**"Band Together"**

**Episode One**

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INT.

FADE IN:

Carl and donny are sitting on the flooR in an underpass connecting a bus station with the town centre of Marshgate. Donny is singing and playing Kings of Leon’s “Use Somebody” on guitar and Carl is drumming a beat on two pringles cans. they finish, carl takes off his beanie hat and puts it on the floor for people to put money in.

Donny

Are you only just putting that out?

CARL

Well, Yeah

DONNY

Why haven't you had it out all this time? Where are people supposed to put the money?

CARL

My head was cold. It seemed like a waste to put my hat on the ground. Plus I’ve got hat hair, look

Carl shows Donny his head with really flat hair

DONNY

If you had your hat on the ground you wouldn’t get hat hair, and we would have got some money during that song

Carl is slightly confused and shrugs. He puts the hat upside down on the floor in front of him.

carl

How much money have we made this week?

Donny puts his hand into his coat pocket, pulls out some money and counts it

DONNY

£28 in that pocket…

Donny puts his hand into his other pocket

DONNY

2 packs of chewing gum, half a pack of Rizla, and a toy car a kid dropped when he tripped over that old man.

CARL

Nice

DONNY

It's only got two wheels

Donny rolls the car along the floor and it falls over

DONNY

And they’re both on the same side

CARL

How much do you think we'll make today?

DONNY

Who knows?

CUT TO:

A wide shot of the underpass. Lots of old people can be seen walking through it.

DONNY

It’s OAP discount Wednesday. They’re always glad to see a young person working. Especially if they can get half price fish and chips at the same time. Right, let’s do another one.

CARL

OK

Carl picks his hat up off the floor and goes to put it back on his head.

DONNY

Leave the hat there!

Carl puts the hat back down and notices something inside

CARL

There’s something in this

Carl picks out a small piece of paper from the hat

CARL

It's a Boots eyeliner voucher

DONNY

Kick ass. Put it in the pocket

Donny opens his coat pocket and Carl drops the voucher inside.

DONNY

Do you want to play guitar this time?

CARL

Nah, I'll stick to the Pringles cans

A scruffy, drunk man stops in front of them

Man

Do you do requests?

CARL

If the price is right...

MAN

Right, we'll here’s £1. Sod off and go home

He throws £1 into the hat and walks off. Donny and Carl watch him walk away

CARL

I think that's in F sharp...

DONNY

Ironically, whilst being the most abusive, he's also our best paying customer today

Donny starts playing the riff to the song “Gay Bar” by Electric Six. Carl stands up and sings to the OAP's who are walking past

CARL

YOU! I WANT TO TAKE YOU TO A GAY BAR, I WANT TO TAKE YOU TO A GAY BAR I WANT TO TAKE YOU TO A GAY BAR, GAY BAR, GAY BAR

cut to:

Carl and Donny are standing with a police officer. The officer is reading from his notepad

Police Officer

I've got something to put in you [pause] at the gay bar?

The police officer looks up at them

POLICE OFFICER

I’m forced to ask again, what’s wrong with you guys?

DONNY

It's a real song [pause] called Gay Bar

CARL

Mhm

The Policeman stares at them blankly

CUT TO:

Carl and Donny are walking along a path. Donny has the guitar on his back and Carl has two Pringles cans sticking out of his coat pockets

CARL

Can you really ban someone from an underpass and every bingo club in town at the same time?

DONNY

It seems that way, but we never go to bingo anyway

CARL

I know, but it’s always nice to have a choice. And you can win money there. What are we going to do for money now? There are only a few places left where we can play

DONNY

So we've got Halmond Terrace...

CUT TO:

Two drug dealers on a street corner exchanging drugs followed by a gunshot then a scream. They all run off in different directions

DONNY

Isambard Corner

CUT TO:

The outside of a church where people inside can be heard singing a hymn. A gun shot and a scream are heard

DONNY

Or Ferndale Park

CUT TO:

Seen through binoculars: Ayoung girl is getting changed in her bedroom.The camera cuts away to see a man sitting in a tree watching her. The branch breaks making a soundlike a gunshot, the man falls and screams.

DONNY

We're going to have to get a job; we can’t make any money around here anymore

CARL

Whoa whoawhoa, don't be hasty, there's got to be a way around this

donny

There’s nothing wrong with getting a job, that's how I managed to get my Xbox.

CUT TO:

Donny is standing in a living room dressed in overalls, admiring the TV/Xbox set up. A middle aged woman stands in the door way in just a negligee and silk robe

Woman

So do you like what you see?

DONNY

Yeah

WOMAN

Well come and take it. It's all yours

DONNY

Awesome

Donny bends down and picks up the Xbox

CUT TO:

Donny and Carl walking along the path

CARL

Didn't you get fired soon after that?

DONNY

A little bit, yeah

CARL

I know! Let’s go on the internet and find someone really old and rich who wants to marry us and give us all of her money

DONNY

It worked for Catherine Zeta Jones

CARL

Exactly, and then we can get cheap fish and chips on Wednesdays too.

Donny spies a U2 concert poster on a nearby wall and walks over to it

donny

We'll put that as plan B. Imagine if we were in a band, rich and famous, touring the world, sleeping with roadies, having groupies set up all of our equipment, I could dress up as a spaceman and pretend you are an alien.

Carl walks over to the poster

DONNY

Wait, why don't we do that!?

CARL

I don'thave that alien outfit anymore. My mum threw it out because she thought it was my granddads old bathing suit

Donny

No not dress up, well not yet. You and I, my friend, are going to become the biggest band to ever come out of Marshgate and its surrounding villages

CARL

You want to join McFly?

DONNY

No we're going to start our own band and become even bigger than McFly. We are going to take over the world and nothing is going to stop us

CARL

YEAH!

DONNY

I need a new plectrum though; I threw mine at the duck when it was attacking that dog

CARL

All right

They both walk off camera

CARL

Do we know anyone else who plays instruments?

DONNY

No

CARL

Oh

EXT.

INT. Open with a shot of a pub on an estate, The Bulldog, then cut inside to see a barman washing glasses. donny and carl walk up to the bar. carl notices some girls he recognises in the corner

CARL

Hang on, I know those girls over there from school. I think that's Penny Hall, except she looks different...

DONNY

Wow. She’s fit

CARL

That's it! She’s attractive. In school she looked like someone had drawn a face on a foot. I'll go over and get us in there. Looks like we won't need a band after all

Carl winks at Donny as he starts walking away

CARL

Bring the drinks over

DONNY

Ok

Donny walks to the bar

barman

Alright. What will it be?

DONNY

Dave, I'll have a Guinness and a...

Donny looks over to Carl at the girls table

DONNY

Lager shandy, please

The Barman starts pouring the drinks

DONNY

How popular are bands in pubs these days?

dave

It depends on the pub really. There isn’t usually the money to have bands play each weekend like we used to. We've got one in tomorrow though

The barman nods over to a post on the wall for the band. Its members are dressed up in leather with vampire face paint

DONNY

Blood Venom Doom Clan??

DAVE

They're a George Michael and Wham tribute act.

DONNY

Obviously [Pause] you don't know anyone who plays an instrument around here do you?

DAve

Um, I think Gary used to be in an orchestra, he plays the Saxophone or something.

DONNY

Gary, really?

Dave

That's what I heard

Carl comes back over to the bar

Overheard

Bye Skid mark (followed by Giggling)

He takes the Shandy from the bar

CARL

Nice one

DONNY

What did they say?

CARL

Nothing.Wrong people.Let’s sit outside

Carl walks off. Donny looks over to the table of girls who are giggling and gesturing soggy pants

CUT TO:

Outside in the beer garden a bald middle-aged man is sitting on a bench reading a paper and smoking a cigarette. He has a broad Yorkshire accent. Donny and Gary walk up to his table

Donny

Alright Gary, mind if we sit down?

Gary

No go ahead. Listen to this letter: [He reads from the paper] "To Whom It May Concern, I sometimes wonder if evil people have figured out how to time travel. Perhaps they have gone back to the past and made sure that things go their way. Maybe they are still at it now. How else do you explain Simon Cowell? Have you ever had that thought?" and we wonder about the mental state of people in this country!

CARL

It's crossed my mind before

Donny looks at Carl

DONNY

Dave was telling us you play saxophone?

GARY

Aye, that's true, ever since I was a young boy. It was often awkward being a young lad in Yorkshire playing a saxophone while everyone else played football and stole cars. I really know what Billy Elliott was going through, y'know. Feel that...

Gary shows Donny and Carl a bump on his head. They reach out and touch it.

gary

I got that from playing the saxophone.

DONNY

How?

GARY

I was playing it one day in me room playing 'Waiting on a Friend' by the Stones, and then suddenly I felt this really sharp pain in the back of my head

CARL

What was it? Did you blow so hard your head burst open?

GARY

No my dad came in the room and hit me with a shoe ‘cos I was interrupting countdown

donny & carl

Wow

GARY

I know. That will always remind me of the dangers of music - Sex drugs and rock and roll

DONNY

And shoes

GARY

And shoes

CARL

We'll, how would you like to join our band?

GARY

I didn't know you had a band

DONNY

Yep, since 46...

Donny looks at his watch

DONNY

47 minutes ago

CARL

We're going to be the biggest band in Marshgate

DONNY

And the surrounding villages

GARY

You're joining McFly?

DONNY

No, were going to be bigger than McFly [Pause] but we need more people

GARY

I'd like to lads, I miss it I really do, but I swore to myself that I would never play again after [Pause] the incident

CARL

What incident?

GARY

I can't say. I’m taking that information to my grave

Donny and Carl look suspicious

GARY

However, I can help you. I know some people who might be useful

DONNY

Oh great, who?

GARY

There’s Frank Browner he sings [Pause] although he’s a bit mental. He’s 24; he’s just left school and would probably commit suicide for a bet. Probably best to leave him. There’s also young Hersch, he plays a mean snare.

CARL

Hersch Plays drums?

CUT TO:

Hersch is eating a sausage roll and waiting for a bus. He looks at the bus sign which says £1.70 a ticket. He digs into his pocket to find out that he doesn't have enough change. He is startled, starts panicking and asks people if they can spare any change. After they all say no he runs into the Greggs behind him and goes up to the counter.

Hersch

Can I have...

He studies the sausage roll to see how much of it he's eaten.

HERSCH

68p I give you this back?

Shop Assistant

Eww, No

HERSCH

Damn

Hersch runs out of the shop again and sees the bus pulling up. He runs to a nearby homeless man

HERSCH

Excuse me, can you spare any change?

The homeless man looks up at him in despair. He runs back to the bus just as it is pulling away and stops it, the driver opens the doors.He gets on the bus and speaks to the driver.

HERSCH

Do you accept sausage?

CUT TO:

Donny, Carl and Gary sat in The Bulldog garden

DONNY

Know anyone else?

GARY

Oh, there's Sandy Drape. I think she’s a drummer andhas been in a band before.

DONNY

Fantastic

GARY

I'll give her a call and see what she says

All three raise their glasses

All

Cheers!

DONNY

Right, I need to take a leak

Donny leaves

CARL

He's lying. He’s gone for a wank. He told me on the way here

GARY

I once had a wankoff with my mate when we were about 13/14. He said I bet I can come quicker than you can, and of course I said no chance! 'cosIwas managing to get through about 11 a day back then. I look back on it now and I do partially regret it 'cos obviously if you do it too much you start to wear it away.

Carl looks worried

CARL

Really??

GARY

Aye. It's a shadow of its former self now, not that Ican’t still use it, like…

Gary turns to a nearby table of girls and winks at them. They look disgusted and turn away

GARY

Yeah that’s right I could make you squeal like pig in a vice!

He turns back towards his table and mumbles

GARY

Trannies. Anyway so we started cracking one off under sheets, this was in different beds by the way, weweren’t gay [Pause] and I could hear him panting and no doubt he could hear me, and he managed to beat me. I was only really just getting started I was mortified. You obviously had to prove that you'd done it else you could just claim you won as soon as you started; so he got up and showed me and it turned out he had just pissed himself; so I won obviously 'cos while he was getting piss outta his trousers I quickly finished myself off and there we were.

Donny returns to the table

donny

I’m just going to the shop

GARY

I’m coming!

CUT TO:

Donny and Carl are walking to the shop

CARL

Do you think Gary is...ok? I think that bump caused him some serious internal damage

DONNY

He’s fine, he’s from Yorkshire. They’re all like that up there

CUT TO:

Carl's imagination: A room with 8 men in cloth caps lying in single beds.Their clothes are all lying on the floor and their dogs are tied to their bed posts. One of them speaks

MAN

Everybodyready?

Other Men

(Together) Aye

MAN

Ok. 1,2,3...GO!

The duvet covers of the beds start moving frantically up and down.

CUT TO:

Carl’s face, looking disturbed

CARL

I’mgladI’m not from Yorkshire.

They arrive at the shop just as a man in a dress is walking out.

Carl

Hi Brian

The man nods to them. Carl and Donny walk inside. They walk up to the counter where the shopkeeper, John, is standing.

CARL

Afternoon John

John

Hello unemployed wasters

DONNY

You always know how to make people feel welcome

JOHN

Yes, I studied it at university. Now what do you want?

DONNY

£10 phone credit and £10 on this gas key

Carl wanders off into the back of the store. Donny hands over the money and card and notices John’s calculator on the counter

DONNY

I tell you what; if I can make you laugh then I get...

He looks around and spies a mars bar

DONNY

This mars bar for free

JOHN

And if you don't?

DONNY

ThenI’ll give you 45p for it

JOHN

But it costs 55p

DONNY

With...

He fumbles in his pocket

DONNY

This boots voucher for half priced eye liner and double points

JOHN

[He thinks for a second] Ok deal

DONNY

Right, hand me that calculator, I’mgonna tell you a story

Donny takes the calculator and types in the numbers as he talks

DONNY

There was a woman of 27, her breast size was 68, she went to a doctor who was 90, and he said Oh (0), take these tablets four (4) times (X) a day but she only took them twice (2) which made her….

Donnypresses “=” and turns the calculator upside down to showJohn

Donny

Boobless

John pauses then smirks

DONNY

Hah, good ain’t it?

Donny takes the mars bar

JOHN

What do you think you are doing?

He takes the Mars Bar back

DONNY

You said I could have this if you laughed

JOHN

Yes, I was joking. See I can tell jokes too. I’m hilarious.

Donny looks irked. Carl comes to the counter with a bag of crisps

CARL

John, this bag is open. Can I have them half price?

JOHN

No. You just opened them. I saw you

Donny sees an old lady standing behind them in the queue and takes the calculator over to her

DONNY

Hi Mrs.Loveday, can I show you something?

CARL

It doesn’t matter how or who opened them. You can’t sell them at full price now

JOHN

Yes I can. I can sell them to you at full price

CARL

But I don't want to pay full price. They've already been opened

JOHN

I tell you what; if you give them to me I will put a discount sticker on them

Carl hands over the bag and John starts eating the crisps

CARL

What are you doing?

JOHN

I am eating the crisps. I’m hilarious too. Ask your friend

DONNY

Which made her Boobless!

Mrs Loveday

Oh my

JOHN

Hey you two, stop harassing my shop. Get out

Donny puts 45p on the counter, takes the mars bar and he runs out of the shop with Carl

JOHN

Hey you! Come Back. Where’s my Boots voucher?

Mrs.Loveday walks up to the counter

MRS LOVEDAY

Little Rascals kids these days aren’t they?

JOHN

If I see them again ill gut their innards

Mrs.Loveday takes out money from her purse

MRS LOVEDAY

Do you sell condoms?

JOHN

Yes. Ribbed or extra lubed?

MRS LOVEDAY

Ribbed. Please

CUT TO:

Gary and another man are talking at a table outside The Bulldog

MAN

Oh, was that when we left him in his pants handcuffed to that homeless guy?

GARY

Yeah, and then you walked me home because Icouldn’t stand up properly, then I felt bad for you having gone to all that trouble so I walked you back home [Pause] I’m not sure how I got home after that

man

Did I walk you back home?

gary

Possibly

Donny and Carl run back to the table. The man walks off.

GARY

I got hold of Sandy.

She said she’s interested and she’s at her house if you want to go round. Here’s her address

Gary hands Carl a piece of paper with Sandy’s address on it

CARL

Oh Brilliant. Cheers Gary

Donny and Carl sit down at the table

GARY

Nuts?

Gary offers an open bag of nuts

DONNY

Lovely

CARL

Nobbys Nuts. Is there a better nut to put in your mouth?

DONNY

If there is I don't want to know about it

gary

I’m not a fan. They’re too tangy for my tastes

DONNY

So why did you buy them?

GARY

I didn't. They were here when I sat down

Donny and Carl stop chewing and stare at the nuts in their hand

DONNY

Why didn't you tell us that before?

Gary

I don't know. It didn’t seem relevant

Carl continues to chew. He looks at the address on the piece of paper

CARL

Shall we?

Donny

Please

EXT. They get up and leave.

INT. donny and carl arrive at sandys house. a drum solo can be heard from within. they smile at each other and nod. they knock on the door, the drums stop and a little girl, emily, answers in an abrupt manner

Emily

Hello

DONNY

Hi there, is Sandy home?

EMILY

Yes she is

There is a long, awkward pause

DONNY

...can we see her?

EMILY

I doubt it from here. She’s in the kitchen

DONNY

...Ok, may we please enter your house and see her?

EMILY

What’s the magic word?

DONNY

Please. I just said it

EMILY

[Pause] Follow me

Donny and Carl enter the house behind Emily.

CARL

[Whispering] What’s wrong with her?

Emily turns around and stares at Carl. They stop in their tracks. Eventually Emily starts walking again into the living room

emily

[Shouting] Sandy, more men are here for you

Emily sits down in a chair in the living room and stares at Donny and Carl. Donny and Carl look at each other confused. Sandy walks in from the kitchen. She is tall, thin, has brown hair in a ponytail and is wearing large glasses.

Sandy

Thanks Sis. Hi guys, I’m Sandy

DONNY

I’mDonny, this is Carl

They all shake hands

sandy

I hear from Gary that you’re looking for a Drumist for your band?

CARL

Um, a drummer, yes.We’re going to become the biggest band in Marshgate

EMILY

Yeah like that will ever happen

Carl and Donny look at each other, and then back at Sandy

DONNY

There’s Guitar, Bass, hopefully drums and saxophone if Gary gets involved

SANDY

Oh no, I doubt he’ll do that. He swore he’d never play again

DONNY

Yeah we heard. Why is that?

SANDY

I cannot say. I’m sworn to secrecy

She mimes sealing her lips

SANDY

Anyway, come through to the lounge and I’ll put on a little show for you

CARL

Ok

They follow her and spy a drum kit set up in the corner of the lounge

SANDY

Take a seat. I’ll be out in a minute

DONNY

Thanks

Sandy walks into her bedroom off screen. Emily follows them into the lounge and stands staring at them again

DONNY

[Elevated voice to Sandy]So the drums sounded great from what we heard outside

SANDY

[From other room]Yeah I know, don’t they just

Carl

[To Emily] Fancy some nuts?

EMILY

Eww, no you pervert! I [her voice goes louder] DONT WANT TO TOUCH YOUR NUTS

DONNY

We don't want you to touch our nuts...I mean...Don’t worry about it

SANDY

What?

DONNY

Erm, we were just commenting on your lovely sofa cushions

Donny looks over to handmade sofa cushions featuring a host of cats’ faces. Carl picks one up.

SANDY

Ah thank you. I made them myself out of used cat hair. I’ll be out in a sec

Carl immediately drops the cushion and wipes his hands on his trousers

DONNY

[To Carl] Why did you bring those?

CARL

I couldn’t bring myself to leave a bag of uneaten Nobbys

EMILY

Eurgh, stop saying [Louder] NOB!

CARL

That's what they’re called, Nobbys Nuts

EMILY

Pervert!

Sandy comes out dressed in a marching band uniform with a pleated skirt. She has a drum hanging around her neck and a harmonica attached to her chin.

Sandy

Ok? Ready? Go!

Sandy starts playing an army style drum rhythm whilst prancing around the lounge, kicking her legs up in the air. She occasionally blows into the harmonica to add a tune. Donny and Carl look up at her open mouthed. Carl slowly continues to eat the nuts. Sandy finishes her march in an open armed, celebratory position.

DONNY

[Pause] Wow. That was...

CARL

Yea, that was...

SANDY

I know

DONNY

Gary said you’d been in a band before?

SANDY

I have, I was in the Dunstable majorettes for 5 years, or the 'Dunnies' as we were known then. I was the drumist

DONNY

Drumist?What? No. But outside we heard a drum kit being played. We thought you were an actual, sort of...drummer?

SANDY

Ohhh, oh no [She Laughs] that’sEmily. She’s the drumist in the family. She’s the one with all the talent.

Carl and Donny look over aghast at Emily who is standing with a smug smile on her face

DONNY

So that was...you?

EMILY

Mhm [Nods]

DONNY

[To Sandy] Well that was obviously...amazing, um but we really need a rock band type of drummer, who can play a drum kit, with more than one drum

SANDY

Ohhh, sorry [She laughs and snorts at the same time] somewherewe’ve gotten crossed wires [She continues to laugh-snort] Yes I see what you mean I wouldn't be much good in a rocky roll band I don't much doubt

DONNY

No, I guess not [He shows an uneasy smile and a fake laugh] Sorry to waste your time

SANDY

Oh no it’s quite all right - It’s pretty funny when you think about it. Good luck finding someone though - you know what they say?

Donny and Carl stare at Sandy with no idea what she’s talking about

sandy

Um...err...well...plenty more hookers in the brothel [She lets out a grunt]

CARL

Who says that?

SANDY

Um...Men trawling for prostitutes I imagine. If they don't like the one they’ve got then can probably take her back and exchange for another one, as long as they’ve still got the receipt.

Donny and Carl stand for a moment confused then turn to Emily in disbelief

DONNY

So that was all you on the drums?

Emily nods

CARL

Fancy joining a band

Donny quickly interjects

DONNY

Err, no

CUT TO:

Donny and Carl are standing outside. Donny is on the phone to Gary, Carl is still eating nuts

Donny

Yes she was in a band, she was in the Dunnies

GARY

The Dunnies?

DONNY

The Dunstable Majorettes

GARY

Are you sure?

DONNY

She paraded around her living room in a filly skirt with a harmonica strapped to her neck like a one crazy-woman band

GARY

Hmm, well that would explain why I only ever saw her with one drum. I just thought she could only carry one at a time.

DONNY

Fantastic. And what’s up with her sister?

GARY

Sister? Her sister died 3 years ago...

Donny stares wide-eyed into the distance with a scared look on his face whilst the exorcist music plays. The camera closes in on his face

GARY

Oh no, wait. No she didn’t. I was thinking of her cat.

DONNY

I think she made it into pillows

Gary

What?

DONNY

Well see you back at the pub

He puts the phone down abruptly

CARL

Now what are we gonna do?

CUT TO:

Inside of a house, looking at the inside of the front door. 2 knocks are heard

female voice

Get that will ya son?

HERSCH

[Voice only] I’ve just got out of the shower

FEMALE VOICE

I’ve got a plunger in my hand, don't make me come up there and use it for purposes it was never meant for

HERSCH

Ok, on your way up can you get the door?

male voice

Son, get the door. Your mother's using a plunger

Another knock is heard

HERSCH

Why can’t you get it dad?

MALE VOICE

I’m sat down. You know what I’m like when I’m sat down

CUT TO:

Outside the front door, Donny and Carl start to walk away. Hersch answers the door with his towel wrapped around his body covering his chest and hips

HERSCH

Hi Guys

Donny pauses to take in the towel

DONNY

Nice dress

Hersch adjusts his towel

HERSCH

What can I help you with?

CARL

Were you ever in the Majorettes?

HERSCH

No

CARL

Can we come in?

HERSCH

Sure

They both walk into the house and Hersch leads them to the living room. Hersch’s dad is sat at a computer in the corner of the room

Hersch's Dad

Hi Boys

DONNY & CARL

Hi Mr. Mallow

HERSCH

Would you like a drink?

HERSCH'S DAD

[To the computer] I

DONNY

No thanks

HERSCH'S DAD

I

CARL

Yes please. Do you have any cranberry and melon juice?

Donny looks at Carl, confused

HERSCH

Erm.....yep I’ll go get you some

Donny isshocked

HERSCH'S DAD

[Shouting] COME ON. I!

Carl and Donny turn around with a start

HERSCH'S DAD

Sorry, I’ve just installed this speech to text thing on the computer. [Into the computer's microphone] I! So I can dictate my thoughts and it writes it all up for me on screen.

DONNY

And how’s that working out for you?

HERSCH'S DAD

Bloody Awful. This thing is a piece of absolute shitting tossballs. No offence, Carl

Carl looks at Hersch's dad and Donny

HERSCH'S DAD

I can’t even get it to put the letter I. [Into the microphone] I!!

Irately he shakes the monitor in frustration. He looks down on the floor and notices that a cable is unplugged. He picks it up and waves it around

HERSCH'S DAD

Oh, [said calmly] it’s not even plugged in

He plugs the cable into the back of the computer. Hersch comes back into the room with clothes on and a glass

hersch

We have cranberry juice and we have melon juice but unfortunately we don't have any cranberry and melon juice, so I got you some vodka

carl

Thanks

Carl takes the glass

HERSCH

Let’s go to my room

They leave the room and follow Hersch outside into a garage at the end of the back garden. Inside is a messy bedroom. The shelves are littered with sci-fi figurines and comics. Hersch sits in a chair by his bead

HERSCH

Take a seat

Donny and Carl look around and try to find a place to sit

HERSCH

Just push those onto the floor

He gestures to the clothes on his bed. Carl pushes them onto the floor and they both sit down

HERSCH

So, what can I do for you gentlemen?

CARL

Gary tells us that you can play drums?

HERSCH

Well I do like to bash the bass every once in a while...and I also like to play the drums [He laughs to himself] but yeah I can play. How come?

DONNY

We’re starting a band and we want you to be the drummer

HERSCH

Really? Wow, that’s pretty big news. What sort of stuff are you going to play?

donny

I reckon probably start out with a few covers until we get tight then try writing our own songs, then become the world’s greatest band

HERSCH

It sounds tempting, but I’m not sure. I’ve also got my other project to concentrate on

DONNY

What other project?

HERSCH

I’m making my own mini-series for YouTube so I can become famous

CARL

What do you mean?

HERSCH

Well basically I live on the most perverse street in Britain and I film it all, documentary style. Like this really old couple who are into heavy bondage and S&M, the single mother next door milks hamsters and makes her own cheese triangles, and the dentist on the corner is a porn star but just pretends to be a dentist so he can film porn in his motorised chair. I’mgonna call it Creep Street.

DONNY

I see. And how will this help you to become famous?

HERSCH

It’s so easy to get famous via YouTube. If a fat kid mining to a song or a cat playing the piano can get worldwide recognition they why not this? It combines all that is great about the internet: perverted sexual fantasies and...watching perverted sexual fantasies.

Donny and Carl nod in agreement

HERSCH

Remember that video of Jesus signing I will survive and then getting hit by a bus?

CARL

Oh yeah

HERSCH

He must have practiced for hours to get that lip syncing right, and look what that video did for Jesus. He’s famous all over the world now.

carl

True, but imagine what we could do if we got together. We could rock the world, starting in Kent. You could direct the videos and put them onto YouTube

HERSCH

But we don’t have any of the talents of Jesus. We can’t dance, walk on water or lip sync in time

carl

But we can get hit by a bus

Hersch thinks for a moment

HERSCH

This is true

DONNY

I promise that if you join us we’ll be even bigger than dancing Jesus

hersch

Do you really think so?

DONNY

If I didn’twe wouldn’t be here right now

Hersch

Ok, I’m in

CARL

Brilliant

HERSCH

I’ll just have to run it past my girlfriend

CARL

You've got a girlfriend?

Donny discreetly hits Carl in the leg

donny

That's not a problem. Give us a call tomorrow or something and we'll go to The Bulldog

HERSCH

Ok. No Problem

Hersch walks Carl and Donny walk through the garden back into the house

CARL

This is it my friends. We've laid our first slab down on our yellow brick road to success. Well find the wizard, well find him one day!

Hersch and Donny look at Carl and then each other. There is an awkward pause. The trio walks up to the front door of the house.

DONNY

[To Hersch's dad] Bye Mr. Mallow

HERSCH'S DAD

Bye

Donny and Carl walk out

HERSCH'S DAD (cont’d)

No not Bye, I!!

EXT.

INT.a shot of the Bulldog the next night. "careless Whisper" by Wham is heard coming from inside. cut to inside of the busy pub where the Blood Venom Doom Clan are playing. they are dressed in all black, with tattoos, long hair and face paint. gary is at the bar swaying his head back and forth in time with the music with his eyes closed.

GARY

Beautiful song this Dave [he sways some more] I lost my virginity because of this song

DAVE

What was that, candle lights and supper or something?

GARY

No, I was at this student disco when I was about 15 and there was this girl I’d had my eye on all night, I went over and said hello and she told me to fuck off

Dave looks puzzled

GARY

But then this song came on and she started crying and ran outside. I followed her out, shoulder to cry on and all that and next thing you know…

DAVE

I see. Why was she crying?

GARY

I don't know, her mum or her dog had died or sumthin’ and that song reminded her of whatever it was [he stifles a burp] that died

The band stop playing

blood venom doom clan

We're going to take a 15 minute break.

Everyone go for a piss now. If anyone goes while were playing again we start smashing shit up

Cut outside to Donny and Carl walking towards the pub

DONNY

Why would you ever want to invent keys which taste of strawberry?

CARL

So that if you ever lose them you could show a dog a strawberry and he could find them for you

donny

But Ihaven’t got a dog

CARL

You don't have to own one, just find one nearby

DONNY

So rather than go looking for my missing keys I’d go out and try to find a nearby dog and make him sniff a strawberry, and I don't have a strawberry either so I’d have to go to the shop first to buy a strawberry then carry it around with me until I can steal a dog then let it loose in my house. What if the dog eats the strawberry instead of smelling it?

CARL

Obviously,you’d buy a box of strawberries. It would be stupid to buy just one

DONNY

Oh well in that case it makes perfect sense

An old lady, Mrs. Canon, approaches the pair and they stop just outside the pub entrance

MRS. Canon

Hello Boys

DONNY & CARL

Hi Mrs. Canon

Voice in the distance

Hi Skid mark!

DONNY

What was that?

CARL

Nothing.I’ll get us a drink. Mrs. Canon

Carl nods at Mrs. Canon and walks inside

DONNY

What have you got there?

He points towards a large bag of shopping Mrs. Canon is carrying

MRS. Canon

Oh just some bits from Tesco’s. I had to get some new nappies. All he does nowadays is sit around the house pooing; sometimes he can do 6 dumps a day

DONNY

Who does?

MRS. CANON

Charles, My husband. Anyway, Mary tells me one of your friends no longer has any breasts? Do send my regards that sounds terrible

DONNY

What? No don’t worry, that was only a joke

mrs. canon

It’s no joke my dear that's a serious problem she might have to have surgery. Was she born like it or did they just drop off? Actually don't tell me I don't want to pry.

DONNY

Right

MRS. CANON

I was watching a program on channel 5 and apparently they can put chicken fillets in there to make your bosoms bigger. They didn't say whether they would need to be cooked first or not, but you’d imagine they would be slightly grilled at the least for firmness. Terrible news though I don't know what I'd do without the twins here

She gestures to her breasts and cups them. Donny looks down at her chest

MRS. CANON

Anyway, I must be off. Say hello to your Nan for me

She walks past Donny and then turns back

MRS. CANON

Oh also, can you let your dad know I’ve got his plums

She holds up her carrier bag and taps it then continues to walk off. Donny stands numb for a second before slowing moving into the pub where Carl is sat with Gary and Hersch at a table

CARL

Look who I found

Donny doesn't speak. He stands motionless staring into space for a few moments

HERSCH

What’s wrong with him?

Carl shakes his head. Donny sits down at the table

GARY

Oh I forgot to ask you the other day. Can you as your dad if he still wants his car polished?

DONNY

[Said abruptly] Ask him yourself!

Everyone looks at each other. Donny snaps out of his reverie

DONNY

Sorry, yea, no, yea. It still needs cleaning. Hersch, how did it go with your girlfriend?

HERSCH

Well I told her, I walked straight up to her and told her straight.

cut to:

Hersch drunkenly stumbles into a dark bedroom and turns the light on. His Girlfriend is sat in bed with a stern look on her face

Hersch's Girlfriend

You're drunk

HERSCH

DRUNK?? Listen, I’ve been out drinking all night and there’s one thing that I’m not and that is a racist!

Some of my best friends are black...wait, no they’re not...BUT...Steve bought a stereo from the black guy who works at the supermarket...so....are we having this orgy or not?

Hersch looks around the room for a few seconds then falls over

CUT back TO:

The table in the pub

GARY

Was she ok with it?

CUT TO:

Herschis standing on a front porch. A large holdall bag is thrown at him which knocks him over backwards. The front door is slammed

HERSCH

Yea shouldn't be a problem

CARL

Ha-ha, Lovely stuff Hershey baby. Good man

Carl raises his pint glass

everyone

To the band!

The 4 of them clink their glasses together

CARL

What are we gonna call ourselves?

GARY

What about Free Beer?

HERSCH

Why?

GARY

If you call your band Free Beer, you’ll have a full crowd every night. Think about it, the pub puts up a poster saying tonight: Free Beer, every man and his dog is gonna turn up that night

DONNY

And what about when they find out that there aren’t any free drinks

GARY

That's when you wow them with your music. If you’re good enough, eventually people will forget about their initial sense of injustice and anger at being so blatantly deceived.

Donny

OK. So our band name is....still to be confirmed...

EXT. fade out

INT. fade to Hersch, Donny and Carl sitting in Hersch's bedroom. they are all slightly drunk

CARL

What would you do if you were walking around town and zombies started invading?

HERSCH

I’d hide in a swimming pool, or a fountain

CARL

Why?

HERSCH

'cos they don't like water

CARL

[Pause] That's vampires, you idiot

Hersch

Oh...

DONNY

Nono, you’re thinking of Gremlins

CARL

Oh...

HERSCH

So what are zombies afraid of?

DONNY

Sunlight?

Hersch and Carl nod in agreement

THE END