ASSISTED LIVING "Pilot"

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EXT. CITY STREET - DAY

A HOMELESS MAN is huddled on a street corner. Most people pass him without a glance.

Suddenly a schlubby, balding man stops. This is MITCH.

MITCH

Here you go, sir.

Mitch hands the Homeless Man a bill.

HOMELESS MAN

A five! Thanks!

MITCH

How'd you like to make another fifty?

HOMELESS MAN

Are you kidding? Sure!

MITCH

Come with me.

The Homeless Man follows Mitch.

MITCH (CONT'D)

You're not in the actor's union are you?

INT. MITCH'S APARTMENT - DAY

It's a wide open, studio apartment with lots of space but not much in it.

Mitch stands in it, with two Homeless Men.

His spunky niece, KAITLYN (20s), is filming the whole thing.

MITCH

Alright, guys. Here's the rules. There can only be one winner. Winner gets fifty bucks. Loser gets nothing. Understand?

Both the Homeless Men nod.

MITCH (CONT'D)

Good. Then let this Hobo Battle Begin!! Go!!

The Homeless Man charge at each other. Then drop to their knees at a small coffee table with watermelon halves.

They shove their faces into the watermelon.

MITCH (CONT'D)

(narrating)

Today's Bum Battle pits our two voracious challengers in a wild watermelon eating contest. As you can see, they are not allowed to use their hands. First one, to clear down to the rind. Wins!

Watermelon is flying as the Homeless Men dig in.

KAITLYN

This'll be a good one, Uncle Mitch.

MITCH

Keep rolling, Kaitlyn. This could be a bigger seller than the Homeless Hot Dog eating contest.

There's a pounding on the door.

The Homeless Men look up.

MITCH (CONT'D)

Don't stop! I want to see more dirty beards and watermelon seeds!

Dutifully, the Homeless Men go back to eating.

Mitch answers the door. It's LEANN, the tough but sexy landlord.

LEANN

What the hell is going on here?!

MITCH

Leann, these are my business hours. Can we talk after 6?

KAITLYN

Hi, Leann!

Leann looks over the situation. Bums, watermelon, filming.

LEANN

This is way outside your leasing agreement!

MITCH

I paid a security deposit.

LEANN

It's outside the bounds of decency!

MITCH

I'm feeding homeless people!

HOMELESS MAN

I feel sick. Uggghhh...

MITCH

Cuz he's not used to being full.

HOMELESS MAN

I think I'm gonna huck.

MITCH

(to Kaitlyn)

Keep filming.

LEANN

One week! I want you both out of here in one week!

Leann storms out, slamming the door.

KAITLYN

What did I do?!

MITCH

Don't worry. We're not going anywhere.

EXT. STREET CORNER - DAY

Mitch and Kaitlyn are sitting on city street corner surrounded by a variety of luggage and boxes.

TITLE CARD: One Week Later.

KAITLYN

Not going anywhere, huh?

MITCH

I think, Leann's still upset about her pregnancy scare.

KAITLYN

You mean her abortion?

MITCH

Whatever.

KAITLYN

You know after my parents died. You promised to take care of me.

MITCH

You're parents didn't die. They're in prison.

KAITLYN

Whatever.

MITCH

C'mon!

EXT. OLD SUBURBAN HOME - DAY

Mitch and Kaitlyn stand on the front porch of a mostly dilapitated old house that looks leftover from the 50s.

Mitch knocks on the door.

MITCH

Uncle Morty loves me. We'll stay here a while. Plus, he's got a nice big basement. I'm thinking "Bums Bobbing for Apples."

Mitch knocks again. The door almost falls apart.

KAITLYN

Are you sure someone still lives here?

MITCH

He's not dead. I just talked to him... a couple years ago.

Mitch pounds on the door harder.

MITCH (CONT'D)

Uncle Morty! Morty! Open up!

Suddenly, UNCLE MORTY (older than sin) comes out swinging his cane angrily, knocking Mitch to the ground.

UNCLE MORTY

Stay away, you damn vultures! You won't take me!

MITCH

Uncle Morty, it's me!

UNCLE MORTY

Mitchell! What the hell you doing on the ground?

MITCH

Can we come in?

INT. UNCLE MORTY'S LIVING ROOM - DAY

The house looks like a dusty, crumbling relic of the 50s. Maybe 60s.

UNCLE MORTY

These leeches from the Retirement Home keep coming to take me away. But I tell them, I'm as sharp as I ever was. If you'll excuse me, I have to go change my diaper.

Uncle Morty goes into the next room.

KATTTIYN

This place smells like moth balls, dust, and death.

MITCH

It's perfect.

INT. UNCLE MORTY'S LIVING ROOM - DAY

Mitch and Kaitlyn stand over Uncle Morty's dead body sprawled out on the filthy, ratty rug.

TITLE CARD: One Week Later.

KAITLYN

So now what?

MITCH

What's the problem? We keep living

A large piece of the ceiling collapses down.

KATTTIYN

So now what?

Mitch picks up a flyer off of Uncle Morty's coffee table.

It reads: PEACE OF HEAVEN ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITY

MITCH

Do you think me and Uncle Morty look alike?

EXT. ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITY CENTER - DAY

Mitch, now dressed like an old man with hair painted gray, pushes Kaitlyn, now in a wheelchair, up the ramp of large, homely retirement center.

KAITLYN

This is never going to work.

MITCH

It's the perfect gig. They'll feed us three times a day. There's activities. And I'm thinking, get this... Dementia Racing.

KAITLYN

You're a deeply sick person.

INT. FRONT DESK - DAY

NURSE LILY, a dumb, bubbly nurse is at the front desk.

Mitch rolls Kaitlyn up to the desk.

NURSE LILY

Welcome to Peace of Heaven!

MITCH

Excuse me, young lady? I'm a little hard of hearing.

Kaitlyn rolls her eyes.

NURSE LILY

I said, Welcome to Peace of Heaven.

MITCH

Leaf's eleven?

NURSE LILY

I SAID! WELCOME TO PEACE OF HEAVEN!

МТТСН

Meat's at seven?

NURSE LILY

No, PEACE OF...

Kaitlyn elbows Mitch in the gut.

KAITLYN

It's okay. He doesn't need to know the name.

MITCH

My name is Mortimer "Morty" Sacks.

Mitch hands over a variety of paper work.

MITCH (CONT'D)

Your assisted living community has contacted me several times. And this is my niece, Kaitlyn.

KAITLYN

I'm a useless cripple.

Nurse Lily nods and forces a smile.

NURSE LILY

We'll just have to ask you a few teensy, little questions to see if we can help you.

MITCH

No problem, young lady. And might I say, you're looking lovely today.

Nurse Lily giggles and blushes.

But then NURSE STEELE enters. She's tall, powerful, and looks like she hasn't smiled in about 10 years.

KAITLYN

(under her breath)
Did it just get cold in here.

NURSE STEELE

What do we have here?

NURSE LILY

Some prospective residents.

Nurse Steele stares at them.

Mortimer "Morty" Sacks. And this is my grand niece. She's a gimp.

Kaitlyn shrugs.

INT. INTERVIEW ROOMS - INTERCUT

Nurse Steele interviews Mitch in one room.

NURSE STEELE

Let me ask you a few questions, Mr. Sacks, to get a sense of whether you'd fit in here. Tell me, how would you rate your level of independence?

MITCH

Zero. Maybe point oh one. I'm just about as shrivelled and worthless as old people come.

JUMP CUT TO:

Nurse Lily interviews Kaitlyn in the other.

NURSE LILY

How'd you get the ouchy on your legs?

KAITLYN

Excuse me?

NURSE LILY

How'd you become all rolly-polly?

KAITLYN

Oh, uh... shark attack.

NURSE LILY

Really?! Both your legs!!

KAITLYN

Yup. Gobbled 'em down. I guess I was delicious.

JUMP CUT TO:

Nurse Steele continues interogating Mitch.

NURSE STEELE

What medications are you on?

You've probably never heard of it.

NURSE STEELE

Try me.

Mitch makes it up as he goes.

MITCH

Benzo-phyc-lino-zaline-apolisalammalamma-ding-tropa-cala-tronewhack-azal-trac?

Nurse Steele gives nothing away as she scratches more notes.

JUMP CUT TO:

Nurse Lily is now starting to get along with Kaitlyn.

NURSE LILY

That's so sad... After all that...

KAITLYN

Yeah, I had leapt in after the sack of kittens, but now the octopus had me.

NURSE JOAN

I thought you said it was a shark?

KAITLYN

It was. I mean, it was a... octoshark.

Nurse Lily gasps.

JUMP CUT TO:

Nurse Steele continues staring down Mitch.

MITCH

My last son died in Aught-Two. That's what I call it... I'm so old I call it "aughts"

JUMP CUT TO:

Kaitlyn continues on.

KAITLYN

And the doctor assured me that injecting reconstituted mammoth blood into my spine would cure me. But instead... it doomed me.

Nurse Lily chokes back a sob.

JUMP CUT TO:

Mitch is trying to impress the cold Nurse Steele.

MITCH

My favorite actress was Veronica Lake. Course she's a little young for me.

Mitch winks at Nurse Steele.

She doesn't wink back.

INT. FRONT DESK

Nurse Steele is shaking her head at Mitch and Kaitlyn.

NURSE STEELE

I'm sorry to say, there are no vacancies in this particular home for the dead and dying.

MITCH

Aw, c'mon, there's got to be something!

Suddenly, there's AMBULANCE SIRENS!

Nurse Lily bursts in.

NURSE LILY

Mrs. Peterson in 4B just dropped dead!

Nurse Lily rushes out.

NURSE STEELE

We might have something for you.

INT. MITCH'S ROOM - DAY

Mitch and Kaitlyn are settling into a comfortable room that resembles a small, out-of-date apartment.

Mitch wheels in a large luggage cart filled with bags.

Kaitlyn is looking through a folder of information.

On the door it says: 4B.

МТТСН

Not bad. Not bad.

KAITLYN

Are you kidding? This is never going to work. We gotta get out of here.

MITCH

Would you relax? This is perfect.

KAITLYN

What do you think they're going to do when they finally realize you're not Mortimer Sacks?

MITCH

Hey, we're not totally lying. He's here.

Mitch kicks a large, lumpy duffle bag.

KATTTIYN

And that's another thing. He's got to go. It's bad enough having to share a place with you and the way you smell.

MITCH

Okay. You're full of ideas. What should we do with him?

Kaitlyn flips through the information folder.

KAITLYN

They have an on-sight crematorium.
(off Mitch's look)
Apparently it's one of their big selling points.

INT. HALLWAY

Kaitlyn wheels herself down the empty hallway. She looks around.

KATTTIYN

All clear!

Mitch quickly follows pushing the baggage cart that now only has the large duffle bag on it.

Let's hurry this up. Pushing around this thing is killing my back.

KAITLYN

You're starting to sound like you actually belong in here.

Mitch rams the luggage cart into Kaitlyn's wheelchair.

KAITLYN (CONT'D)

Ow! Watch it! My legs actually work, you know?

MITCH

Would you keep it down!? We don't want to attract any-

P.J.

HEY, YOU GUYS!!!!

MITCH

-attention.

P.J. (20s), a mentally handicapped man-child with helmet and fanny pack, bounds toward Mitch and Kaitlyn.

P.J.

This looks like a fun game! Can I help pushy?!

MITCH

No, we're fine! Go away.

Mitch pulls some candy from his pocket and tosses it down the hallway hoping that P.J. will fetch.

P.J. just looks at him. Kaitlyn does too.

KAITLYN

What do you think he is?

MITCH

I was trying to give him some candy.

P.J.

Nuh-uh. I gotta help you. My mommy taught me to be a gentlemen and help my elders and peoples in wheelchairs.

That's very kind of you, sonny, but I can handle this myself.

P.J.

But look how strong I am!
(he flexes his muscles)
I'm a big man. I'm a big big man!
And I'm here to help.

KAITLYN

Look...

P.J.

P.J.!

KAITLYN

P.J., I would love to let you push me around, but-

P.J. Goody!! Wheee!!!

And P.J. grabs Kaitlyn's wheelchair and pushes her down the hall. He runs and gets her going really fast.

KAITLYN

P.J., slow down!!!

P.J.

Airplane!!!

Suddenly they're gone.

Mitch sighs.

MITCH

Well, that was lucky.

Mitch pushes on.

INT. RECREATION ROOM

Mitch rolls his luggage cart into a large open room and finds-

The recreation room with lots of seating. Games. Ping Pong. A T.V.

And lots and lots of residents. Witnesses.

Mitch swallows hard.

Just keep moving. It's no big deal. Most of them probably can't smell anyway.

Mitch pushes the baggage cart quickly. Ignoring everyone.

And he's picking up the pace. Really moving.

ACROSS THE ROOM

VEE (a real sex kitten... 40 years ago) is sitting with DORIS (wild, poofy hair, and batshit crazy).

Vee eyes up Mitch as he runs across the room. She fans herself.

VEE

Now there's a real man.

DORTS

A poodle ate my dinner.

INT. RESIDENT HALLWAY

Mitch is totally lost. He tries to look at a map, but:

MITCH

I can't see anything in these glasses!

He fumbles with his huge, prescription glasses.

Then he tries to make sense of the map.

MITCH (CONT'D)

Where the hell is the crematorium? I gotta torch this!

GUS (0.S.)

Did somebody say "torch this"?!

Mitch stops suddenly. Then he sniffs the air.

GUS, a hip old dude, pops out of his room.

A cloud of smoke wafts out of his door.

GUS (CONT'D)

Someone looking to toke the smoke I'm croaking?

Mitch freezes.

GUS (CONT'D)

What about you, turkey?

MITCH

Alright.

GUS

Get your cracker ass in here.

Mitch follows Gus into his room.

INT. GUS'S ROOM

Gus's room looks almost like the living room from "Happy Days."

Gus has got a joint, and motions for Mitch to sit.

GUS

Take a load off, my man.

MITCH

Mitch.

GUS

I don't give a shit. Sit down.

Mitch does and eyes up a fat joint on the coffee table.

MITCH

Is that a...?

GUS

You bet. Finest grass you'll find in the whole state.

MITCH

How'd you smuggle it in here?

GUS

Smuggle it? This is doctor approved. Helps my glaucoma.

MITCH

How?

GUS

Shit, I don't know. You want some or not?

MITCH

Yes, I do.

Gus hands Mitch the joint. Mitch takes a long drag.

INT. RECREATION ROOM

P.J. rolls Kaitlyn into the recreation room at break-neck speeds.

P.J.

Super fast, jumbo over drive.

KAITLYN

Just stop already, you crazy sonuvabitch!!

P.J. comes to a sudden stop.

Kaitlyn crashes out of her chair down to the ground.

KAITLYN (CONT'D)

Ow! MY LEGS...

Everyone looks at her. She covers.

KAITLYN (CONT'D)

...Would be hurting right now, if I could feel them.

P.J.

Oopsie whoopsie. Sorry, Katie. But you told me to stop.

He bends over to pick her up.

KAITLYN

It's okay. It was actually kinda fun.

P.J.

Wanna go again?!

KAITLYN

No!! I don't know if I could survive. Let's try something else.

P.J. grabs some cards.

P.J.

Go fish! Go fish! Go fish!

He deals out cards. Kaitlyn sighs and picks up her first one. The Queen of Hearts.

KATTTIYN

Wanna make this interesting?

INT. GUS'S ROOM

An old B.B. KING record is blaring.

B.B. KING

Lyrics, lyrics, lyrics.

And Mitch and Gus are singing along in a cloud of smoke.

MITCH & GUS

Singing, singing, singing...

The music dies.

GUS

Not bad. Not bad. Funky chicken.

MITCH

I'm gonna take a piss.

Mitch hops up and hustles to the bathroom.

Gus watches in amazement.

After a moment, there's a TOILET FLUSH. And Mitch returns.

GUS

Damn! I ain't pissed that fast in two decades.

MITCH

Flomax.

GUS

Shit, whitey. Pass me that grass.

INT. RECREATION ROOM

Kaitlyn has three cards and is playing Follow the Queen with P.J. She mixes the cards for a few seconds then stops.

P.J. points at a card.

Kaitlyn flips it. Ace of Spades.

KAITLYN

Pay up.

P.J. laughs and claps as he throws a five on the table.

P.J.

Again! Again!

Kaitlyn shrugs and flips over a card to show the Red Queen. Then she quickly shuffles them again.

INT. GUS'S ROOM

The smoke hangs thick as Mitch and Gus laugh and hug.

MITCH

You're my best friend.

GUS

No, you're my best friend.

MITCH

I haven't had a friend like you in years.

GUS

I haven't had a friend like you since Joe Franklin bled out in my arms in the jungles of Korea.

Awkward silence. Until-

They burst out laughing.

Mitch and Gus hug.

MITCH

I gotta get going. Hey, do you know how to get to the crematorium?

GUS

Shit. Do I know how to get to the Crematorium? Gimme that map.

Gus grabs the map from Mitch and scribbles on it with pen.

INT. EMPTY HALLWAY

Mitch pushes the baggage cart (containing Uncle Morty) down a hallway. Every so often he giggles (he's still real baked).

He checks several doors and finally finds:

INT. CREMATORIUM

Mitch rolls the baggage cart into the crematorium.

It's a large, empty room, that's sterile and mostly made of steel. It looks very much like a morgue.

Mitch goes over to a door the size of a window on the wall.

He opens it and looks inside... then bursts out laughing.

MITCH

One trip to the tropics. Coming right up, Mr. Morty.

With a great deal of effort, Mitch lifts Uncle Morty's body off of the luggage cart and shoves it in the furnace.

Mitch slams the door shut. Then fiddles with the controls.

A small window on the door is lit up by flames.

Mitch snickers uncontrollably, as he sneaks out.

Silence.

After a moment, from the furnace:

UNCLE MORTY

Aaaaahhhhhhh!!!!!

END OF ACT 2

BEGIN ACT 3

INT. MITCH'S ROOM - DAY

Mitch returns to his room. He's clearly exhausted.

He mops sweat from his forehead and grabs his bathrobe.

MITCH

Aw hell, I'm old now, right?

He strips down to his bare ass and pulls on the bathrobe.

Then he flops down on his bed.

INT. RECREATION ROOM

P.J. is now flipping the cards under Kaitlyn's watchful eye.

An OLD MAN with a bow-tie is watching.

P.J.

Round and round and STOP!

P.J. stops flipping the cards. The Old Man points at one-Queen of Hearts.

OLD MAN

Ha ha! Gotcha! Pay up.

P.J. is about to until-

Kaitlyn butts in.

KAITLYN

No, wait... You were supposed to be finding the Ace of Spades!

OLD MAN

No, I wasn't.

KAITLYN

Of the two of us, which one doesn't have Alzheimer's?

The Old Man gives up his money.

Watching them is DORIS, an old woman hopeless with demensia.

Kaitlyn eyes her up.

KAITLYN (CONT'D)

What about you? Wanna try your luck?

DORIS

Socks go on your feet.

INT. MITCH'S ROOM - DAY

Mitch is snoozing in his bathrobe when Nurse Lily enters with a bucket, a sponge, and some towels.

NURSE LILY

Hello, Mr. Sacks. Time for your wash.

MITCH

(waking up, groggy)

What? Huh?

NURSE LILY

You just relax, Mr. Sacks.

Nurse Lily pulls off Mitch's bathrobe. He's naked.

MITCH

Uh... You don't have to...

NURSE LILY

Don't be silly, Mr. Sacks. It'll only take a few minutes.

She dunks her sponge into the water and rubs him.

Mitch tenses up as he watches the lovely Nurse Lily rubbing water into his chest. She smiles at him.

MITCH

I don't... I don't really feel comfortable with this...

NURSE LILY

It's fine, nothing I haven't seen before. Now lay back.

As she works her way down his legs, she stops for a moment.

NURSE LILY (CONT'D)

Looks like someone's been taking the little blue pill.

MITCH

I...

NURSE LILY

Good for you, Mr. Sacks. Spread your legs just a little bit.

Nurse Lily washes between Mitch's legs. He moans.

MITCH

Oooooh.... Ahhhhhh... Don't stop...

NURSE LILY

Mr. Sacks. You're a naughty man. Flip over. Let's wash your anus.

Mitch rolls over a little bit. Nurse Lily washes.

Mitch is in heaven.

Oh god... Oh yes... Just a little more... A little more... Another second... Oh, oh, ohhhhhh...

Mitch twitches and tenses wildly as Nurse Lily washes.

NURSE LILY

Hmmmm... That's rare.

MITCH

Sorry, I got a little excited.

NURSE LILY

Well, we're all done here.

Nurse Lily grabs her things and heads to the door. She stops.

NURSE LILY (CONT'D)

I'll send someone in here to change your sheets, Mr. Sacks. Have a good afternoon.

Nurse Lily leaves.

Mitch collapses onto his bed in satisfaction.

MITCH

Oh, yeah...

INT. RECREATION ROOM

A group of old people has crowded around Kaitlyn and P.J.

Kaitlyn is taking money from an OLD WOMAN.

OLD WOMAN

I was going to give that money to my grand-daughter for her birthday.

KAITLYN

She'll have to wait til next year.

OLD WOMAN

I might not be alive next year!

Kaitlyn leans over to P.J.

KAITLYN

Next lesson, Peej. Get out when you're ahead.

P.J.

My head's on my shoulders.

KAITLYN

Thrusters ignite. Take-off!

P.J. squeals as he grabs Kaitlyn's wheelchair and pushes her away.

P.J.

Zrrrroooommm!!

KAITLYN

I'll give you all a chance to win your money back later!

ACROSS THE ROOM-

Vee is watching Kaitlyn and P.J. with interest.

She spots Nurse Lily giving meds to a DECREPIT MAN.

NURSE LILY

It's not spider pills, Mr. Beegun. Just swallow them.

Vee walks up to Nurse Lily.

VEE

Well, hey there, Sunshine.

NURSE LILY

Oh! Hi, Mrs. Waters. How ya doin' on this fine day?

VEE

That depends on you, darling. Tell me all you know about that new hunk of beef I've been seeing in my dreams.

NURSE LILY

Huh? Oh! Mr. Sacks!

VEE

Mmmmm. Mr. Sacks. I'd like to get him in the Sack.

NURSE LILY

Mrs. Waters. You're soooo bad.

Nurse Lily lowers her voice.

NURSE LILY (CONT'D)

I shouldn't tell you this-

VEE

Those are always the best things to tell.

NURSE LILY

-I gave Mr. Sacks a sponge bath earlier. And let's just say... um... his Mr. Winkie is uh...

VEE

Are you saying the fresh meat's not a limp noodle?

Nurse Lily giggles like crazy.

NURSE LILY

I'm not sayin' anything else.

And Nurse Lily hurries away, still giggling.

Vee licks her lips.

VEE

Finally, a real man.

DECREPIT MAN

I banged four Taiwanese prostitutes in 1954!

Vee shakes her head and walks away.

INT. MITCH'S ROOM - DAY

Mitch is relaxing in his room when-

Vee appears, sensually framing herself in the doorway.

VEE

Hey there, big fella. Good day?

МТТСН

Oh? Hi there. I'm Mitch... uh... Morty. And you are?

VEE

You can call me anything you want.

Vee enters. Closing the door behind her.

МТТСН

What're you doing?

VEE

It felt drafty. And I want to be warm.

She's crossed to him. She slips her hand down the front of his shirt.

VEE (CONT'D)

You feel warm to me.

MITCH

Look, Missus...?

VEE

Call me, Vee. My husband's dead. But you've got blood flowing in all the right places.

Vee grabs Mitch's crotch.

MTTCH

(a mixture of pleasure and fear)

Ahhhhh...

VEE

Nurse Lily was right. You're not like the other men around here.

MITCH

We can't.

Vee pushes Mitch back onto the bed, and straddles him.

She pulls her shirt up and off. Her back is wrinkled and saggy. Imagine what her front looks like.

MITCH (CONT'D)

Oh god.

VEE

C'mon, big fella. Let's see if you've got any gray in your pubes.

Vee plants a powerful kiss on Mitch. He can't fight it.

EXT. GARDEN - DAY

P.J. pushes Kaitlyn into a small garden area outside.

Kaitlyn is counting the money from earlier.

KAITLYN

Not bad, Peej. If I can teach you to palm a card then we could start cutting into some grandkid's inheritance.

P.J.

It was super duper whoopee fun!

KAITLYN

Sure was. Here's you half.

Kaitlyn tries to give P.J. some money but he won't take it.

P.J.

Don't want it. You keep it.

KAITLYN

C'mon, P.J., I couldn't take your

P.J.

I want you to have it.

P.J.'s smiling ear-to-ear at her.

KAITLYN

Why? And why're you smiling like that?

Suddenly, P.J. grabs Kaitlyn and hugs her.

P.J.

I'm so so so happy to finally have a Best Friend!

KAITLYN

P.J., what're you talking about? I'm not your best friend.

P.J.

Yuh huh! You're my only friend.

KAITLYN

Everyone around here loves you.

P.J.

Yeah. But they're all old. There's never been nobody else who's my age here before. KAITLYN

Really?

P.J.

KAITLYN

P.J., get to the point.

P.J.

So much fun together!

Kaitlyn looks at P.J. He's the soul of excitement and happiness.

What's she getting herself into?

KAITLYN

Yeah. Me and my uncle are so glad to be here.

INT. MITCH'S ROOM

Vee is riding Mitch wildly.

VEE

Oh yes, oh yes! Never stop!

Mitch tries to avert his eyes.

EXT. GARDEN - DAY

P.J. is clapping and dancing around.

P.J.

Okay, okay, okay, so whatcha wanna do now? We can go play games? Or watch a movie? Or watch T.V.? Or...

KAITLYN

P.J., can you just take it down a notch? Don't take this the wrong way, but can you just take me back to my room?

P.J. suddenly gets quiet and looks sad.

P.J.

Awwwww... Poopie...

KAITLYN

No, don't be upset. I just need some time to think.

P.J.

No, I made a poopie in my undies.

KAITLYN

Maybe I should just wheel myself back.

INT. MITCH'S ROOM - HALLWAYS

Vee is leaving Mitch's room.

Mitch looks terrified.

77V

Well, ring a ding ding, hot stuff. Mama knows where to come for her supper.

She plants a big kiss on Mitch's lips.

VEE (CONT'D)

If you ever get scared of the dark, you know where to knock.

And she takes off.

Kaitlyn passes from the other direction, being pushed by P.J.

KAITLYN

Seriously, P.J., you shouldn't have brought me back. You really need to go home and change.

P.J.

Friends don't let friends go home alone.

He gives her a big hug.

P.J. (CONT'D)

Buh-bye bye!

KAITLYN

See ya, P.J.

P.J. happily skips away.

KAITLYN (CONT'D)

He really shouldn't be skipping.

МТТСН

What was that all about?

KAITLYN

Don't ask.

MITCH

Is it just me or did that kid smell like shit?

KAITLYN

Just let it go, okay?

INT. MITCH'S ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Mitch pushes Kaitlyn's wheelchair into the room. They leave the door open.

KAITLYN

So how'd it go with Great-Uncle Morty?

MITCH

Up in smoke.

KAITLYN

It's so sad that I'm happy about that.

MITCH

You never really got to know him. What've you been up to?

Kaitlyn shows the winnings from the card game.

KAITLYN

I got my Social Security payment for the week.

MITCH

Alright! I was thinking we could film Walker Racing and make some more cash while we're here.

KAITLYN

I don't know, Uncle Mitch. I think we should get out of here.

MITCH

Are you kidding? I promised to take care of you! How could I do any better than this place?

KAITLYN

I'm stuck in a wheelchair!

MITCH

You get to sit all day. That's most people's dream come true.

KAITLYN

It's not all it's cracked up to be. My legs keep falling asleep. I just have a bad feeling about all of this.

MITCH

Relax. This place is like Heaven on Earth. What could go wrong?

UNCLE MORTY (O.S.)
You worthless SONUVABITCH!!

Uncle Morty (singed and smoky) rushes into the room swinging his cane like a mad-man.

MITCH

Uncle Morty! You're alive!

WHAM! Uncle Morty smacks Mitch in the head with his cane.

Mitch falls. Uncle Morty pins him down with his cane across Mitch's throat.

UNCLE MORTY

You tried to kill me, you ungrateful— how are we even related?!

Kaitlyn gets out of her chair to help, but-

KAITLYN

Ahh! My legs! They're asleep!

She crashes to the ground.

UNCLE MORTY

All I wanted was to die in my own home, you blood-sucking viper!

Mitch is getting choked out.

Kaitlyn is doing her best to cling to Uncle Morty's leg.

KAITLYN

Great Uncle Morty, you're house was missing two and a half walls!

Kaitlyn... you... should... be...
filming... this...

Nurse Steele and Nurse Lily come running in.

NURSE STEELE

What in the name of Xanax is going on in here?

NURSE LILY

Wooooo! Old person fight!

The two nurses pull Uncle Morty off of Mitch.

UNCLE MORTY

I'm gonna burn him to ashes.

Nurse Steele stiff arms Uncle Morty.

NURSE STEELE

I've put bigger men than you in the ground. Now, tell me what the hell is going on here?

UNCLE MORTY

I'm the real Mortimer Sacks! He's just a damn...

MITCH

... Vulture. Yeah, get a new word.

NURSE STEELE

(to Mitch)

I should call the police and have them sort this whole thing out.

P.J. returns. With Gus, Vee, and Doris behind him.

P.J.

I was hearing the loud noises. What's all the screaming yelling for?

GUS

Yeah. Ya'll are harshing my mellow.

VEE

I heard a cat fight, so kitty got out her claws.

P.J.

Katy!

P.J. sees Kaitlyn on the ground. He picks her up and puts her back in her chair.

NURSE STEELE

P.J., go back to your room. These two are done at Peace of Heaven!

But P.J. stands in front of Kaitlyn.

P.J.

No, no, no! You can't have her! Best friends are forever!

He smiles at Kaitlyn. She can't help but smile back.

GUS

Yeah. Let 'em stay. Mitch is the first guy I met in a while who knows the difference between California Gold and Hoola Sunrise.

VEE

Mmmmm... He knows how to make this kitten purr.

DORIS

Pancakes stole my family.

But Nurse Steele isn't convinced.

NURSE STEELE

No way. I've had a bad feeling about this one since the moment he walked in the door.

UNCLE MORTY

I'LL SAY! This damn vulture has got me so angry I can barely breathe! I'm so angry I feel like I'm burning up! I'm so angry I've got shooting pains all up my left arm!

NURSE STEELE

(to Mitch)

I've got no place for someone like you.

Uncle Morty collapses to the ground.

Nurse Lily rushes to him. Checks his pulse. Nothing.

NURSE STEELE (CONT'D)

Maybe we can find you a place.

INT. INTERVIEW ROOMS

Mitch and Kaitlyn are back in the small conference room that they were interviewed in before.

NURSE STEELE

You can stay. Both of you. But I've got my eye on you. And if one more dead body shows up in your room - besides your own, that'd be fine - then I'll have you out of here faster than our fastest resident can run.

KAITLYN

Is that really that fast?

NURSE STEELE

I hate you both. Get out of my sight.

INT. MITCH'S ROOM

Mitch and Kaitlyn walk/roll back into the room. They close the door.

MITCH

Alright, be honest. Do you want to get out of here?

Kaitlyn gets up out of the chair and paces a bit.

KAITLYN

Where would we go?

MITCH

I honestly don't know. But I'll figure out something. If you don't like it here, we'll find somewhere else. I promised to take care of you, and I will.

KAITLYN

We can stay. It can't get any worse than this first day, right? And somebody's got to keep an eye on you.

MITCH

As long as we've got each other's backs, we'll be good to go.

Mitch flops down on the bed.

Kaitlyn grabs a remote control and sits in a chair.

KAITLYN

You wanna watch Matlock?

MITCH

So bad!

KAITLYN

Me too! What's that about?!

They watch T.V. for a moment until:

KAITLYN MITCH

So what's with that Vee lady? So what's with that P.J. kid?

MITCH & KAITLYN

Don't ask!!

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INT. GAME ROOM

Mitch and Kaitlyn are talking about potential schemes that they can play in the old folks home.

MITCH

So I'm thinking we could have an Alzheimer's scavenger hunt. We film the person hiding their own stuff. Then a week later, we film them trying to find it again.

KAITLYN

Granny jello wrestling. There's practically an unlimited supply of the stuff.

MITCH

Jello? Or grannies?

KAITLYN

Take your pick.

MITCH

I'm telling ya, Kaitlyn. This place is a gold mine. We're gonna be living the good life...

But then they look at the T.V.

MITCH'S POV: It's a press conference with VICE PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN.

VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN

(on T.V.)

And I vow that anyone who is misusing the Social Security, Medicare, or medical benefits of their elderly or deceased relatives will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. This is no laughing matter!

BACK TO SCENE:

Mitch and Kaitlyn gulp. This could get messy.

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