

SCOUTS HONOR

"LOVE PHOTON NUMBER 9"

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**EXT. FUNPLEX - MINI GOLF COURSE - DAY**

CLOSE UP: a 3-tiered volcano. Goopy red lava flows down the sides like a dangerous chocolate fountain. An orange golf ball (proportional in size to a sedan on the edge of an actual volcano) ricochets off the edge of the middle tier and bounces up to the volcano's mouth, rolls along half the rim and back of the other edge. PLUNK, drops into the middle tier, causing a SPOUSH of lava and POOUF an ashy cloud of dancing cinders.

DENNIS (O.S.)  
(crescendoing in volume)  
Oh, oh oh OH YEEEAH!

WIDEN TO REVEAL: LIV, DENNIS and KATE are on the last hole of *EXTREME* miniature golf. Liv lines up her shot...down the yellow astro turf putting green and (hopefully) into the mouth of the volcano, the center of the target. LIV, like a professional golfer, crouches, stares at the ball, stares at the hole, levels her putter like a pool cue, eyeballs her shot.

LIV  
(whispers like golf a  
announcer)  
Liv Madison has worked all year on  
this shot. She's only one stroke  
behind the leader: Dennis. Jacobs.

Without changing her posture, Liv side-eyes Dennis. Kate takes a 5 iron from a golf bag and hands it to Liv. Liv stands and swaps golf clubs with Kate.

LIV (CONT'D)  
Her caddy hands her a five iron.  
Seems like overkill. But she goes  
with it.

DENNIS  
Just hit it already!

LIV  
The crowd is getting impatient.  
(a zen exhale)  
But Miss Madison stays focused.

DENNIS  
Oh my God - it's just mini golf.

KATE  
Sir, I'll have to ask you leave if  
you can't control your outbursts.

DENNIS  
This is crazy!

LIV  
Dennis, this is serious.

DENNIS  
You're just sore cuz you're gonna lose.

LIV  
I can get it into the mouth of the volcano.

DENNIS  
Nobody ever makes it.

KATE  
Mine always rolls down into the three point moat.

LIV  
Watch and learn.

Liv hits the ball. It rolls slowly and sadly up the green to the edge of the lava pit, tips, and drops into the pool of lava *below* the third tier. The ball *bursts* into flames and GLUGS down, down, down into the lava, like the Terminator.

LIV (CONT'D)  
Nooooooooooo!!!

DENNIS  
Yes! I win! Sorry Liv, maybe next time.

Liv takes another ball out of her pocket.

DENNIS (CONT'D)  
Hey! You don't get another ball.

LIV  
Sure I do. If the ball completely misses like mine did then you get do-overs. Kate, help me out here.

KATE  
It's true.

DENNIS  
No, it's not! That's why the last shot is lava. Because it's the last shot and your ball burns.

(MORE)

DENNIS (CONT'D)  
 (falling dramatically to  
 his knees)  
 Down...down...down...into the  
 flaming pits of hellllll.

He grabs the ball. Liv grabs his hand. They fight back and forth over the ball.

LIV  
 Give me the ball.

DENNIS  
 No, you lost. Deal with it.

LIV  
 I have one more shot.

DENNIS  
 No you don't!

LIV  
 I do!

DENNIS  
 You don't!

LIV  
 I do!

They continue their fight as we PAN HIGH UP to a SECURITY CAMERA that follows their action.

**INT. TREE SHIP - VIDEO ROOM - DAY**

ASTIN (Weasel), GOOGEY (Bunny) and ETTA (Weasel) sit before GREAT MOON BEAR (a Fox and leader of the forrest federation), projected through the trees (ala The Great and Powerful Oz). All watch the kids on screen through the Funplex security camera feed.

ASTIN  
 Ha! They like each other.

GOOGEY  
 (nervously pulling his  
 ears)  
 But they're fighting.

ETTA  
 Bickering over something silly,  
 oldest game in the like-each-other  
 book.

GOOGEY

(pulling his ears under  
his chin)

Aw. I love love.

MOON BEAR

Love requires vulnerability. Take my advice, Googey, and stay away from it. Love hurts you in the end.

ASTIN

I have a plan. Liv's utter distraction with this human's prepubescent masculine-ish charm and their continual bickering is a perfect opportunity to simply and quietly whisk her away.

GOOGEY

I wouldn't even wanna be a Scout if I had a girlfriend. We'd play footsie, and drink milk shakes, and peeve New York politicians.

(sighning)

But, I'm a flop with chicks.

MOON BEAR

Yes! Brilliant. If Liv and Dennis are snugglemuffined, they'll be busy doting on one another. They'll go to prom, get married, get jobs, have a baby, buy a house, get a car, have another baby, which requires another job and a bigger car and a roomier house...until Liv is weighed down with so much family responsibility she'll have to give up Scouting! Astin, have you perfected the Love Ray yet?

ASTIN

I abandoned it. Love particles are a very tricky business. Remember Love Ray particles one through eight...really didn't work. A disaster Chief.

ETTA

Number two was only effective on dogs.

GOOGEY

After beta testing number six, I  
woke up covered in ice cream and my  
tail was matted.

MOON BEAR

Nevermind all that. You're about to  
perfect it with Love Photon Number  
Nine.

GOOGEY

I am?

MOON BEAR

Not you Googey. Astin.

ASTIN

I am?

MOON BEAR

Make it work. Moon Bear away.

**INT. VW BEETLE - LAB - LATER**

ASTIN

Ha-ha! Astin the great has done it  
again! I've found the perfect  
particle. Love Photon Number Nine:  
sure to make the target fall in  
love with the first person she  
sees.

GOOGEY

I don't get it.

ASTIN

It continuously entangles electrons  
creating an everlasting quantum  
bond.

GOOGEY

That didn't help.

ETTA

(rubbing furry hands  
together)

Makes the target feel all warm and  
fuzzy inside.

GOOGEY

(hugging himself)

Warm and fuzzy always feels soooo  
good.

**INT. FUNPLEX - ARCADE - LATER**

Astin pops up from the bottom of the frame.

ASTIN  
The perfect ruse.

Astin disappears, Etta pops up with binoculars.

ETTA  
Yeah. We can see everything from here.

Etta disappears, Googey pops up.

GOOGEY  
I love arcades.

Right next to Googey a plastic mole pops up and gets WHACKED on the head with a mallet. WIDEN TO REVEAL the Critters hiding in a Whac-A-Mole game. ROB NORREL WHACKS moles, occasionally hitting a Weasel.

ASTIN  
I see Liv.  
(whacked)  
Ow.

ETTA  
Shoot her.

**INT. FUNPLEX - ARCADE- PHOTO BOOTH AREA - SAME**

DENNIS  
Come on Kate, let's all take pictures in the photo booth.

KATE  
(focused on Rob)  
Can't...Rob's trying to break my high score. I can't let that happen...

Kate takes off.

DENNIS  
Well, we can--

LIV  
It's okay Kate, we'll just go without you.

**INT. WHAC-A-MOLE GAME - BELOW DECK - SAME**

The Critters huddle to plot, two plastic moles continue to pop up sporadically and get hit above them, the other three plastic moles are tied up and blindfolded in the corner.

ASTIN

Liv and Dennis are going in the photo booth together. We'll hit 'em at the same time. They'll both see each other first and fall in love. It's perfect.

**INT. FUNPLEX - ARCADE - WHAC-A-MOLE - SAME**

ROB

Your high score is going to be toast.

KATE

It takes concentration.  
Concentration. Concentration.

ROB

(quickly turns to Kate)  
Stop it!

Rob misses the next mole. Game over.

ROB (CONT'D)

Rats!

Googey pops up.

GOOGEY

Moles!

Googey disappears.

KATE

Bunny?

Rob and Kate do a double-take toward the game board. Share a confused look. Rob glances at the scoreboard, turns and walks away in disgust.

KATE (CONT'D)

Told ya. Takes concentration.

Kate takes the mallet, bounces back and forth between her right and left foot, warming up. She drops a token in the slot. Moles and Weasels and Googey pop up, disappear, pop up, Astin readies the Love Ray but keeps getting hit.



ASTIN  
I can't get a clean shot.

ETTA  
Throw me the Love Ray.

Astin throws Etta the Love Ray.

ETTA (CONT'D)  
Augh. I'm getting pummeled here.

Etta throws the ray to Googey. Etta pops up again with a hard hat. Googey aims for Liv.

ETTA (CONT'D)  
That didn't hurt. Give me more!

Kate recognizes Etta, starts going after her specifically.

ETTA (CONT'D)  
My baby brother hits harder than that.

Etta gets stuck, head sticking out, Kate is pounding her repeatedly, racking up hundreds of points.

ETTA (CONT'D)  
Oooooow. Astiiiiiin.

Astin watches Etta get pulverized, winces. Dennis leads Liv to the photo booth. Googey takes aim at Liv. Disappears, pops up, shoots.

GOOGEY  
I've shot Liv!

Astin looks at Liv. The ray hits the photo booth mirror, RICOCHETS, bounces back and hits Astin, still looking at Liv! Liv and Dennis enter the photo booth. Astin's head spins, dizzy with love. Kate spots Astin, WHACKS him.

KATE  
I'll get you Weasels!

After the last flash from the photo booth, Dennis exits. Googey pops up and shoots him. Kate WHACKS Googey. Astin pops up, Dennis makes eye contact with him and becomes dizzy with love for Astin! Liv exits the photo booth, Astin leaps for her.

LIV  
Weasels?!

KATE  
Yes, I have it under control --

Liv runs, Astin chases followed by Etta and Googey.

ETTA  
Let's get him.

GOOGEY  
Let's get her.

ASTIN  
She will be mine!

Dennis chases after Astin.

DENNIS  
Look how cute you are!

Kate hesitates.

KATE  
But I have the high score.

He relents and chases after behind Dennis. Googey runs back past Kate.

**INT. FUNPLEX - ARCADE - WHAC-A-MOLE - CONTINUOUS**

Googey quickly unblindfolds and unties the moles.

GOOGEY  
Sorry you guys.

Googey pops back out of the game.

**EXT. FUNPLEX - MINI GOLF COURSE - MOMENTS LATER**

Astin, brandishing a bouquet of flowers, chases Liv across the putting greens.

ASTIN  
Shall I compare thee to a summer's  
day?

Liv disappears behind a flaming wind-mill. Dennis pops out of nowhere runs after Astin in the other direction. Astin flees.

DENNIS

(gruff and aggressive)  
 Aaaah, look at your soft fuzzy fur  
 and your long sleek tail and that  
 black twitchy nose. I need to  
 cuddle you.

Astin runs, AAAAAAAAAAAH! flower petals flying everywhere.

Kate catches up with Liv.

KATE

Liv! The Weasels! And Dennis is  
 chasing Astin? What are we going to  
 do?!

Etta and Googey sneak up behind Liv with a large cardboard  
 appliance box poised to capture her. Astin dives in front of  
 Liv saving her from the box and gets himself captured  
 instead.

**INT. BOX - CONTINUOUS**

Googey and Etta climb into the box with Astin, address him  
 seriously, tête-a-tête.

GOOGEY

You're acting very strangely.

ETTA

What's wrong with you? We were  
 whisking her away just like you  
 said and you pushed her out of the  
 way!

GOOGEY

It's almost as if you're...

ASTIN

I'm making a friendship bracelet.

Astin has embroidery floss around his toes, he's tying knots  
 to make a colorful friendship bracelet.

GOOGEY

(realizing)  
 In love.

ASTIN

Liv and I are gonna be together  
 forever!

ETTA

Oh no. Googey.

Astin runs out of the box.

ASTIN (O.S.)

Liiiiivvvv!

GOOGEY

Oops.

**EXT. FUNPLEX - BUMPER BOATS - MOMENTS LATER**

Liv and Kate drive a bumper boat across the pond, from the shore Astin holds up his friendship bracelet that reads: "Astin <3 Liv." Dennis runs toward Astin.

DENNIS

...and your beautiful beady eyes  
and your tickley whiskers and...

Astin jumps in a bumper boat and speeds toward Liv. Dennis jumps in another boat and speeds toward Astin. Googey and Etta jump in a third boat and speed toward Dennis. Now they're all in the pond, passing and bumping and chasing and avoiding each other. Dennis tosses a teddy bear into Astin's boat.

DENNIS (CONT'D)

This is for you, my little bundle  
of fuzz.

Etta and Googey speed toward Liv, try to lasso her. Astin speeds past cutting them off, tosses the bear to Liv.

ASTIN

So you won't be lonely when we're  
not together.

Dennis swirls around, grabs Astin's boat, hands him a cake.

DENNIS

I baked this for you Cuddly-snuggle-  
critter.

Astin pushes his boat away. He tops the cake with a Scout and Weasel/Bride and Groom topper, turns around to Liv and Kate's boat, hands the cake to Liv.

ASTIN

This could never be as sweet as  
you...but I hope it comes close.

Googey and Etta speed by missing Liv with the lasso. Kate, now covered in frosting. She licks her arms.

KATE

I don't know what's going on here  
but strawberry frosted vanilla is  
my favorite!

Dennis cruises by and hands Astin a bicycle built for two.

DENNIS

We belong together...

Astin hands it to Liv.

ASTIN

...in tandem!

Googey and Etta lasso the bicycle.

**EXT. FUNPLEX - MINI GOLF COURSE LAWN - A LITTLE LATER**

A song ala: "Love is a Many Splendored Thing" PLAYS. Astin and Liv are running in SLOW-MOTION toward each other.

WIDEN TO REVEAL Etta and Googey are chasing Liv one direction, Dennis is chasing Astin the other direction. Action speeds to REAL-TIME. As a weaving pattern: Liv runs past Astin, Astin just misses embracing Liv. Astin runs past Dennis, Dennis just misses embracing Astin. Etta and Googey run by with the box. Kate rides by on the tandem bike with Liv on the back.

**INT. FUNPLEX - MINI GOLF - FLAMING WINDMILL - A LITTLE LATER**

Googey and Etta WHISPER CONSPIRATORILY. Every few seconds, outside the windmill door, a flaming arm courses by.

ETTA

Astin is in love with Liv.

GOOGEY

(nervously stroking his  
ears)  
That's not good.

ETTA

Dennis is in love with Astin.

GOOGEY  
 (pulling his ears under  
 his chin)  
 I wish someone was in love with me.

ETTA  
 We need everyone out of love.

Liv sprints by, followed by Astin, followed by Dennis,  
 followed by Kate.

ETTA (CONT'D)  
 We'll cut Astin off at the snack  
 bar.

Googey and Etta wait a beat for a flaming windmill arm to  
 pass. Etta sprints out, followed by Googey. Googey's tail  
 catches fire. Etta sprints behind him spraying his butt with  
 a tiny fire extinguisher.

**INT. FUNPLEX - SNACK BAR - A LITTLE LATER**

Googey and Etta hide against a Critter Crackers display, they  
 match perfectly with the cartoon ad animals. Googey holds the  
 Love Ray.

GOOGEY  
 (quietly out the side of  
 his mouth)  
 Here he comes.

ETTA  
 (holding her face still)  
 Try particle number seven. That  
 should work.

Liv runs by, Googey takes aim, hits Astin as he runs by.  
 Astin SCREAMS like Hitchcock heroine, stops abruptly. Astin  
is a glamour girl now with long eyelashes, coiffed fur and a  
 dazzling feather fascinator in his fur.

ETTA (CONT'D)  
 That's definitely not it.

GOOGEY  
 Nope. Wrong setting. But Yaass  
 Queen!

ETTA  
 Let's try number one.

Googey shoots him.

GOOGEY

Astin, are you okay?

Astin YELLS at them, now only in GIBBERISH. DENNIS is fast approaching. Astin YELLS MORE GIBBERISH and runs away. Googey and Etta chase Astin.

ETTA

Try number three.

Googey shoots Astin with the Love Ray position number three. The ray hits Astin and SPLASH! Astin sits dripping and blinking in a puddle of water GRUMBLING GIBBERISH at Astin and Etta.

GOOGEY

Nope. That's H2O-Oh my.

**EXT. STREET - CORNER 34TH AND VINE - SAME**

Kate and Liv pedal fast on the tandem bike.

KATE

Those Weasels can't decide if they wanna kill you or kiss you.

LIV

Yeah, and Dennis is smitten with the skinny angry one. He's supposed to be smitten with me!

KATE

Part of their crazy plot?

LIV

Who knows?! We've gotta go back for Dennis!

They make a SCREECHING U-turn.

**INT. FUNPLEX - RESTROOM - A LITTLE LATER**

Googey and Etta stand atop an automatic hand dryer, Etta holds Astin by the arms as he flops around in the blow dry torrent, drying and becoming fluffed.

ETTA

Maybe you should hit him with number seven again.

Googey shoots Astin. Astin loses the fascinator and lashes.

ETTA (CONT'D)  
 Number five. Did we try number  
 five?

**INT. FUNPLEX - PRIZE GALLERY - A LITTLE LATER**

A super pouffy blow-dried Astin sits and tries to fervently explain a plan in GIBBERISH to Googey and Etta, he gestures wildly, holds up the rope, waves his hands about as if doing charades. Etta picks up the Love Ray and shoots Astin.

ASTIN  
 ...and then we put the box over  
 her! Don't you see? It's all so  
 simple.

Googey and Etta nod, "Yes." Suddenly a pair of human hands grab Astin around the neck and he is yanked into Dennis's arms. Etta and Googey duck and hide.

DENNIS  
 Oooooh! I found you, my little  
 fluffy dumpling. You're just the  
 cutest...but wait! What would make  
 you even cuter?

She squeezes and hugs and ties a little bumble bee hoodie-  
 with dangly antennae- on Astin.

ASTIN  
 Help! Number five, hit him with  
 particle number five!

Etta shoots and hits Dennis. He looks at Astin with disgust  
 and drops him on the counter.

DENNIS  
 Blech.

A FUNPLEX EMPLOYEE steps over, picks him up.

FUNPLEX EMPLOYEE  
 Hey you Bee-utiful Beary Bee. How  
 did you get out?

Liv and Kate approach Dennis, watch the Funplex Employee put  
 Astin in the case next to dozens of other stuffed animals,  
 she closes and locks it.

ASTIN  
 Noooo!!!!



LIV

Hey, Dennis, are you okay?

DENNIS

Yeah. I don't know what I ever saw  
in that mad furry beanpole.

Liv, Kate and Dennis wave "Hi" and "Goodbye" to Astin, in the glass case, and walk off. Astin shoves his way through plush creatures YELLS and BANGS on the glass but can only be heard as a WHISPER.

ASTIN

Liv!!! I will get you! Do you hear  
me! Your days are numbered!

IRIS OUT.