FAKE ROBOT

Written by:
Simon Kyle Parker
INT. ADAM’S HOUSE - PARENT’S BEDROOM - DAY

The curtains are drawn, pictures of a happy married couple in frames on the drawer beside the bed. SARAH, 40, is in that picture, as she lays in bed the sex she has is with LEE, 30. Not the same guy in those wedding photos.

They giggle and kiss, the sex continues under the covers.

Suddenly the sound of a car is heard. Parks up and sound of car door begin opened and slammed shut is heard next.

Sarah pushes Lee off of her.

SARAH
Oh no.

LEE
What’s wrong.

SARAH
It’s my husband.

LEE
What’s he doing back?

SARAH
How should I know. You’re going to have to leave.

LEE
Well I know that.

SARAH
No, I mean you need to leave right now. He tends to be violent.

LEE
How violent?

SARAH
Really, he stabbed the last guy he caught me with.

Lee horrified to hear this. His shoulders drop. All the color leaves his face.

LEE
Last guy. I thought we had something special?

She shrugs. Doesn’t know what to tell him.
INT. ADAM’S HOUSE - KITCHEN - DAY

Lee clumsily gets all his clothes back on. Puts on his coat. He goes to exit out the back door but someone else is on the other side and they begin to open it.

Lee panics, he throws himself inside the pantry and closes the door shut behind him. Hides.

INT. ADAM’S HOUSE - HALLWAY - DAY

JIMMY, 50. The guy in those wedding photos stands in front of Sarah. She’s dressed only in her nightgown.

Jimmy’s furious. Points a finger at her face.

JIMMY
There’s someone here isn’t there?

She holds up her hands, acts innocent.

SARAH
No.

JIMMY
So you just thought you’d go to bed in the middle of the day?

SARAH
I promised you I’d never cheat again.

JIMMY
And I promised you I’d kill anyone I found with you.

Sarah wraps her arms around Jimmy.

SARAH
There’s no one.

He stares at her angry, doesn’t believe her.

She kisses him passionately on the lips.

JIMMY
What’s this about?

She takes him by the hand and leads him towards the staircase.

SARAH
Come on, let’s go to bed.
She gives him a sultry stare. His rage disappears. He looks her up and down. Let’s her lead him away and up the staircase.

INT. ADAM’S HOUSE - KITCHEN - DAY

ADAM, 6. He stares at the closed pantry door. He knows there’s someone in there. Leaves the back door to the garden open behind him.

Adam tries to open the pantry door but can’t.

    ADAM
    Hey, is someone in there?

INT. ADAM’S HOUSE - KITCHEN PANTRY - DAY

Lee is trapped inside, looks down at his feet and sees a roll of tinfoil. An idea comes to him.

He’s desperate. He goes for it. Begins to wrap his legs in tin foil. Does it as fast as he can.

INT. ADAM’S HOUSE - KITCHEN - DAY

Lee comes out wrapped from head to toe in tin foil.

Adams face lights up, excited.

    ADAM
    Wow.

    LEE
    Beep bop.

Adam can hardly contain his joy. Jumps up and down and runs around in a circle.

    ADAM
    You’re a robot?

Lee puts on his best robot voice.

    LEE
    Yes and I need to leave and quietly. So don’t make any noise. Beep bop.

    ADAM
    Are you real?

    LEE
    Yes. But I have to leave.
ADAM
A real robot?

LEE
Yes. Beep bop.

Lee tries to walk around Adam and get himself out through the back door.

Adam keeps himself in front of him, won’t let him leave.

ADAM
Prove it.

LEE
Do I have to?

Adam nods, a huge naughty smile.

ADAM
Or I’m not going to let you leave.

Lee lets out a deep breath, defeated. Can’t let Jimmy know he’s here.

Lee breaks out into a dance, does the robot.

Adam claps his hands wildly.

ADAM (CONT’D)
What else can you do? Show me.

Lee stops, shrugs. Keeps his robot voice.

LEE
I don’t know. What do you want to see?

ADAM
You robots are all super smart.
You should know everything. Any kind of math problem.

LEE
Oh no. Beep bop.

Adam thinks for a moment. His eyes lights up. Knows what he wants to ask.

ADAM
What’s a million times ten?

LEE
Ten million.

Adam is blown away.
ADAM
You really are a robot aren’t you?

Lee eyes up the exit. He’s so close.

LEE
Beep bop.

CUT TO:

INT. ADAM’S HOUSE – KITCHEN – DAY

Adam is on his phone. Sends out several text messages. Stands in the doorway. Above them they can hear Sarah and Jimmy, loud squeaky sex.

Lee tries to ease Adam out of the way.

LEE
Excuse me. Beep bop.

ADAM
Why do you want to go outside so bad?

LEE
I want to see.

ADAM
See what?

LEE
I need to charge my robot batteries in the sun.

ADAM
I’ll let you out soon.

Lee again tries to force Adam out of the way. This time with a little more force.

Adam frowns.

ADAM (CONT’D)
You’re my robot aren’t you?

LEE
I guess so beep bop.

ADAM
Then you better start doing what I say or I’ll scream for my parents. Especially my dad.

Lee gives up. Takes a step back. Doesn’t know what to do now.
EXT. ADAM’S HOUSE – GARDEN – DAY

Lee stands on the neat lawn. A large hedge row around him. In front stands Adam and a group of four of his friends.

Lee’s robot voice begins to wain.

LEE
Can I go now. Beep bop.

Adam’s friends all groan.

FRIEND ONE
This isn’t a robot.

Adam grits his teeth annoyed.

ADAM
It really is.

FRIEND TWO
Looks cheap.

FRIEND THREE
This is dumb.

FRIEND FOUR
Looks like a joke.

Adams face turns red.

ADAM
You just haven’t seen it in action.

FRIEND ONE
What action?

ADAM
It can fly. And fight. And is indestructible. It’s a propped robot.

The friends share a look. Mutter amongst themselves.

FRIEND TWO
Prove it.

Adam looks around the garden. Spots several tools in the dirt.

He picks up a shovel.

Lee eyes it up scared.

LEE
Wait a minute.
Adam smacks the shovel into Lee’s stomach and doubles him over. Causes him to collapses to his knees.

FRIEND THREE
   Hit it harder.

Adam complies. Smash’s the shovel harder.
Lee groans. He sways from side to side.
Adam’s friends are impressed.
Adam then spots a pair of hedge clippers.
He charges at Lee with them.

LEE
   Oh no. Beep bop.

FADE TO BLACK.

Lee screams.

THE END