

Die, Fluffy, Die

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FADE IN:

EXT. MAX'S BACKYARD - DAY

MAX the beagle, two years old, floppy ears, pouting eyes lies on his back in a barren, dusty yard. He pants feverishly.

Shielding his eyes from the sun with his paws, Max peeks up at the sky.

INSERT - A CARTOON SUN

The SUN, sporting Ray Bans, reclines on a puffy cloud, crosses his legs. He notices Max down below, gives a friendly wave.

EXT. MAX'S BACKYARD - CONTINUOUS

Max growls, barks at the sky.

INSERT - A CARTOON SUN

The Sun's demeanor changes, a devilish grin appears on his face. The sun inhales, holds his breath. His color changes gradually from a bright yellow to a fire red.

EXT. MAX'S BACKYARD - CONTINUOUS

Steam rises from the ground. MAX rolls in the dirt, tries to cool off.

INSERT - A CARTOON SUN

The sun's face turns purple. Unable to hold his breath any longer, he gasps for air. His face slowly returns to its normal shade of bright yellow. He glimpses back down at Max, laughs uncontrollably.

EXT. MAX'S BACKYARD - CONTINUOUS

Max rises on all fours, attempts to shake off the sun's rays.

A RADIO plays from O.S.

Max's ears pop up, he listens, zeros in on the sound. His eyes fixate on the --

BACKYARD FENCE

Max wobbles over, positions his head at a beagle-high hole in the fence, looks through the hole.

NEIGHBOR'S YARD

A lush paradise. Meticulous green lawn, shade trees. A waterfall empties into a lavish pond.

BACKYARD FENCE - CONTINUOUS

Max pulls his head away from the hole. He cocks his head to the left. WTF. Goes back to the hole for another look.

NEIGHBOR'S YARD - CONTINUOUS

Max pans the oasis and sees--

FLUFFY

A tiny, adorable white kitten, sleeps comfortably beneath a kitten-sized umbrella. A mini electric fan oscillates next to her. The breeze ripples her soft fur.

BACKYARD FENCE - CONTINUOUS

Max pulls away from the fence, looks over at his --

WATER BOWL

Empty, except for some dust and cobwebs.

BACKYARD FENCE - CONTINUOUS

Max looks up at the top of the fence. Too high.

He looks down at the bottom of the fence. Perfect.

EXT. NEIGHBOR'S YARD - CONTINUOUS

A colorful flower bed lines the border fence.

Dirt flies into the air, sprinkles the flowers as it falls.

Max's head pops up through the flowers. He sniffs, sneezes.

Fluffy awakes at the sound, scans the yard with sleepy eyes.

Next to Fluffy, a pair of human feet lie atop a chaise lounge. The radio sits on the lawn beside the chaise.

Max sits motionless in the flower bed, tries to blend in. Does his best impression of a rhododendron.

Fluffy yawns, resumes her nap under her umbrella.

Max remains still. His attention is soon drawn to the --

WATERFALL

Water gushes over rocks into a deep, man-made pond.

Max drools.

EXT. NEIGHBOR'S POND - DAY - FANTASY SEQUENCE

Max, in flowered swim trunks, floats in the pond on an inflatable raft. An umbrella drink rests in the cup holder. He sips the drink through a straw, looks toward the sky. Max gives a friendly wave to --

THE CARTOON SUN looks down, shakes his fist.

EXT. NEIGHBOR'S YARD - CONTINUOUS

Max shakes his head, returns to reality.

Max crouches down, crawls on his stomach across the lawn towards the pond.

Fluffy yawns, lifts her head, scans the yard. Her eyes widen.

Max inches his way closer to the water's edge.

Fluffy sits at attention, opens her mouth, but cannot make a noise. Tries again. Nothing.

She jumps in circles over to the chaise. The feet rise, stand on the lawn next to the leaping Fluffy.

Max stares into the pond at his reflection. His tongue extends to lap the water, when another reflection appears in the pond.

CASSIE, 12, shown from the waist down, stands over Max with her hands on her hips. Her hand reaches down, grabs Max's collar, drags him O.S.

EXT. MAX'S BACKYARD - MOMENTS LATER

Max again lies in the barren, dusty yard. Broods.

He lifts his head, looks O.S.

EXT. STREET - CONTINUOUS

The MAILMAN, 40, wears shorts and a pit helmet, carries a package to a house across the street. He sets the package on the porch, rings the door bell, leaves.

EXT. MAX'S BACKYARD - CONTINUOUS

Max's head tilts to the left.

INSERT - A CARTOON LIGHT BULB

Appears over Max's head. He jumps to all fours.

EXT. NEIGHBOR'S YARD - DAY

Cassie's feet dangle from the chaise. A long SLURP noise. Cassie's hand sets a glass on the lawn.

Fluffy curls up under the umbrella in full nap mode.

EXT. NEIGHBOR'S PORCH - CONTINUOUS

Max's paw reaches for the door bell, pushes it.

EXT. NEIGHBOR'S YARD - CONTINUOUS

The door bell CHIMES O.S.

Cassie's feet step onto the lawn. Her hand stretches down, pets Fluffy, before she walks O.S.

Fluffy purrs, licks her tiny, soft paw, resumes her nap.

Max climbs through the flower bed, bolts toward the pond.

Fluffy's ears stand at attention. Her head pops up. Fluffy springs into action. She hops. Flips. Spins.

Max leaps into the air, dive bombs into the pond.

SPLASH.

Fluffy jumps, spins in the air like a pinwheel.

Max doggie paddles from one end of the pond to the other.

Fluffy lands on her feet. Livid. Her eyes bulge.

Max paddles to the edge of the water, steps onto the grass. He shakes off the water, sits on the lawn, refreshed.

Fluffy ATTACKS! She nibbles on Max's tail.

Max peers back at Fluffy, kicks her off with his hind leg.

Fluffy rolls across the lawn, splashes into the pond.

Max bounds off across the yard.

Fluffy's tiny paws tread water.

EXT. NEIGHBOR'S YARD - CONTINUOUS

Max lies in Fluffy's spot at the mini electric fan. His floppy ears blow in the breeze.

EXT. POND - CONTINUOUS

Fluffy gives one last quiet MEW before her head sinks beneath the water. Her paw slowly follows.

EXT. NEIGHBOR'S YARD - CONTINUOUS

Max's head bolts upward.

EXT. POND - CONTINUOUS

Tiny air bubbles pop on the water's surface.

Max dives into the pond. He surfaces, grasps a limp Fluffy in his mouth, paddles toward the grass.

Fluffy lies on the lawn, lifeless.

Max presses his snout against Fluffy's face, snorts air through his nose. Pulls back, repeats the process.

Fluffy remains still.

Max lies down next to her, licks her wet fur.

Cassie runs up to them, stops short, stands next to Max.

INSERT - A CARTOON SUN

The Sun removes his shades, wipes away a tear.

An ANGEL CAT, complete with halo and cat wings, suddenly appears in the sky.

EXT. POND - CONTINUOUS

Cassie reaches down, grabs Max's collar, yanks him away from Fluffy.

A bright light shines down, illuminates Fluffy.

Choir music PLAYS.

Cassie drags Max back towards the fence, but stops abruptly. Both Cassie and Max turn to see --

FLUFFY

Spins, jumps, cartwheels in the air.

Cassie and Max run back to Fluffy. Cassie kneels down, holds her in her arms. Max sniffs at Fluffy's head. Fluffy purrs, licks Max with her cute kitten tongue.

EXT. NEIGHBOR'S YARD - DAY

Cassie reclines on the chaise lounge, her face buried in a book. The radio blasts music next to her.

EXT. POND - CONTINUOUS

Max and Fluffy float on a large inflatable raft. Fluffy, wearing a kitten-size life jacket, curls up next to Max.

Max shields his eyes with his paw, looks upward.

INSERT - A CARTOON SUN

The Sun looks down, gives them a friendly wave. He ducks behind a large cumulus cloud to give them some shade.

EXT. NEIGHBOR'S POND - CONTINUOUS

Max lowers his head, snuggles with Fluffy.

FADE OUT

