

SCOOPY-DOO AND GUESS WHO?

"POST SHOW JITTERS"

*Hold the phone! It's Post Malone!*

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**COLD OPEN**

EXT. GROUNDHOGAPALOOZA - DAY

Fairgrounds are packed with a Groundhog Day themed carnival. AMELIA pops a groundhog balloon with a dart at a GAME BOOTH. The CARNIE gives her a groundhog stuffed animal.

AMELIA

Awesome.

She tosses it into a pile of similar prizes in BILLY's arms. He strains under the weight.

BILLY

Can we take a break? I'm a little thirsty.

AMELIA

Quit whining. We've still got at least half of these left.

BILLY

Then can I, like, put your stuff in the car?

AMELIA

[DISGUSTED] Fine. Hurry.

EXT. PARKING LOT - MOMENTS LATER

Billy struggles to close the trunk on the prizes. His attention is drawn away by an eerie scratching.

BILLY

Amelia?

The scratching gets louder.

BILLY

I could use your help closing the trunk...

He peeks around the car to find a ZOMBIE GROUNDHOG on all fours. It's like a regular groundhog, but add some *Stranger Things* demogorgon. It slowly rises, standing at about six feet. Billy screams.

**END COLD OPEN**

ACT ONE

EXT. GROUNDHOGAPALOOZA - DAY

The gang walks amongst the booths, Shaggy and Scooby with loads of carnival snacks in their arms.

FRED

There's no better way to celebrate Groundhog Day than a visit to Groundhogapalooza.

VELMA

Even though I find the practice of having a skittish rodent predict a seasonal shift based entirely on the orientation of the Earth's axis to be rooted in an archaic misunderstanding of weather patterns and coincidence, I have to admit I'm looking forward to tonight's big show.

SHAGGY

Yeah, I've never seen you so excited, Velma. Who's headlining? KISS?

DAPHNE

Simple Plan?

SCOOBY

Sonny and Cher?

VELMA

Not even close, you guys!

FRED

Lindsay Pagano?

Velma rips off her sweater to reveal a Post Malone t-shirt.

VELMA

Post Malone!

FRED

[SHOCKED] Velma? You're not wearing a sweater.

VELMA

I own other clothes.

FRED

Do you?

Shaggy and Scooby swallow the last of their snacks.

SHAGGY

Like, Scoob and I are gonna go  
check out the nacho situation.

SCOOBY

Nachos!

FRED

All right, we'll meet back at the  
arena before the concert starts.  
Daphne's got our tickets.

Daphne rummages through her purse.

DAPHNE

Yes I do. Safe and sound in --  
wait. Where are they?

VELMA

They're not in your purse?

DAPHNE

I must have left them in the  
Mystery Machine.

SHAGGY

We'll get them.

FRED

You know where it's at?

SHAGGY

Yeah. The parking lot's right next  
to our favorite funnel cake stand.

Shaggy and Scooby head off.

VELMA

How do they have a favorite? We've  
only been here ten minutes.

EXT. PARKING LOT - LATER

Shaggy and Scooby jointly carry a massive funnel cake.

SHAGGY

You were right, Scoob, for enough  
money, they'll supersize anything.

SCOOBY

Told you.

As they step into the parking lot, a car swerves, narrowly missing them, but destroying their funnel cake.

SCOOBY

Funnel cake!

TED

Whew! Watch out for that first step. It's a doozy!

They're approached by TED FLYERSON who, for legal reasons, is not Ned Ryerson from *Groundhog Day*, but is definitely Ned Ryerson from *Groundhog Day* [voiced by Stephen Tobolowsky]. He shakes their hands.

TED

Ted Flyerson. I sell insurance.

SCOOBY

For funnel cake?

TED

No. Home, life, [RE: SCOOBY] pet...

SCOOBY

Pet?

SHAGGY

No thanks. The only insurance we care about is, like, the kind they give when you order a pizza.

TED

Are you sure? Winter's a dangerous time of year.

SHAGGY

That's okay, we're used to dangerous situations.

Shaggy and Scooby leave Ted behind.

SCOOBY

[TO SHAGGY] What's a pet?

EXT. GROUNDHOGAPALOOZA - SAME

Fred tries to knock down a tower of milk bottles with a softball, but misses.

FRED  
Shoot! Missed again.

VELMA  
Don't worry, Fred. These are a scam. It's statistically impossible to knock those bottles completely off that table.

DAPHNE  
Can I try?

FRED  
I've only got one left.

DAPHNE  
That's all I need.

She throws a pro-softball level pitch, obliterating the tower. Fred's jaw drops. The Carnie hands Daphne a giant groundhog stuffed animal.

VELMA  
How did you --

DAPHNE  
I was on the softball team for a semester, remember? [BEAT] Come on, Fred, let's try another.

She pulls him away.

VELMA  
Oh my gosh, look!

Velma points to a tour bus.

VELMA  
That's his tour bus! Hurry!

She runs towards it, joining a mob of screaming FANS. POST MALONE is hurried off the bus.

VELMA  
There he is! Posty! Posty over here!

POST MALONE  
[TO FANS] Hi, everybody!

He's rushed into a trailer. Velma returns to Fred and Daphne.

VELMA  
Did you see that?

DAPHNE  
I definitely saw something.

VELMA  
What does that mean?

DAPHNE  
You're coming on a little strong,  
Velma.

VELMA  
Strong?

DAPHNE  
Never let a guy think you're into  
him.

VELMA  
Never?

Daphne shakes her head.

DAPHNE  
He'll think he can get away with  
anything.

FRED  
Actually, not all guys --

DAPHNE  
No, Fred.

EXT. FOOD TRUCKS - LATER

Shaggy and Scooby carry another massive funnel cake.

SHAGGY  
Let's find a safe place to eat  
before there's another disaster.

SCOOBY  
Over there.

They head to a secluded park bench and sit.

SHAGGY  
Oh man, I am, like, so ready for  
this.

SCOOBY  
Me too.

Water drips on Shaggy's head.

SHAGGY

Calm down, Scoob. You're drooling  
all over me.

SCOOBY

No I'm not.

They look up to see the Zombie Groundhog, drooling over them.

SHAGGY

[GULPS] But he is.

The Groundhog roars ferociously, but stops mid-roar when Shaggy and Scooby hold up a finger. They scarf down their funnel cake and burp.

SCOOBY

Okay.

The Groundhog roars again and they run.

EXT. PHOTO OP AREA - CONTINUOUS

Shaggy and Scooby poke their faces out of a wooden image of dancing groundhogs and laugh. The Zombie Groundhog roars and, looking to the side, they notice it poking its face through one of the holes as well.

The pair run off and the Groundhog tries to chase them, but is stuck in the hole. After some tugging, it manages to break the wooden photo op, taking a portion, still stuck around its face, with it.

EXT. DOWNTOWN - CONTINUOUS

Shaggy and Scooby run through crowds, into the middle of the street, joining an elaborate Groundhog Day parade. The Zombie Groundhog does the same, wooden photo op still stuck to itself.

INT. POST MALONE'S TRAILER - SAME

Looking out his window, Post Malone spots the duo being chased by the Zombie Groundhog. He stops strumming his guitar.

POST MALONE

That's awesome.

He climbs out his window.

EXT. DOWNTOWN - CONTINUOUS

Shaggy and Scooby are chased aboard a parade float with a giant animatronic waving Groundhog. As soon as the Zombie Groundhog climbs on, it stops to snap the wooden photo op off its head in anger. Shaggy and Scooby cower together as they're backed up against the animatronic.

On the street, Post Malone pushes his way through the crowd to watch.

The Zombie Groundhog leaps towards Shaggy and Scooby, but they duck, sending it crashing into the large animatronic, knocking it loose. It wobbles back and forth, frightening Shaggy and Scooby, and the crowd.

It falls off the float, headed straight towards the crowd. All but Post Malone scatter, his focus on the escaping Zombie Groundhog.

POST MALONE

It's getting away!

SCOOBY

Look out!

Scooby dives in, pulling Post Malone out of the way, moments before the animatronic smashes into the ground.

POST MALONE

Whoa, you saved my life.

SCOOBY

I'm a big fan.

POST MALONE

I've never had a dog fan before.  
What's your name?

SCOOBY

Scooby-Doo.

Post Malone whips out a CD and signs it.

POST MALONE

To Wong Foo, thanks for everything.  
Post Malone. [BEAT] There you go.

SCOOBY

Thanks?

Fred, Daphne and Velma hurry over.

GANG

Rapper, singer and songwriter, Post  
Malone?

POST MALONE

Hey, yeah, how's it going?

VELMA

Amazing now that you're here.  
[SNORTING LAUGH]

**END OF ACT ONE**

ACT TWO

EXT. DOWNTOWN - DAY

The gang stands near the destroyed Groundhog animatronic, with Post Malone.

FRED

What was that thing?

SHAGGY

I don't know, but it looked like --

POST MALONE

A Zombie Groundhog.

SHAGGY

Like, yeah.

DAPHNE

Aren't groundhogs cute and furry, and not six feet tall?

POST MALONE

Not this one. This was the legendary Groundhog Day zombie groundhog. Way back, at like the start of the holiday, this town wanted to make sure their groundhog lived as long as the tradition, so they had a vet work on a "Fountain of Youth" kind of formula. But this was like, "olden days" science, so things didn't work right and instead of making it live forever, it died and came back as a zombie. It's terrorized every Groundhog Day since. [BEAT] At least that's what I read.

VELMA

[TO HERSELF, GIGGLY] He reads!

FRED

But why is it so tall?

POST MALONE

Don't know. The article didn't mention that.

DAPHNE

Jeepers! There sure is something strange going on.

FRED

You said it, Daph. Looks like we've got another mystery on our hands.

POST MALONE

No way! I love mysteries. Can I help?

VELMA

Yes! Yes you can! Yes! Please yes!

Daphne pulls Velma behind her.

DAPHNE

Sorry. She's not usually like this.

EXT. CITY HALL - LATER

The Mystery Machine is parked out front of the neoclassical government building.

INT. MAYOR'S OFFICE - SAME

Post and the gang watch as the MAYOR, not exactly Brian Doyle-Murray in a top hat, but also not not exactly Brian Doyle-Murray in a top hat, is fitted for a tuxedo.

MAYOR

The town's fine, kids.

FRED

What about the zombie groundhog?

MAYOR

That's tradition. The Hoggies love it.

POST MALONE

Hoggies?

MAYOR

That's what those holiday groupies call themselves.

DAPHNE

But this creature is scaring people away.

The Mayor abruptly steps away from his TAILOR.

MAYOR

Scaring them away?

SHAGGY

What did you think it was doing?  
Making balloon animals? [LAUGHS]

MAYOR

This would explain our declining  
attendance.

FRED

So you'll let us investigate?

MAYOR

I'll let you do anything you want  
if it'll bring tourists back.

POST MALONE

Cool. Can we get some spy gear?

MAYOR

Whatever you need.

He removes a key from his desk.

MAYOR

Here's the key to the city.

He hands it to Post Malone.

MAYOR

I trust you because you're a  
celebrity.

POST MALONE

Awesome.

FRED

We won't let you down.

EXT. MYSTERY MACHINE - PARKING LOT - LATER

Post Malone lays with Shaggy and Scooby atop the Mystery  
Machine, each wearing high-tech goggles. Velma stands nearby,  
smitten with Post Malone.

POST MALONE

I don't see anything.

SHAGGY

Me neither.

SCOOBY

All clear.

VELMA

You're doing a great job, Posty!

FRED

I don't think we'll see much from here. We need to head in and look for clues. [BEAT] Velma? Daphne?

VELMA

Uh -- I need to stay to -- uh -- surveil. With them.

FRED

Daph?

DAPHNE

[WHISPERED] I can't leave her alone, Fred.

FRED

She's with the guys.

DAPHNE

That's not what I mean. Look at her.

Velma dreamily stares at Post Malone, mouth agape, not aware of anything else. A bird lands on her head and she does nothing.

FRED

So nobody's coming with me?

SHAGGY

Don't worry. We'll keep an eye on you, Fred.

With a deep sigh, Fred walks into the carnival alone.

EXT. GROUNDHOGAPALOOZA - MOMENTS LATER

Fred finds a tuft of fur on the ground.

FRED

Jinkies. [BEAT] Nope. Doesn't sound right when I say it.

TED (O.S.)

Fred?

Fred notices Ted approaching.

TED

Fred Jones? I thought that was you!

FRED

Uh...

TED

Hey, hey! Now don't tell me you don't remember me 'cause I sure as heckfire remember you!

FRED

Sorry, I --

TED

Ted Flyerson! "Troublesome Ted"? "Ted the Mised"? Come on, buddy, Coolsville High! Ted Flyerson. I did the nose flute trick at the talent show? Bing! Ted Flyerson. Got chicken pox real bad my senior year, almost didn't graduate? Bing again! Ted Flyerson. I helped you paint that weird van you drove everywhere? Well?

FRED

Ted Flyerson?

TED

Bing!

FRED

Bing! So did you go pro with that nose flute thing or --

TED

No, Fred. I sell insurance. What do you do?

FRED

Solve mysteries, mostly.

TED

Does that pay well?

FRED

I don't do it for the money.

TED

You solving a mystery around here?

FRED

Hoping to.

TED

Well how about that. I've been here a few years and not once have I stumbled across a mystery. You must be great at what you do.

FRED

Thanks.

TED

Terrific. Terrific.

They stare at each other in silence.

FRED

I better get back to my team.

TED

All right. Nice seeing you. We'll have to catch up some time. Over coffee. My treat.

FRED

Maybe... See ya.

Fred hurries off.

EXT. MYSTERY MACHINE - PARKING LOT - MOMENTS LATER

Velma analyzes the fur, in the van.

VELMA

Just as you thought. It's synthetic.

POST MALONE

Whoa. You figured that out just by looking at it?

VELMA

[AWKWARD LAUGH] Uh huh.

FRED

So this zombie groundhog isn't a groundhog after all.

SHAGGY

[GULPS] But it's still a zombie?

FRED

That hasn't been ruled out.

POST MALONE  
Where do we go from here?

FRED  
I think we split up and all look  
for clues. Post, you go with Shaggy  
and Scooby.

POST MALONE  
Cool. Sure.

The trio head towards the carnival.

SHAGGY  
Like, don't worry. We're gonna  
stick to the food trucks.

POST MALONE  
Think any have churros?

SHAGGY  
We won't stop until we find one  
that does!

POST MALONE  
Sounds good.

VELMA  
Fred? Mind if I go with Daphne?

FRED  
Of course not, Velma. We're always  
a trio. I wouldn't make you go  
alone.

VELMA  
No. I mean just Daphne.

FRED  
Oh. [BEAT] Yeah, I guess that's --

VELMA  
Thanks!

She pulls Daphne away, towards the carnival.

DAPHNE  
Sorry, Freddie!

FRED  
It's okay. I guess I'll split up...  
by myself.

REVEAL: Fred's all alone. For miles.

FRED  
[SIGHS] Where do we start, Fred?

TED  
Fred?

Ted is somehow right behind him. Startled, Fred jumps.

FRED  
Ted?

TED  
I forgot to ask. Do you have life insurance, Fred? Because if you do, you could always use a little more, right? I mean, who couldn't? But you wanna know something? I got the feeling [WHISTLES] you ain't got any. Am I right or am I right? Or am I right? Am I right?

FRED  
I'm still in high school.

TED  
It's never too early. Especially in your line of work.

FRED  
My team's in the middle of an investigation right now.

TED  
Team?

FRED  
We split up. Some of them went one way, some the other way...

TED  
And you go by yourself?

FRED  
Not usually.

Ted notices the Mystery Machine.

TED  
You still driving this van? Must have a lot of miles. What kind of insurance you got on it?

**END OF ACT TWO**

ACT THREE

EXT. FOOD TRUCKS - DAY

Shaggy, Scooby and Post Malone walk away from a truck with extra long churros.

SHAGGY

That took longer than I thought.

POST MALONE

But now I feel ready to find some clues.

SCOOBY

Over there.

Scooby directs them to a stack of papers by an overflowing trash can.

SHAGGY

Good find, Scoob.

Post Malone looks a paper over.

POST MALONE

These are all unfinished forms for something... There's tons of them.

SHAGGY

I don't know if they're, like, related to our mystery, man, but it's definitely a waste of paper.

POST MALONE

I'm pretty sure it's related, Shaggy.

SHAGGY

Why's that?

Post Malone turns Shaggy, putting him face-to-face with the Zombie Groundhog. Shaggy, Scooby and Post Malone hold up their churros in defense.

POST MALONE

Stand strong, guys.

The Groundhog destroys their snacks with a single swipe.

POST MALONE

Nevermind.

They run.

EXT. FERRIS WHEEL - SAME

Daphne and Velma sit together as their bucket reaches the top.

VELMA

I know so much about science and history and math and --

DAPHNE

Get to the point, Velma.

VELMA

I know all this stuff, but I don't know how to talk to boys.

DAPHNE

That was obvious.

VELMA

Can you help?

DAPHNE

It's all about confidence. Know who you are and go up to him and be that person.

VELMA

What if he doesn't like me?

DAPHNE

Then that's his problem. And at least you tried.

VELMA

Thanks.

DAPHNE

Of course. I don't want to see you embarrass yourself. That looks bad on both of us.

VELMA

Daphne!

DAPHNE

Sorry, that was a bad joke.

VELMA

No! Look!

She points below where Shaggy, Scooby and Post Malone are chased by the Zombie Groundhog.

EXT. BUMPER CARS - CONTINUOUS

Shaggy, Scooby and Post Malone hop into a single bumper car, the Groundhog getting its own to chase them.

POST MALONE

Out of the way! Out of the way!

He waves the other BUMPER CAR DRIVERS out of their path. The Groundhog closes in.

SCOOBY

Uh... Posty?

POST MALONE

What is it, Scooby?

He points up ahead at the wall they're quickly approaching.

POST MALONE

Uh oh.

They crash into it at full speed, launching them all from the vehicle. The same happens to the Groundhog.

INT. COTTON CANDY BOOTH - CONTINUOUS

Having landed in a pile of cotton candy, Shaggy and Scooby lick themselves clean.

POST MALONE

Guys?

Scooby licks Post Malone clean. Fred runs up.

FRED

Are you all right? Where's the Groundhog?

The Zombie Groundhog pops up next to them, covered in cotton candy, and roars. The force of the roar sends the cotton candy covering it onto the guys. They all lick themselves clean, then run.

EXT. FERRIS WHEEL - MOMENTS LATER

Daphne and Velma disembark the ride and look around.

VELMA  
Where are they?

DAPHNE  
There!

EXT. BIG SLIDE - CONTINUOUS

Shaggy, Scooby, Fred and Post Malone reach the top of a big slide, grab blankets and slide down. The Zombie Groundhog looks around for a blanket, doesn't see one, and jumps after them.

At the bottom, Shaggy, Scooby and Fred hop off, but Post gets his foot caught between two slides. The Groundhog quickly approaches.

VELMA  
Posty, watch out!

Velma tackles Post Malone, knocking him out of his shoe and onto the ground. The Groundhog flies past at such a high speed that it lodges itself into a hay bale at the bottom.

Velma helps Post Malone to his feet.

POST MALONE  
Hey, thanks. That was pretty close.

VELMA  
I -- uh -- I --

She looks at Daphne, who gives her a thumbs up.

VELMA  
[CONFIDENT] It's no big deal.

POST MALONE  
Are you kidding? You were amazing!

VELMA  
I was?

She blushes.

EXT. GROUNDHOGAPALOOZA - LATER

Post Malone and the gang stand with a POLICE OFFICER, near the hay bale encased Zombie Groundhog. The Mayor joins them.

MAYOR  
You really got him!

FRED  
Of course we --

The Mayor heads straight for Post Malone.

MAYOR  
I had no doubt that a celebrity of your status could do it though. No doubt at all.

POST MALONE  
Well, it was really a team effort.

MAYOR  
And humble too! Terrific. [BEAT]  
Now let me see who this Zombie Groundhog really is...

Daphne pulls the mask, revealing Ted Flyerson.

FRED  
Ted?

TED  
Bing!

EVERYONE  
Who?

FRED  
He went to high school with us. He sells insurance.

POST MALONE  
That explains all those unfinished forms we found.

VELMA  
Jinkies! So he was doing this to sell insurance?

TED  
I was doing it to scare the real groundhog and guarantee six more weeks of winter. That's the best season to sell insurance. So many dangers. And I would've gotten away with it too if it weren't for you, Fred, and your meddling friends.

VELMA

Actually, you wouldn't have.  
There's no scientific evidence  
backing up a groundhog's ability to  
predict seasonal changes. Your  
actions would likely have had zero  
impact on the weather.

The police lead Ted away.

TED

Oh. [TO FRED] So what are you doing  
for dinner?

FRED

Um... something else.

The police load Ted into their cruiser.

TED

This was nothing personal. [DOOR  
CLOSES] It was just business!

POST MALONE

Say, how'd you guys like to be my  
special guests at tonight's show?

DAPHNE

I don't know... Velma?

Velma takes a deep breath, remaining calm, cool and  
collected.

VELMA

Sure. That could be fun.

POST MALONE

Great. Let's get over there!

He grabs Velma by the hand, leading them off, and she  
practically explodes.

SCOOBY

[LAUGHS] Scooby-Dooby--

The real GROUNDHOG emerges from its TREE STUMP HOME, dressed  
in pajamas, and angrily shakes a fist at Scooby. It shouts in  
gibberish before returning to its house, placing a "DO NOT  
DISTURB" sign on the door.

SCOOBY

[WHISPERED] Scooby-Dooby-Doo.

**END OF SHOW**