

Sabotage

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FADE IN:

INT. MR. CONNOR'S OFFICE - DAY

A relaxed looking student is meeting with MR. CONNOR during call list. This is PETE WELLS.

MR. CONNOR

I don't get it, Pete, you used to be such a good student, what's gotten into you this year?

PETE

I don't know. I guess I've just had a lot on my plate lately.

MR. CONNOR

I mean, stealing Quamquam, Mr. Bakale's Stuffed Pig, deleting the last note off the bell....and then putting it back...

Pete nods his head and laughs at the memory of each of these pranks.

MR. CONNOR

Oh! And Ms. Lerner has done nothing but complain about the silly shenanigans you pull in Algebra.. I've decided to bring in the school psychiatrist to see if he can make sense of all of this.

Mr. Connor leaves the room and in walks the school "psychiatrist," a tough looking man. This is MR. BALKUS. Pete slumps in his chair and begins to look nervous.

PETE

Oh God...Oh God...Oh God...

MR. BALKUS

Easy there my fuzzy little man peach, no need to be frightened! I've just come here to ask you a few questions. A... PSYCHOanalysis, if you will.

Pete quickly nods his head and gulps loudly.

MR. BALKUS

So I heard you've been having a rough year so far. Getting into some trouble lately?

PETE

I well... yeah I guess I have. I mean
I haven't rea-

MR. BALKUS

It's okay you can talk to me about
it, but first, just a few basic
questions. Have you been having any
trouble at home?

PETE

No, not at all.

MR. BALKUS

Alrighty then. How about work
problems? Are your classes too
rough, not getting enough sleep
lately sport?

PETE

No... no my classes are fine.

MR. BALKUS

And what about-

Mr. Balkus abruptly screams and throws something easily
breakable against the wall, pauses, slams his hands down on
the desk, screams into Pete's face, and pauses with a blank
stare.

INT. OUTSIDE MR. CONNOR'S OFFICE - DAY

Mr. Connor is seen excitedly pacing outside his office. Mr.
Balkus walks out and Mr. Connor looks anxiously at him.

MR. BALKUS

You're right! That WAS fun!

MR. CONNOR

Ouuuu YEAH, give me some skin
Phizzo my Bizzo!

The two proceed to do an intense, gangster handshake.

INT. MR. CONNOR'S OFFICE - DAY

Mr. Connor opens door, pops his body in, and points to the
camera.

MR. CONNOR

Don't blow this year Peter, or
you'll reg-

Mr. Connor looks confused as we see that Pete is nowhere to be found. He looks over his desk and sees Pete hiding in the fetal position. Connor bends down to Peter's level.

MR. CONNOR
Or you'll regret it.

PETE
(Muttering fearfully)
I'll change.. I'll change..

EXT. OUTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL - DAY

Pete walks outside and sees two loosely dressed kids pull up in a car. These are SEAMUS and SEAN PAUL.

SEAN PAUL
Dude... T-Bell... Now.

SEAMUS
Crunch wrap braaahhh.

PETE
I don't know man. I think I'm gonna go home and study.

Seamus and Sean Paul start to drive away slowly.

SEAN PAUL
Weak.

SEAMUS
Wizzeeeeeeeeeeeak.

INT. PETE'S HOUSE - DAY

MRS. WELLS
So, your principal called again.
What's gotten into you Pete?

PETE
I don't know Mom. I'm trying to shape up. I really will change.

MRS. WELLS
Alright. You look tired, go get some sleep.

INT. PETE'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Pete is lying in his bed asleep. He is clearly disturbed by something because he is tossing and turning.

EXT. WOODS - NIGHT

Pete is running through the woods and breathing heavily. Suddenly, he trips. He stands up in a clearing.

He sees something move in the woods and quickly follows it towards a large bonfire. There are crazy animal costumes dancing around the fire.

Suddenly, everything goes quiet.

ANIMALS

Don't leave us.

Pete screams as he wakes up in a sweat looking confused and alarmed.

He looks around the room and sees two people in strange costumes (different than dream) in his doorway. They scream back and forth consecutively.

Sean Paul rips off his mask.

SEAN PAUL

Dude!

PETE

Aw guys! What are you doing here?
It's one in the morning! Why are
you dressed in those costumes?

SEAMUS A AND SEAN PAUL

Dudeee Joanne's Fabrics!

Seamus and Sean Paul high five each other and laugh.

SEAMUS

Alright. We gotta show you
something crazzzzzyyy. Dude, with
like badgers.

SEAMUS AND SEAN PAUL

And mushrooms! Where's your
computer?

Seamus and Sean Paul high five each other and laugh.

PETE

GET OUT!

Seamus and Sean Paul walk out with their heads down.

Pete goes back to sleep.

Sean Paul sneaks back into his room and steals his laptop.

INT. MATH WING - DAY

Pete is walking through the math wing shaking his head and looking disturbed.

ANIMALS

(v.o.)

Don't leave us. Don't leave us.

SEAMUS

Pete!

PETE

(flustered)

Huh?

SEAN PAUL

Dude. You should have seen the face you were just making. You you ... You were all twitchin'... and stuff. It was freakin' me out...

PETE

I don't know. I just have a lot of stuff on my mind. What did you guys do last night... At 4 AM... After you stole my laptop?..

Seamus and Sean Paul quickly look at each other.

INT. SEAMUS' HOUSE - NIGHT

Seamus and Sean Paul are staring blankly at the computer screen

SEAN PAUL

You ready?

SEAMUS

Oh yeaahhh.

Sean Paul presses a button on the computer. Seamus and Sean Paul stare blankly and fall into the lull of dancing badger music. Sean Paul is mouthing the words to the song and bobbing up and down as Seamus is laughing hysterically, making no sound.

SEAMUS

Turn it up!

Sean Paul turns the volume up on the laptop.

SEAMUS

MORE!

Sean Paul turns it up to the max. The computer suddenly powers down.

Seamus side stares at Sean Paul and tackles him off the chair.

INT. MATH WING - DAY

With the same expression, Seamus angrily stares at Sean Paul.

SEAN PAUL

Nothin'.

PETE

Yeah dude. You're not gonna believe this dream I had last night! I was in the...

SEAMUS

Dude, I had a crazy dream one time too!

Seamus and Sean Paul babble on about crazy dreams.

Pete stares in between the two and sees a furry foot disappear into a nearby classroom.

Pete walks between his two friends who do not even notice.

There is a sound of cracking plastic and Pete runs around the corner.

Pete quickly looks around Ms. Lerner's classroom but there is no trace of the animal. There are broken rulers spread all over the floor.

Ms. Lerner Enters.

MS. LERNER
My...my... MY RULERS! Nooo!!

Ms. Lerner falls onto her knees and begins to sob.

MS. LERNER
You did this!!

PETE
No! I swear I didn't... They.. They
were like this when I came in!

Ms. Lerner is obviously not listening to Pete's story.

MS. LERNER
(Mumbling to herself)
They were supposed to be shatter
resistant...

The bell rings and the class walks in.

Ms. Lerner quickly pulls herself together and begins class,
repeatedly giving Pete dirty looks.

Pete has a flashback to the furry foot that he saw and the
dream. He shakes it off.

PETE
(to himself)
I'm going crazy.

INT. PETE'S HOUSE - DAY

Pete puts his bag down, slumps onto the couch and falls
asleep.

EXT. WOODS - NIGHT

Pete begins to have the same dream where he is running
through the woods.

INT. PETE'S HOUSE - DAY

Pete wakes up screaming, once again in a sweat.

INT. MATH CLASS - DAY

Ms. Lerner walks into her room before school and notices that there are empty boxes of colored pencils strewn all over the floor.

She begins frantically searching for the missing pencils.

She drops to her knees and searches for them on the ground, suddenly she sees one in the middle of the hallway, she crawls towards.

At this moment, Pete walks into school and opens his locker.

Hundreds of colored pencils fall out of his locker and into the hallway.

Ms. Lerner slowly looks up at him with a deathly stare.

PETE

I know what you're think-

MS. LERNER

YOU!!!

PETE

(to himself)

The animals...

MS. LERNER

What animals!?

PETE

What?! ..Ugh.. Nothing..

MS. LERNER

THOSE PENCILS WERE FOR GRAPHING!!..

AND THE

OCCASIONAL...ASSORTED...COLORING...

THINGS...THAT NEED TO BE

COLORED!!...Just get to class...

INT. CAFETERA - DAY

Pete walks in and slumps down at a table with Seamus and Sean Paul.

PETE

Ugh!

SEAMUS

What's wrong with you?

PETE

I don't know. It all started with that dream I had the other night. Things keep happening that I can't explain. It's like they're trying to sabotage me.

SEAN PAUL

Who?

PETE

The... The animals...

SEAMUS

The badgers!!?

PETE

No. Never mind. I'll see you guys later.

Pete leaves.

Sean Paul and Seamus both watch Pete as he leaves.

SEAMUS

Is he gone?

SEAN PAUL

Yeah...yeah I think so.

Sean Paul looks at Seamus and nods.

Seamus pulls Pete's laptop out of his bag, sets it on the table, and presses a button. The badger song instantly start to play.

Sean Paul starts hysterically laughing making no sound as Seamus bobs up and down happily and mouths the words.

INT. MS. LERNER' ROOM - DAY

Ms. Lerner is standing at the board typing furiously on her graphing calculator. There are numbers covering the entire board.

MS. LERNER

(to herself)

28 divided by 6 times the tangent..

(MORE)

MS. LERNER (cont'd)
of 12 plus the square root of 42...
I GOT IT!!

Ms. Lerner runs out into the hallway.

MS. LERNER
I GOT IT!! I GOT IT!!!

INT. MS. MILNE'S ROOM - DAY

Ms. Milne is standing in an open space in the middle of her room with an open book. She has a trucker hat on sideways. The book says "Soulja Boy for Dummies" on the front cover.

MS. MILNE
YOUUUUU.

Ms. Milne attempts to do the Soulja Boy dance.

Ms. Lerner runs in.

Ms. Milne throws the book behind her desk and whips off her hat in a hurry.

MS. LERNER
I found it! I FOUND IT!!! I found
the final number of pi!!!

MS. MILNE
(flustered)
Oh - ugh - this is great..

INT. HALLWAY - DAY

Pete walks down the hallway and hears pieces of Ms. Lerner and Ms. Miln's conversation.

He shrugs.

Suddenly, he sees an animal figure run into Ms. Lerner's room.

PETE
Not again!

He runs after it.

When he enters the room, nothing seems to be wrong. There is a slice of pie drawn on the board.

He sighs gratefully and sits down in a chair.

Ms. Lerner and Ms. Milne enter the room.

MS. MILNE
This better be good..

MS. LERNER
Oh, it - wh..wh...

Ms. Lerner looks at the board in disbelief.

The bell rings and students begin to file in.

MS. LERNER
Where did my masterpiece go!?!
PETE!!!!

MS. MILNE
Don't mess with me please
Sheryl....

PETE
What?

MS. LERNER
You erased my board!! You erased my
entire equation!!

PETE
What equation!? No I didn't!

MS. LERNER
And who do you suppose did it!?

PETE
The bunny.. I saw it run in here..
It.. It must have erased it!

MS. LERNER
The bunny!? Are you kidding me
Pete?! What bunny?!

PETE
No! I swear! The animals.. They..
They broke the rulers.. And they
put the pencils in my locker.. And
now this!

Pete looks out the door and sees the animals standing in the hallway.

PETE
There! There they are now!!!

The entire class looks out the door and the animals are nowhere to be found.

MS. LERNER

GET OUT!

INT. PETE'S CAR - DAY

MRS. WELLS

Sent home Pete, really!? I've never even heard of that!

PETE

IT WASN'T ME!!! No one believes me!! I swear!

They pull up at Pete's House.

MRS. WELLS

Then who did it Peter? Who? Those animals they say you keep talking about? What is going on with you? ...I'm going back to work. You had better get your act together buddy.

INT. PETE'S HOUSE - DAY

Pete walks into his house looking upset.

Pete walks into his living room, slumps onto the couch, and turns the TV on.

Suddenly, the channel switches. Pete looks confusedly at the clicker and changes the channel back.

He hears a shuffling noise next to him and looks over. He sees one of the costume figures on the couch and jumps back. The animal looks at him and changes the channel.

Pete throws the clicker and slumps back into the couch.

MONTAGE - Pete and the animals.

- Pete is eating a bowl of cereal. A grape falls into the bowl and milk splashes all over his face. He looks up and sees the animals huddling around a bowl of grapes. Pete angrily gets up and walks away.

- Pete opens a medicine cabinet and finds nothing in it except one toothbrush.

He picks up the toothbrush and notices that all of the bristles are missing. He throws down the toothbrush and closes the cabinet. The mirror on the front of the door reveals the animals standing behind him.

- Pete logs into his facebook which tells him he has 8 new notifications. When checking them, he realizes he has friend requests from various names including BUNNY, GORILLA, and LION. He begins denying them and all of a sudden the computer shuts down. He looks up to see the animals holding the plug and shaking their heads.

- Pete goes to turn on the sink and the water sprays out at him. He looks over his shoulder where the animals are standing there with a roll of tape.

- Pete turns off his light and gets into his bed. The light turns back on. He sits up and sees the animals standing there. He gets up and turns the light back off. As he is walking back to his bed the light turns on again.

PETE

FINE! I won't go to sleep!...
That's it! I won't go to sleep! And
if I don't go to sleep, I want have
that dream! And if I don't have
that dream, YOU won't be there
tomorrow!

Pete begins doing a victory dance around his room.

The door suddenly opens and his mom pokes her head in.

MRS. WELLS

Pete, WHAT are you doing in here?

Pete looks back at where the animals were just sitting and realizes they are no longer there.

PETE

Ugh, nothing mom.

MRS. WELLS

I honestly don't know what's up
with you anymore...

Pete sits on his bad and the room gets darker. The clock hands move quickly around until 7:08. There is a shot of a fuzzy hand dialing a number on a phone. Then, the same hand places a license plate into a backpack. A bell rings.

EXT. WALPOLE HIGH SCHOOL - DAY

Pete walks up to school obviously feeling good. He walks up the stairs to the front of the school and notices there are hordes of students standing on and around the steps looking up in awe. Pete walks into the crowd.

PETE

What's everyone looking at?

STUDENT

Look...a car.

There is a car sitting on the top of the roof.

STUDENT 1

Isn't that Ms. Lerner's car?

A secretary pops her head out of the front door

SECRETARY

Pete Wells? Mr. Connor would like to see you.

MOB OF STUDENTS

OOOOOOUUUUUUU!

Pete walks into the school and into Mr. Connor's office. Mr Connor is sitting at his desk with Ms. Lerner.

MR. CONNOR

Pete, open up your bag if you would be so kind.

Pete looks at Mr. Connor strangely and unzips his bag. Ms. Lerner's ridiculous key chain and car keys are inside.

MR. CONNOR

AH HA! I KNEW IT!

PETE

What?! Knew what?!

MS. LERNER

My keys! Those are my KEYS!! They went missing yesterday around the time I kicked you out of class.

PETE

What? You think I did this?! I did NOT DO THIS!

MR. CONNOR
Then who Pete? The animals?

PETE
YES! Ugh...FINALLY someone belie-

MR. CONNOR
NO I DO NOT BELIEVE YOU!

Mr. Connor presses a button on his phone.

MR. CONNOR
Ms. Wiggin, please get the students
back inside the school, we have got
everything covered here.

MS. WIGGIN
Sure thing Mr. Connor.

EXT. WALPOLE HIGH SCHOOL - DAY

Ms. Wiggin sticks her head out of the front door

MS. WIGGIN
HEY! KIDS! GET BACK INSIDE! NOTHING
TO SEE HERE LETS GO!

MOB OF STUDENTS
AWWWWHHHHH...

The students put their heads down and all file into the
school.

STUDENT 1
Hey, did you see that?

STUDENT 2
What?

STUDENT 1
There...in the car...something's
moving in there.

INT. MS. LERNER'S CAR - DAY

Sean Paul wakes up, stretches, and yawns. He opens his eyes
and realizes where he is and hastily wakes Seamus. Seamus
wakes up and looks around. They both look at each other and
scream.

EXT. WALPOLE HIGH SCHOOL - DAY

STUDENT 2
You're crazy man...

MS. WIGGIN
HEY! WHAT DID I SAY!? GET INSIDE!

STUDENT 1
WE'RE COMING! GOD CALM DOWN WOMAN!

Ms. Wiggin shakes her head and goes back inside.

INT. MR CONNOR'S OFFICE - DAY

PETE
I'm telling the truth! I didn't do
this, those animals di-

MR. CONNOR
PETE! STOP! The jig is up! We know
you did it! I got an anonymous call
last night from someone saying they
saw you hanging out around the
school pretty late. Poor, sweet Ms.
Lerner here was staying after late
to help the ACDEC kids with their
work and I wake up this morning
with messages on my machine saying
that Ms. Lerner's car is on the
roof! I get here and Ms. Learner's
a wreck, she couldn't even get into
her house last night. She, SHE had
to sleep in the janitor's closet
for pete's sake... PETE!.. The
evidence all points to you.

Pete looks down in silence.

PETE
I really didn't...

MR. CONNOR
Peter, stop. It's over. There's
going to be serious repercussions
from this you know. Stop making
excuses and face the consequences.
I have no choice, you are
definitely going to be suspended if
not expelled.

PETE

What, Bu-

Mr. Connor holds his hand up.

MR. CONNOR

We'll also have to deal with the means of getting that car off the roof.

MS. LERNER

YES WE DO YOU HORRIBLE, HORRIBLE PERSON YOU!

MR. CONNOR

Ms. Lerner...composure.. Now, there are going to be some serious financial matters involved. We may not be able to get that car down for days, even weeks.

INT. MS. LERNER'S CAR

Seamus and Sean Paul are hugging each other and crying hysterically.

All of the sudden, they hear a beep, look down, and see Pete's laptop.

They slowly smile, laugh nervously, and hungrily reach towards they laptop.

They look wide eyed at it and press a button.

The badger song starts to play.

They bounce up and down hysterically, laughing and hugging each other.

INT. MR CONNOR'S OFFICE

MR. CONNOR

I've already called your mother, she will be arriving shortly. Do you realize what you have done?! This is going to ruin your chances of getting into any colleges!

MS. LERNER

Good riddence you, you..!

MR. CONNOR

Ms. Lerner, calm down! As I was saying... Your chances of getting into a decent college are ruined! You had so much going for you too Pete... I'm disappointed. Lets go outside now and meet your mother, I'm sure she'll be thrilled to see you!

Pete and Mr. Connor walk outside as Mrs. Wells pulls up in front of the school. Pete starts walking down the steps slowly and looks back at Mr. Connor.

PETE

I didn't do this you know! Any of it!

MR. CONNOR

Sure you didn't Peter! It was the animals... Just keep telling yourself that! I hear the petting zoo is hiring! Have a nice life!

(To self)

He thought he could slide on by, but I got him, I GOT HIM!

Mr. Connor maniacally laughs as Pete continues to walk to his car.

He opens the door and looks back one more time and climbs in, puts his head down, and is driven away.

All of the sudden, a very nice car, pulls up in front of the school.

The bunny is driving and the gorilla is in the front seat.

They both look at Mr. Connor and speed away.

Mr. Connor stares blankly.

