## **JUICE REWARD**

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Fade from black. Black and white footage of scientists experimenting on Monkeys is shown.

#### Mumkey (voiceover)

For centuries monkeys have happily and willingly dedicated their entire lives to science. Millions of years, we have lived long, worthless lives existing for no other purpose than to contribute to a never ending cycle of consuming nutrience all so we can return to the dirt and start all over again. Contributing to essential medical and psychological breakthroughs gave our vine-swinging, shit-slinging lives some meaning and purpose. This world's cruel and relentless God put us on this Earth to help our more evolved cousins make progress to a better world for all, we'll even go as far as to sacrifice our lives for it.

#### Cut to black

## Mumkey (voiceover) con't

But some people can't stand the sight of progress.

Footage of animal rights protestors is shown.

## Mumkey (voiceover) con't

Some say it's "cruel" and "immoral," but despite searching my entire life, I have yet to find WHO THE FUCK ASKED. (dramatic pause).

Cut to black

## Mumkey (voiceover) con't

They call themselves "activists." This is my story.

Cut to street-lamp lit footage of Columbus, Ohio with centered text in the middle of the screen. A different shot is shown for each card. Each card is very brief. The text is orange to match with the light from the street lamps. Serene piano music plays.

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(cut to black)
Title Card (white text; black background):

## **JUICE REWARD**

(the official/unofficial sequel to Ben Clarke's Mumkey Jones Gets Facially Hugged)

City streets, evening, exterior.

Mumkey Jones is sitting on the ground with an empty bindle, experimenting with his AAA battery operated air-fryer.

Cut to an overhead view of a banana shoved in the air fryer. Mumkey slams the lid.

Cut to a medium shot of Mumkey, left of the air fryer.

#### Mumkey

You can put anything in this air fryer for real.

A car passes Mumkey. Cut to a close-up of Mumkey's face with his head following. Cut back to a long shot of Mumkey returning his attention to his air-fryer pleasures. Cut to a long shot of the car parking, then to a close-up of the feet of the person driving the car stepping out of it from ground level. The person grabs a net out of the back of the car and closes the trunk. Cut to a shot from behind the person, carrying the net, and approaching Mumkey who is in the distance, cluelessly living it up. Cut to a medium shot of Mumkey being caught with the net. An Ape Escape sound effect is added. Fade to white. End scene.

Ominous computer room. Int. Day.

Brief flashbacks to *Mumkey Jones Gets Facially Hugged* are shown, then cut to a dimly lit close up of Mumkey's face.

# Mumkey (dazed) Where... where am I?

Cut to a close-up of a very dimly lit Dr. Nick Placeholdername next to a pull-string light bulb. Dr. Nick Placeholdername pulls the string to the light, revealing his menacing grinning face. Cut to a close-up of Mumkey's face.

## Mumkey

DR. NICK PLACEHOLDERNAME?!

Cut back to Dr. Nick

#### Dr. Nick

Hi, everybody!

Cut to a medium shot of the room's double doors, which open from the outside revealing a group of Dr. Nick Placeholdername stans, enthusiastically waving directly at the camera.

# **Group of Dr. fans** HI DOCTOR NICK!

The door slams shut.

Return to a medium shot of Mumkey, restrained in his chair and Dr. Nick looming over him.

#### Dr. Nick

Mumkey Jones... Its good to see you again.

Dr. Nick holds up a cut out of a Turkey Tom's cartoon face

#### Dr. Nick

I peered into an alternate universe and saw myself making the mistake of turning you into the ultimate content creator by altering your DNA and appearance.

Dr. Nick tosses the mask to the side and kneels down to Mumkey, getting to eye level with him.

**Dr. Nick** (while kneeling) But ohh, dear Mumkey.

Cut to a close-up of Dr. Nick and Mumkey face to face, with Dr. Nick winslightly above.b

#### Dr. Nick

I know how to make you a YouTube powerhouse just the way you are.

Cut to black.

Cut to close-ups of the equipment in the room. Mumkey's chair, his keyboard, the monitors, a scanner pointed at his brain, and a dispenser of juice dangling from the ceiling.

Dr. Nick speaks over the close-ups of all of the equipment

Dr. Nick (voiceover)
Restrain Chair
Response Bar
Stimulus Screen
Recording Electrode
And most importantly...
The Juice Reward mechanism.

Different Room, int. Day.

Dr. Nick is sitting at a computer with a notebook, lit only by the computer screen. He presses a button on his keyboard, activating an intercom in Mumkey's computer room. Cut to a medium shot of Mumkey in his chair.

**Dr. Nick** (voiceover, through speakers)
Okay, Mumkey. Press the response bar to start recording when you're ready.

#### Mumkey

What should I do?!

Cut to a close-up of Dr. Nick speaking into his microphone.

Dr. Nick

Make content.

Cut back to a close-up of Mumkey's face, then go a tracking shot of his hand reaching for the response bar.

**Dr. Nick** (voiceover through intercom)

Make quality content, Mumkey. You remember, don't you?

Mumkey presses the response bar.

Cut to 16:9 pillar boxed and letterboxed footage of Mumkey in his chair.

## Mumkey AIR FRYERS

Title screen: 12 Minutes Later

#### Mumkey

Anyway, that's why Turbo Crunchy is the best brand of air fryer.

A list labeled "Patrons" of blurry names fly across the side of the screen faster than any monitor's refresh rate can render. (Big's mom, rusty's mom reactor's mom, ect)

## Mumkey

Special thanks to all the people who forgot to unpledge, and I'll see you all next time.

GOODBYE EVERYBODY

Back to a medium shot of regular footage of Mumkey in his chair. Mumkey raises his head to the ceiling, as if he's talking to a higher being.

#### Mumkey

Okay! I made your stupid "quality content," now what's in it for me?!

Dr. Nick enters the room.

Show a medium shot of Dr. Nick closing the door behind him.

Dr. Nick

Incredible

Absolutely

Phenomenal

Dr. Nick kneels again down to Mumkey. Dr. Nick is talking to Mumkey. The back of his head is out of focus, while Dr. Nick is in focus.

#### Dr. Nick

Mumkey, that *juicy* content was truly something special.

He raises his hand to grab the juice reward mechanism.

#### Dr. Nick (con't)

I think you've earned a reward, Mumkey.

Cut to a close-up tracking shot of Dr. Nick shoving the juice reward into Mumkey's face. Close-up of Mumkey thoroughly enjoying the juice. Fade to white.

Serene Music is playing. Mumkey's head is spinning around in the middle of the shot, while a kaleidoscope of fruits are shown in the background.

Cut to a high shot of Mumkey in his chair.

#### Mumkey

Wow Dr. Nick... your juice is amazing. What could I do to earn more of it?!

Return to a low shot of Dr. Nick.

#### Dr. Nick

We will be making content every day, Mumkey. The algorithm demands daily content. More juice.

Return to high shot of Mumkey.

#### Mumkey

Daily Juice?! Dr. Nick... is this my life now?

Show Dr. Nick and Mumkey face to face.

#### Dr. Nick

It sure is, Mumkey

## Mumkey

Well I'll be a Monkey's Uncle! I am so lucky.

Dr. Nick reaches out and pets Mumkey on his head

#### Dr. Nick

I absolutely agree, Mumkey! You're the luckiest!

## Mumkey

This is the greatest day of my life.

#### Dr. Nick

Hey champ, we're gonna make another video here soon. You know what that means, right?

#### Mumkey

More juice, already?! Oh boy!

Dr. Nick is exiting the room

#### Dr. Nick

Don't go anywhere!

#### Mumkey

I physically can't!

Dr. Nick exits the room cut to a close-up of Mumkey.

#### Mumkey

Dr. Nick has given me purpose. If anything bad happens to him I don't know what I'll do.

Loud noises can be heard from outside the room and Mumkey feverishly turns around.

#### Mumkey

DOCTOR NICK?! ARE YOU OKAY?

Cut to a close-up of the door-knob. Footsteps can be heard. The door-knob slowly turns.

Mumkey (nervously)

Dr... Nick?...

A man enters the room holding a hammer.

#### Mumkey

Who the fuck are you and what are you doing here?!

The man tips his hat with his hammer.

#### Rodger

Names Elliott. Rodger Elliott. I am here to set you free, Mumkey.

## Mumkey

Don't tell me you're one of those animal rights assholes!

#### Rodger

I am! I work for BETA

#### Mumkey

Uh... you mean PETA?

#### Rodger

Nope!

Based Entrepreneurs Teaching Animals. I'm a proud beta male! And I will set you free from your content creating prison!

Rodger swings his hammer at Mumkey's monitor, destroying it.

## Mumkey

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Mumkey pulls himself out of his restraint chair and tackles Rodger, making them face to face near the floor.

#### Mumkey

Freedom was the worst thing that ever happened to me! Dr. Nick gave me his delicious juices and a reason to live! Where is he?!

#### Rodger

He's being interrogated at Beta headquarters. Dr. Nick enslaved you and gave you nothing but regular orange juice, go live your life and buy orange juice at the store.

## Mumkey

Us animals can handle ourselves. After I find Dr. Nick I'm coming back to put you pathetic Betas out of business

Mumkey stands up and exits the room. Cut to black.

Outside. Ext. Night.

Mumkey puts his air fryer back into his bindle and walks. Show a long shot of Mumkey walking out into the street.

## **Mumkey** (voiceover)

And so this is only the beginning. I'm coming to rescue you, Dr. Nick... this is my purpose now.

## **ROLL CREDITS, GOD DAMN**

Post Credits scene:

mumkey is at a gas station and takes out a box of orange juice

#### Mumkey

OH 3.19 FUCK THAT

he puts it back. Cut to black. End movie.