts are probably out there.. Pacing.. Just picking their moment.. Something must be done!

Dan takes a deep breath. He pockets his notepad and paces the room. His face shines with that "oh!" moment. He looks around the room but eventually finds what he's looking for in his pocket. He pulls out his bottle of NITRO GLYCERIN and sets it on a table.

DAN

Now. Where's the on switch?

EXT - ROCK LAIR - DAY

Andy and Jim are sitting against the rock, dejected.

ANDY

Well it couldn't have been me!

JIM

What are you talking about? She was totally into me until you started getting your fat ass in the conversation.

ANDY

My fat ass wasn't the one that decided it was a great time to change the mood.

JIM

Hey, it was funny.

ANDY

She ran away to take a shower. Next time you decide to pass gas - please. Let me and the rest of Santa's elves up here know first. That way we could at least get a head start.

Jim spots a SPOON on the ground in front of him.

JIM  
Oooh.. whats this?

Jim gets up with his rear end facing the rock to examine this artifact.

JIM (CONTINUED)  
ANDY! Check this out!

Suddenly, we see a loud explosion as debris and snow are kicked up. When the dust clears we see Dan, wearing an army helmet and armed in his right hand with a broken test tube and in his left with a piece of the rock. He is out of breath. We also see Jim, in the same position he was in before, except all the hair on his rear end has been blown off.

### Scene 3

Dan, Jim, and Andy pause. Jim's mouth is wide open, he is in SHOCK. Unsure of what to do, Dan precariously tiptoes around the bears as they watch him go. As soon as Dan is at a safe distance, he sprints off-screen.

EXT. - ROCK - DAY

ANDY  
Who the hell is that guy?

JIM  
MY ASS!!

ANDY  
This place is a dump

JIM  
(beat)  
MY ASS!!

Andy walks into the rock lair

INT - ROCK LAIR - DAY

Andy looks around, confused. Once inside, his ears perk up.

ANDY

What's that noise?

We hear a faint beeping noise as Andy approaches the couch. He pulls out the Universal Finder and examines it clumsily with his paws. His eyes widen as he begins to realize what it is.

ANDY

Jim! I found you a snack!

Jim bounds into the lair, rear end still slightly smoking, and quickly snatches the finder out of Andy's paws — swallowing it whole. Jim burps and his stomach glows red as he begins to beep.

JIM

SHIT! I saw this one the discovery channel! I've gotta find some penicillin!

EXT — ROCK LAIR — DAY

Jim bursts out of the hole, as he dives face first into the snow, scooping up (like a snow plow), as much snow as he can.

JIM

(muffled)

Muft put out fpfire!

Jim frantically runs in circles as Andy comes out of the hole with the entire contents of the refrigerator. He also has his mouth full — of food.

ANDY

Whuf farf you dfoin?

Jim and Andy exchange an incomprehensible conversation in which both are yelling at each other at the same time, trying to figure out what's going on. In his confusion, Jim trips over a small STONE and falls down a cliff behind him.

EXT — AIR — Day

We follow a panicked Jim in the Air as he tries to frantically swim in the air, but only succeeds in spinning himself around in a slow circle. All the while his stomach

is still glowing and his beeping is getting faster and faster until - SPLASH - he hits the water.

EXT. - Water - Day

Just in front of him, is a frantic Dan in a blow-up lifeboat trying to escape. The splash gets all over Dan as he realizes the polar bear has jumped in. We see Dan frantically paddling, and it looks like he is gaining some ground.

EXT. - ARIEL VIEW OF CLIFF - DAY

We see Andy eating a sandwich as he watches the events unfold below him. We also see a new perspective on the situation. Though Dan is ferociously paddling, he is gaining no ground at all, while Jim takes two strides and is now caught up with Dan.

EXT. - WATER - DAY

Jim is now beeping at a very rapid pace.

JIM

(to Andy)

I THINK I FOUND THE PENNICILLIN

We see a slow motion in Dan's perspective. Jim, fangs out, growls ferociously to the sky and lowers his head - he is looking straight at Dan. Dan drops his oar and cowers to the side of the raft. Jim, apprehensively tries to climb on the raft, tilting Dan's side of the raft up. Now the raft is vertical and Jim has his mouth open JUST UNDER DAN. We see Dan's perspective. A giant red polar bear has his fangs over him as he holds on for his life. Suddenly, his phone dropped out of his pocket and into the bear's mouth. The red light turned off and the beeping went away. Jim got off the raft and left a bewildered Dan paddling away alone.

EXT. - CLIFF TOP - DAY

Andy, now prostrate on the ground with a circle of food around him, burps.

JIM

Got the Medicine

ANDY

Really?

JIM

Yep, Wasn't easy but I managed to squeeze it out of that cave guy. Not a bad guy once you get to know him.

ANDY

Yeah. (beat) Who do you think he's voting for?

JIM *defiantly*  
Oh, McCain ~~defiantly~~.

ANDY

Now wait a minute..

We zoom out on their political conversation as they continue to talk. Their dialogue is hardily comprehensible at this point as we see everything, the rock, the cliff, and the life raft. We zoom out further to find everything was contained in a television set.

INT. - TV ROOM - NIGHT

We are in a regular suburban home - of polar bears. We see a MOMMA BEAR, POPPA BEAR, and CHILD BEAR sitting on a couch watching the tv -- bewildered.

*Wallisa*  
SUPERIMPOSE: WALLISA, ALASKA

MOMMA BEAR

(beat) Palin is NOT gonna like this.

FADE OUT.