

Hey Dude; Buddy's California Visit

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While Mr. Ernst's attending a rancher's convention in Anaheim, Buddy stays with his cousin Jake & finds that Jake has made something of himself.

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1 - Visiting Glen Rock

The year; 1993. Buddy Ernst is 16 years old & is legal to drive the jeep. Along I-10 West from Tuscon to Los Angeles, Buddy's driving along with his dad, Mr. Ernst, on the passenger side

MR. ERNST: So proud that my son got his driver's license after two tries.

BUDDY: So cool that we're getting away from the Bar None & visiting L.A. It's been many years since I've skateboarded. You sure the ranch will be in good hands?

MR. ERNST: With Lucy & her boyfriend Fred, acting owners, no worries. At least it's not Ted.

BUDDY: Or that Jake the flake.

MR. ERNST: Speaking of that, while I'm attending the Dude Ranch convention in Anaheim, you will be staying with Aunt Wilma & Jake in Glen Rock.

Buddy pulled over to a rest area, got out of the jeep & started screaming. He didn't like the idea of being seen with Jake, who's now 19.

When they arrived @ Glen Rock, they spotted Aunt Wilma talking to her neighbor, Betty.

WILMA: I gotta go, my brother & nephew are here.

BETTY: Have them come over for our barbecue, Fred wouldn't mind.

Ben & Buddy get out of the jeep, then Buddy opened the trunk to get their luggage. While Wilma hugged her brother, Buddy struggled with the luggage.

BUDDY: Where's your son, the flake? I need help with the luggage.

MR. ERNST: JAKE!!

WILMA: He's in bed, sick.

BUDDY: Slacker.

Just then, a teenage girl had some tiki candles in her hands.

GIRL: Could somebody help me? Can't carry all these torches at once.

DAD'S VOICE: Pebbles!

Buddy looked at her & started drooling. He was in love.

BUDDY: Yabba dabba doosey!

Ben comes over to him & grabs some luggage.

MR. ERNST: Son, grab some luggage.

BUDDY: Who is that babe?

WILMA: That's Fred & Betty's daughter, Pebbles.

MR. ERNST: Are you sure this is Glen Rock & not Bedrock?

They laugh at that pun. After unloading the luggage to their living room, Buddy decides to visit Jake.

BUDDY: I'm gonna visit my sick cousin, Jake

Ben's about to stop his son from catching his virus, until Wilma stopped him & explained something to him. He went upstairs, knocked on his bedroom door...

JAKE: Come in.

Buddy went in & found Jake covered in bed. Was he really sick?

2 - Extreme Jakeover

Jake got up from bed & Buddy's shocked to find that his cousin has a muscular body, sportin some red Speedos. Jake flexes his body, but Buddy puts a stop to that.

BUDDY: Who do you think you are, He-Man Jake?

JAKE: Yeah. Trained hard being on the football team, plus from a bodybuilder from the beach who helped me along while I gave him drum lessons.

BUDDY: Speaking of which, where are your tubs?

Jake puts on a robe & then escorts Buddy downstairs. When he reaches the door to the basement, he saw a laundry basket.

JAKE: Aww man. Mom wants me to do laundry.

Jake picks up th basket, while Buddy opened the door. They went downstairs to the basement where Buddy not only saw a new drum set, but a pair of tympanis. After he placed the clothes in the washer & poured detergent & fabric softener in & then started the washer, he went over to his drums, got some sticks & played a cool solo. Then he played a snare drum roll.

JAKE: What tub am I playing?

BUDDY: (Sighing) Snare drum.

Jake howls like a coyote! He stops drumming, puts the sticks down & grabs some mallets. He goes over to the tympani, disrobes & plays a cool fanfare solo, along with a drumroll!

BUDDY: Man, I'm gonna have nightmares about you, playing your stupid tins with that He-Man body!

JAKE: That's my tubs. These are my super tubs. Got them after that \$20,000 win on that Brain Busters teen tournament. Even played those at school.

BUDDY: In symphony orchestra?

Jake goes over & grabs a trophy. He shows Buddy the trophy which read, Mr. High School Hunk.

BUDDY: You entered a male beauty pageant?

JAKE: Yeah, nailed the swimwear, talent & formal wear.

BUDDY: Why can't you be normal like me?

Jake then shows a picture of his new band, The Beach Buds. There's a dude in super sized trunks, one in skateboard gear, a wet suit, himself in Speedos & a girl in a bikini.

BUDDY: Village People going to the beach.

JAKE: Except they didn't have a female. Scooter, the skateboard kid's on guitar & vocals, Mike in the trunks plays bass guitar, Ned in the wetsuit plays guitar & drums while Pebbles plays keys.

BUDDY: (Drooling) Pebbles.

JAKE: Looks like my cousin's in love.

Just then, Mr. Ernst calls the boys for dinner. Jake puts his robe back on & changes into some clothes.

At the dinner table, they are having a fried chicken dinner with Rice-A-Roni, corn on the cob & some biscuits.

JAKE: Could you pass me the rice, Uncle Ben?

MR. ERNST: I'm not a black person!

WILMA: I'm glad my name isn't Jemima or Buddy would ask for pancakes.

BUDDY: Aunt Jemima (Laughs).

After that brand name jokes,

WILMA: Jake, I want you to take Buddy to your hangout places.

BUDDY: Let's start with Disneyland & dump him @ Fantasyland.

MR. ERNST: Buddy.

WILMA: Why not take Buddy on your motorcycle & the van?

JAKE: Mom, the van's for my tubs & super tubs.

WILMA: Why not let Buddy hear your band rock.

BUDDY: Yeah, I can meet Pebbles!

MR. ERNST: I'll be back in 4 days & don't want any bad reports.

Jake agrees & then goes back down to the basement & puts the wet clothes from the washer & into the dryer.

3 - Meeting Scooter & the Band

The next day after breakfast, Jake decided to take Buddy on a motorcycle ride over to a skateboard park. Buddy saw that Jake owned a blue ninja.

BUDDY: Cool bike!

JAKE: Hop on.

Jake handed him a helmet to put on while he put one of his own.

JAKE: Let's rock.

Jake drove off & went along the LA streets. Along Paramount Studios, they saw hundreds of girls lining up for an open audition. They were surprised to find Melody in line. They pulled over.

MELODY: Jake, Buddy! What are you doing in LA?

JAKE: I live here.

BUDDY: And I'm visiting Mr. Awesome with the super tubs.

MELODY: Huh?

JAKE: Long story. So what's going on?

MELODY: I'm auditioning for The Brady Bunch Movie.

BUDDY: Which Brady?

GIRLS: Marcia, Marcia, Marcia!

JAKE: You had to ask.

They drove off & headed to the skateboard park. Buddy had a smile on his face because he finally got to gleam the cube & other skateboard tricks after 4 years. Jake watched his cousin ride & then Scooter appeared.

SCOOTER: Who's the kid. tub man?

JAKE: That's my cousin, Buddy from New York. He lives at a ranch near Tuscon.

SCOOTER: Awesome.

Buddy decided to rest awhile to find Jake talking with Scooter.

SCOOTER: You really shredden for a Yankee.

BUDDY: Thanks, but I'm a Met fan.

SCOOTER: Weird. So Jake, that Hamburger Shack over @ Zooma Beach wants us to rock the crowd.

JAKE: Cool!

SCOOTER: We'll have band practice this evening over @ your pad. Sure the Met kid would like to see us rock.

BUDDY: Especially Pebbles.

That evening, Buddy got to see The Beach Buds rock a couple of songs for him to enjoy. During a break, he got acquainted with Pebbles.

BUDDY: Nice piano playing.

PEBBLES: Thanks, better than playing Beethoven like Schroeder. Who are you?

BUDDY: Buddy Ernst, Jake's cousin. I'm here for a few days while my dad attends a convention in Anaheim. Wanna go on a date?

PEBBLES: I don't date any band members. But I guess we can do something after our gig.

After the break, they decided to jam.

SCOOTER: Any requests, Buddy?

BUDDY: Got a song where Jake rocks the super tubs?

The band does that tune where Jake not only plays his drums, but a 90 second tympani solo. Pebbles sighed to see Jake's hottie body drumming away.

4 - Hamburger Hut Gig

Zooma Beach the day of the concert. That morning, Buddy, Jake, Scooter, Ned, Mike & Pebbles were setting up instruments & mikes outside Hamburger Hut's outdoor dining area. As Jake sets up his tympanis, Buddy arranges his drum set

JAKE: Buddy, go into the bass drum, I got my personal tape recorder in there.

BUDDY: You still have Jake's Guide to Life?

Jake nods. Buddy gets it out of his bass drum. Then he plays it.

"Jake's Guide to Life, entry #763. Uncle Ben & Buddy will be coming in from the Bar None. Wonder how Buddy would react to my new body & the super tubs? Jake's Guide to Life, entry #764."

Buddy stops the tape.

JAKE: I'm trusting you with that.

BUDDY: Sure.

Buddy leaves to enter the restaurant which is about to open. He spots Pebbles & the rest of the band relaxing, after setting up their instruments.

PEBBLES: Hi Buddy, hard work unloading the tubs & super tubs?

BUDDY: Yeah. You want to dine with me, my treat?

PEBBLES: Silly, I never eat before a concert, maybe afterwards.

Just then, they heard drumming. Buddy goes out to find that Jake is posing to that drum solo, played by a black bodybuilder. Buddy groaned over that, Jake stopped posing & told him to stop playing.

BUDDY: Another Speedo drummer?

DUDE: Watch it kid.

JAKE: Buddy, I want you to meet my friend, Amos Black. He trained me to have these muscles.

AMOS: And Jake Decker taught me to play the drums in exchange.

BUDDY: Oh brother! You two should go into hardware, Black & Decker.

They groaned @ that pun. Amos got off the drums & started posing while Jake accompanied on tympani. The owner spotted them.

OWNER: No musclebound hunks allowed at this establishment! You'll ruin business.

BUDDY: Sir, the guy on the tympani's in the band & the other's the roadie having sound check.

OWNER: Can't believe The Beach Dudes would have a musclebound drummer.

JAKE: Hey, it's my rock image!

OWNER: You guys are nothing but a Village People clone!

PEBBLES: Ahem!

OWNER: Sorry.

BUDDY: Sir, The Beach Dudes are an awesome band, despite my cousin He-Man.

That afternoon, the Beach Dudes put on a concert for anyone to listen. Besides doing Beach Boys standards, they also did some original songs Scooter wrote. And when Jake had the spotlight playing the tympani solo, girls went wild. Buddy sighed, went inside the restaurant, and into the men's room. When he went into a stall to do his business, he heard someone talking on a cell phone.

5 - Record Deal?

A guy enters the men's room with his cell phone. Buddy's inside a stall, doing his business. He hears...

"Irving, this is Charlie! I'm @ the Hamburger Hut in Zooma Beach, I found a new band for our record label."

Buddy couldn't believe it, so he turned on Jake's mini tape recorder to record that conversation.

"Get this, they are the next Village People. No, they don't sing YMCA. They dress for the beach, oh yeah, there's a female in the band. She has a hot bikini. Then you got the skateboard dude on vocals/guitar, a guy in a wetsuit on lead guitar & drums, also a guy in trunks on bass. But the one who poses a threat is the He-Man in the Speedos who plays drums & tympani. Sure Charlie, I'll sign the band & tell them to screw muscle boy. We'll replace him with a studio drummer. Gotta go, bye."

When he left, Buddy stopped the recorder & get out of the stall. He couldn't believe what he heard.

Inside the restaurant, the band meets with Irving.

IRVING: Heard you guys rock. How would you like to have a record deal?

The band's excited while Irving get the contract out of his briefcase.

IRVING: Who's the leader? The skateboard dude?

SCOOTER: No way.

JAKE: I put this band together.

IRVING: I was afraid of that.

Buddy came over to find them with that sleaze bag.

BUDDY: Don't sign Jake!

PEBBLES: Stay out of this, dude ranch kid.

JAKE: Buddy, this is our big chance, not to mention mine.

Just as Jake was about to sign his friends away, Buddy got the tape recorder & played...

"Jake's Guide to Life, Entry #764."

Then they heard Irving's voice in that phone call. Irving got mad.

IRVING: Give me that, you punk!

Irving threatened Buddy & is about to lay a hand on him, until Jake grabbed him. When he heard the part of having him fired from the band for being too sexy, he punched the lights out of that guy.

SCOOTER: Major bad news, dude. Looks like the boy who saves the ranch also saved the band.

Pebbles comes over to Buddy & kisses him.

PEBBLES: How about we continue this conversation over @ the mall? I know a good movie & place to

eat.

Buddy blushed & goes out with Pebbles on his dream date, while the band loads their instruments back on the van.

6 - Be True to Your Cousin

That night, Buddy returned back to Jake's house, after his mall date with Pebbles. He finds Jake in the basement drumming. When Jake saw him enter, he stopped drumming.

JAKE: So how did it go with Pebbles?

BUDDY: Awesome! We went to see Surf Ninjas, had a snack @ the Pretzel King and stopped @ Drumroll Music.

Buddy goes into his bag & digs up a pair of oak tympani mallets with green yarn.

JAKE: Cool, thanks!

He then tried them out playing a roll. Then Buddy also got him some sticks that have mallets on the other side. Jake then told Buddy to play his tape recorder. He hears,

"Jake's Guide to Life, entry #764. Always thought my cousin Buddy hated me because I'm smarter, stronger & more talented than he is. But when he also has is a good heart. He saved me from losing my band, thankfully they tore the contract up & arrested that sleaze bag. It's nice to have a cousin."

Jake shook Buddy's hand. When Wilma calls the boys up because Mr. Ernst is back from Anaheim.

WILMA: How did it go, brother?

MR. ERNST: OK. But I lost out on a door prize to a ranch located in Bandera, Texas.

BUDDY: What was the prize?

MR. ERNST: Dinner chimes.

Buddy went to his bag & there were some dinner chimes along with a mallet. Buddy played the horse racing fanfare.

MR. ERNST: Son, we run a ranch, not Churchill Downs. We're heading back to Arizona tomorrow.

Buddy & Mr. Ernst headed back to the Bar None Ranch back in Tuscon.

Months later, Mr. Ernst is greeted by a tall musclebound black guy.

MR. ERNST: Can I help you?

AMOS: You got a son named Buddy?

He looked @ Amos, fearing he was a bully. Buddy entered to hand dad some mail.

BUDDY: Hey Amos!

MR. ERNST: Amos? Buddy, run!

BUDDY: It's OK dad. This is Jake's personal trainer & friend. He also plays the tubs.

MR. ERNST: Are you staying @ the Bar None?

AMOS: Yes. Got a package for you Buddy.

Amos hands him the package & he opens it up. In it is a new CD released by The Beach Buds on Jaguar Records. Plus there's a video tape that had the sticker said PLAY ME.

Buddy goes to the office & plays that tape. He sees a music video of them doing a song called, "Be True

To Your Buddy" that featured Jake on tympani. Jake dedicated that song to his cousin.