

Stuntguy

Raiders of the Lost Ark

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INT. HARVEY'S STUDY. NIGHT.

HARVEY sits in a comfortable chair with a glass of whiskey.

HARVEY
You know, being a stuntman is a dangerous business. Even when the camera's aren't rolling. Like the time we were filming the famous "chicken chase" scene in Raiders of the Lost Ark.

INT. CAVE.

INDIANA JONES is running through the cave carrying an idol.

He stops when he hears a clucking sound behind him. His face contorts in terror as he sees...

...a chicken comes running towards him.

HARVEY, dressed as INDIANA JONES, starts running away from the chicken but the chicken stops and starts pecking the ground.

SPIELBERG
Cut!

1st AD
Okay, let's reset the chicken. Take five everybody.

LUCAS
(To SPIELBERG)
We really need to make this chicken a bit scarier. Could we give it fangs or something?

SPIELBERG
What about an eye-patch?

HARVEY
Hey, I'm going to get some food. Where's the catering van?

1st AD
Oh, it's up there Harvey.

HARVEY looks up to see the catering van at the top of a steep slope on the set.

HARVEY
Why is the...goddamn it.

He sighs and starts to climb.

As he climbs the slope he almost slips on the steep surface but manages to stop himself.

He looks back down the slope and sees the rest of the crew way below him.

He starts to climb again.

He reaches the catering van. He totters as he stands in front of the hatch.

CATERER
Hey, what can I get you?

HARVEY
You got spaghetti
with...banana...and...gravy?

CATERER
Stuntman Special, sure. Here you
go.

The CATERER slides a plate onto the counter.

HARVEY
Thanks.

HARVEY takes the plate.

He turns to walk down the slope but as he turns he catches his foot on his own leg. He wobbles and leans, flailing his free arm in the air to try to stop himself from falling. Just before he falls he grabs onto the edge of the counter and stops himself.

HARVEY
Phew, that was a-

The extra weight on the counter makes the catering van start to lean over. HARVEY lets go of it but it's still slowly toppling over.

A look of terror comes onto HARVEY's face as he takes a step away from the van down the slope.

HARVEY runs down the slope as the van tumbles after him down the ramp.

The CREW hear the noise and look up the ramp. They all scatter as HARVEY charges through followed by the van.

The van starts to slow down.

HARVEY looks behind him and sees the van stopping. He slows down and breathes a sigh of relief.

The van leans and starts to topple. Below it lies a plate.

HARVEY looks down at his empty hands. He looks horrified.

The shadow of the van creeps over the plate of spaghetti with banana and gravy.

HARVEY reaches in and grabs the plate just before the van slams down on the ground.

HARVEY

Phew.

HARVEY walks away from the van eating his spaghetti.

SPIELBERG and LUCAS watch him.

SPIELBERG

(Thoughtful)

You know what, I think that might
just work.

LUCAS

I don't know. Spaghetti and
banana?

SPIELBERG

Yeah, you're right, it'd be
gross. Okay, let's go for
another take on the chicken chase
scene everyone!