

Psycho Chimp

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EXT. FORESTED AREA - NIGHT

A Lady, 27, is running through dense vegetation. It is in east Texas, by Houston on the road from Galveston. The lady is running, scary music is playing. She is looking back. A person or animal is running after her, you can't make out who or what it is. The lady is running faster. She is getting winded. The being is following after her. The lady is looking back at the being coming after her. She looks forward and hits a tree branch with her head. She falls to the ground. She holds her head for a second. The being jumps on top of her and starts hitting her with a club/branch that they find on the ground. She is trying to cover her face as the club hits her.

LADY

Nnooooo!

The being continues to pummel the lady. The lady stops fighting and the being keeps pounding on the lady. The being stops and drops the branch on the ground. The being leaves. The camera shows the lady dead on the ground. There is a close-up of her face.

INT. NICE CAR - AFTERNOON

A man, 32, Steve and his hot girlfriend, 26, Linda are out driving in east Texas. They were at the beach in Galveston TX. They are returning to Houston TX. They are out in the country and drive by a mobile home park in a wooded area. There is a sign on the road that says "Chimpanzee for sale, space 8". Linda gets excited and says.

LINDA

Steve, pull over. Let's stop and see the chimp.

STEVE

Linda, why do you want to see a stupid monkey? We can watch one on the internet.

Linda looks at Steve. Linda is super excited.

LINDA

Ape, he's an ape. But we can actually touch him. Please Steve. Let's stop and check out the cute chimp.

Steve slows the car down and they back up to get to the turn off.

STEVE

I'm not buying any chimp. We can look at it, but I can't have a chimp. It's against the law.

LINDA

Some lawyer you are. You can have a chimp in Texas.

EXT. MOBILE HOME PARK - CONTINUOUS

They drive on into the mobile home park and pull to space number 8. Steve and Linda park the car and get out. They walk up to the door of an old beat up trailer. They knock on the door. A 30 year old guy, real hairy guy with a mullet answers the door.

MULLET GUY

What do you want?

STEVE

My girlfriend wants to see your chimp.

The mullet guy looks at the couple curiously.

MULLET GUY

Hold on.

The mullet guy goes into the trailer.

STEVE

I thought for a moment that was the chimp.

Linda and Steve laugh. The mullet guy returns with a chimp on a thick chain. The chimp looks at the pair. Linda gets down on her knees.

LINDA

Hello little guy.

Linda rubs the chimps head. The chimp gets up into Linda's arms.

LINDA (CONT'D)

Oooohhhh.

Linda is holding the chimp.

LINDA (CONT'D)

How much do you want for him?

The guy thinks for a second.

MULLET GUY

I'll take \$100.

Steve makes a surprised face.

STEVE

Why so cheap? What's wrong with the chimp?

The ape looks pissed at Steve.

MULLET GUY

There's nothing wrong with him. I'm just moving and he's priced to sell.

And the guy thinks for a second.

MULLET GUY (CONT'D)

And no returns.

STEVE

How come no returns?

The mullet guy gives Steve a nasty look.

MULLET GUY

Because I'm moving and I don't want the chimp back, asshole.

Steve looks offended.

STEVE

There's no need to get hostile.

Steve is looking strangely at the mullet guy. Linda is holding the chimp. She is hugging him. They are bonding.

LINDA

Let's get him Steve.

STEVE

You get him then.

LINDA
My roommate won't go for it. She
hates animals.

STEVE
No, that chimp is going to be a lot
of work.

LINDA
It will be fun.

STEVE
And Sam might not like him.

LINDA
Dogs and chimps probably get along
fine.

MULLET GUY
Steve, get your woman the chimp.
What's wrong with you?

Steve looks annoyed at mullet guy. Linda looks at Steve
pleadingly. Steve looks beat.

STEVE
O.k.

Linda gets a big smile on her face. Linda gets up and hugs
Steve. Steve opens his wallet and pulls out a hundred and
hands it to the guy. The mullet guy looks in Steve's wallet
and notices a bunch of cash.

MULLET GUY
Oh, and I need an extra 20 for the
clothes he has on.

Steve gives mullet man a nasty look. Steve grabs out another
20 and hands it to the mullet man.

STEVE
Do you have a title or papers for
him so I know something about him?

The mullet guy just looks at Steve.

MULLET GUY
No. But I think he's from Africa.
He told me he's friends with Tarzan.

Steve gives the mullet guy a nasty look. The mullet guy
takes the chain off of the chimp. Linda sets the chimp down
and holds the chimps hand. The chimp just stands there.
Linda asks the mullet guy.

LINDA

Do you want to say goodbye to him?

MULLET GUY

No.

The mullet guy is unemotional. The mullet guy shuts the door to the trailer. Steve looks at Linda.

STEVE

Well let's get going, before mullet man starts killing everyone.

Steve and Linda go back to their car. They load the chimp in the back seat and Linda puts the seat belt on him. They get into the front seats of the car and put on their seat belts.

INT. NICE CAR - CONTINUOUS

Steve starts up the car and they back out of the trailer park. They get on the road and take off the way they were heading.

STEVE

That guy was sort of a jerk.

Linda is looking back at the chimp.

LINDA

This chimp is going to be so much fun. I think I'll call him Lance. Like in that old TV show, Lancelot Link Secret Chimp.

Linda starts to sing the theme to the song.

LINDA (CONT'D)

Lancelot Link secret chimp.

Steve looks down the road as he drives.

STEVE

I hope Sam and him will get along.

LINDA

We'll have to stop at the store and get him some bananas. We need to get him some more clothes too. And maybe some sunglasses.

STEVE

We have that condo association party tonight. What are we going to do about Lance?

LINDA
We'll just take him with us. We'll
have to get him a leash though.
Let's stop somewhere before we get
back to Houston.

Steve just stares down the road and continues to drive.
Credits for the movie roll.

EXT. HOUSTON, TEXAS - LATER

The couple and chimp are driving in Houston. Credits continue
to roll.

EXT. WALMART - CONTINUOUS

The couple pulls into a Walmart.

INT. NICE CAR - MOMENTS LATER

Steve parks the car. Linda says to Steve.

LINDA
I'll run in and get some stuff for
Lance. You wait here with him so he
isn't lonely.

STEVE
Alright.

Linda gets out of the car and goes off into the store. Steve
looks in the rear view mirror at Lance.

STEVE (CONT'D)
We don't want the precious monkey to
be lonely do we?

Steve looks back at the ape.

STEVE (CONT'D)
You know I don't want you monkey.

Steve looks at the ape and Lance just looks back at him.

STEVE (CONT'D)
I'm going to figure out a way to get
rid of you.

Lance gives Steve a nasty look.

INT. NICE CAR - LATER

Linda returns pushing a shopping cart with bags full of stuff.
Steve gets out of the car and helps Linda load up the car.
They load the bags into the car.

They get back into the car. The car takes off.

EXT. NICE CONDO BUILDING- LATER

The car with the couple and ape pull up to a large, super nice condo. The camera shows the exterior of the high rise. It is 20 stories high. They pull into the parking garage.

INT. STEVE'S APARTMENT - LATER

The couple enter Steve's condo with the chimp in tow. Lance is now on a leash. Steve is carrying the bags of groceries and other items. Sam the dog comes up to the couple, he is a Golden Retriever. He is all happy and is wagging his tail. Sam looks at the ape and backs up. Sammy growls at the ape.

LINDA

No Sam. This is Lance, he's your new buddy.

Linda pets Sam. The ape gives Sam a nasty look. Sammy backs up and growls some more.

LINDA (CONT'D)

We better get ready for the party.
It's already started.

Steve puts the rest of the groceries on the dining room table.

INT. CONDO POOL AREA - AFTERNOON

The couple is now all dressed up. They have their ape dressed in new clothes and he's wearing a diaper. Many of the condo owners are down by the pool. There is a barbecue and there is a bar open. A older man walks up to Steve and Linda.

DR. RON

What do we have here?

Dr. Ron rubs the chimps head. The chimp looks angrily at the doctor.

STEVE

Hello doctor. Linda wanted to get this chimp. We call him Lance.

LINDA

Isn't he wonderful. He's so cute.

The doctor looks at the chimp again.

DR. RON

Does he have his shots?

STEVE

I don't know. I never asked.

DR. RON

Well, you should bring him by my office so I can give him any shots that he might need.

The ape is giving the doctor nasty looks. The ape is acting sort of strange. The doctor notices this trait.

DR. RON (CONT'D)

He seems to be a bit odd Steve. He might have some kind of mental problem.

Lance looks hostile at the doctor.

DR. RON (CONT'D)

I think I should do a test on him concerning that too. I read about a new psychological test just for chimps that I found on-line.

Lance gives Dr. Ron a nasty look.

STEVE

Really?

DR. RON

Yes, chimps can be psychos and mass murderers just like humans. You know chimps are our closest relatives.

STEVE

Yes, he seems smarter than a lot of people I know. But I know some stupid people.

LINDA

I don't think anything is wrong with our baby boy.

The ape keeps giving the doctor a nasty look.

DR. RON

I think this chimp is fucked up. I've been doing research on chimps. I'm pretty sure this one is fucked up. Look at his mannerisms. Look at how he gives me nasty looks.

The chimp looks pissed at doctor again. Linda looks at Steve.

STEVE

I don't think he's that messed up.

DR. RON

See. He's giving me nasty looks.
He's a psycho chimp.

LINDA

Doctor, this is our little boy.
There's nothing wrong with him.
He's my little baby.

Linda is getting annoyed. Linda hugs the chimp. The chimp smiles.

DR. RON

I'm just kidding. How about if you
bring him over to my office and we'll
check him out.

STEVE

O.k., I'll give you a call tomorrow
and we can make an appointment.

DR. RON

Sounds good. In Texas you need to
have a permit to have a chimp.

RON

Yes, I know, I googled it. I'm going
to file out an application on-line.

Dr. Ron stares at the chimp again. The ape looks back angrily at the doctor.

DR. RON

I'm going to go check out the other
guests. Nice to see you.

STEVE

See you later doc.

The doctor leans into Steve as he's leaving and whispers.

DR. RON

I wasn't kidding. He's a crazy
bastard.

The doctor walks away. Linda looks suspicious about what
Dr. Ron just said to Steve.

LINDA

Dr. Ron seems a little obsessed about
our little boy.

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LINDA (CONT'D)

I think the doctor might be a bit on
the crazy side himself.

Steve looks a bit serious now. Another lady, Helen, comes
over and starts to look at the chimp.

HELEN

Hello Linda, Steve. I see you got a
new friend.

LINDA

Hello Helen. Yes, he's Lance. We
got him today. Ain't he a cutie
pie.

Helen rubs the chimps head. The chimp gets mad. Helen pulls
her hand away quickly.

HELEN

He must not have had his nap yet.

STEVE

Maybe he got out of the wrong side
of the tree.

Linda hits Steve playfully.

LINDA

Don't make fun of our baby.

HELEN

Nice to see you two. Or should I
say three. I'm going to check out
the other guests. See you later.

LINDA

See you later.

STEVE

Goodbye Helen.

Helen walks away.

STEVE (CONT'D)

Now that nosey bitch is going to
tell everyone are monkey is bad.

LINDA

Ape. He's an ape.

STEVE

Whatever.

Linda and Steve are standing there. Linda holds Lance's hand.

EXT. CONDO POOL AREA - EVENING

The couple and ape are sitting in chairs at a table.

STEVE

I think we should head upstairs. I need to get up early tomorrow.

LINDA

Let's go.

Linda and Steve gather up their stuff. They get up and walk away from the table. They head to the elevator in the lobby. Linda is holding lance's hand, but Lance is also on a leash.

INT. STEVE'S APARTMENT - LATER

Steve and Linda are now in bed.

LINDA

I think Lance is going to like it here.

STEVE

I think the doctor is right. Lance does seems a little wierd. Like he might have mental problems.

LINDA

Steve. It's going to take time for him to adjust to his new home. He'll be fine.

STEVE

I just hope he doesn't go ape shit on us.

Steve laughs. Linda punches Steve. They both laugh. Linda snuggles with Steve. They start to kiss and they start to get intimate. Steve turns out the light by the bed. You can still see fairly well. They start to have sex. They are having a good time. They climax. Steve gets up to go to the kitchen.

STEVE (CONT'D)

I'm going to go get a snack.

As he's walking out the door, Steve looks over and sees Lance in the corner of the room. Lance is masturbating. Steve gets a startled look and stops walking. Steve and the ape make eye contact. The ape runs out of the room super fast. Steve turns to Linda.

STEVE (CONT'D)

Lance was just watching us have sex.
And I think he was masturbating.
Isn't that kinda wierd?

LINDA

I think it's sweet. We maybe need
to find Lance a girlfriend.

INT. KITCHEN - MOMENTS LATER

Steve goes into the kitchen and turns on the light. He looks over and sees Lance trying to have sex with Sam.

STEVE

No Lance. Leave Sam alone. Bad
Chimp.

Steve goes over to Lance. Lance runs away and turns and gives Steve an evil look. Steve looks at Lance like WTF. Then Lance runs away into the living room.

INT. NICE CAR - DAY

Steve and Lance are buckled up in Steve's car. They are driving down the road. Steve talks on his car's speaker phone.

STEVE

I have something I need to take care
of this morning. I should be back
in the office in a few hours.

SECREATARY

O.K. I'll move your appointments
around Mr. Albright.

STEVE

Thank you.

SECREATARY

See you later.

Steve hangs up the call. Steve looks over at Lance. Lance looks back at Steve.

STEVE

You miss your old family don't you.
Aaww. I'll make it all better again.

INT. NICE CAR - LATER

Steve and Lance are driving out in the country like they were yesterday. They pull up to the mobile home park they were at before.

EXT. MOBILE HOME PARK - CONTINUOUS

Steve pulls into the mobile home park and pulls up to space 8. Steve gets out of the car. Steve goes to the front door and he knocks on it. No one answers. Steve starts pounding on the door. The neighbor comes out and looks at Steve. She is a redneck.

NEIGHBOR

What do you want?

Steve looks at the neighbor.

STEVE

I'm looking for the mullet guy who lives here.

NEIGHBOR

Well they moved away.

STEVE

They were just here yesterday.

NEIGHBOR

Well they left.

STEVE

Do you know how I could get a hold of them?

The neighbor gives Steve a nasty look.

NEIGHBOR

Are you the law?

STEVE

No. I came to give them back their monkey.

NEIGHBOR

That asshole chimp. They don't want that thing.

Steve makes a confused look.

STEVE

Why did they move so abruptly?

NEIGHBOR

Haven't you heard? That lady was killed a few days ago out in the woods.

The neighbor points to a flyer that is posted on a power poll. Steve looks over at the flyer.

NEIGHBOR (CONT'D)

I think I might be leaving soon too.
I don't want to die a horrible death
like that.

STEVE

How did she die?

NEIGHBOR

She was beaten to death.

Steve looks confused.

STEVE

But what about the monkey?

NEIGHBOR

I guess your stuck with that asshole
chimp. God luck.

The neighbor shuts the door to her mobile home. Steve goes over and looks at the flier on the poll. It has a picture of the lady and info about the murder. Wanted? Person who clubbed to death Cindy Watters. Reward. Ominous music plays. Steve makes a puzzled look. Steve goes back to his car and gets in.

INT. NICE CAR - CONTINUOUS

Steve looks at the chimp.

STEVE

Well, I guess I'm stuck with you.
You better behave from now on or
I'll leave you out in the country
with a banana and a gatorade.

Lance gives Steve a nasty look and then screams at Steve in a bad attitude ape way.

LANCE

Oooohhhh!

Steve backs the car up and the two go back out onto the road. They drive back the way they came from.

INT. STEVE'S APARTMENT - LATER

Steve walks into his apartment with Lance on a leash. He undoes the leash and says to Lance.

STEVE

Lance. I have to go to work. I'll
be back later.

Steve grabs Lance's hand and walks him over to the couch. Steve places Lance onto the couch. Steve grabs the remote control and turns on the TV with it. Lance watches Steve use the remote control. A TV show comes on. It is the show Snapped. The ape looks at it. Steve puts the remote control down on the coffee table. Lance looks at the remote.

STEVE (CONT'D)

You can change channels with that thing if you want. There is some potato chips and water if you need them.

Steve points to some chips and water that are on the coffee table.

STEVE (CONT'D)

Don't mess the place up. I'll be back in about five hours. Be a good Lance. Don't try to fuck Sam. Pervert. I think I'm going to have to get a cork for Sam's pussy.

Lance just looks at Steve. Then the chimp looks at the TV. Steve walks out of the apartment. Lance continues to watch the TV show. He looks really interested in the show. The show has a man getting angry with a lady. The show shows a lady getting stabbed to death by the man. Lance smiles and starts to jump up and down. He does a back flip.

LANCE

Eehhh! Eehhh!

Lance is just staring at the TV. He is holding the remote control now. He turns up the volume.

INT. NICE CAR - LATER

Steve is driving down the road. He auto dials his vet doctor friend and neighbor. The phone rings. The phone is answered.

DR. RON (O.S.)

Hello Steve.

STEVE

Hello Dr. Ron. Do you have a moment?

DR. RON (O.S.)

Yes.

STEVE

I'd like to make an appointment for my chimp Lance to get his shots.

DR. RON (O.S.)

Sure, let me pull up my schedule.
Like I told you, I think your chimp
might have some psychological
problems. I just said I was kidding
the other day because Linda was
looking a bit perturbed by my
comments. He really seems a bit
off.

STEVE

Oh, he's probably just getting used
to his new environment.

DR. RON (O.S.)

I think it's a bit more serious than
that.

Steve gets a concerned look on his face.

DR. RON (O.S.) (CONT'D)

I'd like to do some other tests on
him to make sure he's not psychotic.

Steve makes another strange face.

STEVE

Well if you think it's a good idea,
than let's do it. I don't need a
crazy chimp running around.

DR. RON (O.S.)

O.k. I have an opening tomorrow at
nine am.

STEVE

Fine. Ill bring him down before I
go to work. Then I'll pick him up
later.

DR. RON (O.S.)

I have you penciled in for nine then.

STEVE

O.k. doctor. Thanks. See you then.
Oh by the way. Are you done with my
golf clubs?

DR. RON

Yes.

STEVE

I was going to stop by tonight to
get them.

DR. RON
That's sounds fine. Stop by around
seven.

STEVE
Sounds good. Bye.

DR. RON (O.S.)
Alright. Bye.

Steve disconnects the phone call. Steve looks a bit
concerned.

INT. STEVE'S APARTMENT - LATER

Steve walks in the front door to his apartment. He looks
around and doesn't see or hear anything. Eerie music plays.
Steve is slowly going around the house. Steve is looking
around.

STEVE
Lance. Where are you?

Steve keeps going around the apartment. Eerie music continues
to play. Lance jumps off the stereo stand onto Steve. Steve
jumps and catches Lance. Lance is in Steve's arms. Steve
looks all scared.

STEVE (CONT'D)
Lance you scared the crap out of me.

Lance just looks at Steve. Steve takes Lance to the kitchen.

STEVE (CONT'D)
Are you hungry boy?

Lance just looks at Steve.

INT. KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

Steve and Lance are in the kitchen. Steve sees that there
are plates of food out. Like Lance has been eating what he
wants from the fridge. Steve makes a surprised look at Lance.

STEVE
It looks like you've been feeding
yourself. You are one smart monkey.

Steve grabs a hoagie from the fridge and a beer. Steve cuts
the hoagie in half with a knife from a wooden block. Lance
watches Steve cut the hoagie with the knife ominously. Show
Lance's face. Steve puts the 2 hoagie parts on to a plate.
Steve grabs the plate with the hoagies and his beer and then
takes his dinner to the living room. Lance follows behind
Steve.

STEVE (CONT'D)

Come on Lance.

The two go to the living room.

INT. LIVING ROOM - LATER

Lance and Steve are sitting on the couch and start watching a TV show. They are eating their sandwiches.

INT. LIVING ROOM - LATER

The two have finished eating their sandwiches. The empty plates are on the coffee table. Steve looks at his watch.

STEVE

Shit. Lance I have to go to the doctor's place. Do you want to come?

Lance just looks at Steve. Steve gets up and grabs Lance's leash. Steve hooks up the leash to Lance. Steve takes Lance out of the apartment.

EXT. DOC'S CONDO - LATER

Steve and Lance walk up to the doc's door. Steve knocks on the door. Steve and Lance wait. The door opens.

DR. RON

Steve, Lance hello.

STEVE

Hey doc. I've come for the golf clubs.

The doc grabs them from inside the door.

DR. RON

I had them ready for you.

The doc hands the golf clubs to Steve. Lance is looking at the doc and his door.

STEVE

Thanks. I'd like to stay but I have to get going. Linda is coming over.

DR. RON

That's fine. I'll see you and Lance tomorrow at nine.

STEVE

I'll be there. See you later.

DR. RON

Bye.

The doc shuts the door. Lance and Steve go walking away. Steve is carrying the golf clubs.

INT. LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Steve and Lance sit back down on the couch and Steve turns the TV on. The remote is set to the murder channel already.

STEVE

Let's watch some more murder shows.

Steve turns the volume up and they watch the TV. They are both getting into the movie.

INT. STEVE'S APARTMENT - LATER

Linda walks into the apartment. She sees Lance and Steve on the couch. Lance is in Steve's arms. They are watching a murder mystery TV show. Linda walks into the living room.

INT. LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Linda walks up to the two.

LINDA

You guys look like you're bonding.

STEVE

Oh, ya we've been watching true crime stories. Lance seems to like them. A lot.

Lance gets up and goes into the bathroom. Linda sits down on the couch next to Steve.

LINDA

Where's Lance going?

STEVE

Oh, I think he's going to the bathroom.

Linda gives a surprised look.

LINDA

You mean he can use the bathroom just like humans?

STEVE

Yes, but I'm not sure if he's going to put the lid down for you.

They both laugh.

LINDA

You guys are pretty chummy. He's your new bud. And you didn't like him to begin with.

STEVE

That monkey sort of grows on you.

You hear the sound of the toilet flushing and then Lance comes back into the living room and gets up into Steve's arms. Steve holds Lance.

LINDA

Ohhh. How sweet.

Linda rubs Lance's head. They all continue to watch the true crime show.

STEVE

Earlier they showed a scene were this couple just got married. Then they had sex. I think Lance blushed.

LINDA

Chimps can't blush. He was probably just getting excited like the other night when he saw us doing it.

STEVE

Maybe.

LINDA

Speaking of marriage. Weren't we thinking of getting married soon?

Steve makes a weird look after the comment.

LINDA (CONT'D)

Then we could have a baby. You'd make a great dad, the way you act with Lance. We could take care of the baby just like we do with Lance.

STEVE

I think YOU were thinking of getting married soon. Remember I said we needed to wait until I become a full partner at the law firm first, and then get married and have babies. Babies cost a lot of money.

LINDA

How long is that going to be?

Steve thinks for a bit.

STEVE

Oh I think a year or two.

Linda makes a disappointed face. Lance is staring at both of them.

STEVE (CONT'D)

Linda, you don't have to worry. I love you.

Steve kisses Linda. Linda smiles.

STEVE (CONT'D)

Let's go to bed. We can watch TV there.

LINDA

O.k.

Linda and Steve get up to go to the bedroom. Lance continues to watch TV. The camera shows a close up of Lance.

INT. VET'S OFFICE - MORNING

Steve and Lance walk into the doctor's office. Lance is on his leash. Steve is carrying Lance. The receptionist looks at Steve.

RECEPTIONIST

Good morning. How can I help you?

STEVE

I'm Steve Albright. My chimp Lance has a 9:00 o'clock appointment with Dr. Ron.

RECEPTIONIST

I'll let Dr. Nelson know you are here.

The receptionist gets up and goes into the back room. Steve just stands there holding Lance in his arms. The receptionists and Dr. Ron come out of the back room a little while later.

DR. RON

Good morning Steve. Hello Lance.

Dr. Ron looks at Lance. Lance remembers Dr. Ron and gives him a pissed off look.

STEVE

Is it alright if I just leave him here for the day and I'll come and get him later after work?

DR. RON

Sure. We'll just put him in the cage until you get back.

Lance doesn't like the sound of that.

DR. RON (CONT'D)

I'm going to give him his shots and then go over some other psychological tests.

Steve puts the chimp on the floor and then hands the leash to the doctor.

STEVE

I've spent more time with him and think that maybe he's pretty normal.

DR. RON

Well we'll do some tests and find out for sure. I've downloaded some chimp psychotherapy videos. I think these tests will be very interesting and revealing.

Steve makes a strange look.

STEVE

I should be back by five, before you guys leave.

DR. RON

Sounds good. See you later Steve.

Steve rubs Lance's head.

STEVE

You behave you little monkey.

Steve leaves out the front door. The doctor walks Lance into the back room.

INT. BACK ROOM - LATER

Dr. Ron straps Lance into a chair.

DR. RON

Now Lance, first we're going to give you some shots.

Dr. Ron gets some needles out and starts to shoot up Lance with drugs. Lance is freaking out. He doesn't like the pain. Then the doctor glues some brain and chest impulse detectors on Lance. Lance just sits in his chair. The doctor pulls up a TV and has Lance watch it. There are videos of trees, of forests, of jungles, of chimps, of chimps fighting, of more chimps. Lance is looking and wondering what the hell is going on. This goes on for a while. The clock shows fifteen minutes has passed. The doctor stops playing the video. The doctor looks at the printout of the things on the chart. The doctor looks very interested at what he see's.

DR. RON (CONT'D)

Now I'm going to hypnotize you Lance.
I'm going to repeat just the videos
that seem to give you mental jumps
on the chart.

Lance gives the doctor hostile looks. The doctor makes some changes to the computer and then the doctor sits in a chair and pulls out a coin on a string. He starts to play the videos of the repeat videos. Lance looks at them. The doctor starts to move the coin back and forth in front of Lance. The doctor talks with a gentle, soft voice.

DR. RON (CONT'D)

Lance, you are going back in time.
Back to when you were a little ape.
Back when life was simple and
carefree.

The doctor keeps moving the coin in front of the chimp. Lance's eyes are starting to get heavy.

DR. RON (CONT'D)

You are in your jungle. You are
with your chimp group.

Lance's eyes close shut.

FLASHBACK/DREAM - JUNGLE

EXT. JUNGLE - AFTERNOON

Lance is a little baby chimp. A bunch of chimps are all circled around a large chimp. Another chimp says, this is in subtitles. All chimp talking are in subtitles.

CHIMP

I'm the new leader of the tribe.
You are nothing to us now Boron.
You shall die.

All the other chimps beat the crap out of the big ape. Little Lance sits and looks at the beating.

Lance screams out in ape talk.

LANCE

Daddy.

The chimps continue to beat and bite Boron. Boron is finally killed. He is lying on the ground dead. Lance looks at his dead father. The chimps now turn to Lance.

CHIMP

Now you will die little Boron.

The apes start to come towards Lance. Lance goes running away. Lance's mother runs in and jumps in between the apes and her son. Lance senses something has happened. He turns and looks back at what is happening.

CHIMP (CONT'D)

I have to kill your son. We will have more kids.

MOTHER

No. You will not kill my son.

The mother turns to Lance.

MOTHER (CONT'D)

Run little Boron. Run.

The apes all attack the mother. She fights the other apes. She is getting attacked. Then the head ape stops the ape gang.

CHIMP

We will let little Boron live. But he will be the lowest in our tribe. We will call him bottom ape. He will be treated like ape shit.

Little Lance stops running and turns around. Lance looks bummed out.

BACK TO PRESENT

Lance wakes from his hypnotic dream. He is screaming and moving his arms. He is freaking out.

DR. RON

Settle down Lance. You are back to reality.

Dr. Ron rubs Lance's head. The doctor looks at the printout from the machine.

DR. RON (CONT'D)
You are one fucked up ape.

Lance looks pissed at the doctor.

INT. BACK ROOM - LATERBUT

Dr. Ron, Steve and Lance are all in the back room.

DR. RON
I'm sorry to have to tell you this, my assumptions were right. This is one fucked up chimp. He has serious mental problems. I did tests that light up the part of the brain that show's if you're crazy. His brain lit up like a Christmas tree. He's crazier than Jeffrey Dahmer. I believe he's been abused his whole life. You should get rid of him.

STEVE
He isn't that fucked up. He seems normal to me. And Linda really likes the little guy.

DR. RON
Then at least let me prescribe you some medication for the crazy little bastard.

Lance makes a pissed off face.

STEVE
How much are the meds?

DR. RON
They are pretty expensive, since your healthcare plan won't cover a chimp. But what's the cost of not having a crazy ape running around?

STEVE
My insurance won't cover that? That would probably cost me a couple hundred a month for monkey pills.

Steve thinks for a second.

DR. RON
Ape pills. And yes, the medication is quite expensive.

Steve thinks some more.

STEVE

We don't need any meds. Lance will be just fine.

DR. RON

Chimps aren't humans Steve. They are wild animals. They are capable of serious harm to people. Anything can set them off. They're even capable of murder, just like humans.

Dr. Ron pauses for a bit.

DR. RON (CONT'D)

Especially crazy bastards like Lance.

Lance gives the doctor a crazy, pissed off look. Steve picks up Lance.

STEVE

He'll be just fine. He just needs love and understanding.

Dr. Ron looks seriously at Steve.

DR. RON

What he needs is a straight jacket and a muzzle.

STEVE

He's not crazy.

DR. RON

I also noticed something else strange about Lance.

Steve is listening intently.

DR. RON (CONT'D)

He is very smart. I gave him an ape IQ test. And that's one smart fucking ape. Most chimps test out around as smart as a four year old human. Lance test's out as smart as a 10 year old.

Steve makes a surprised look on his face.

DR. RON (CONT'D)

You need to get rid of Lance if you don't put him on meds.

STEVE

It ain't happening.

DR. RON
You'll be sorry.

Steve gets mad and picks up Lance and leaves with his ape.
Dr. Ron calls after him.

DR. RON (CONT'D)
Have a good day. I'll send you the
bill.

INT. LIVING ROOM - EVENING

Steve is at home with Lance. They are on the couch watching an episode of Snapped. They are eating popcorn. Steve looks over at Lance to see if he's really crazy. Steve hugs Lance.

STEVE
The doctor thinks your crazy Lance.
I think you're just fine.

Lance looks thoughtfully at Steve. Linda comes through the front door.

LINDA
How are my two boys doing tonight?

STEVE
We're just watching some crime shows
on TV.

LINDA
How did Lance's test go today?

STEVE
The doctor thinks Lance is nuts.
The doctor is the crazy one. Dr.
Ron should be the one on meds.

Linda looks serious.

LINDA
He put Lance on meds?

STEVE
No. I wouldn't let him.

LINDA
Do you think that's a good idea.
Maybe he needs a little mental
adjustment. If Dr. Ron thinks so.

STEVE
He'll be just fine. He acts normal
to me.

LINDA
Have you guys eaten yet?

STEVE
Ya, we had some hot pockets and now
some popcorn.

Linda goes over to the couch and slides in between Steve and Lance. Lance gives Linda a nasty look.

LINDA
I hate these crime shows. It's not
normal to watch them. Let's watch
lifetime.

Linda grabs the remote control and then switches the channel to Lifetime. Linda snuggles with Steve. Lance has an angry look on his face. Eerie music plays.

INT. LIVING ROOM - LATER

The movie on lifetime ends. Steve and Linda are tired. Linda yawns.

LINDA
I think it's bed time.

STEVE
Ya, let's get to bed. Do you feel
like a little sex first?

LINDA
I'm pretty tired. Maybe in the
morning.

Steve looks disappointed. Steve turns off the TV. Linda and Steve get up. Steve rubs Lance's head.

STEVE
Good-night little buddy. Have sweet
monkey dreams.

Linda hugs Lance.

LINDA
Good-night Lance.

Linda and Steve go off to the bedroom. Lance turns on the TV and switches the channel to Snapped. The episode shows a person stabbing another person repeatedly. Lance gets an excited look on his face. Lance jumps up and down. Then the person on TV goes and washes off his hands in the bathroom. Lance looks like he understands what's going on. Eerie music plays.

Lance goes into the kitchen and jumps up onto the kitchen counter and grabs a knife from the wood block. Lance jumps down to the ground. Lance stands there holding the knife for a few seconds looking at the camera. Eerie music plays. Lance goes out to the patio door and opens it.

EXT. PATIO - CONTINUOUS

Lance goes out onto the patio. Lance looks around. Lance goes up onto the balcony ledge. He has the knife in his mouth.

EXT. CONDO WALL - CONTINUOUS

Lance scales up a water drain pipe to the balcony above.

EXT. UPSTAIRS PATIO - CONTINUOUS

Lance goes over the balcony ledge of the apartment above Steve's condo. Lance opens the sliding glass door and goes into the apartment.

INT. UPSTAIRS APARTMENT - CONTINUOUS

It is dark and quiet. Lance has the knife in his hand now. He is right handed. Lance slowly moves through the apartment. The floor plan is exactly like Steve's apartment downstairs. Eerie music plays.

INT. HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

Lance goes down the hallway of the apartment. Lance goes into the bedroom.

INT. BEDROOM 2 - CONTINUOUS

There is a large bed where two people are sleeping. It is a male and female. You can see because of the light through the window. The male is snoring. Lance stops and stares at the two in bed. Scary music plays. Then suddenly Lance leaps onto the bed and starts stabbing the man.

MAN

Oohhh.

Lance is stabbing the man just like in the TV show. Lance keeps stabbing the man. The man tries to move but the cuts make him stop moving. The woman is awakened.

WOMAN

What the..

Lance notices the woman has awakened and turns around and he jumps over and starts stabbing the lady.

WOMAN (CONT'D)

Aahhh!

The woman gets up and goes running but Lance chases after her and is stabbing her in the legs. She falls to the ground when Lance slashes her allchilles tendon.

WOMAN (CONT'D)

Ohhhh. Stop you fucking monkey.

The lady is pounding on Lance with her fists. Lance gets pissed and starts stabbing her faster. She tries to stop the knife, but she can't. She just lays there and continues to be stabbed. She stops moving. Lance stops stabbing her. The camera shows her dead face. Lance looks at the dead lady. Lance drops the knife on the ground by the lady. Lance goes into the bathroom, turns on the light and washes off his hands. Lance looks in the mirror and smiles at himself. He is a crazy mother bastard.

EXT. CONDO WALL - LATER

Lance is going back down the drain pipe to Steve's apartment.

INT. STEVE'S APARTMENT - MOMENTS LATER

Lance gets back into Steve's apartment. Lance shuts the patio door.

INT. LIVING ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

Lance yawns and then goes and lays down on the couch and falls fast asleep. He has a smile on his face.

INT. STEVE'S BEDROOM - MORNING

Linda and Steve are in bed. They hear the door bell ring. Steve looks over at the clock. It is 8:30 AM. The door bell rings again. Steve gets up and throws on a robe and leaves to the front door. Sam follows after him.

INT. STEVE'S APARTMENT - MOMENTS LATER

Steve looks through the peep hole. Then Steve opens the front door. Sam is standing next to Steve.

STEVE

Hello.

OFFICER WEBB

Hello. I'm officer Webb with the Houston Police department's homicide unit.

Steve makes a surprised look.

OFFICER WEBB (CONT'D)

I was wondering, were you home last night?

STEVE

Yes.

OFFICER WEBB

Did you happen to hear any strange noises or screams at about midnight last night?

Steve thinks for a bit.

STEVE

No.

The officer is looking over Steve.

OFFICER WEBB

Well your neighbors upstairs were murdered last night.

Steve looks surprised.

OFFICER WEBB (CONT'D)

It's surprising that you didn't hear the screams. Two other neighbors heard screams. But you didn't?

Steve makes a face like he's being accused.

STEVE

I'm a heavy sleeper.

OFFICER WEBB

Were you the only one home last night?

STEVE

No, my girlfriend stayed the night.

OFFICER WEBB

Do you think I could also speak with her?

Steve turns around and yells.

STEVE

Linda, could you come her please!
We have a police officer at the door!

Steve turns back to the officer.

STEVE (CONT'D)

Do you mean the neighbors directly
above us?

Steve looks concerned.

OFFICER WEBB

Yes.

STEVE

This building is well built. It is
pretty much sound proof. I don't
even hear the neighbors walking around
upstairs.

The officer looks at Steve. Linda comes to the front door.
Linda looks like she just got up.

LINDA

Hello officer.

OFFICER WEBB

Hello mame. Did you happen to hear
any strange noises or sounds last
night? Possibly some screaming?

Linda thinks for a second.

LINDA

No.

STEVE

The neighbors upstairs were murdered
last night.

Linda looks surprised.

LINDA

Like in those true crime TV shows
you're always watching.

STEVE

I don't watch them all the time.

LINDA

How did they die?

OFFICER WEBB

I can't go into the specifics mame.

STEVE

Ya, they need to withhold facts about
the case so that only the murderer
knows those details.

The officer looks suspiciously at Steve.

OFFICER WEBB

Yes, something like that. Did either
of you know the victims?

The officer takes out his notebook and starts to write in
it. Steve and Linda think for a second.

LINDA

I don't live here. This is Steve's
place. He's my boyfriend.

Linda hugs Steve.

STEVE

Yes, I've met them before. I think
there names are Bob and Shelly
something. They attend a lot of the
HOA parties and I see them around
the pool sometimes.

The officer is looking at looks up at Steve seriously. The
officer continues to write on his note pad.

OFFICER WEBB

It is Harry and Sally Urban.

STEVE

I don't know them socially. I've
never been to their place. They've
never been to my place either.

The office is writing stuff in his notebook.

STEVE (CONT'D)

What are you writing in your book
officer?

The officer looks up at Steve.

STEVE (CONT'D)

I'm just making sure I have the facts
straight.

The officer continues to write.

LINDA

Steve's a lawyer. He's always curious
about things.

OFFICER WEBB

Oh.

The officer continues to write. Steve looks suspiciously at the officer.

OFFICER WEBB (CONT'D)

The condo upstairs was locked up and it looks like the place wasn't broken into.

Steve and Linda look at the cop.

OFFICER WEBB (CONT'D)

What I'm trying to say is that the killer may have came in through the patio sliding glass door.

Steve and Linda looked surprised. Then Linda looks concerned.

LINDA

Oh no. And we always leave our patio door unlocked. They might have killed us.

The officer looks at Steve.

STEVE

The murderer could have gotten to that patio from another condo. Not just mine.

The officer is writing faster in his book.

OFFICER WEBB

Well, the killer might have also had keys to the apartment. We're not sure at this point. You're not the only residents that we are talking with.

STEVE

That's a relief. I thought you were suggesting that you thought the murderer came from our apartment.

OFFICER WEBB

We don't have any suspects. Yet.

The officer closes his notebook and puts it in his pocket. He pulls out a business card and hands it to Steve.

OFFICER WEBB (CONT'D)

Here's my number, if you can think of any other useful information. Please give me a call. Thanks. Have a great day.

LINDA
Bye officer.

The officer turns and leaves. Steve shuts the door.

STEVE
That's great. Now we have a murderer
running around the building.

LINDA
No. Maybe the neighbors just pissed
off the wrong people. Maybe they
were drug dealers.

STEVE
Ya, I guess.

LINDA
So what do you want to do today?
It's Saturday, we have all day to
mess around.

STEVE
Let's go down to that swap meet and
get some stuff for Lance. Maybe go
to goodwill and get him some more
clothes.

LINDA
You want him to wear used clothes.

STEVE
Pre-Loved clothes. And what the
hell, he's a monkey.

LINDA
Chimp. Should we take Lance with us
to the swap meet.

STEVE
No, maybe he doesn't like large
crowds. And we'll be there awhile.
We can just leave him here to watch
some crime shows.

LINDA
I'm going to go make us some
breakfast.

STEVE
Sounds good.

Linda kisses Steve. The two take off to the kitchen. Lance
comes out from nowhere and scares Steve and Linda. Steve
and Linda jump. Eerie music plays.

STEVE (CONT'D)
You scared me Lance. Good morning.

Steve rubs Lance's head. Linda hugs Lance.

STEVE (CONT'D)
Lance we're going to make you some
breakfast. Do you want some banna
pancakes?

Lance just looks at the two. Linda and Steve go to the kitchen.

INT. KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

Lance, Linda and Steve are in the kitchen. Linda is grabbing pans to cook with.

LINDA
How about if I make the breakfast
and you hang that picture I bought
you the other day.

STEVE
Ya, I can do that.

Steve goes to a drawer in the kitchen and pulls out a hammer. Lance watches him do it. The camera notes Lance watching Steve get the hammer. Steve also pulls out a nail.

INT. LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Steve goes into the living room and grabs the picture that is leaning against the wall in the living room. Steve picks up the picture and takes it to the wall. Lance follows after Steve. Steve holds the picture up against the wall.

STEVE
Linda, do you think this is a good
place to hang the picture?

Linda comes out from the kitchen and looks towards the wall.

LINDA
Ya, I think that'd be great.

Linda goes back into the kitchen. Steve hammers the nail into the wall. Steve hangs the picture up. Steve straightens up the picture. Steve stands back and looks at the picture

STEVE
Perfect.

Steve admires his work. Steve takes the hammer back into the kitchen. Lance follows Steve.

INT. KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

Steve puts the hammer away and hugs Linda from behind. Lance stands behind the couple and looks at them.

INT. LIVING ROOM - LATER

Steve is holding Lance and brings Lance into the living room and sets him on the couch. Steve and Linda are now dressed up to go outside for the day.

STEVE

Here you go Lance.

Steve turns on the TV to a crime show. Lance looks at the TV and starts to enjoy it.

STEVE (CONT'D)

We're going to go shopping Lance.
And then we'll be spending the night
at Linda's place . You'll have the
place all to yourself, except Sam.
We'll leave her here so you won't be
lonely.

Linda comes into the living room. She has her purse. Linda comes over and hugs Lance.

LINDA

See you tomorrow Lance. If you're
hungry there are some bananas on the
counter in the kitchen.

STEVE

You be a good little monkey.

Steve and Linda go out the front door. Lance looks at the TV. He turns the volume up on the TV with the remote. Sam comes out and looks at Lance. Sam looks a little scared. Lance goes over and tries to have sex with Sam. Sam growls and runs away. Lance gives Sam a nasty look. Lance gets back on the couch and continues to watch TV. Lance starts to look hypnotized. Lance goes into a trance.

FLASHBACK-TRAILER

Lance is at the trailer of his previous owner. The owner is mad at Lance. Mullet guy looks a bit drunk.

MULLET GUY

I told you before chimp. Don't drink
my fucking beer.

Lance looks scared of mullet guy.

MULLET GUY (CONT'D)

I'm going to have to teach you a
lesson you stupid ape.

The mullet man gets out a rubber mallet and moves towards the chimp. The mullet guy raises his hand with the mallet. He swings and hits the ape in the head.

LANCE

Eeehhhh!

The ape goes crazy, grabs his head and runs away. The mullet guy follows after the ape.

MULLET GUY

Come here you stupid ape. I'll teach
you not to drink my beer. And don't
eat my captain crunch either.

The mullet guy goes to the back bedroom where the ape is hiding under a blanket. The mullet guy searches for the ape and finally pulls the blanket off of the chimp. The mullet guy starts to hit the ape repeatedly with the mallet.

LANCE

Ahhhh.

Lance tries to block the hits. The mullet guy keeps hitting the ape. Lance looks terrified.

FLASHBACK ENDS

Lance comes out of his trance. He looks freaked out. He continues to watch the TV. The clock shows 3:00 PM.

INT. LIVING ROOM - EVENING

It is later and Lance is still watching TV. An episode of Snapped shows a man that is at home with his wife. The man sneaks into their bedroom. The wife is asleep on the bed. The man has a hammer and he proceeds to hit his wife in the head repeatedly with the hammer. Lance is watching. The wife screams at first. Then she is quiet. The man continues to hit the wife for about thirty blows. Then he stops. Lance is watching. Lance gets up on the couch and starts to jump up and down. The guy on TV washes all the blood off of himself in the bathroom. Lance continues to watch the man on TV. Lance has a big smile on his chimp face. Lance looks like he has an idea. Lance jumps off the couch and then goes looking for something in the kitchen in drawers.

INT. KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

Lance opens up a drawer and there is the hammer. Lance gets a smile on his face.

Lance grabs the hammer up and starts to pretend to hit something with it.

LANCE

Whhaaa!

Lance is happy. Lance looks like he's thinking of something. Lance goes over to the patio door. Lance opens the patio door. Lance takes the hammer and goes out onto the patio.

EXT. PATIO - CONTINUOUS

Lance goes out to the patio. Lance climbs down the drain pipe a floor.

EXT. PATIO 2 - CONTINUOUS

Lance gets onto the patio of an apartment directly below Steve's. He looks around the inside the condo from outside the sliding glass door. It is the exact same condo floor plan as Steve's. It is dark in the condo. But the outside light from the city and moon light it up. Lance tries to open the door, but it is locked. Lance takes the hammer and breaks the window.

INT. BEDROOM 2- CONTINUOUS

A lady is in her bed. She awakens from the sound of the window breaking. She is startled. She turns the nob to her bedroom lamp on and the light comes on. She gets up and slowly moves to her bedroom door.

LADY 2

Who's there?

She moves towards the bedroom door. Eerie music plays. Suddenly Lance comes running into the room and jumps on the lady's back and starts hitting the lady with the hammer.

LADY 2 (CONT'D)

Uuuhhhh!

Lance continues to pummel the lady with the hammer. She tries to block the hammer hits, but it is futile. You see close ups of the hammer hitting her head.

LADY

Ooohh!

She pushes Lance off of her and runs to the door. Lance chases after her and jumps on her shoulder and starts hitting her head again. She looks tired and exhausted. She falls to the ground. Lance continues to hammer away at her head. She dies.

LANCE

Aahhhh!

Lance drops the hammer and jumps up and down.

INT. BATHROOM - CONTINUOUS

Lance goes into the ladies bathroom and washes himself off in the toilet. Lance washes his hands and feet. Then he looks at himself in the mirror. Lance smiles.

INT. OTHER KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

Lance goes into the lady's kitchen and looks around. It is still dark in the condo. Lance turns on the lights and then grabs a banana.

INT. 2 CONDO LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Lance sits down on the couch and turns on the TV and turns the channel with the remote until he finds a channel that he likes. Lance eats the banana and watches the TV. He drops hair on the couch. The camera shows the hair.

INT. 2 CONDO LIVING ROOM- LATER

Lance finishes watching his TV show and then turns off the TV. Lance heads out the patio door.

EXT. PATIO 2 - CONTINUOUS

Lance climbs up the drain pipe to Steve's apartment.

INT. STEVE'S APARTMENT - MOMENTS LATER

Lance comes into Steve's condo and goes and lays down on the couch. He turns off the lamp by the couch and falls asleep. He has a big smile on his face.

INT. STEVE'S APARTMENT - MORNING

Linda and Steve come home. Lance is watching TV.

STEVE

Good morning Lance.

LINDA

Hi Lance.

Linda and Steve go to the kitchen.

INT. KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

Linda and Steve go into the kitchen to make breakfast. Lance comes into the kitchen. Sam is also in the kitchen.

Sam is begging for food. When Sam sees Lance come into the kitchen, he sort of slinks out of the kitchen and leaves.

STEVE

Lance, we're making you a banana egg omelet. You lucky monkey.

Lance just looks at the two working on the breakfast. Steve puts some food on the floor for Sam.

INT. DINING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

They finish up making the meal and bring it to the table. They all sit down to eat. They are eating their food.

STEVE

So Lance. What did you do last night when we went out? Did you watch TV? You stayed out of trouble didn't you?

LINDA

Sure Lance did. Lance is a good boy. He didn't rip up the place. See, we can leave Lance alone. He's a good chimp.

STEVE

I'm a bit surprised that he hasn't messed the place up. And he and Sam look like they get along fine.

They continue to eat. Lance is eating his omelet with his hand. There is a knock on the door. Steve gets up.

STEVE (CONT'D)

I'll get it.

Steve goes to the front door.

INT. LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Steve is at the front door. He looks through the key hole and then opens the door. Officer Webb is standing there.

STEVE

Good morning officer Webb. Did you have some more questions for us?

OFFICER WEBB

Well yes I do. Is your girlfriend here too?

STEVE

Yes.

Steve turns to Linda.

STEVE (CONT'D)
Linda could you come here please?
Officer Webb is here again.

Linda comes to the door.

OFFICER WEBB
I have some bad news. Another of
your neighbors has been murdered.

Steve and Linda looked shocked.

OFFICER WEBB (CONT'D)
It was in the condo just below you.
They broke the glass on the patio
door and got in.

Steve and Linda continue to look shocked. Officer Webb takes
his notebook out.

OFFICER WEBB (CONT'D)
We need to know your whereabouts for
last evening?

STEVE
I was at my girlfriend's place. We
were there until this morning at
around 8, then we came here.

OFFICER WEBB
Did you know the neighbor's below
you?

Officer Webb looks at his notepad.

OFFICER WEBB (CONT'D)
Her name was Cynthia Cooper.

Steve and Linda think for a second. Steve shakes his head
no.

STEVE
No. I don't believe I've met her.

Officer Webb is writing all this down.

LINDA
How did she die?

OFFICER WEBB
I can't disclose that at this time.

Steve looks distressed.

STEVE
This is horrible.

OFFICER WEBB
We have finger prints and some hair fibers from this murder. I was hoping to get a DNA swab and some finger prints from you both.

STEVE
I don't think that is necessary. We just told you we weren't here last night.

OFFICER WEBB
Well, were not certain of the timeline of the death. It would be helpful to eliminate you both as suspects.

STEVE
Well, were not going to do that. I'm an attorney and I know our rights. If you need to get our prints and DNA, then go get a warrant from a judge.

The officer looks suspiciously at the pair.

OFFICER WEBB
Most people are helpful in cases like these. Maybe you have something to hide?

LINDA
Maybe we should just give him our DNA Steve.

Steve gets mad.

STEVE
No. That would be implying that he has just cause. He doesn't have just cause. We've already told the officer that we weren't here when this happened.

OFFICER WEBB
Do you think I could have a look around your condo.

STEVE
No.

OFFICER WEBB

I' m sorry you don't wish to be helpful in your neighbor's murder.

STEVE

We've been helpful. We've answered every question you've asked. But looking around and DNA and fingerprints are above cooperation. It's harassment.

OFFICER WEBB

Well, you have my number if you'd like to contact me concerning this matter or if you change your mind. Have a good day.

The officer puts his note pad away and turns and leaves. Steve shuts the door.

LINDA

This is bad. There's been two murders in our building. And the cops think you did it.

STEVE

They don't think I did it. They're just fishing. But I wonder who IS the killer? And why they are killing everyone?

Steve thinks for a bit.

STEVE (CONT'D)

I think its the maintenance guy. He seems a bit strange. He's got access to the building. He's probably doing the killings.

LINDA

I don't think I want to stay here anymore. Maybe we should just stay at my place until they catch these killers.

Steve is thinking.

STEVE

Yes, I believe the maintenance guy did both of the these murders.

LINDA

Maybe it's not the same person who killed all these people. Maybe it is two separate killers.

STEVE

Steve, that seems pretty coincidental
and highly unlikely.

LINDA

Well maybe the first murder sparked
a copycat killer.

STEVE

I'm the one that watches all the
murder shows, remember. I know what's
going on here.

Steve and Linda go back to the dining room table.

INT. DINING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Steve sits down to eat. Linda also sits down to eat. They
are silent and not talking to one another. They are both
thinking bout the murders.

INT. DINING ROOM - LATER

Lance, Linda and Steve finish their meals. Steve takes the
dirty dishes to the kitchen.

INT. KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

Steve puts the plates in the sink. He notices that the knife
is missing from the wooden block. Eerie music plays. Steve
looks at the empty space for a bit. Then he looks around
the kitchen. Steve looks intrigued. Linda enters the
kitchen.

LINDA

I'm going to my place. Why don't
you come over later. This whole
situation has me freaking out.

STEVE

I don't blame you. I think I'm going
to buy a gun.

LINDA

Don't do that. That's too dangerous.

STEVE

Well if the killer comes into my
place, how am I going to defend
myself? I just have my baseball
bat.

LINDA

Well a gun isn't the answer.

Linda goes over to Steve and hugs him.

LINDA (CONT'D)
Give me a call later.

STEVE
Alright.

They kiss. Linda leaves. Steve looks a little concerned. Steve looks all around the kitchen for the knife. Steve leaves the kitchen.

INT. BEDROOM - LATER

Steve starts to look all around the bedroom for the knife.

INT. LIVING ROOM - LATER

Steve is looking around the living room for the knife. Steve stops looking. Sam and Lance are chilling in the living room.

STEVE
You know guys. A knife is missing
from the wood block in the kitchen.
I wonder if Linda took it.

Steve thinks for a second.

STEVE (CONT'D)
Maybe she grabbed it for protection?

Steve thinks some more.

STEVE (CONT'D)
Maybe Linda is the fucking killer?

Steve looks perplexed. Steve goes over and sits on the couch and watches some TV. There is a crime show on. He gets close to Lance.

STEVE (CONT'D)
Lance, did you want me to make you
some popcorn?

Lance looks at Steve. Steve's phone rings. Steve answers it. Steve puts the phone call on speaker phone.

STEVE (CONT'D)
Hello.

DR. RON (O.S.)
Steve, this is doctor Ron. Did you
hear? They just found another dead
body in the building.

STEVE

I know. The cops were here accusing me of the murders.

DR. RON (O.S.)

No way.

STEVE

Fucking way. I was waiting for them to arrest me. I think the maintenance man might have killed everyone.

DR. RON (O.S.)

I think he's a good suspect.

STEVE

You know, I just found out the strangest thing. I'm missing a large cutting knife from the cutting block in my kitchen.

DR. RON (O.S.)

Really.

STEVE

Oh yes. I looked all over for it. Its no where to be found.

Lance is looking over and listening to the conversation.

DR. RON (O.S.)

Where do you think it went?

STEVE

For just a second, I thought that maybe Linda took it. Maybe she took it with her to protect herself.

DR. RON (O.S.)

That could be. But I don't think Linda is the murderer.

Doctor Ron breathes heavily.

DR. RON (O.S.) (CONT'D)

Have you considered that maybe your chimp took it?

STEVE

What would he do with it? Make a sandwich.

DR. RON (O.S.)

Maybe that crazy bastard threw it out the window. Or maybe...

STEVE

Maybe what?

DR. RON (O.S.)

Maybe that psycho chimp killed all the tenants with the knife.

Lance is looking over at Steve. He's listening to the conversation.

STEVE

You're crazy. Lance is a stupid monkey. He can't think like that.

Lance gives Steve a nasty look.

STEVE (CONT'D)

No the knife has to be somewhere around here or Linda has it.

DR. RON (O.S.)

Did you ask her about the knife?

STEVE

No. I thought that might not go over so well.

DR. RON (O.S.)

Well you should ask her if she has it. You should be careful around that chimp. You should sleep with your bedroom door locked at night so that crazy chimp doesn't kill you.

You can see off to the side Lance is looking at Steve and listening to the conversation. Eerie music plays.

STEVE

Look, Lance is too dumb to be the killer. He's a stupid monkey.

DR. RON (O.S.)

Well I'm going down to the pool if you want to join me.

STEVE

Thanks, but I'm just going to chill out and watch some crime shows with Sam and Lance. I'll talk to you later than.

DR. RON (O.S.)

Be careful.

STEVE
Oh I will, goodbye.

Steve hangs up the phone. The camera shows Steve's concerned face. Steve looks over at Lance. Lance is watching the TV. Steve returns to watching the show Snapped with Lance.

INT. LIVING ROOM - LATER

Steve and Lance are watching the Snapped show still. There is now food plates and drink glasses all over the coffee table. The phone rings. Steve answers it. Steve puts the call on speaker phone.

STEVE
Hello.

LINDA (O.S.)
Steve, what are you doing?

STEVE
We're just watching some crime shows.

LINDA (O.S.)
You've been doing that all day?

STEVE
Ya.

LINDA (O.S.)
I was thinking we could go shopping later. I need to get a new sweater for winter.

Steve thinks for a second.

STEVE
I guess we could do that.

LINDA (O.S.)
Well, why don't you come over and we'll go do that. We'll get you a new sweater too.

STEVE
That's fine.

LINDA (O.S.)
So I'll see you in an hour then?

STEVE
Ya, I'll be there by 5. I'll feed Sam and Lance first and take em for a walk.

LINDA (O.S.)
Ok. See you In a bit.

STEVE
Alright.

LINDA (O.S.)
I love you.

STEVE
I love you too.

Steve hangs up the phone. Steve gets up and cleans up the coffee table.

STEVE (CONT'D)
Come on guys. I'm going to take you
for a walk. Then I'll make you some
dinner.

Lance and Sam just look at Steve.

INT. LIVING ROOM - LATER

Steve has new clothes on now. Sam is eating from a bowl on the floor. Lance is sitting at the dining room table. He is eating bananas and fruit and a burrito.

STEVE
I'm going guys. Now you two behave.
Don't let any strangers in.

Steve laughs. Sam and Lance just look at Steve. Steve rubs both their heads. Steve leaves. Sam looks at Lance all timid. Then Sam takes off. The camera shows Lance. Lance gets up and walks to the living room.

INT. LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Lance goes into the living room and gets on the couch. Lance watches some more TV. The camera shows Lance's face. Lance goes into a trance.

FLASHBACK-JUNGLE

Lance is in the jungle with his monkey buddies. Three younger monkeys are beating up poor Lance. The monkeys talk with subtitles.

MONKEY 1
You loser. You don't have a dad.
And your mother's a whore.

They keep punching and kicking Lance. Lance is covering up from the punches.

MONKEY 2

And you're stupid.

The second monkey bites Lance's ear

LANCE

Aaahhhh.

The third ape kicks Lance in the head.

MONKEY 3

Why don't you just go off into the
jungle by yourself. No one wants
you here.

The monkeys keep attacking poor Lance. Lance escapes and runs off into the jungle. He runs far away and turns and looks back. Lance is sad. Then Lance turns and continues to walk back into the jungle.

FLASHBACK ENDS

Lance comes out of his trance. Lance looks pissed. He starts watching Snapped again. The episode is of a man who is arguing with his wife. They get into a pushing match. The wife hits him with a lamp. The man grabs up a extension cord, unplugs it and wraps it around the ladies neck. The man strangles the lady until she is dead. The camera shows Lance smiling. Lance gets up and looks around for an extension cord. Lance doesn't see any. Lance goes out to the patio. The door is locked, he has to open it. Lance goes out to the patio.

EXT. PATIO - CONTINUOUS

Lance goes out to the drain pipe. He looks up and down. He smells the air. Lance knows where the doc lives from before. He goes up the drain pipe. Lance goes up the drain pipe two floors. He then goes over three patios. The entire time he is looking over the patio walls and smelling.

EXT. PATIO DOCS - CONTINUOUS

Lance then finds a patio that he smells and then goes into. He opens the sliding glass door. He goes inside. He sees doctor Ron eating dinner at the table. The condo lay out is the same as Steve's condo. Lance silently goes around looking for an extension cord. He finds one. He unplugs it, a table lamp goes dark. Lance gathers up the extension cord. Lance slowly walks over to the doctor at the dining room table. Eerie scary music plays. Lance continues to slowly walk over to the doctor. Lance stops. The doctor is eating and reading a magazine. Lance suddenly whips the extension cord around the doctors neck. The doctor is surprised. The doctor tries to grab the extension cord.

Lance has the extension cord pulled super tight. The doctor is trying to pull the cord off of his neck. Lance is up by the doctors head. The doctor sees that its Lance doing the strangling.

LANCE

Aahhhhh!

DR. RON

You fucking ape.

Lance pulls the extension cord tighter. The doctor isn't able to breath. The doctor is stretching his hands out trying to gasp for air. The doctor passes out. His head falls on the table. Lance continues to pull on the extension cord. Lance releases the extension cord. The doctors head is laying on the table. The doctors eyes are wide open. Lance smiles his evil ape smile. Lance gets down off the doctors back. Lance jumps on the table and eats some of the doctors food. Lance goes around looking around the condo. Lance goes back to the doc's food and continues to eat it for a bit. Lance finishes eating the doctor's food. Lance goes around the condo looking at stuff in the condo again.

EXT. PATIO DOCS - CONTINUOUS

Lance then heads out to the patio and goes back to Steve's condo by climbing the walls and drain pipe.

INT. STEVE'S APARTMENT - LATER

Lance returns to Steve's condo. Lance goes over to the couch. Lance sits down and starts to watch the TV. Lance goes and makes a bag of popcorn in the microwave.

INT. STEVE'S APARTMENT - LATER

Steve comes home. The clock shows it's 11 o'clock. Steve looks over at Lance sitting on the couch. Lance has his legs sprawled out.

STEVE

You've been watching TV all day?

Lance just looks at Steve. Steve goes over and sits on the couch. He looks to see what Lance is watching.

STEVE (CONT'D)

Oh, I like this show.

Steve starts eating some popcorn from the bag of popcorn. He hugs Lance. Sam is in the dining room looking scared.

INT. LIVING ROOM - LATER

Steve and Lance are watching the show. Steve yawns. Steve looks at his watch.

STEVE

Oh crap. I need to go to bed. See you in the morning Lance.

Steve gets up and takes off. Lance continues to watch the TV show.

INT. LIVING ROOM - LATER

Lance is continuing to watch TV. The TV show shows a person that sneaks into an apartment and then goes into the bedroom. The killer on the TV show has a plastic bag and covers the victims head and then holds it tight to suffocate the victim. The victim dies. Lance is watching the show intently. Lance thinks for a second. Lance gets off the couch and goes into the kitchen and finds a plastic bag. Lance slowly walks down the hall. Lance goes into Steve's bedroom. Eerie scary music plays. Lance stands by Steve looking at him. Lance is holding the bag. You can see Steve because the room is lit through the window. Lance gets close to Steve. Lance looks at Steve for a while longer. Scary music plays.

INT. STEVE'S BEDROOM - MORNING

The light of the morning sun is shining in Steve's bedroom. The camera slowly comes over to show Lance in bed with Steve. Lance is hugging Steve. The camera shows the plastic bag on the floor by the bed. Steve wakes up. He realizes Lance is next to him.

STEVE

Oohhh. Lance. God morning monkey.

Lance wakes up and yawns.

STEVE (CONT'D)

Time to make some breakfast.

Steve gets up and goes into the kitchen. Lance follows after him.

INT. DINING ROOM - LATER

Lance and Steve are at the table eating. Sam is on the floor eating his dog food. Lance is eating a banana and a bowl of cereal.

STEVE

So Lance, what do you want to do today?

Lance looks at Steve like he doesn't know.

STEVE (CONT'D)

Well. First I'm going to take you
and Sam out for a walk. Do you want
to go to the park?

Sam gets all excited when he hears the word park and comes
racing over to Steve and Lance.

STEVE (CONT'D)

We can go there and look at the ducks.
Maybe you can play in the playground
with the kids Lance. I think you'd
like that.

Lance eats his banana. Sam goes back to eating his dog food.
Steve continues to eat his food. There is a knock on the
door. Steve looks over at the clock and it says 8:30.

STEVE (CONT'D)

Who would be knocking at my door at
this hour?

Steve gets up and goes and answers the door. He looks through
the peep hole first. It is officer Webb.

STEVE (CONT'D)

Oh it's you again. I don't have any
more info on your murders officer.
But I have your card in case I do
think of something.

Steve is about to close the door.

OFFICER WEBB

Hold on a moment Steve. The officer
stops Steve as he's shutting the
door.

Steve stops shutting the door.

OFFICER WEBB (CONT'D)

We have another murder in your
building.

STEVE

A third murder?

OFFICER WEBB

Well it's the fourth murder, but the
third incident. The guy's name was
doctor Ronald Spearman.

Steve gets a surprised look on his face.

OFFICER WEBB (CONT'D)
Did you know him?

STEVE
Yes, I do.

Steve thinks for a second.

STEVE (CONT'D)
I mean I did.

OFFICER WEBB
Well he was murdered last night in
his condo.

STEVE
How did he die?

OFFICER WEBB
Steve, how did you know doctor
spearman?

STEVE
Well, he was my veterinarian.

OFFICER WEBB
Did you know him in a social way?

Officer Webb gets out his notebook and starts taking notes.

STEVE
Yes. Me and the doctor socialized a
bit. It is a shock that he is dead.
Say, do you have to write in your
notebook? It makes me nervous.

OFFICER WEBB
I like to keep track of my thoughts.
So you knew the doctor intimately?

STEVE
Well not intimately. We hung around
sometimes and went to parties
together. We were pretty chummy.

OFFICER WEBB
Then you've been to his condo before?

STEVE
Yes, many times.

The officer is writing in his notebook. Steve is bothered
by this.

OFFICER WEBB
Is your girlfriend here?

STEVE
No.

OFFICER WEBB
When was the last time you saw Dr.
Spearman?

Steve thinks for a little bit.

STEVE
The other day at his office.

OFFICER WEBB
Why did you go there?

STEVE
I brought my chimp in to be looked
at.

The officer is writing. The officer looks up at Steve.

OFFICER WEBB
You have a chimpanzee for a pet?

STEVE
Yes. And a dog.

OFFICER WEBB
When was the last time you spoke to
the doctor?

STEVE
Yesterday.

OFFICER WEBB
What did you and the doctor talk
about?

STEVE
We talked about the recent murders.

The officer is writing.

OFFICER WEBB
Did the doctor have any enemies that
you were aware of?

STEVE
No.

OFFICER WEBB

Did you have any bad blood with the doctor?

STEVE

No.

OFFICER WEBB

Was doctor Spearman having relations with your girlfriend?

Steve looks surprised and offended.

STEVE

No.

OFFICER WEBB

Do you have an idea of who is doing these killings?

STEVE

Well I originally thought it might be the maintenance man. Then I was thinking it might be my girlfriend.

The officer looks surprised.

STEVE (CONT'D)

But she wasn't here last night. And she wouldn't have a motive any way. And I don't think she's the killing kind.

The officer is writing quickly.

OFFICER WEBB

I've talked to the maintenance man, he's definitely has alibis for the murders.

OFFICER WEBB (CONT'D)

Why would you suspect your girlfriend was the murderer, if she didn't have a motive?

STEVE

Well I have a knife missing from my knife block. I can't seem to find it anywhere.

The officer looks all serious.

OFFICER WEBB

What kind of a knife?

STEVE
It was a big knife.

OFFICER WEBB
But now you say you don't think your
girlfriend has been doing all the
killings?

STEVE
No.

Steve leans in closer to the officer and whispers.

STEVE (CONT'D)
Now I think my chimp might be the
killer.

The officer looks really surprised and starts to write even
faster. Steve notices he is writing a lot.

OFFICER WEBB
Why do you think your chimp is killing
everyone?

STEVE
Could you keep it down. I don't
want him hearing us.

Officer Webb looks surprised and then starts talking quieter.

OFFICER WEBB
You think the chimp knows what we're
talking about?

Steve nods his head yes.

STEVE
Yes, that is one smart chimp. The
doctor even said so.

The officer stops writing and looks at Steve.

OFFICER WEBB
What did the doctor say about your
chimp?

STEVE
He said that he was a psycho chimp.
That was his exact words. Now that
you tell me the doctor is dead, I
think Lance might be responsible. I
don't think Lance liked the doctor.
I believe he had motive to kill the
doctor.

The officer looks up at Steve questionably.

OFFICER WEBB

So Lance is the chimp's name.

STEVE

Yes.

OFFICER WEBB

So now you think Lance is killing everyone?

Steve looks over at Lance. Then Steve looks back at the officer. Steve whispers.

STEVE

I think so.

OFFICER WEBB

You know. There is no way that a chimp can understand what we're saying. I think apes can understand sign language, if they're trained. But they can't understand us talking. They don't teach chimps English in chimp school.

Steve looks pissed at the detective.

STEVE

All I'm saying is that he's smarter than the average chimp.

Steve stops talking and then adds.

STEVE (CONT'D)

And I think he has mental problems.

Lance looks over at the two men, Lance makes a pissed off look. Lance continues to eat his banana.

STEVE (CONT'D)

The doctor thought Lance had mental problems also. He wanted to put Lance on medication.

OFFICER WEBB

Did the doctor think that your chimp was doing the killings?

STEVE

Yes, as a matter of fact he did. He was the one who started me thinking that perhaps he's a killer chimp.

The officer is writing.

OFFICER WEBB

Steve. We found fingerprints at the crime scenes. I'm going to need you to provide fingerprints. I'm also going to need for you to give us your DNA.

STEVE

Are you serious? Are you going to get Lance's DNA and fingerprints too.

The officer looks strangely at Steve. Then the officer makes a face of disbelief.

OFFICER WEBB

Are you serious? I'm not going to get your chimps DNA.

STEVE

Well, I'm not going to give you my prints or DNA then.

OFFICER WEBB

I was hoping you would be helpful in this matter. You do want us to solve these murders don't you?

STEVE

But I didn't kill anyone?

OFFICER WEBB

Well, I don't know that. If we can eliminate you as a suspect. Then I we can concentrate my efforts on the real killer. Do you understand?

STEVE

Yes.

OFFICER WEBB

You said you watch a lot of those crimes shows didn't you?

STEVE

Yes. Many.

OFFICER WEBB

Well then you know what I'm saying. Please don't make me get a warrant for your prints and DNA.

Steve is thinking for a bit.

STEVE

Alright. I'll give you my prints
and DNA. But I'm not going downtown.

The officer puts his notebook away.

OFFICER WEBB

That's fine.

The officer pulls out a finger card from his jacket and a
ink pad.

STEVE

You carry around a fingerprint kit
with you.

OFFICER WEBB

Oh, I was planning on getting your
prints today. I also have a DNA
swab.

Steve looks surprised.

OFFICER WEBB (CONT'D)

Do think this is my first rodeo?

The officer looks around the room.

OFFICER WEBB (CONT'D)

Let's take your prints on your coffee
table.

The two go over to the coffee table and the officer puts
down the card and ink pad on the coffee table. Steve sits
down on the couch.

OFFICER WEBB (CONT'D)

Now just put ink on your right hand.

Steve puts ink on the right hand.

OFFICER WEBB (CONT'D)

Now roll your finger on each of the
boxes corresponding to the correct
fingers.

Steve looks a bit confused.

OFFICER WEBB (CONT'D)

Here.

The officer helps roll each of Steve's fingers on the card.

STEVE

Aren't you going to need both hand prints.

OFFICER WEBB

No. The fingerprints from one hand are a lot like of the other hand. So if they look close, we'll just come and arrest you.

Steve looks mad.

OFFICER WEBB (CONT'D)

Do you have any paper towels to wipe your hand with?

Steve goes and gets some paper towels from the kitchen. Steve wipes his hand. Steve comes back to the officer. The officer pulls out the DNA swab and hands it to Steve.

OFFICER WEBB (CONT'D)

Now just rub this on your gums for a bit.

Steve rubs his gums with the swab. Then he finishes and hands it to the officer.

STEVE

You know I like to watch those crime shows on TV. So I know what goes on with homicide detecting.

The office puts the swab in the tube and puts it in his pocket.

OFFICER WEBB

So do you get ideas on how to kill people from the shows?

Steve laugh sarcastically.

STEVE

That's funny. No I just like them. Me and Lance like to watch them together. My dog doesn't care much for the shows.

The officer gives Steve a strange look.

STEVE (CONT'D)

Now, are you going to fingerprint my monkey?

OFFICER WEBB

You mean ape.

STEVE

Whatever.

OFFICER WEBB

No. I just don't think the chimp has the motive. Besides, if he did do it we have a special place to lock chimps up at.

Steve looks questioningly at the officer.

OFFICER WEBB (CONT'D)

It's called the zoo.

Steve gives the cop and smart ass look. The officer picks up the fingerprint card and blows on it. The officer puts the card and the ink pad back in his pocket.

OFFICER WEBB (CONT'D)

Well thanks for your help. I'm going to go talk to some other tenants.

STEVE

I'm not concerned about the prints and DNA. I know I didn't kill any one.

OFFICER WEBB

That's great. Then you have nothing to worry about. Good day Steve.

STEVE

And to you.

Steve walks the officer to the door and then the officer leaves. Steve shuts the door. Steve looks pissed. Steve turns back to the camera and says with a sarcastic voice.

STEVE (CONT'D)

You know. We have places to lock chimps up at. It's called a zoo.

Steve looks pissed.

STEVE (CONT'D)

Smart ass.

Steve walks to the dining room table. Lance is still eating his food. Steve cleans up the rest of the dishes. Then Steve grabs his phone. He dials the phone. The phone rings. Someone answers. Steve puts the call on speaker phone.

LINDA (O.S.)

Hello.

STEVE

Guess what? They found another dead body. This time it was Dr. Ron.

LINDA (O.S.)

No way. That's horrible.

STEVE

I know. I liked Dr. Ron. And that cop was just here again. He pretty much accused me of murder. I gave him my DNA and fingerprints. That should get rid of the creep.

LINDA (O.S.)

That doesn't sound good.

STEVE

I know. What are you doing now?

LINDA (O.S.)

I just got out of the shower.

STEVE

Why don't you come over and we'll watch some TV and snuggle.

LINDA (O.S.)

That sounds good. Give me a little while to get some things done around here. I should be over in a couple of hours.

STEVE

Great. I'll see you then. And bring over some of those cookies with the red stripes on them that you're always making.

LINDA (O.S.)

I don't have any of those. But I made a chocolate cake the other day.

Steve smiles.

STEVE

That sounds great. See you in a bit. Bye.

LINDA (O.S.)

Bye.

Steve hangs up the phone. There is a close-up of Steve's face. Eerie music plays. Steve looks concerned.

INT. LIVING ROOM - LATER

Linda, Steve and Lance are sitting on the couch. They are watching an episode of *snapped* on TV. The episode shows a man strangling a lady to death. The lady dies. The man has a smile on his face. Lance has a smile on his face. The police were never able to find the murderer. The show ends.

STEVE

Well it's time to hit the hay. Are you going to stay the night Linda?

Linda looks concerned.

LINDA

I don't know. That killer is running around. I don't want to die.

STEVE

Linda. We can't let the killer get us paranoid.

LINDA

But there's been three murders in a week or so.

STEVE

I know. But I have that baseball bat in the bedroom. If someone comes in, I'll bash their brains in with it. Also, I'll lock the door to the bedroom so they can't get in.

LINDA

I don't know.

STEVE

Come on Linda. I don't want to be here by myself.

Steve thinks for a second.

STEVE (CONT'D)

I'll go downtown with the tongue.

Linda gets a smile on her face.

LINDA

Alright. Let's go to bed.

Steve is happy. He and Linda get up.

LINDA (CONT'D)

Good night Lance.

Linda hugs Lance. Steve looks suspiciously at Lance.

STEVE
Good night Lance.

Linda grabs her phone and takes it with her. Steve grabs up his phone. The two go to Steve's bedroom. Lance continues to watch TV.

INT. STEVE'S BEDROOM - MOMENTS LATER

Steve and Linda enter the bedroom. Steve shuts the door to the bedroom.

STEVE
Linda, I didn't want to talk about
this in front of Lance. But I think
maybe your chimp is killing everyone?

Linda laughs.

LINDA
Are you crazy? And it isn't my chimp.

STEVE
No I'm not crazy. The chimp is crazy.
I think he's the killer.

LINDA
How is a chimp going to mastermind a
bunch of murders. He can barley
wipe his ass.

STEVE
On no. This is one smart monkey.

LINDA
Ape.

STEVE
Whatever. Did you take a knife from
the kitchen?

Linda makes a surprised look.

LINDA
No. Why would I do that?

STEVE
See. That monkey took it and he's
been killing people with it.

LINDA
This is all in your head Steve.
(MORE)

LINDA (CONT'D)

Lance couldn't possibly be killing everyone. Listen to yourself.

STEVE

I'm going to set a trap. I'm going to go back out there and set my phone up on the dining room table and record what Lance does.

LINDA

I think you've lost your mind.

STEVE

Lance has lost his mind.

Steve grabs his phone up.

STEVE (CONT'D)

Wish me luck.

LINDA

Go get em tiger.

Steve goes back out into the dining room and places his phone on the dining room table and aims it at Lance. Steve pushes the record button. Steve is humming nonchalantly. Lance looks over curious to see what Steve is doing. Then Steve leaves and returns back to the bedroom.

INT. STEVE'S BEDROOM - CONTINUOUS

Steve enters the bedroom. Steve shuts the bedroom door and locks it. Steve is excited.

STEVE

The trap has been set. Now we'll know what that psycho chimp does while we're no there. I feel just like Dick Tracy.

LINDA

Lance just sits and watches that TV all night. You should get him a different hobby.

Steve starts to get undressed. Linda starts to get undressed.

STEVE

He gets mad when I turn the TV off. I locked the door, but if that monkey comes in here to kill us, I'm going to bash his monkey head in with my bat.

LINDA

I really don't think Lance is killing everyone. How could he be killing everyone?

STEVE

Oh you'd be surprised how smart that monkey really is.

Steve finishes getting undressed. Linda is already undressed. They get into bed and start to make out.

STEVE (CONT'D)

Before you came over. Me and Lance were watching some pornos. I got really excited. I've been thinking about it.

LINDA

You mean you watched a porno movie and Lance was there?

STEVE

You always have negative comments about the things I say and do. Lance probably has had sex with many chimps already. He ain't a virgin. He's probably already knocked up Sam, that mother fucking monkey.

LINDA

Ape.

Steve laughs and they start to make out again.

INT. LIVING ROOM - LATER

Lance is watching the TV. He is watching an episode of Snapped. Lance goes into a trance.

FLASHBACK-CIRCUS

Lance is in a circus cage. Lance's master comes into the tent where Lance's cage is. The master enters the cage. He has a bull whip.

MASTER

You stupid bastard. You bit that little girl today. I had to give her dad \$1,000 dollars to get him to shut up and go away.

The master cracks the whip.

MASTER (CONT'D)

I'm getting tired of all your stupid
bullshit. I'm going to whip the
stupid out of you.

The master stands back and raises his wip. Lance is freaking
out.

LANCE

Aaahh.

Lance backs up against the cage. The master swings the whip
at Lance. It hits Lance.

LANCE (CONT'D)

Oooooohhh.

The wip cracks. The master raises the whip again.

MASTER

Are you going to be a good chimp?

Lance looks terrified. The master whips Lance again. The
whip snaps and cracks Lance in the face. Lance is bleeding.

MASTER (CONT'D)

You'll never bite another person
will you, you stupid ape.

The master raises the whip again and hits Lance on the leg.
Lance is backing away now. Lance runs to the bars of the
cage. Lance has his face facing out the barred cage. He is
crying, but no tears. The master keeps hitting Lance
repeatedly. You see Lance's terrified face.

FLASHBACK ENDS

Lance snaps out of his trance. Lance looks angry. Lance
continues to watch the TV show. A man is struggling with a
woman on a balcony and the man pushes the lady over the
balcony to her death. Lance is looking intently. Lance
gets a crazy look in his eyes. Lance gets up and goes over
to the phone that Steve left on the table. Lance looks at
the camera that is recording. He doesn't look into the lens.
The camera stops recording when Lance grabs the phone. Lance
grabs the camera and takes it. Lance goes to the patio door
and tries to open it. The door is locked and Lance has to
unlock it. Lance opens the patio door. Lance goes out to
the patio.

EXT. PATIO - CONTINUOUS

Lance climbs down the drain pipe a couple of floors to a
balcony that has its light on. Lance has the phone in his
mouth. Lance gets off at that balcony ledge.

EXT. OTHER PATIO - CONTINUOUS

Lance goes up to the patio sliding glass door and tries to get in it. It is locked. Lance knocks on the door to the window. A little while passes. Lance knocks on the door again. A lady comes and frighteningly looks out the window and sees the chimp. The lady gets a smile on her face. She opens the patio door.

LADY 3

What are you doing out here baby?
Are you lost?

The lady comes and pets Lance on the head. Lance looks up at her. Lance hands the phone to the lady. The lady looks at the phone.

LADY 3 (CONT'D)

What is this?

Lance then suddenly pushes the lady towards the edge of the balcony. The lady is pushing back on Lance. The lady drops the phone and is trying to grab hold of the balcony.

LADY 3 (CONT'D)

Nooo.

Lance continues to push the lady. She gets pushed up against the ledge of the patio. Lance has the lady pushed over the balcony. The lady is holding onto the ledge by her fingers. She is dangling from the balcony bar.

LADY 3 (CONT'D)

Ooohh. Help.

Lance bites the lady's fingers until she lets go and she plummets to her death.

INT. BALCONY EDGE - CONTINUOUS

Lance looks over the balcony and looks down and sees the lady on the sidewalk below. Lance smiles. Lance jumps up and down.

EXT. PATIO 3 - CONTINUOUS

Lance goes into the Ladies condo.

INT. 3 CONDO - CONTINUOUS

Lance looks around the condo. Lance goes into the kitchen and grabs a bannana and begins to eat it.

INT. 3 CONDO LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Lance goes out to the living room. Lance sits on the couch and turns on the TV set with the remote. The TV comes on and it is a episode of Lifetime. Lance gets pissed and jumps up and down. Lance changes the channel to the crime network channel. Lance watches the TV.

INT. 3 CONDO LIVING ROOM - LATER

Lance gets tired and turns off the TV. Lance yawns. Lance goes out to the patio.

EXT. PATIO 3 - CONTINUOUS

Lance goes back up the drain pipe. Lance climbs up to Steve's balcony.

EXT. PATIO - CONTINUOUS

Lance goes into Steve's patio and then back into Steve's condo.

INT. LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Lance goes back into the apartment and turns on some porno movie. Lance gets a boner and then goes and tries to have sex with Sam. Sam growls and runs away. Lance gets pissed at Sam.

LANCE

Ooohhh.

INT. LIVING ROOM - LATER

Lance is relaxing on the couch. He is eating a banana. Linda comes out of the bedroom. She goes and gets a glass of water. She looks around for Steve's phone, but doesn't see it. Lance is watching a show where a lady is getting beat to death with a frying pan. Lance gets a strange look on his face. He looks up at Linda.

LINDA

Lance, what are you doing?

Linda goes into the kitchen and looks in the fridge. Linda is still looking for stuff in the fridge. Lance hits Linda in the head with a frying pan out of nowhere. Linda is trying to block the blows from the pan.

LINDA (CONT'D)

Lance, stop.

Lance continues to hit Linda with the pan. Linda falls down on the ground and Lance keeps pounding away.

Linda then drops completely to the floor. Her head is bloody and her eyes are wide open. Linda is dead. The chimp cleans off any blood on himself. Then the ape goes back to the couch and continues to watch the TV show. Lance is smiling. He eats some popcorn.

INT. LIVING ROOM - MORNING

Lance is watching a TV show. There is a pounding on the door. Lance looks up at the door. The pounding continues. Steve comes out of the bedroom, you can see that he just woke up. Steve goes and opens the door. It is officer Webb.

STEVE

What are you doing pounding on my door. It's eight AM.

OFFICER WEBB

Steve Albright? You're under arrest for murder.

STEVE

You're crazy. I didn't kill anyone.

OFFICER WEBB

We have your fingerprints and DNA at all the victims crime scenes. We even found what we believe is your phone at a murder scene last night.

Steve looks over at the table where his phone was. The phone is gone now. Steve looks back at the officer.

STEVE

What murder? You've got to be kidding.

OFFICER WEBB

You killed another of your neighbor's last night.

STEVE

There's got to be some kind of mistake.

OFFICER WEBB

Yes, the mistake is that you killed all these people.

Officer Webb gets his handcuffs out and locks up Steve's hands behind his back. Officer Webb looks over and sees Linda on the ground.

OFFICER WEBB (CONT'D)
You even killed your own girlfriend.
You son of a bitch.

The officer goes over to Linda, he is escorting Steve over to Linda's body. Steve looks at Linda.

STEVE
Linda?

Steve looks down at Linda with surprise.

OFFICER WEBB
You sick bastard. You beat her to death with a frying pan. Let's get you locked up.

STEVE
Linda!

The officer leads Steve out of the condo. Lance is left there watching TV. Lance eats some popcorn and has a crazy look on his face.

THE END