**The Hooman Show [Image Descriptions]**

***[Synopsis]***

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***A squirrel named Shady Bottom and his squirrel friends, Gripper and Boomer, host a show about humans.***

***They observe that when humans arrive at the campground, they bring their strange city habits with them. Shady thinks hoomans are a nuisance. When a girl drops a granola bar, the squirrels eat it and love it! The squirrels, led by Shady, sneak a ride on the girl’s family car, so Shady can get more granola bars. They find the girl reading a book about squirrels and she learns that squirrels help trees grow by hiding their nuts. She thanks the squirrels and Shady feels great. By the end of the story, Shady likes the humans.]***

*- sound effects are written with italics-*

**Page 1**

A banner announces the “**The Hooman Show**” (misspelled H-O-O-M-A-N) “by Cyndi Marko, a hooman, brought to you by The Nut Network, starring Shady Bottom,” a grey squirrel giving the thumbs up, and “Squirrel Squad, Gripper and Boomer,” two brown squirrels, one waving and the other with arms crossed.

Shady says, “**Hi, squirrel friends! And welcome to The Hooman Show. We’re at a hooman** “**foresty park**” **to watch and learn about these strange furless** **creatures.”**

And then Shady shows us the humans walking around the beach, amid their tents and campfires. He explains, “**Every summer hoomans pop up here like daisies to** ‘**get back to nature’**, **but they bring the** **cities** **with them!”** And while some kids fish or sit in front of a campfire, one boy looks at his phone and complains “one bar…”

Shady, up on a tree branch with Gripper and Boomer, looks down on two kids fishing from a boat, a girl asking her friend “any bites?” while onshore a boy SLAPS his arm complaining “**buggy mosquitos**.” Shady says, “**Then they gripe how the** **fish are not biting… but the mosquitos are.**” Shady appears in a circle, commenting “**As if being bitten by a fish is so great…**” while Gripper and Boomer sneak into the top of the panel and say “**Hi Mom.**”

A fun fact appears “**Shady Says: A group of hoomans is called a** **nuisance**.”

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Shady says “**Let’s get a closer look… but watch out for their hind feet**” as he spots a couple pitching their red tent, lots of camping gear piled outside.

Inside the tent, a man and woman look at Shady, Gripper and Boomer as the squirrels *Squeak, Chitter, Chitter, Squeak*. The man exclaims “**Rats!** **Yuck!**” but the woman says:

[Woman]: “**Those are squirrels**.”

[Man:] “**What’s the difference?**”

[Woman:] “**Uh… squirrels have fancier tails.”**

And Gripper says, “**Let’s scram**” as they *scurry* away.

Safely outside the tent, Shady points to a girl and her mom pushing their dog in a baby stroller. He says, “**Speaking of tails… Just look what they did to that** **wolf**! It gave up pack life for belly rubs and squeaky toys. **Tsk! Tsk!**” The dog barks so the mom asks her dog, “**What is it, boy?”** but the dog’s bark really means, “**Hey!** **Forest life is really hard! There’s just so much walking…**”

In the next scene, the girl points, “**Wait!** **I dropped my granola bar!**” and the mom responds, “**Just leave it, dear. We have to go home…**” but the squirrels *scurry* toward the granola bar, wondering “granola bar?”

And Shady eats it, *sniff, sniff, nibble*. Gripper wonders, “**What is it, Shady?”** while Shady marvels, “**Nuts and seeds and honey. Oh my.**”

Then the squirrels’ eyes turn to hearts, the world around them floats with hearts, as they *munch! Munch!* and experience *Flavour and brain explosions!*

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A message for viewers reads: Please stand by while we fetch our host, who’s shamelessly begging the hoomans for a bandana and a belly rub.

And then we see Shady! He’s hanging onto the bumper of a speeding car, Gripper and Boomer hanging onto his tail, as the mom and her daughter *vroom!* down a city street.

Gripper asks, “**Shady, what’s got into you?”**

And Shady says, “**I need more** **granola bar!!**”

Back at the family house, the squirrels look down from a high branch and Shady tells his audience, “**Howdy, pine pals**! **I’ve risked my tail to get more granola**- **I mean**- **to get you close-up peeks at the hoomans’ nest.”** And he wonders, “**What’s** **that wee one doing?”**

They *scurry* down the tree *chitter, chitter, squeak* and arrive at the girl reading a picture book on the front steps as they look up at her and *chitter.*

The girl reads her book aloud to them “**It says ‘squirrels steal nuts** **hidden by other squirrels**’” and Shady says, “**What?!** **Well I never!**” as the other squirrels think, “**well there was that one time**” and “**and then that** **other time.”**

She keeps reading, “**It also says ‘squirrels often** **forget** **where they buried their** **nuts…”** and Shady responds, “**So I lost an** **acorn** **here or a** **pecan** **there…”** She continues, “**’Which means squirrels are to thank for many of our** **trees!’**” She looks at the squirrels, **“Aw!** **Thank you!”**

And this makes Shady feel so warm and fuzzy that he blushes and hearts appear in the air. Gripper whispers to him, “**Psst! Time to go!”**

Gripper and Boomer wrap up the show, saying, “**Thanks for watching and** **remember**…” “**Take only crumbs, leave only droppings**!” as they wave goodbye.

The end.