

SCOOPY-DOO AND GUESS WHO?

"SHAQ OF ALL TRADES"

Jinkies! It's Shaq!

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COLD OPEN

EXT. FLORIDA EVERGLADES - DAY

On a fan boat, AMELIA and BILLY, argue.

AMELIA
He hates it.

BILLY
No, he doesn't! Look at him.

REVEAL: EGON, the cat, wearing a small hat. He meows.

BILLY
See? He's saying, "I love this,
Billy. Thank you for bringing me
with you and Amelia to the Florida
Everglades."

AMELIA
Stop.

BILLY
Can't you let me have this?

Egon hisses as a SKUNK APE rises from the water behind them.

AMELIA
See? He hates it.

BILLY
Maybe he hates seeing us argue.

AMELIA
Or he's telling us cats don't
belong on boats in a swamp.

BILLY
I don't know, I --

A large shadow is cast over them. They turn around to see the
Skunk Ape towering over their boat.

AMELIA/BILLY
Skunk Ape!

Egon meows in fear.

END OF COLD OPEN

ACT ONE

EXT. PARK - DAY

Fred disembarks the Mystery Machine.

FRED
Here we are gang, the Florida
Everglades.

Scooby leaps out the back, binoculars around his neck.

SCOOBY
Oh boy! Oh boy!

He searches around with the binoculars.

VELMA
Take it easy, Scooby, our
birdwatching group doesn't meet for
another few minutes.

SHAGGY
Yeah, like, you don't want to spoil
the fun by seeing all the birds
from the parking lot!

SCOOBY
Fine...

DAPHNE (O.S.)
I sure hope there's a lot of birds
out!

The gang's jaws drops as they notice Daphne's hair is a complete mess from the humidity.

FRED
Uh, Daphne?

DAPHNE
Yeah, Fred?

FRED
Your hair... It -- uh...

She glances in the sideview mirror.

DAPHNE
I know. It's the humidity.

VELMA
You know you look like that?

DAPHNE

[GASPS] Do you all think that I'm so concerned with how I look that this would bother me?

The gang exchange nervous glances.

DAPHNE

Some friends you are.

She crosses her arms and storms off.

EXT. BENCHES - PARK - MOMENTS LATER

The gang sits around a park bench, waiting.

SHAGGY

Like, I wonder what's taking them so long...

SCOOBY

We're losing daylight.

VELMA

I don't think our guide is supposed to be here for another couple minutes, you two. Calm down.

SHAGGY

Calm? We get chased around by ghosts and monsters every day of the week. How are we supposed to ever be calm?

DAPHNE

There aren't any monsters out here, Shaggy. This kind of weather keeps away all the people concerned with looking good.

She stares daggers at Fred.

SHAGGY

[LAUGHS] Scoob and I could give you a long list of possibilities.

VELMA

Like what?

SHAGGY

Swamp beast.

SCOOBY
Or gator monster.

SHAGGY
Yep. Or, like, uh -- [GULPS]

A large shadow looms over the gang, they cautiously turn around.

REVEAL: SHAQUILLE O'NEAL decked out in birdwatching gear.
CAPTAIN ADAMS, an airline pilot, stands at his side.

GANG
Fifteen time NBA All-Star and
sports analyst Shaquille O'Neal!

SHAQ
Call me Shaq.

DAPHNE
You're our guide?

SHAQ
I know a lot about birds.

He pulls birdseed from his pocket, whistles, and birds flock to his hand to eat.

CAPT ADAMS
I'm Captain Adams, airline pilot
and fellow birdwatcher.

VELMA
Nice to meet you.

FRED
Is that everyone?

SHAQ
Not quite.

SCOOBY
You're killing me...

SHAGGY
Who else are we waiting for?

SHAQ
Camilla. She's a pastry chef.

SHAGGY
Nevermind. We can wait.

SCOOBY

Uh huh.

CAMILLA runs up.

CAMILLA

Sorry I'm late! There was a cupcake emergency. Total frosting overload.

SHAGGY

Did you, like, bring any samples?

CAMILLA

For the birds?

SHAGGY

Like, no, for Scoob and I.

The duo smile at her. Camilla looks confused.

SHAQ

Let's go.

EXT. WOODED AREA - MOMENTS LATER

The group follows Shaq through the brush.

SHAQ

The Florida Everglades have been home to over three hundred and sixty species of birds, that fall into three categories - wading birds, land birds or birds of prey.

VELMA

You're quite the ornithologist, Shaq.

SHAQ

Thank you. [THEN] Wait.

They freeze.

SHAQ

Over there. That's a glossy ibis.

FRED

Wow.

CAMILLA

It's beautiful.

Scooby nudges Shaq and points at a bird.

SCOOPY
What's that?

 SHAQ
Good catch, Scooby. That's an
American kestrel, the smallest
falcon in North America. [THEN] All
right, let's keep moving.

The gang follows Shaq as Captain Adams and Camilla stay back
to admire the birds.

EXT. SHORE - MOMENTS LATER

Shaq hurries the gang over to the shoreline and points.

 SHAQ
Hurry, everybody look out there.
That's a whooping crane.

 VELMA
Jinkies! Aren't those endangered?

 SHAQ
That's right, Velma. Although we've
been seeing quite a few of them
recently.

 SCOOPY
It's -- [SNEEZE]

The crane flies away.

 SCOOPY
Sorry. [SNEEZE]

 FRED
That's quite a sneeze, Scooby.

Scooby sneezes some more.

 SHAGGY
Like, take it easy, buddy.

 SCOOPY
I -- [SNEEZE] -- can't! [SNEEZE]

There's a roar behind them.

 SHAQ
That was a weird sneeze.

SCOOBY
Wasn't -- [SNEEZE] -- me.

They turn to see the Skunk Ape charging in their direction.

SHAGGY
Umm, Shaq?

SHAQ
Yes, Shaggy.

SHAGGY
W-w-w-what's that?

SHAQ
That's a skunk ape.

DAPHNE
It's coming towards us!

SHAQ
You should run. Make sure the rest
of the group gets out of here.

FRED
What about you?

SHAQ
I'll hold it back with my Shaq-Fu.

Shaq gets in a martial arts pose as the gang runs off.

SHAQ
Get ready for pain, skunk ape.

It roars again, looking more menacing.

SHAQ
On second thought...

EXT. WOODED AREA - MOMENTS LATER

Shaq runs up, alongside the gang.

VELMA
How'd you catch up so fast?

SHAQ
Shaq Sneakers.

REVEAL: He's wearing sneakers with his face on them.

FRED
Did you stop the skunk ape?

Scooby sneezes. The Skunk Ape closes in on them, roaring.

SHAQ
I did not.

SHAGGY
Like, then what do we do?

SHAQ
Follow me.

Shaq leads them down a path.

EXT. SWAMP - MOMENTS LATER

The Skunk Ape stops, looks around, then continues on. The moment it's gone, Shaq and the gang rise out of the water. Scooby sneezes.

EXT. SHORE - MOMENTS LATER

Shaq and the gang walk out of the water, wringing their clothes dry. Captain Adams and Camilla run over.

SHAGGY
You're okay!

SCOOBY
We were so worried.

They hug a confused Camilla.

CAMILLA
What happened to you guys?

CAPT ADAMS
Did you fall in the swamp?

SHAQ
We were running from a skunk ape.

The two exchange a glance.

CAPT ADAMS
Skunk ape?

CAMILLA
That's just a myth. There's no such thing.

SHAGGY
Like, you should've told big hairy
that.

Scooby snuffles.

DAPHNE
How's your nose, Scooby?

SCOOBY
Better.

VELMA
We should probably still get you a
checkup. You might be sick.

SHAQ
I know a great vet. She's been in a
few of my groups.

SCOOBY
Uh uh. No vet.

DAPHNE
Would you go for a Scooby Snack?

He shakes his head.

DAPHNE
A box of Scooby Snacks?

SCOOBY
Nope. Not going.

DAPHNE
Wow. That's never happened before.

SHAQ
Would you do it for a Shaq Snack?

Scooby's intrigued.

SCOOBY
A Shaq Snack?

SHAQ
They're delicious. Mouthwatering.
Full of flavor.

Scooby sweats.

SCOOBY
I want a Shaq Snack!

FRED
Great. Let's go.

CUT TO:

INT. MYSTERY MACHINE - DRIVING - MOMENTS LATER

Shaq is squished in the front row between Fred and Velma. He's clearly too tall for this vehicle. Nobody appears to be comfortable.

SHAQ
Next time, I drive.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

INT. VETERINARIAN'S OFFICE - DAY

Shaggy pushes Scooby into the office. Scooby sneezes.

SHAGGY
Come on, Scoob.

SCOOBY
I changed my mind!

SHAGGY
It's for your own good.

A POODLE, sitting on her OWNER's lap, smiles and waves at Scooby. He's immediately smitten, puffs out his chest and struts into the office proudly. Shaggy falls to the floor.

Shaq and the gang approach the RECEPTIONIST.

SHAQ
We're here to see Doctor Esparza.

RECEPTIONIST
Yes, she's expecting you. Head on back.

They follow Shaq deeper into the office.

VELMA
Come on, Scooby.

Scooby waves romantically at the poodle.

SCOOBY
Au revoir. [SNEEZE]

INT. DR. ESPARZA'S OFFICE - MOMENTS LATER

CARLA ESPARZA sits at a desk, finishing a call, as Shaq and the gang enter.

CARLA
-- by the end of the week. Goodbye.

She hangs up.

CARLA
Shaq! I'm so sorry I missed our outing.

SHAQ
That's okay, Doc.

CARLA
I've told you before, call me
Carla.

Scooby sneezes.

CARLA
This must be the patient.

She approaches Scooby.

CARLA
I want you to forget whatever
veterinary experiences you've had
in the past. This is a safe space.

SCOOBY
Yeah right... [SNEEZE]

She performs a routine examination of his eyes, ears, etc.

CARLA
When did the sneezing start?

SHAGGY
Like, while we were birdwatching.

CARLA
I see.

VELMA
He's never had an issue like this
before.

SCOOBY
Never.

CARLA
In that case, it's likely just
allergies.

GANG
Allergies?

CARLA
Precisely. Probably to the birds.

VELMA
He's never shown signs of that
before.

CARLA

It could be that most of the birds you've dealt with in the past haven't been real. You mostly handle costumed criminals, correct?

FRED

How'd you know that?

CARLA

You don't work fifteen years as a veterinarian and not recognize the world's most famous canine detective when he steps into your office.

Scooby flashes a cocky smile, then sneezes himself onto the floor.

SHAGGY

So what do you recommend?

CARLA

I think the best option is to stay away from the irritant.

SCOOBY

No more birdwatching?

CARLA

Unfortunately not.

SHAQ

Would it make you feel better if I took you on a Shaquatic Adventure? I've got a fan boat that should keep us far enough from any birds. But I'll only be able to take a couple of you.

FRED

Perfect. Scoob, you and Shaggy go with Shaq. Daphne, Velma and I will go back to the park to see what we can dig up about that Skunk Ape.

SHAQ

Sounds like a plan.

As they walk out, Carla reaches for Daphne's hair.

CARLA

Hold on. What's the matter with this little guy?

SCOOBY

Sk-sk-sk--

SHAQ

What's he saying?

Shaggy glances where Scooby's looking.

SHAGGY

[WHISPERED] Skunk. Ape.

Shaq turns around. The Skunk Ape drives a speedboat, carrying caged whooping cranes, in the distance.

SHAQ

What's it doing with those?

SHAGGY

I don't know, but let's not find out.

SHAQ

Sorry, Shaggy. Those birds are an endangered species.

Shaq steers the boat towards the Skunk ape.

SCOOBY

Ruh roh.

EXT. WOODED AREA - SAME

Fred and Velma step into a clearing. Daphne emerges from the woods behind them with twigs, leaves and a small bird stuck in her mess of hair.

VELMA

Daphne, are you sure you don't want to do something about your hair?

DAPHNE

What? This? Why? It's a habitat for this little bird. I love it.

VELMA

Right...

FRED

Get a load of this, gang.

Fred runs his finger over a trip wire.

VELMA

Wire?

FRED

Grade R, aluminum coated, three gauge wire. [OFF LOOKS] This is a trap.

He tugs the wire and a cage falls to the ground nearby, causing them to jump.

DAPHNE

Who's setting a trap all the way out here?

VELMA

And for what?

Fred examines the cage.

FRED

Whatever it is, somebody really doesn't want it escaping. This is top of the line equipment.

EXT. SHORE - MOMENTS LATER

The fan boat slowly creeps up as the Skunk Ape loads the cages of cranes into the back of an unmarked van.

SHAQ

Something funny's going on.

SHAGGY

I'm not laughing.

SCOOBY

Me neither.

SHAQ

We better call the authorities.

As Shaq gets his cellphone out, Scooby catches a whiff of something.

SHAGGY

Like, don't do it, Scoob.

SCOOBY

I -- can't -- stop -- [SNEEZE]

The Skunk Ape spots them and roars. Shaggy and Scooby leap into Shaq's arms, causing him to drop his cellphone into the swamp.

SHAQ
We better go.

Shaq drops them and turns the boat around. The Skunk Ape hops back in its speed boat and chases after them.

EXT. SWAMP - VARIOUS - CONTINUOUS

The boats weave between trees and reeds. The Skunk Ape gets alongside their fan boat and swipes at them, falling slightly behind each time it does so as its hands are removed from the accelerator.

The Skunk Ape falls behind them. Shaggy and Scooby share a look and jump. As they land, the back of the fan boat dips into the swamp, shooting water into the Skunk Ape's face. The Skunk Ape shakes the water off, more furious than ever.

The two boats speed along, but abruptly come to a stop at a floating street light. A family of alligators swim across in front of them, along with one tiny one who hurries to catch up. The light turns green and the two boats speed off.

Shaq steers the fan boat towards an area full of floating seaweed.

SHAQ
Hang on.

Shaggy and Scooby grab hold of their seats. Just before the fan boat reaches the weeds, Shaq grabs the steering wheel and reaches up to a tree branch, swinging the entire craft up and around it. In slow motion, the Skunk Ape looks up at them as it passes underneath. The fan boat lands as the Skunk Ape's speed boat gets tangled in the seaweed.

SHAQ
Now we hide.

EXT. SHACK - MOMENTS LATER

The Skunk Ape parks its speedboat and hops out to approach Shaq, dressed as a gypsy, at a table with a crystal ball. It roars at him.

SHAQ
Yes, I am the great Shaqstradamus.
Please, take a seat.

The Skunk Ape sits down, confused. Shaq looks into the crystal ball.

SHAQ
Cadabra, kazoo, kazaam... show us
now what --

Shaggy's head appears in the crystal ball.

SHAGGY
Like, the number you have dialed
has been disconnected. Please hang
up and dial again.

The Skunk Ape roars.

SHAQ
Please don't make it angry. It's
very sensitive.

The Skunk Ape stops.

SHAQ
Cadabra, kazoo, kazaam...

Scooby's head appears.

SCOOBY
Hello?

SHAQ
Hello mystic spirit, share with us
your wisdom.

SCOOBY
I -- uh -- I -- [SNEEZE]

The table is launched off, revealing Shaggy and Scooby underneath. They wave sheepishly. The Skunk Ape roars, Shaq slams the crystal ball onto the Skunk Ape's head as they run away.

Head distorted inside the crystal ball, the Skunk Ape looks around, bewildered.

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

EXT. PARK - DAY

Fred admires a cage as he carries it alongside Daphne and Velma. The fan boat speeds up the swamp, carrying Shaggy, Scooby and Shaq. Hopping onto the shore, it crashes into Fred.

DAPHNE

Jeepers!

FRED

What are you guys doing?

SHAGGY

We saw that no-good, scary skunk ape again!

VELMA

You did? Where?

SHAQ

Out in the swamp with cages of whooping cranes.

VELMA

That explains the traps we found.

FRED

The cages are top... of...

Fred realizes the cage he was carrying is crushed by the boat.

FRED

Nevermind.

VELMA

We better go see Doctor Esparza.

SCOOBY

No way!

VELMA

Not for you, Scooby. She may know if somebody's been bringing in any injured whooping cranes.

SHAQ

Good idea, Velma.

FRED
I'll drive.

SHAQ
No you won't.

EXT. PARKING LOT - MOMENTS LATER

The gang looks at a dirty, old van.

FRED
This is your van?

SHAQ
Yep. Ol' reliable.

DAPHNE
[TO FRED] Somebody sounds a little
overly concerned about physical
appearances.

Shaq opens the back doors and a flurry of birds fly out.

SHAQ
Hop in.

INT. SHAQ'S VAN - DRIVING - MOMENTS LATER

Fred and the girls cram into the front seat, beside Shaq. Shaggy and Scooby sit in the back. Shaggy messes with a birdhouse.

SHAGGY
Like, what's with this tiny house?

SHAQ
That's Larry's.

SCOOBY
Larry?

LARRY, a bird wearing a basketball jersey, hops out of the birdhouse and onto Scooby's nose.

SCOOBY
Hello.

The bird pecks his nose and flies onto Shaq's shoulder. Shaq pulls some birdseed from his pocket to feed him.

SHAQ
He's not a big fan of strangers.

VELMA

Hold on a second. Larry's a bird.

SHAGGY

I think we all knew that, Velma.

VELMA

Right, but he was on Scooby's nose and Scooby didn't sneeze.

DAPHNE

You're right.

SHAGGY

Like, so Scoob's not allergic anymore?

VELMA

I have a feeling it's not that simple, Shaggy.

INT. VETERINARIAN'S OFFICE - MOMENTS LATER

Shaq and the gang run up to the receptionist.

SHAQ

We need to see Doctor Esparza. It's an emergency.

RECEPTIONIST

I'm sorry. The doctor isn't in right now.

VELMA

We'll wait.

They take a seat in the empty waiting room. Scooby sneezes.

SHAGGY

What do you smell, Scoob?

SCOOBY

I don't -- [SNEEZE] -- know.

Doctor Esparza pokes around a corner.

CARLA

Oh my! What are you all doing here? I was out running an errand. Come on back.

Velma and Shaq share a glance.

VELMA

Actually, we just had a quick question.

CARLA

Oh. Of course, what is it?

VELMA

Has anybody brought a whooping crane in recently?

CARLA

Not that I can recall, no.

Scooby sneezes.

SHAQ

Are you sure?

CARLA

Trust me. We don't get many birds, so I would remember seeing an endangered one.

VELMA

Okay, thanks anyway.

Scooby sneezes.

CARLA

Any time.

Doctor Esparza heads back to her office.

FRED

What was that all about?

VELMA

I think our skunk ape isn't really one at all.

EXT. SWAMP - LATER

Shaggy and Scooby sit alone in a row boat.

SHAGGY

What are we supposed to be doing out here?

SCOOBY

Bait.

SHAGGY

I know we're bait, but what's our cover story? Shouldn't we be pretending to do something?

SCOOBY

Fishing?

SHAGGY

What would we fish for in the swamp?

SCOOBY

Alligators?

SHAGGY

Alligators! Are you crazy?

SCOOBY

You don't have any ideas.

The Skunk Ape rises behind them, out of the water.

SHAGGY

I will. Just let me think for a minute.

Scooby sneezes.

SHAGGY

Quiet. I can't think with you --

Scooby sneezes again. The Skunk Ape's shadow looms over them.

SCOOBY

Ruh roh.

They both turn around. The Skunk Ape roars. Scooby sneezes in its face, propelling the boat away.

EXT. WOODED AREA - CONTINUOUS

Fred watches through binoculars as the Skunk Ape chases Shaggy and Scooby.

FRED

Here they come! Get ready...

Daphne's hair gets in Fred's way.

FRED

Daph, watch out.

DAPHNE

Sorry.

His binoculars get stuck in her hair.

DAPHNE

Ouch!

FRED

Hang on...

He gets them untangled and looks back through the binoculars.

FRED

Where'd they go?

SHAQ

I'll find them.

Shaq runs off. Velma and Fred look at Daphne.

DAPHNE

Fine! I'll fix my hair.

EXT. SHORE - MOMENTS LATER

Shaq arrives to find the row boat abandoned.

SHAQ

I'm too late.

Shaggy and Scooby scream in the distance. Shaq follows three sets of footprints back into the wooded area.

EXT. WOODED AREA - CONTINUOUS

Shaggy and Scooby run from the Skunk Ape, between trees. Shaq arrives and looks around for something to use. He spots a bunch of birds overhead.

SHAQ

Duck!

Shaggy and Scooby duck as Shaq tosses birdseed from his pockets, covering the Skunk Ape. Birds swarm it, pecking at the food. As the Skunk Ape swats at them, Shaq leaps in to tackle it.

SHAQ

Shaq Attack!

EXT. PARK - LATER

Shaq, the gang and PARK RANGERS surround the Skunk Ape. Daphne's hair has returned to normal.

SHAQ

All right, Fred. Show us who this kooky skunk ape really is.

FRED

Under this mask, it's really --

Fred pulls off the Skunk Ape's mask to reveal Carla Esparza.

SHAQ/GANG

Doctor Esparza?

VELMA

Exactly. As a veterinarian, she was familiar with the local endangered species, as well as those willing to pay large amounts of money to own them. And as a member of Shaq's birdwatching group, she had easy access to finding exactly where those birds were nesting.

Scooby sneezes.

SHAGGY

But how'd she make Scooby allergic?

VELMA

She didn't. Since she was aware of who we were and worried we would interfere with her plan, she pinned Scooby's allergy on the birds to try to keep us away.

Velma takes the Skunk Ape mask and puts it in front of Scooby. He sneezes so hard, he launches himself into a tree.

VELMA

But it was actually her costume. That's why Scooby was only sneezing any time the Skunk Ape was near or whenever we were in her office.

CARLA

It was a foolproof plan and I would've gotten away with it if it weren't for you kids, your dog and ornithology enthusiast, Shaquille O'Neal.

SHAQ

You should've known, crime doesn't
pay.

The park rangers lead her away.

SHAQ

Thanks for the help, kids. Sorry it
ruined your birdwatching trip.

SHAGGY

That's okay, I think Scooby's
getting his fill of birds as we
speak.

In the tree, Scooby is surrounded by birds.

SCOOBY

Scooby-Dooby-Doo!

The birds start pecking at him. Everybody laughs.

END OF SHOW