

Big Plans:Scene IV

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(Mary (fanatic cat owner from previous scene) is marching up and down in front of The Lofty Dog with several signs in her hands that say "Cats are people too!"; "Who Needs a Loft? Cats do!" and "Support FER! Feline Equal Rights!")

MARY

Dogs are smelly, cats are not! Cats are cool, dogs drool!

JARED

Mary, what are you doing?

MARY

This store is called The Lofty Dog!

JARED

And?

MARY

And I'm offended!

JARED

Well Mary, they can name their store whatever they want...

MARY

It's discrimination! Get it? The "lofty" dog? Like the dog is so much higher than the cat! That's what they mean!

BYSTANDER

Dogs are higher on the food chain than cats. Case in point. My dog ate a cat a couple weeks ago. Just scooped it up and ate it.

(Mary gasps)

BYSTANDER

That's how the dinosaurs did it, ma'am. Survival of the fittest.

MARY

Oh, the fittest, eh? Do dogs bathe themselves? No I believe not. If it were up to them, they would smell like a wet sock full of spoiled broccoli.

BYSTANDER

My dog smells fantastic.

MARY

No dog smells fantastic.

BYSTANDER

You think cats smell any better?

JARED

Okay, why don't we all calm down, maybe take a tranquilizer. I have a few on hand....

MARY

My cat smells like cinnamon and sunshine. You can quote me on that.

BYSTANDER

Quote you for what? Crazy cat lady magazine?

MARY

If I had a pickle for every time someone called me a crazy cat lady....

JARED

I think this has maybe gotten out of hand.

MARY

Jared! You of all people should understand my point! He's going to start a cat park.

BYSTANDER

A cat park? That's the most boring idea I've ever heard. Cats don't do anything but swipe at people and sleep.

JARED

Well that's not true entirely, cats do like to socialize...

BYSTANDER

With their tails!

MARY

This is the kind of discrimination I'm talking about Jared!

LOFTY DOG OWNER

Is there a problem out here?

MARY

Yes, there is. This man and your store discriminate against cats!

LOFTY DOG OWNER

Well, actually we do have a section of our store devoted to cats.

BYSTANDER

A really small section. That no one cares about.

MARY

If there's a section for cats, why isn't the store called The Lofty Dog and Cat?

LOFTY DOG OWNER

Well, we're primarily devoted to dogs.

BYSTANDER

Like most of the modern world.

MARY

This whole city is primarily devoted to dogs! Right Jared?

JARED

Well yes, but no.

LOFTY DOG OWNER

I think it's just because cats tend to stick to home and dogs are more visible in the community.

MARY

Well, we're trying to change all that! Tell 'em Jared!

JARED

I'd like to start a cat park here in Austin.

LOFTY DOG OWNER

Well, we would support that. If you have a petition, we're happy to sign it.

JARED

Really?

LOFTY DOG OWNER

Of course. We may be a dog store but we love all animals.

BYSTANDER

Even iguanas?

LOFTY DOG OWNER

I like a good iguana.

BYSTANDER

What about a bad iguana.

JARED

This is a great idea! If we make a cat park, we're only doing to the dogs what they've done to us!

BYSTANDER

I think we can all agree that dogs don't do anything but love people unconditionally.

JARED

We should have an animal park!

LOFTY DOG OWNER

That's an interesting idea.

MARY

All animals? Together in one park?

JARED

Well why not? If we're preaching to eradicate discrimination, we can't promote it ourselves!

MARY

I just don't feel like a pet mouse would socialize well with a pet snake.

BYSTANDER

It's the food chain in action. That'd be like watching National Geographic live! I can get behind that.

JARED

Well, we'd have to work out the details of course, but one park for all animals!

LOFTY DOG OWNER

There are tons of examples of unlikely animals becoming friends.

BYSTANDER

I saw that. Like the gorilla hanging out with the penguin.

MARY

Those two animals don't even share a time zone.

JARED

No, it's true! The deer that befriends a dog, the elephant and the monkey, It's possible!

LOFTY DOG OWNER

I think it sounds like a great idea.

JARED

I'm taking it to city hall! Who's with me?

(The crowd cheers and follows him to city hall)

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