

ANGEL FALLS

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CAST

Evan - The new guy, early 20's

Mr. Black - The mysterious supervisor, late 30's

Karen - Nickel's English Nanny, late 20's

Nickels - A talking monkey, 12 years old.

(A secret underground laboratory.)

MR. BLACK

Well Evan, it's impressive someone so young even got security clearance for this assignment, what's your specialty again?

EVAN

Neuro-genetics in animals.

MR. BLACK

Interesting, well welcome to Angel Falls research, we protect America through the awesome power of genetic engineering.

EVAN

I'm glad to be aboard sir.

MR. BLACK

Now Evan, there's someone here I want you meet, our best researcher, Nickels, a talking monkey.

EVAN

Sir, I was trained to expect strange things at Angel Falls, but a talking monkey?

(Nickels enters.)

NICKELS

(British accent.)

Oh I assure I'm quite capable of talking. Charmed to meet you.

MR. BLACK

Nickels here is a product of operation chimp-a-mania in the late 90's. The idea was to confuse our enemies with talking chimps.

NICKELS

But we were so damn charming they just wanted to hug us.

MR. BLACK

As a result, most of the monkeys defected, but Nickels remained due to his unwavering loyalty America.

EVAN

(leery.)

I see, so would you like a hug then Nickels?

NICKELS

Yes.

(Evan uneasily hugs Nickels.)

NICKELS

Oh that hits the spot.

(They separate.)

(Mr. Black leans in to Evan.)

MR. BLACK

(whispering.)

One thing to remember, he's very insecure about being the only talking monkey here.

NICKELS

I heard that! I'm a monkey I'm not deaf dammit. You would be insecure too you know! A talking Monkey in a man's world, researching how to weaponize bees. It's pretty strange when you really stop and think about it!

EVAN

Sorry Nickels. I'll uh, try not to bring it up again.

MR. BLACK

I'm sorry too Nickels. Maybe I've been just been here too long.

NICKELS

Maybe all of us have.

(Mr. Black leads Nickels and Evan across the room.)

MR. BLACK

You'll be working on operating stinger. You'll be weaponizing these bees to drop on the Palestinians.

NICKELS

Which is a shame because Israel is the false construct, not Palestine, but if Uncle Sam wants it I'll do it, out of loyalty.

(Mr. Black leans in to Evan.)

MR BLACK

(whispering)

One other thing to remember is that Nickels is very anti-semitic.

NICKELS

I heard that! I'm a monkey, I'm not deaf dammit! And you would be anti-semitic too if you took some time to read about that whole conflict!

EVAN

I'm sorry Nickels. I'll try not to mention the presence of Jews again.

MR. BLACK

I'm sorry too Nickels, maybe I'm just biased because my mother is Jewish.

NICKELS

Apology accepted. Now, Evan, you'll be in charge of modifying the bees DNA so that they're always angry. We haven't had much luck so far, previous attempts just made them depressed and wistful.

EVAN

Does it matter if they're sad?

MR BLACK

The only thing sadder than a depressed bee is trying to watch it sting a Palestinian. They just sort of keep bumping into the palestinians wrists, not knowing what to do.

(Karen enters.)

KAREN

Nickels, it's time for tea.

NICKELS

Don't bother me you damn woman!

KAREN

No no Nickels, what did we talk about earlier, you treat women nicely.

NICKELS

I'll treat you how I damn well please harpy! Begone!

KAREN

Hmph! Someone is not getting a hug today.

(Karen exits and Mr. Black leans in to Evan.)

MR. BLACK

(whispering)

One thing to remember is that Nickels is very misogynistic.

NICKELS

I heard that! I'm a monkey I'm not deaf dammit! And you would be misogynistic too if you saw what a lousy job women did at things. It's almost as bad as when you leave a Negro to do something important.

EVAN

Wait, what did you say?

MR. BLACK

Nickels is also, shall we say, less than educated about race relations.

EVAN

Ok, hold on. I could humor working with a talking monkey.

NICKELS

Working *FOR* a talking monkey.

EVAN

He's my boss?

MR. BLACK

I'm afraid so. He is our best researcher.

EVAN

(Irate.)

Listen, I can work with a talking monkey, and I can even handle an anti-semitic misogynist monkey, but I draw the line at racist. Also Nickels, Israel is a legitimate state!

NICKELS

Legitimate state! How dare you!

(Nickels goes crazy like a chimp.)

MR. BLACK

Oh now you've done it Evan, when he gets like this we have to sedate him. Karen get in here!

(Karen enters.)

KAREN

Oh not again! I'll sedate him with the dart gun.

(Karen pulls out a dart gun and shoots Nickels and carries out his body)

MR. BLACK

Well, that went poorly, I'm afraid you can't work here with Nickels anymore. Once you disagree with him on Israel, it's pretty much all he'll ever talk about.

EVAN

I guess I'll just have to be re-assigned to work with a human, which makes more damn sense anyways.

MR. BLACK

Evan, Angel Falls is America's best kept secret, once you've been in we can't re-assign you.

EVAN

Oh boy. Ok, I can apologize to Nickels if I have to.

MR. BLACK

Why don't we talk about this in my office. Go on.

(Evan starts walking stage left, Mr. Black follows up behind, noticeably pulling out a gun.)

(BLACKOUT.)