

FADE IN:

EXT. Meadow in a beautiful, green forest.

The SHEPPARD enters the meadow from inside the forest's edge, looks at the meadow and turns behind him and whistles. O.S. a BARKING is heard, along with what sounds somewhat like the BLEATING of sheep.

CUT TO

From inside the forest comes a huge herd of furry, medium sized animals. A winged, stout creature follows near the back of the herd, flying overhead. The flying creature drives the herd into the meadow and settled down beside the Sheppard. The Sheppard pets the creature on the head.

SHEPPARD

"Great job as always ASH, Right on the money."

Ash growls happily in reply as the Sheppard yawns and stretches.

SHEPPARD

"YAWN, I think I'm gonna rest for a little bit,
Watch the herd while I nap okay?"

The SHEPPARD walks O.C. and settles under a tree near the edge of the meadow. ASH continues to watch the herd as they graze of the tall grass.

CUT TO

The herd, GIGGLING is coming from in it. Two long ears stand up out of the herd, moving through it sneakily toward the edge of the herd. Two heads pop up, snickering at each other and one another in the direction of the moving ears. A head pops up, attached to the large ears and scopes out the herd and looks to see where ASH is. Bobbing back into the crowd, the creature sneaks to the edge and out of the herd, and tip toes towards the forest before breaking into a sprint and running O.C.

CUT TO

The creature runs towards the forest, with her friends cheering her on from inside the herd. As the creature runs, a shadow descends over it and ASH lands in front of the runaway animal, just before the edge of the forest. The creature stops in its tracks and begins to saunter up to ASH as if nothing is wrong.

ABIGAIL

"Ooh hey ASH, funny running into you here"

ABIGAIL CHUCKLES unconvincingly, looking down at ASH.

ASH

"You know the rules ABIGAIL, stick with the herd
and don't run off on your own."

ABIGAIL frowns and sits in the grass.

ABIGAIL

"Aw, come on ASH, it was just a dare. We were just having fun! No
need to be so uptight about it."

ASH hovers in the air so he is at eye level with ABIGAIL and says
sternly-

ASH

"Go back to the herd ABIGAIL."

ABIGAIL turns back towards the herd, pouting. ASH lands and follows
close behind her.

ABIGAIL

"Why can't you just let me have a little bit of fun? Just one romp
around the forest and then straight back, the girls would be so
jealous-"

ASH

"I've told you before Abigail, it's too dangerous for you to go out
by yourself. There's hunters and traps and wild animals-"

They approach the edge of the herd, ABIGAIL turns around to face
ASH, smiling.

ABIGAIL

"Sounds to me like you're just scared."

ASH

"That's not what I meant. Besides, I have a job to do."

ASH Flies off to sit far away so he can see the entire herd
while Abigail is left sulking in the grass, imitating ASH in a
mocking voice.

Abigail

(Mockingly)

"Nyeh nyeh nyeh, 'cause I have a job."

She sticks her tongue out at ASH when he is not looking, but quickly retracts it when he looks in her direction and acts innocent. ASH Rolls his eyes and goes back to work surveying the heard. Still pouting, ABIGAIL begins to kick the nearby grass, kicking a rock hard out in front of her where it lands in a patch of particularly tall grass. The rock lands out of sight and a couple of deep CLUNKS are heard, followed by a splash.

ABIGAIL

"What the-"

Cocking her head to one side in curiosity, ABIGAIL begins to walk towards the odd sounds, approaching the spot wearily.

Out of the corner of his eye, ASH sees Abigail approaching the hole.

ASH

"ABIGAIL, what are you doing?"

She comes across a deep hole in the ground, lined with bricks and water near the bottom. She peers deep into the hole, sticking her whole head in.

ASH begins to stand up, watching ABIGAIL closely.

The edge of the hole begins to crumble and ASH quickly flies over, trying to save ABIGAIL before she falls.

ASH

"ABIGAIL! Move!"

HE tries to shove her out of the way, but instead they both become entangled, falling down the hole together.

INT. INSIDE THE WELL, DARKLY LIT

Unknown to ABIGAIL AND ASH, they have switched bodies, but because of the dark lighting, they cannot see.

ABIGAIL

"Ow, I think I hit my head"

ASH

"Yea, well that's what you get for trying
To sneak off again, I told you to stay with the heard."

ABIGAIL

"For you information the hole was near the herd,
so technically-"

ASH

"Okay, Okay, fine. Hold on to my tail and
I'll fly us out."

ABIGAIL

"Yea, yea, alright...geez you're fluffier than
I remember"

ASH GRUNTS loudly, trying to use his wings.

ASH

"I-I think I hurt my wings in the fall.
I can't feel them."

ABIGAIL

"Well then how do we get out of this hole?
It's cold in here."

ASH

"Stop complaining, get on my back and see if you can reach the
edge."

ABIGAIL

"But I'll crush you!-"

ASH

"Just do it, I'll be fine."

ABIGAIL

"Okay, okay"

EXT. Outside of the top of the hole.

ASH

(O.C.)

"Okay. Ready, Three, two, one!"

ABIGAIL pops up out of the hole, and easily crawls over the edge, but begins to realize something is wrong. She stares at her paws, and flaps her new wings.

From inside the hole, ASH cries out-

ASH

"Okay, now go and get the Sheppard, he'll be able to
Get help. ABIGAIL...ABIGAIL?"

Flapping her new wings and smiling, ABIGAIL calls down to ASH.

ABIGAIL

"Oh, we don't need the Sheppard to get you out of there."

ASH

"Wait, what? ABIGAIL!"

Abigail Jumps into the air, flying straight into the hole and triumphantly and emerges holding ASH by the scruff, but now ASH is inside ABIGAIL's body. Looking petrified, ABIGAIL sits him down in the grass, and stands next to him looking smug.

ASH

"What the- How did...WHAT?"

ABIGAIL stares at him smugly as O.S., the Sheppard whistles O.S.

SHEPPARD

O.S.

"ASH, c'mon boy, time to move the herd."

ASH glowers at ABIGAIL.

ASH

"Don't. You. Dare."

ABIGAIL

(Smugly)

"Sorry, but I have a job to do. Go have some fun."

ABIGAIL trots O.S. towards the Sheppard as ASH watches.

ASH

"I guess that makes me part of the herd."

EXT. the forest, on a dirt path. ABIGAIL flies overhead and ASH walks with the herd.

ASH looks up at ABIGAIL and tries to get her attention.

ASH

"ABIGAIL! Hey, I know you can hear me!"

ABIGAIL

(Sarcastically and overdramatic)

"Oh, I'm sorry, but I'm too busy doing my job."

In the background O.S. the Sheppard whistle's at ABIGAIL, trying to get her attention.

Sheppard

"ASH! We got a straggler, left side, swerve him back!"

Looking around the herd, Abigail sees one of the animals falling back from the herd. She flies over and swoops low. The animal gives a BLEET, and pushes back into the herd.

ABIGAIL

"Huh, that wasn't so hard."

Down below, ASH hears ABIGAIL's comment and rolls his eyes. The two animals from before walk up to ASH and begin talking to him.

KATIE

"Oh my god I can't believe you did that Abbie."

JENNIFER

"Yea you go way farther than I thought you would."

ASH

"Oh uh, thanks."

KATIE

"Geez you okay? You seem kinda, different. Did you hit your head or something when you feel down that well?"

ASH

"Wait, you saw that? Why didn't you help?"

JENNIFER

"Hey, calm down. We figured Mr. Serious would get you out."

KATIE

"Yea, no way he would leave you in that hole."

JENNIFER

"When we get to the next field, we were going play rock kick, you want to join?"

ASH

"Rock kick?"

KATIE

"Yea, rock kick! C'mon please, it's always better with more people."

ASH

"Okay sure. Why not."

As the herd enters another part of the forest, the Sheppard whistles once more, but ABIGAIL doesn't pay attention, making the Sheppard whistle louder and harsher. Hearing the second whistle, ABIGAIL tries to figure out what the Sheppard was trying to say.

ABIGAIL

"Uuhh, what does ASH do? What does ASH do?"

Thinking quickly, ABIGAIL circles the herd, and they slow down. She keeps circling and they eventually stop completely but hey break off into two sections, going in separate directions. Less confident than before, Abigail begins to circle the stray section of the herd as the Sheppard shout commands and tries to help.

Meanwhile, ASH is playing kick the rock with KATIE and JENNIFER. Since he's new to the game, he's not doing very well, but is still starting to have fun.

KATIE

"Getting a little rusty ABBIE?"

Katie laughs and kicks the rock in ASH's direction, but ASH misses and after retrieving the rock, kicks it to JENNIFER.

For the first time in a while, ASH is having fun and not worrying about the herd.

ABIGAIL However, is having trouble keeping the herd together but eventually gets all the animals settled and lands beside the Sheppard.

SHEPPARD

"Getting a little tired are we? Don't worry, we'll go home after this stop."

The Sheppard pats ABIGAIL's head and goes to sit down. ABIGAIL stares nervously at the herd and spies ASH playing with her friends. She begins to walk over, but the Sheppard stops her saying-

SHEPPARD

"No ASH, I need you to stay here."

The Sheppard walks farther away and ABIGAIL tries to get ASH's attention.

ABIGAIL

"Psst, ASH. Hey AASSSH."

Pretending not hear, ASH looks over at Abigail non-chalantly.

ASH

"Oh, hi ABIGAIL, I didn't see you there.

How's your new job going?"

ABIGAIL

(Whispering)

"Ha-ha very funny. Help me! I can't do this I want my own life back!"

ASH

"And why should I help you? I kind of like this nonchalant life
your living."

ABIGAIL

"Look, I'm sorry I made fun of you. I didn't mean it, I just...I
didn't realize your job was so hard. I-I've never had to do
anything like this before."

ASH

"That's because your life is all play. You go through day by day
with no responsibilities and no worries. It's just games and dares
24/7."

ABIGAIL

"We'll your life is the total opposite. It's never-ending rules and
responsibilities! No wonder you're so uptight."

ASH frowns at her.

ABIGAIL

"Sorry, I didn't mean it like that. I just-I think I understand you
better now."

ASH

"Thanks."

ABIGAIL

"So does that mean you'll give me my own life back?"

ASH

"Yea I guess, but I'm going to miss relaxing like this. It
was...fun."

ABIGAIL

"I'll make you a deal, if you promise to lighten up and play kick
the rock with use every once in a while, I will stop running away
and try to help get the rest of the herd to make your job easier."

ASH

"You can do that?"

ABIGAIL

"I have my ways."

Abigail sticks her tongue out at ASH playfully.

ABIGAIL

"So how do we change back?"

ASH

"I think we need to get back to the hole. That's where this whole things started. Maybe if we go back, we can reverse whatever made us switch places"

ABIGAIL

"Then how do we get there? We can't exactly just get up and leave."

ASH

"Oh really?"

ASH stands up and begins to overdramatically sneak away from the herd, ABIGAIL watches him, confused. BLEETING, ASH begins to run away from the herd, in the direction of the well. Hearing ASH, the SHEPPARD turns to see ASH running away.

SHEPPARD

"Abbie's on the run again boy, round her up before she gets too far!"

ABIGAIL

"Oh! I get it!"

ABIGAIL begins to chase after ASH through the forest back to the well.

EXT. the opening of the well, ABIGAIL and ASH are huddled around the hole.

ABIGAIL

"So, do we just jump in or what?"

ASH

"I guess. On three?"

ABIGAIL and ASH

(Together)

"One, two, three!"

They both jump into the hole, and a SPLASH is heard.

ASH

"Did it work?"

ABIGAIL

"I don't know, I can't tell. It's too dark in here."

ASH

"Hold on a minute."

ASH flaps his wings and flies out of the hole, shouting triumphantly.

ASH

"I'm back! It worked!"

ABIGAIL

"That's great, but can you please get me out of this hole?"

ASH dives into the hole and flies back out with ABIGAIL hold onto his tail. They land on the grass and ABIGAIL turns in circles, checking herself.

ABIGAIL

"It worked! Oh thank god it worked!"

Cheering, they both make their way back to the herd and settle back into their respective places. Ash settles back with the Sheppard, who pats him on the head for a job well done and ABIGAIL settles back in to the herd.

SHEPPARD

"Alright, now that you back, let's head home."

The Sheppard whistles and ASH begins to round up the herd. In the herd, ABIGAIL whispers to her friends, who fan out among the herd. The herd begins to round itself up and start towards home much to the surprise of ASH. Flying overhead, ASH looks down at ABIGAIL, who winks as they continue home.

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