THE CAVE OF MYSTERY

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RALPH, 23, wears a leather jacket with a scarf and satchel. SAM, 20, dressed like a cowboy, stands with his dog SUNNY in his spotted short-hair coat and blue eyes.

They walk closely together and come across a giant bone.

RALPH That thing is massive!

SAM That's nothing. My parents uncovered bones twice the size.

RALPH

Really?

SAM Yeah, they were strange but very hopeful for the world.

RALPH

That's cool.

SAM Yeah, I remember they talked about dimensional travel and finding some life-source.

Sam continues to talk. Ralph takes notes as a flashlight hangs from his mouth.

Sunny drops a bone by his foot and barks.

SAM (CONT'D) Ha, I think he wants to play.

Ralph shakes his head and grabs the bone. He throws it and Sunny runs after it. Sam follows.

RALPH

Oops.

Sam walks back to Ralph.

SAM Ah whatever, he explores.

RALPH That's what we should be doing.

SAM Okay, yeah; let's explore. INT. CAVE - TUNNEL - DAY

Ralph and Sam are walking down a dark and narrow tunnel.

RALPH

Go faster.

SAM

No.

Ralph nudges Sam to the side and takes the lead with a quicker pace.

SAM (CONT'D) Hey! What are you doing?

Ralph looks back at Sam.

RALPH Let's go, sloth.

Ralph increases his pace toward a light in a short distance. Sam follows.

EXT. MOUNTAIN - CLIFF-SIDE - DAY

Ralph walks out onto a cliff-side path that leads further up the mountain. Sam walks out from behind him and breaths heavily.

SAM Man, you're like a lightning bolt.

RALPH Yeah and you're slow. We have to find the hidden secret.

SAM Whatever, as long as we find my dog.

RALPH

Deal!

Ralph skips up a narrow path to the top of the mountain, overlooking a valley. Sam sluggishly follows.

RALPH (CONT'D) Hey, I can see Sunny!

Sam jolts up the mountain and stands next to Ralph.

SAM Where is he?

Ralph grabs a pair of binoculars out of his satchel.

EXT. VALLEY - PATH - DAY

Tree to tree, Sunny moves closer to a group of LAB WORKERS.

Sunny is seen by DOCTOR FENNMORE, 46, white lab coat, evilpiercing eyes with wild hair.

DOCTOR FENNMORE

Hey boy!

He shoots Sunny with a tranquilizer. The workers carry him away.

EXT. MOUNTAIN - CLIFF-SIDE - DAY

Ralph pulls away the binoculars and looks at Sam.

RALPH They got him.

Sam grabs onto a vine hanging from the cliff.

SAM We have to get him!

RALPH

That's safe?

SAM Yes, we can't waste time.

Sam straddles down the cliff. Ralph nervously follows.

EXT. VALLEY - PATH - DAY

Sam reaches the bottom of the valley. The vine snaps and Ralph falls down hard.

SAM Whoa, you okay?

Ralph groans and sticks his thumb up.

SAM (CONT'D)

Good.

Sam leads the path as Ralph walks with a slight limp. They see a fence with warning signs.

SAM (CONT'D) We have to hop over it.

RALPH I can't, you go ahead.

SAM Are you sure?

RALPH Yeah, I'll keep a look out for whatever you had seen before.

SAM Boss, don't joke about that.

Sam climbs up the fence. Cybernetic Monkeys jump onto the fence and stare. Sam hyperventilates.

RALPH

Something wrong?

SAM Boss, don't move.

RALPH

What is it?

The monkeys look down at Ralph. They move closer to Sam and poke him.

RALPH (CONT'D)

Sam, jump!

Two monkeys jump and glide down to Ralph. Sam punches the monkey's robotic eye.

SAM

Bye, bye.

Ralph kicks the cybernetic monkeys. They attack him, grabbing onto his jacket.

RALPH

Get off!

He runs in circles. Sam grabs a bigger stick and whacks the monkeys off Ralph's back. The others run away.

RALPH (CONT'D) Thanks, man.

INT. UNDERGROUND LAB - ROOM - DAY

Doctor Fennmore moves around a lab with beakers, advanced technology and charts of equations. Sunny in a cage, watches.

DOCTOR FENNMORE Ah, little doggie. Soon, we will enhance you like the others.

Sunny looks at the cyborg animals and whimpers. The door bangs open as a guard comes in.

GUARD Sir, there has a been a breach of security.

DOCTOR FENNMORE What? You have to be kidding.

GUARD

No, sir.

Doctor Fennmore walks out of the lab with the guards.

INT. UNDERGROUND LAB - FACILITY - DAY

Ralph and Sam climb out of the ceiling and into the lab hall. Ralph reaches the bottom, looks up at Sam.

> RALPH We have to hurry.

Sam falls down.

RALPH (CONT'D) Let's check around.

They walk down a hall and pass rooms with cybernetic animals of all sorts. They see the camera room door and peek through the window.

SAM There he is.

RALPH Looks like he's on the second level. Ralph and Sam run to the second level. Doctor Fennmore with a gang of guards wait at the bottom of the stairs. Ralph walks out.

DOCTOR FENNMORE Hello, hello.

RALPH Hello -- Who are you?

DOCTOR FENNMORE Oh, no, no. Who are you? You broke in.

RALPH

I'm Ralph, who are you? And what is this place?

DOCTOR FENNMORE I'm Doctor Fennmore and I oversee this entire facility... and all experiments.

RALPH Like those monkeys outside?

DOCTOR FENNMORE Oh, don't mind them.

RALPH What kind of experiments happen here?

DOCTOR FENNMORE Soon you will find out. -- Guards!

The guards aggressively handcuff Ralph. Doctor Fennmore leads the way as they walk to a holding cell. Sam makes a squirrelnoise to distract the guards.

GUARD

You two, go check out that noise. I'll continue with the inmate.

Two guards walk back over to the stairway. Sam jumps down from the stairway and whacks both guards with a giant bone.

SAM Boss, hang on.

RALPH Ha, crazy.

One guard places Ralph in a holding cell. Sam charges to the guard and whacks him in the head.

RALPH (CONT'D)

All right!

Sam walks over to Doctor Fennmore.

SAM Release my dog and friend. Now!

DOCTOR FENNMORE Yeah, whatever. Just don't kill me, buffoon boy.

Sam angrily stares at Doctor Fennmore.

RALPH

What?

DOCTOR FENNMORE Oh, you don't know.

RALPH No. What is it?

SAM You don't want to know.

RALPH

What is it?

DOCTOR FENNMORE I don't see any other choice considering the buffoon boy is present.

Sam swings the bone at the wall and it breaks.

RALPH What is going on?

DOCTOR FENNMORE Everything, the entire existence of humanity. I can take it away just as I did your parents, Samuel.

SAM You are one sick creep.

RALPH

What?

Dr. Fennmore uses his wristwatch to open a portal that blinds Sam and not Ralph.

DOCTOR FENNMORE (CONT'D) Remember, I can find you now. Thank you for the visit.

He steps through and vanishes. Sam opens the cell door and uncuffs Ralph.

RALPH What was that?

SAM You have no idea.

RALPH Interesting...

SAM

It's not, we gotta get Sunny.

They run and search for Sunny.

INT. UNDERGROUND LAB - ROOM - DAY

Ralph and Sam barge into a lab room. Sunny barks and wags his tail.

SAM

Hey Sunny, buddy; we're here.

RALPH

Sam, the guards are coming!

They run out of the room and into the hallway. Ralph fights off two guards as Sam and Sunny run to the exit.

SAM See you out there.

Ralph kicks a guard to the wall and grabs a flash-grenade from his satchel. He throws it and bolts to the exit. BANG.

EXT. FOREST - TRAIL - DAY

Ralph runs out of the door as the entrance collapses. Sam and Sunny wait on the trail for Ralph.

SAM That was a close one.

Sunny barks twice.

RALPH Yeah, no kidding.

Their motorcycles are close by. They walk over and Sunny jumps in a sidecar.

SAM That mad scientist will find us.

RALPH You're... right.

SAM We opened a door we shouldn't have.

RALPH What do you mean?

SAM I'll tell you later, if there is a later.

Cybernetic monkeys run out of the forest towards Ralph, Sunny and Sam.

They crank motorcycles and ride off fast. The rear tires give rooster-tails of dirt covering the monkeys.

A FLASH appears and a portal opens. Dr. Fennmore walks out.

DR. FENNMORE I will find you two... and the dog.

Dr. Fennmore walks back into the forest and cybernetic monkeys follow.