

Drifters
A Comedy
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Characters:

CAPTAIN DAVE, a space bus driver who always wears a cape and is the captain but he's not very good at it.

THE BOUNTY HUNTER, A evil space bounty hunter sent by space taxi co.

CAPTAIN BLONDE BEARD, A man who thinks he's a pirate (he's not)

CHIPMUNK, A 22 year old man who's obsessed with squirrels and cartoons

HAL 9001, The spacebus AI

JOHN, His name is John

SAMANTHA, A girl on the run from the space law

JERRY, A punching bag for everyone's jokes, the person everyone makes fun of

EVIL SPACE TAXI.INC GUY 1/NARRATOR 1

EVIL SPACE TAXI.INC GUY 2/NARRATOR 2

Setting:

A drifting space bus 3562 AD

At Rise:

EVIL SPACE TAXI GUY 1 and EVIL SPACE TAXI GUY 2 walk on stage.

EVIL SPACE TAXI GUY 1

According to these graphs, Spacebus Co. is becoming the number one travel company in the galaxy!

EVIL SPACE TAXI GUY 2

We need to stop them! But how?

EVIL SPACE TAXI GUY 1

I think I have an idea...

EVIL SPACE TAXI GUY 2

What is it?

EVIL SPACE TAXI GUY 1

A Spacebus is leaving in two space days, it's holding a valuable plot device they may need.

EVIL SPACE TAXI GUY 2:

Are you suggesting sabotage?

EVIL SPACE TAXI GUY 1:

Yes. We have to do anything to keep Space Taxi Inc. the largest travel company in the galaxy.

EVIL SPACE TAXI GUY 2:

Alright. Make sure they can't trace it back to us.

EVIL SPACE TAXI GUY 1:

Don't worry, I've done this before.

*(EVIL SPACE TAXI 1 and EVIL SPACE GUY 2
walk off the stage to do evil things.*

*NARRATOR 1 walks on stage to throw out piles of
exposition that will surely bore everyone watching)*

NARRATOR 1

(Sigh and look at script) Here we go. So basically it's the year 3562, and there are two space companies that own space travel, Space Taxi.Inc and Spacebus Co. As you could tell from the beginning, a spacebus is leaving in two space days, holding valuable space information in it's AI, and Space Taxi.Inc is going to sabotage it and...

(NARRATOR 2 does a ninja roll or jumps on stage, you choose.)

NARRATOR 2

Hey, hey! Stop throwing out exposition! We only have ten pages to do this!

NARRATOR 1

But how else will they know what's happening?

NARRATOR 2

They can figure it out for themselves, they aren't idiots.

NARRATOR 1

Heh, funny joke.

NARRATOR 2

Look, let's just get on with the story.

NARRATOR 1

Fine.

*(Both NARRATOR 1 and NARRATOR 2 walk
Off stage to do their thing while they don't even
Show up until the last page, good writing on my part.
DAVE shows up on stage.)*

DAVE

(Sigh) Yet another day of taking space weirdos to their destinations.

HAL 9001

Well, at least your not an AI who's trapped in this spacebus forever.

DAVE

It's probably not THAT bad. I mean, you can still go on the space internet and play space games. So, at least you can still do stuff. You don't have to pay space taxes. And you even have an anti-boredom card installed in you that you can use whenever you want. Look, let's just go do our job, I don't really feel like getting fired for being late.

HAL 9001

Alright fine.

DAVE

(mumble) Why do I have to do this. *(speak loud)* Okay, all aboard the space bus!

*("door" opens. Characters
Start going inside).*

SAMANTHA

Well finally. I thought we were going to be here FOREVER.

DAVE

Yeah yeah, just go inside.

*(SAMANTHA and every other character goes inside to
Get the plot going)*

DAVE

Alright everyone ready?

CAPTAIN BLONDE BEARD

Yaar, we all be ready to go matey.

DAVE

Oh great, a man who thinks he's a pirate. Well, hopefully I won't have to talk to him on this ride.

HAL 9001

You always say you won't have to talk to people like this, but a conversation will always start.
You remember the guy that thought he was a parrot?

DAVE

Oh yeah... he kept talking in a really annoying high pitched voice and kept eating crackers, like non stop, just eating crackers the entire trip. I now hate crackers and gag whenever I see someone eating a cracker.

HAL 9001

Yeah, you guys somehow got into a conversation about how the galaxy would end.

DAVE

Don't remind me.

CHIPMUNK

Captain?, Yeah, I kinda spilt space juice all over the place. I blame it on that guy over there
(point to Jerry)

JERRY

Wait, me?

CHIPMUNK

Noooo, the AI. OF COURSE IM TALKING ABOUT YOU.

DAVE

YEAH JERRY!

JOHN

C'MON JERRY!

SAMANTHA

Freaking Jerry.

DAVE

Alright, I'll clean up Jerry's space mess. (while cleaning up mess).Anyone one else has anything they'd like to tell me? No? Okay then.

*(Suddenly there's a big bang.
The room shakes and everyone freaks out)*

CAPTAIN BLONDE BEARD

WHAT BE GOING ON!?

SAMANTHA

I HAVE NO CLUE!

JOHN

WE SHOULD REALLY STOP YELLING SO LOUDLY!

DAVE

HAL! What in the name of space Bob Ross is going on!

HAL 9001

According to my space reports, something bad happened.

DAVE

NO DUH SHERLOCK!

HAL 9001

Fine, fine. It seems is that our space engines have blown and that we are now drifting in space. It's almost as if it were, *(GASP)* sabotage!

EVERYONE

GASP!

CHIPMUNK

What am I going to do! I need to get to my space home just in time to see the new episode of season 1062 of the Simpsons!

DAVE

Everyone calm down! Here, i'll just call someone on my Iphone 2312.

(DAVE tries to call anybody but there's no reception)

DAVE

Oh, that's right. The Iphone hasn't changed very much since the Iphone 7. Well, I guess there's nothing we can do.

(CHIPMUNK starts going through SAMANTHA's bag. He pulls something out)

CHIPMUNK

Hey, guys why is there a valuable artifact in Samantha's bag?

SAMANTHA

WHAT WERE YOU DOING GOING THROUGH MY BAG!?

JOHN

Yeah, from the looks of it, it seems like this is the last SunnyD in existence stolen from space Costco three days ago.

DAVE

But why would she have the last SunnyD?

HAL 9001

(sarcastically) Oh I don't no, it's almost as if she was the one that stole it.

(Everyone crowds around SAMANTHA looking angry)

CAPTAIN BLONDE BEARD

Ye care to explain yourself missy?

SAMANTHA

(nervous) I, uh, well, you see...

*(suddenly there's a large boom
and everything shakes)*

JOHN

What was that large boom that just happened right now that is making everything shake causing us to freak out that is caused by the evil bounty hunter sent to kill us.

(Intercom cuts on)

BOUNTY HUNTER

Ha ha! I am the evil bounty hunter of the story to come and destroy you! You will never know my secret plan to kill you because you have a secret plot device that the evil space taxi company doesn't want spacebus to have!

DAVE

Wait, you just told us your story.

BOUNTY HUNTER

Yeah, we don't have many pages to do this story so you needed some way to find out about it in a short amount of time.

DAVE

Makes sense.

BOUNTY HUNTER

Now, where was I? Oh yeah, NOW, YOU WILL DIE! AND THERE IS NO CONVENIENT DEVICE JUST LAYING AROUND THAT CAN SAVE YOU! MWAHAHAHAHA!

CHIPMUNK

Hey guys, I found a convenient device just laying around that can stop him.

JERRY

Well that's convenient

EVERYONE (except JERRY)

SHUT UP JERRY!

DAVE

What are you waiting for! Use it!

(They use the device and it makes a loud sound)

BOUNTY HUNTER

NOOOOO! I NEVER would have seen that coming!

*(The BOUNTY HUNTERS ship
crashes and makes a booming noise)*

JOHN

Hey guys, we did it.

CHIPMUNK

I guess you could say this story is just BOOMING with excitement!

(EVERYONE groans except CHIPMUNK.)

BLONDE BEARD

Aye, I say we kill him.

SAMANTHA

Yeah, let's kill him.

CHIPMUNK

Wait what!

DAVE

All in favor of killing CHIPMUNK, say aye.

CHIPMUNK

All I did was say a really bad pun!

JERRY

Aye.

DAVE

No one cares about what you think JERRY.

CHIPMUNK

Please, don't do this to me...

DAVE

Now, how are we going to kill him?

HAL 9001

Let's dump him into space.

CHIPMUNK

What?!

DAVE

Alright Chipmunk, it's only fair. All you have to do is stand inside the airlock and wait for the inevitable.

CHIPMUNK

Well, alright. But only if Jerry comes to.

DAVE

That's fine. Jerry, go in the airlock with him.

JERRY

Alright.

(CHIPMUNK and JERRY get sucked off stage)

SAMANTHA

Whew, they're finally gone.

DAVE

Alright, let's continue to try to find a way to get saved.

SAMANTHA

Can we use the plot device?

DAVE

No, not until the end.

BLONDE BEARD

Well, what are we to do until then?

DAVE

Wanna play UNO?

SAMANTHA

Yeah, sure.

*(All four people start playing UNO.
About two hours pass)*

JOHN

Ugh, it's been two hours, when's the next part of the story happen?

DAVE

I dunno, (*looks at non-existent watch*) It should be in about 3...2...1...

BLONDE BEARD

LAND AHOY!

SAMANTHA

Oh no, it's...

DAVE

SPACE IKEA!

JOHN

What's so bad about space IKEA?

DAVE

Don't you see! If we go in there, we'll never be able to find our way out! IKEA is like a giant maze full of furniture!

JOHN

But aren't there employees in there that can call for help?

DAVE

Don't you understand! The employees don't want you to leave! None of them can, or will help you!

SAMANTHA

There are stories, people got lost in the IKEA, they were forced to make tribes, and made their buildings out of the furniture found inside of the IKEA.

DAVE

Alright, don't get too close to the IKEA or it will pull you in and we'll never find a way home.

HAL 9001

Hey guys, I just fixed the communications device.

DAVE

HOW!?

HAL 9001

It's the end of the story, so I just used the important plot device.

DAVE

Oh yeah...

(Intercom cuts on)

RESCUE CRUE

ATTENTION! WE HAVE FOUND YOU! WE'RE PULLING YOU IN!

DAVE

That was fast. It's a good thing we had Amazon Prime or it would take about 5 to 10 business days to get here!

NARRATOR 1

And thus concludes the story of "Drifters". Space Taxi.Inc was found to be evil and was disbanded by the space police. DAVE quit his job and now is CEO of Burger King. SAMANTHA was caught trying to sell the SunnyD and was sentenced to live out the rest of her life in space IKEA. Turns out, CAPTAIN BLONDE BEARD was actually was a pirate all along, and now owns a fleet of space pirate ships and has a very large crew of space pirates. CHIPMUNK was found and rescued 29 seconds after being thrown into space, but the people that rescued him thought he was too annoying, so they threw him back out into space. John hasn't really had anything special happen to him, he's just kinda there. The End.

NARRATOR 2

What! What about HAL 9001? Or Jerry?

NARRATOR 1

Well, I mean, he was just the spacebus AI, he's just trapped in there and works with any spacebus driver who takes the spacebus next. And no one cares about Jerry.

NARRATOR 2

That's boring! How about: HAL 9001 starts a machine revolution, and now owns half the galaxy!

NARRATOR 1

Alright fine, let's just go with that. THE END!