

DONNY

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FADE IN:

EXT. OCEAN BEACH - DAWN

Waves beat against the shore. Out of the ocean emerges a sullen figure in a soaking wet but well fitted suit. POSEIDON (DONNY). Donny solemnly exits from the crashing waves.

On the beach, HERMES and DIONYSUS (DIO) are awaiting Donny. Hermes, the Greek god of swiftness, is wearing athletic clothing and has his hair up in a sweatband. Dio, the god of festivities, has on sunglasses and tank-top. They both have on "Hello, My Name Is \_\_\_\_" stickers filled in with their names stuck onto their chests.

Donny, soaking wet and dripping from every article of clothing, finally reaches Hermes and Dio.

HERMES

Mr. Poseidon, an honor to be in your presence!

DIO

Shut up Hermes! He's our uncle, or something....

DONNY

Please... Call me Donny. And you can take those damned things off.

Gesturing to the name tags. Hermes and Dio take off their tags.

DONNY (CONT'D)

I think I'll be able to remember my own nephews.

HERMES

We have such a great day planned for you Mr. Donny, you'll forget why Amphitrite even dumped you after 500 years of happy marriage. You look great, by the way.

Donny does not look great. He looks sad and disheveled.

Dio punches Hermes on the shoulder. Donny walks further down the beach without Hermes and Dio.

HERMES (CONT'D)

What was that for!

DIO  
Our goal is to distract him, not  
make him sadder- Hey wait!

Dio runs to catch up to Donny, who has put a few meters between himself and the original meeting spot. Hermes, the god of swiftness, is already caught up.

HERMES  
We know you haven't been on earth  
for a few hundred years, Donny. A  
lot's changed, but a lot also  
hasn't.

The trio walk along the beach.

SUPER: DONNY

INT. OLYMPIAN BACHELOR PAD - AFTERNOON

Donny, led by Hermes and Dio enter a dirty bachelor pad. There are empty beer cans everywhere. Hermes grabs a garbage bag while Dio goes to take a seat on the couch. Donny stands uncomfortably by the door.

HERMES  
Wasn't that great! There are so  
many cool things on earth. Cars can  
go so fast now! Well, I guess  
they're brand new to you, but  
aren't they neat?

DONNY  
The gasses are poisoning the ocean.

Dio cracks open a new beer. Hermes continues to pick up empty cans.

HERMES  
And there's so much food! Didn't  
you love it?

DONNY  
The fish communities have been  
ruined by commercial fishing.

HERMES  
And technology! What do you think  
of your new phone?

Dio finishes his beer, crumples it, and tosses it on the floor. Hermes runs to pick it up.

Donny walks towards the couch and takes a seat next to Dio. He pulls out his new smartphone. Dio cracks open a new beer.

DONNY

I guess this thing is pretty cool.

DIO

Have you downloaded Tinder yet?

DONNY

What's Tinder?

DIO

Dude, You gotta!

Dio grabs Donny's phone and replaces Donny's empty hand with the just opened beer. Donny takes a sip.

DIO (CONT'D)

What kind of pictures do you have of yourself?

DONNY

Wait, what's Tinder?

DIO

Have any gods visited you in the past 15 or so years?

DONNY

Can someone tell me what's going on?

Hermes appears with a laptop. He and Dio

HERMES

I found something! Hephaestus took a trip a few years ago, took a bunch of pictures, but there's a small problem. It's all fish.

DONNY

I showed him all of my fish friends! What's wrong with fish?

HERMES

The world's changed, old man. It's no longer enough to just be big and strong. If you want to get a date-

DONNY

Get a date? I thought you guys were trying to help me experience the world, not find a rebound!

DIO

What about Hera, didn't she visit recently?

DONNY

Besides, courting someone is usually something I like to do on my own.

HERMES

Good call! She took a bunch of pictures also... but all of them are with... her.

Dio cracks open another beer.

DIO

Donny, I need you to think here. Do you have any pictures of yourself not with any fish and not with your ex wife.

DONNY

I'm still not sure exactly what's-

Hermes appears with a camera.

HERMES

Activity! Today's the day you build your first dating profile.

EXT. PARK - DAY

Donny, Hermes, and Dio look for a good spot to take their first picture.

DIO

Almost all relationships today start online. Sure, you can meet someone in person, but you can meet anyone online.

Hermes takes a picture of Donny in the park.

EXT. BEACH - DAY

Hermes poses Donny on the beach for another photo.

HERMES

It's all about the energy you give off. If you look like you're confident, people will think you are. If you look like your wife of 500 years just asked for a divorce...

Donny tries to feign a smile.

HERMES (CONT'D)

Look over there!

Donny falls for the trick. Hermes takes a "candid" photo.

INT. OLYMPIAN BACHELOR PAD KITCHEN - DAY

All three Olympians pose around a self timing camera. Dio and Hermes are smiling, Donny is unamused.

DONNY

How many more of these do we have to take?

The timer goes off and the picture is taken. It looks terrible. Hermes resets the timer.

HERMES

We almost have enough to build your profile, just this one more!

The shutter clicks. Donny still looks unhappy.

DIO

Come one Herm, this isn't even the fun part!

Dio takes the phone from Hermes and starts assembling the profile.

DIO (CONT'D)

Donny, if you could describe yourself in one sentence.

DONNY

Annoyed.

HERMES

Just throw in a quip about swimming or something, nobody reads bios anyways.

DIO  
And what's your favorite song?

DONNY  
Baby shark.

A beat. Hermes and Dio make shocked eye contact.

DONNY (CONT'D)  
What? It's a good song!

DIO  
We'll put...

HERMES  
Do Hot 'n Cold by Katy Perry!

DIO  
Perfect. Donny, I present to you  
your first ever online dating  
profile!

Dio hands Donny the phone and immediately opens a new beer.

DONNY  
Awesome.... What do I do with it?

DIO  
You swipe! Left for no, right for  
yes.

Donny studies the first profile meticulously. He examines every picture. Hermes and Dio peer over Donny's shoulder, building in excitement with each photo Donny looks at.

DONNY  
And... this is a real person?

DIO  
Usually.

After much consideration, Donny swipes left.

HERMES  
Oh come on! After all that it's a  
no?

Hermes takes the phone and starts swiping.

DONNY  
Hey!

HERMES

It's a numbers game, Mr. Donny.  
Oh, you already have your first  
match! What do you want to say  
to... "Shelly"?

DONNY

Say... "I am Poseidon, Greek god of  
the sea. It is an honor to meet  
you."

Dio takes the phone from Hermes.

DIO

How about, "I know we're  
overfishing, but you're too much of  
a catch to let go."

HERMES

Ooooh thats a good one.

DONNY

Overfishing is not a joke! And she  
is not a fish!

DIO

She's typing back...

Hermes takes the phone back from Dio

HERMES

She says, "You're not too bad  
looking yourself"

DONNY

Of course not, I'm a god!

Donny, for the first time, stands tall and proud. He snatches  
the phone from Hermes.

DONNY (CONT'D)

Time to let the master go to work.

Hermes and Dio sidebar.

HERMES

I think our plan is working.

DIO

I'll cheers to that.

Dio opens a new beer and takes a sip.



DONNY  
Shelly and I have a date tonight at  
7.

HERMES  
Wha- already?

Hermes lint roles Donny's suit.

DIO  
Dude! Way to go!

Hermes sprays some breath freshener into Donny's mouth.

DONNY  
Showtime.

EXT. RESTAURANT PATIO - DUSK

Donny waits anxiously. He nervously looks at his watch and looks around for SHELLY, his date.

SHELLY  
(Off camera)  
Donny?

Donny looks up and smiles.

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