Mush and Mato’s Most Perfect Day

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Image: Mush and Mato are standing on their balconies looking up at the sky.

Text:

Mush and mato woke up one morning to find the sun shining on their faces. When they looked outside, they saw a beautiful, clear-blue sky.

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Image: Mush picks up his phone and calls Mato. Split screen.

Text:

“It’s the perfect day,” Mush said.

“Sure is.” Said Mato. “Let’s go out and do something.”

“What kind of something are you thinking of Mato?”

“Something fun. Let’s go to Gourd Park. We haven’t been there in a while.”

“Great idea Mato. I love Gourd Park.”

And so it was decided.

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Image: Mush and Mato take a shower outdoors and put on their bowler hats. You see them walking out, towards the street.

Text:

“Let’s go,” Mush says.

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Image: Mush and Mato get on the Blueberry Line Train and get off at the Watermelington stop.

Text:

“Which way?” Mush asked.

“Um, this way.”

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Image: Mush and Mato stare at the Picklecasso Statue.

Text:

Mush followed Mato until he saw this gigantic, metal statue.

Mato Nudged Mush. “Come on.”

“What is that thing?!” Mush asked.

“It’s the Picklecasso statue.”

“Who’s that?”

“Beats me,” Mato said.

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Image: Two veggies and 1 fruit are standing near the Picklecasso statue. The two veggies are: Aspire Asparagus and Julienne Potato. The fruit is: Tangela Orange.

Text:

Just then, three Cropies walked up.

“Picklecasso is a famous Spanish painter from the 1960’s.” the orange said.

“Oh,” Mush said. “So, what is that statue supposed to be?”

“Well, what does it look like to you Mush?” Mato said.

“It looks like a big Lion-birg.”

“What is a Lion-birg?” Mato asked.

“It’s a lion, bird, and dog fused together.”

Mato’s eyes grew wide. “I’ve never heard of a Lion-birg before.”

Mush turned to Mato. “What do you think it is?”

“It looks like a peacock skeleton to me.”

“No way! It’s definitely a Lion-birg.”

“It’s whatever you think it is,” the Asparagus said before introducing himself. “Hello, I am Aspire and these are my friends, Tangela and Julienne.”

“Nice to meet you,” Mush said. “This is my best friend, Mato.”

“You guys just hanging out?” Aspire asked.

“Yeah, we haven’t been to Gourd Park in ages and it’s such a perfect day today that we thought, let’s get out and have some fun.”

“Us too!” Aspire said.

“You want to hang out with us?”

“Sure,” said Tangela.

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Image: A close up of Mush and Mato climbing the Picklecasso statue with Aspire Asparagus, Tangela Orange, and Julienne Potato following behind them.

Text:

Mato looked at Mush sideways. “I know what it is now Mush.”

“What?”

“The Picklecasso statue is a playground,” said Mato before climbing up.

“You are so right,” Mush said. And then he began to climb the statue too.

Mato looked back at their new friends and shouted, “This is fun! Come on.”

And so they did.

Every Cropie around them including pickles, carrots, potatoes, other tomatoes, radishes, parsnips, celery roots, and sweet ears of corn began to nervously watch their every move.

“I’m almost at the top,” Mato called down to Mush.

Just then, a booming voice blew across the plaza. “Get off of the statue.”

Mush looked at Mato, eyes wide.

“Uh-oh!” Mato said.

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Image: Mush, Mato and their friends bounce down the statue and an Avocado officer (Mr. Acado) is waiting at the bottom of the statue for all of them.

Text:

They bounced down the Picklecasso statue and were met by a police officer. “It is illegal in the city of Chardcago to climb public works of art.”

“Sorry sir,” Mato said.

Mush looked up, “Are we under arrest?”

“How can I arrest you when you have no arms?!”

Mush, Mato, and their friends laughed.

“I’m just letting you off with a warning. Don’t do it again or you could fall and then Ker splat. You wouldn’t want that now, would you?”

Mush and Mato’s mouth went round and they nodded their heads no.

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Image: Police officer (avocado) pointing towards Gourd Park, while speaking to Mush, Mato, Aspire, Tangela, and Julienne.

Text:

“Now, there’s a playground pretty close to here called the Maggie Dilly Park. It’s in the middle of Gourd Park just over that way, about ten minutes of walking tops. You can’t miss it.”

“Thanks,” Mush said.

The officer nodded.

“That was a close one,” Mato whispered.

“Now, off to Gourd Park,” Aspire said.

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Image: The gang spots an overview of Gourd Park and in the distance they see the Maggie Dilly playground, but on the way, they see a huge fountain and must stop.

Text:

“This way,” Tangela said. “It’s just around the corner.”

But just then Aspire spots two huge fountains in the middle of a shallow pool. “Wow,” he says, “Look over there.”

Mush and Mato turned their heads.

“Oooh, fun,” Mush shouted.

They made their way to the fountains.

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Image: Mush, Mato and the gang play tag between the fountains.

Text:

They ran to the statues and splashed in the water. Then they chased each other around the statues and had great fun.

“Gourd Park is cool,” Mato said.

“You want to see cool?” Aspire asked, “Then let’s head out to the Maggie Dilly Park.”

“What do they have there?” Mato asked.

“EVERYTHING,” Tangela said.

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Image: Mush, Mato and friends walk across Pomegranate Bridge only to see the Maggie Dilly Park!

Text:

“How do we get there?” Mush asked.

“It’s just across Pomegranate Bridge,” Julienne said.

They all start walking and noticed a climbing wall off to the side. Mush turned his head. “Wow, this is cool Mato.”

In the distance, they spot the Maggie Dilly Park.

“It’s the Maggie Dilly Park!” Mush says jumping up and down.

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Image: Mush, Mato and their friends run to the Play Pyramid and slide down the windy slide and run back and forth across the bridge.

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Image: Mato puts Aspire’s phone number into his cellphone.

Text:

“It has been so fun hanging out with you guys today,” Mato said to Aspire.

“Ditto.”

“Do you live around here?” Mato asked.

“Yes,” Aspire said, “We share an apartment over in Watercress Park.

“Cool,” Mato said. “Give me your info.”

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Image: The gang stands around (Mush and Mato on one side and Aspire, Tangelo and Julienne on the other) with the Maggie Dilly Park in the background.

Text:

“It was really nice hanging out with you guys today.” Mush said, “Let’s do this again.”

“Definitely, Tangelo said.”

Then they said their goodbyes.

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Image: Mush and Mato lay on the ground in Gourd Park looking up at the sky which is filled with the most beautiful, billowy clouds and sunshine. Lots of sunshine.

Text: “Great idea Mush,” Mato said, “This was the most perfect day.”

“It was, wasn’t it?”