

Zoso's Little Adventure

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EXT. BEACH - SUNRISE

As a beautiful sunrise on a beach takes place, we see a weather beaten MAN essentially wash-up onto shore half asleep, half dead on a raft made of a couple of planks of wood. The man shortly awakens and looks around in disbelief. He jumps off of the raft and onto the land dancing in a manner of uninhibited jubilation. He gets on his knees and picks up two hand fulls of sand and lets it run through his fingers.

MAN

I made it? I made it!

He looks around the beach, he doesn't see anyone, but right now, the fact that it may be an uninhabited island doesn't bother him, he's more interested in satisfying his hunger. He sees a jungle at the edge of the beach and ventures inside. He doesn't go very far before he's confronted with a large variety of exotic fruit.

EXT. JUNGLE - DAY

MAN

Oh, snap! When I left my famine ridden home I was hoping to find a place just a little bit better off than where I was, but this...there must be a god.

The man begins devouring the fruit, holding one in each hand, the juices running down his face. He takes bites so big his mouth can barely close to chew. He continues eating for a good 10 minutes then he hears a rustling in the bushes, he's fearful it might be a beast of some sort, the sound gets closer. Suddenly, a DIFFERENT MAN, inexplicably wearing a diaper, appears.

DIFFERENT MAN

Who the fuck are you? What the fuck are you doing here?

The suddenness and sheer volume of the mans questions startle the man.

MAN

(stumbling over his words)
Um, my name is ZOSO. Uh, I've traveled very far on a crappy raft to get here. I left my home because of a famine. I haven't eaten for days, I was just helping myself to some fruit and...

DIFFERENT MAN

Ha! So you have been eating my fruit! You confess!

ZOSO

Uh...yes, but...

DIFFERENT MAN

Oh, man! You're gonna get it. Nobody who has ever committed the high crime of fruit stealing has ever gotten off lightly. And you're a foreigner, oh, you're gonna fry, and when I say fry, I mean eaten.

ZOSO

(franticly)

Eaten?! What the hell, why!?

DIFFERENT MAN

An eye for an eye, you eat my fruit, I eat you. It's a common practice.

Zoso is full on panicing at this point, he soils himself.

DIFFERENT MAN

Tsk, tsk, silly man, wheres your diaper?

ZOSO

I don't wear diapers anymore, I'm potty trained, ugh, nevermind. Ok now, let me get this straight, I've just come from a 2 and a half day journey at sea, starving my ass off, I eat a couple fruit from your tree, and the punishment for the "high crime" of fruit stealing is death by digestion?

DIFFERENT MAN

Well, we are an island of cannibals, but we wouldn't eat a contributing member of society. To get around this problem, we eat our criminals, our laws are very strict, as you know now.

ZOSO

But I didn't know, I didn't know! Don't you give exceptions for people new to the island who dont know

about these backwards laws?

DIFFERENT MAN

Actually, you're the first ever outsider to come to the island, we've never made exceptions about outsiders before, why start now?

ZOSO

(rhetorically)

What kind of goddamn island is this...

DIFFERENT MAN

It's called Stupid Cannibal Island.

ZOSO

(sarcastically)

Shocker.

DIFFERENT MAN

Alright you snarky bastard, I'm NGOO and I'll be your citizen arrestor today, you're coming with me.

ZOSO

Oh...here we go.

Zoso doesn't put up a fight and goes peacefully. Ngoo first drags him through the jungle, and when they emerge Zoso's eyes are greeted by a marvelous city. While Ngoo is taking him through the city to the island courthouse citizens of Stupid Cannibal Island stop and stare, having never seen an outsider, they're intrigued.

EXT. CITY - DAY

ISLANDER

Hey, an outsider! Hey, hey you, tell us the wonders of the outside world, at long last, there's so much for us to learn! Think of the possibilities!

ZOSO

Well...

NGOO

Nope, sorry, this guy stole some of my fruit, I know I should eat him now, but I'm takin' him to the courthouse, you know, just to make it official.

ISLANDER

Oh, he's a fruit stealer. That's a shame. Oh well, I guess our society will have to progress on its own.

ZOSO

That guy said fruit stealer like it happens all the time.

NGOO

Not all the time, but more often than you would think, I mean, people know they're gonna be eaten if they get caught, but they never learn, stupid cannibals.

ZOSO

You're tellin' me.

Ngoo and Zoso approach the courthouse, but too Ngoo's dismay, it's closed. Ngoo sits down and starts to think.

ZOSO

What now Einstein?

NGOO

Shutup, I'm thinking. Looks like we're gonna have to go higher up.

ZOSO

How high?

NGOO

The next step up, king.

ZOSO

King? It goes from judge to king?

NGOO

Yeah, we only have two branches of government, a judicial and legislative. A legislative to make the laws and a judicial to enforce them.

ZOSO

And each branch consists of one person?

NGOO

Basically... yes.

ZOSO

It makes no sense, but hey.

NGOO

Yeah, hey.

Through the city more and more people are noticing Zoso.
Some stop to question him.

ISLANDER 2

What the hell are you wearing? Are those pants? Get yourself some diapers, are you trying to insult our very way of life?

ZOSO

No, no, I respect your choice to wear diapers, but why do you guys wear diapers anyway? Is it for the fashion, you can't control your bowels, whats the deal?

ISLANDER 2

We can control our bowels, its just why would we waste time to go to the bathroom when we can just do it as we walk, or cartwheel. We're a very time conscience race, we multi-task.

ZOSO

That sounds more like a justification than a legitimate reason. Do you guys question anything?

ISLANDER 2

I don't know. Things have always been like this. Why should they change?

ZOSO

Oh, man. I have got to have a conversation with this king of yours. See his thought process, what makes him tick.

NGOO

Oh, you will, soon enough.

Zoso and Ngoo make their way towards the kings castle, this time uninterrupted. Zoso on the way looks around at city

life during the trip. Aspects of life on Stupid Cannibal Island are very strange to Zoso. People are cartwheeling from place to place. As they approach the castle gates the guards mouths are agape at the sight of an outsider, as he is the only one without a diaper.

EXT. KINGS GATE - DAY

KINGS GUARD 1

Wow, an outsider, haven't seen one of those ever, maybe he's an ambassador or something trying to extend the hand of human respect and reciprocity.

KINGS GUARD 2

I just hope he's tryin' to usurp this lame excuse for a king.

KINGS GUARD 1

Oooh, yeah, that would be nice, break the chain of stupid kings we've been having lately.

Zoso and Ngoo finally reach the gate.

NGOO

Shamalamadingdong.

KINGS GUARDS 1 AND 2
(in unison)

Shamalamadingdong.

Zoso looks at them with a befuddled look on his face.

ZOSO

Shamalamadingdong?

NGOO

That's our greeting.

ZOSO

Yes...

KINGS GUARD 2

So, to what do we owe this visit, you are the first ever outsider I've ever seen, how 'bout you.

KINGS GUARD 1

Definitely the first, I didn't know people from other places didn't wear diapers.

ZOSO

Well, I used to, but then I learned to hold in my excrement, which allowed me to go to a designated area to release it.

KINGS GUARD 2

That makes so much sense! No chance of diaper rash!

ZOSO

Yeah, I hardly ever get diaper rash anymore. What do you guys do with all those soiled diapers anyway?

KINGS GUARD 1

Well, we put 'em on a big raft and just push 'em out to the open seas.

ZOSO

So that's what I saw on my way over here, I thought it was a crazy mirage brought on by starvation, but no, it just came from a really crazy place.

NGOO

Hey! Can we cut the chit-chat, this guy stole some of my fruit and I'm trying to get him home before dinner.

KINGS GUARD 1

Oh, are you serious! The first ever outside contact we get, he happens to eat some of your fruit, and you really wanna eat him? I mean, I'm a cannibal, but I'm not that desperate.

NGOO

Nobody's ever stolen fruit and gotten away with it, what happened to justice!?

ZOSO

Am I the only one who thinks this punishment is little harsh.

KINGS GUARD 2

Yeah, it's pretty unreasonable.

ZOSO

Thank you, I'm not crazy.

KINGS GUARD 1

No, but our king is, you've got your work cut out for you.

KINGS GUARD 2

Koo-koo!

KINGS GUARDS 1

In every sense of the word.

NGOO

Gentlemen, go get the goddamn king.

KINGS GUARD 2

Ugh, duty calls, good luck.

The two guards cartwheel away, but about halfway to the castle they stop and walk.

KINGS GUARD 2

Why dont we try walking for a change?

KINGS GUARD 1

It's alot easier, I'd pay money just to know what that KING MAG is thinking.

KINGS GUARD 2

What else do you pay with, dumbass.

KINGS GUARD 1

You douche.

INT. CASTLE - DAY

When the two guards reach the castle, they catch King Mag in his daily workout, he is on a treadmill, but one that has been adapted for cartwheels instead of running.

KINGS GUARD 2

Uh, your majesty, you have a visitor.

KING MAG

Dammit. I told you not to bother me during my cardio workout.

KINGS GUARD 1

It's kinda important, it's an

outsider.

KING MAG

An outsider?

KINGS GUARD 2

Yeah, an outsider, apparently Ngoo caught him eating some of his fruit and wants to eat him.

KING MAG

Oh, well it's a shame he's an outsider who didn't know of our laws before he came, we could really learn from eachother.

KINGS GUARD 1

Well you could just let him off the perverbial hook.

KING MAG

No, no. The Fruit Thief laws are very strict, if I let him off the hook, I'll have to let everybody off the hook.

KINGS GUARD 2

I guess so.

KING MAG

Bring them in.

Ngoo and Zoso, who have been waiting patiently to be let in finally are, Zoso knees shake as he enters the castle, Ngoo cartwheeling at his side.

KING MAG

Welcome, welcome. How do you do?

ZOSO

Well I've been told I'm gonna be eaten, so not that good.

KING MAG

So you know, I'm afraid I cant help you there.

ZOSO

Uh, yeah you can, all you have to do is say, "don't eat the outsider."

KING MAG

It's not that easy.

ZOSO
Yes, it is.

KING MAG
Is not.

ZOSO
Is too.

KING MAG
Is not.

ZOSO
You're not exactly the brightest
bulb on the christmas tree, are you?

KING MAG
What's that supposed to mean?

ZOSO
Hmm, something else you don't
understand, that's a surprise.

KING MAG
I think you're insulting me.

ZOSO
No, I'm calling you stupid, which is
the truth. How the hell did you get
elected to the highest office of
your 2 person government? I mean, I
didn't meet the judge, but he
probably wants to kill himself for
having to enforce these ridiculous
laws.

KING MAG
Elected? No, I was chosen by god.

ZOSO
Really, did he tell you that
himself?

KINGS GUARD 1
Uh, I think we should go.

KING MAG
No, but I am the one with the
largest big toenail, it is only
natural that I lead.

ZOSO

So you're king because you had the biggest big toenail?

KING MAG

For lack of a better answer, yes.

ZOSO

You are the scum of the earth, you mislead these honest, hardworking, diaper wearing citizens of Stupid Cannibal Island. You take your little fantasy kingdom and make it a reality.

NGOO

Don't take that from him! An outsider backtalkin' to the king.

KING MAG

Oh, you're as good as cooked my friend.

ZOSO

At least maybe I can show the people the error of their ways.

Zoso runs to the king's balcony where a small crowd has gathered, King Mag and Ngoo soon chase.

EXT. BALCONY - DAY

ZOSO

People of Stupid Cannibal Island, you have been misled by a stupid cannibal. Your king is a sham, he can't lead better than he can use the toilet, which he can't. Stop wearing diapers and cartwheeling around the city, do what you want, not what the guy with the biggest big toenail says. Rule yourselves, and rule for yourselves.

KING MAG

He's crazy, he's a fruit thief, he can't be trusted!

The islanders look around, they realize the merit of Zoso's words.

ISLANDER 3

He's right! We can't cartwheel everywhere we go, we can't wear diapers forever. Things must change, because without change, there's no progress. Our idiotic kings have been pushing their will on us for years and we won't take it anymore.

Then suddenly, the entire crowd breaks into a song and dance number of Twisted Sisters "We're Not Gonna Take It." The king and Ngoo look on in horror. Zoso looks at what he's done and a smirk slowly opens on his face. He's done what he needed to do. As the song comes to an end pitchforks and other gardening tools materialize from the crowd. The king looks uneasy.

ISLANDER 3

Bring down the castle!

CROWD

Yeah!

The chaos that ensues is total. The castle is stormed by every citizen of Stupid Cannibal Island. Zoso sees this as the perfect time to escape the island. He runs toward the beach and pushes his raft back into the ocean and climbs on top. He lays down on his back, looks up into the sky.

ZOSO

What a crazy day.

FADE OUT