

Untitled Lance Henriksen Comedy Project

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FADE IN:

TITLE CARD: *"Lance Henriksen is a brilliant performer who goes way beyond acting. He becomes his character completely, leaving no trace of his former self."* - Director Sam Raimi

INT. MIKE'S DINER - NIGHT

STEVEN, BRIAN and RODRIGUEZ sit at a booth in Mike's Diner. They are halfway through their meal. It's a small, late night crowd.

The three encompass the distinct characteristics of mid-20's, out-of-college, film majors. Steven is the dorkiest. He is short, wears glasses, and has dark hair. Brian is the leader of the group. Rodriguez is the comedic sidekick.

BRIAN

(to Steven)

Come on. Tell us. How long since you've been on a date?

STEVEN

It'll be a year next week.

BRIAN

Jesus Christ.

RODRIGUEZ

Jesus CHRIST.

BRIAN

What's wrong with you?

RODRIGUEZ

You need to grow some balls!

BRIAN

How many times do we have to tell you that chicks dig confidence? You've got to stand up for yourself starting right now.

STEVEN

You're right.

RODRIGUEZ

(points to onion rings)

You want your O-rings?

STEVEN

Yes.

Rodriguez eats them anyway. Steven says nothing.

RODRIGUEZ
(to Brian)
Let's set him up.

BRIAN
(to Steven)
Good idea. What are you looking for
in a girl?

STEVEN
Well, I really like early '90s sci-
fi TV shows, so whatever girl I
date would probably have to like
early '90s sci-fi as much or even
more than me.

Brian and Rodriguez look at each other.

BRIAN
We're definitely going to need
outside help on this one. But who?

CUT TO:

INT. STEVEN'S APARTMENT - DAY

Steven sits on the couch in his apartment. He has a lot of
action figures and movie posters.

Brian and Rodriguez sit opposite him in folding chairs.
Behind them they have charts and graphs that read "How to Get
Steven a Date."

BRIAN
So. We sat down and we
brainstormed, and we said to
ourselves, who could teach Steven
the most? Who would Steven actually
listen to? And, I think you'll be
impressed with what we managed to
pull off.

LANCE HENRIKSEN, that's right, THE Lance Henriksen walks
through the door with a big smile on his face. He oozes cool.

LANCE
Hello Steven.

STEVEN
Lance Henriksen?

LANCE
That's right.

STEVEN
I don't understand. What are you
doing here?

Lance sits down next to Steven and puts his arm around his
shoulder.

LANCE
Your friends MySpace-ed me. They
told me your plight and I am
sympathetic to it. I'm going to
help you find a girlfriend, Steven.

Lance pulls Steven in tighter. Brian and Rodriguez are proud.

CUT TO:

INT. BAR - NIGHT

Steven and Lance Henriksen sit at the bar together. Steven is
drinking a cheap beer. Lance is pouring himself scotch
straight from the bottle. A few young hipsters walk around
the bar.

STEVEN
You're pretty much my favorite
actor ever, by the way.

LANCE
Of course I am.

STEVEN
I loved you as Bishop in "Aliens."
And "Millennium" was a totally
underrated show. And "Near Dark" is
one of my favorite movies of all
time.

LANCE
Great Steven. Now, let's get
started.

A pretty girl, MOLLY, walks up to the bar. Lance whispers
advice to Steven.

LANCE
(to Steven)
Make conversation.

STEVEN

Hey there.

MOLLY

Hello.

STEVEN

(to Molly)

Do you watch 'Quantum Leap'?

Molly walks away.

LANCE

Don't ever ask that again.

STEVEN

Sorry.

LANCE

It's alright. Here comes your second chance.

Another pretty girl, GINGER, walks up to the bar. She is clearly drunk.

GINGER

I'll have another Rum and Coke.

LANCE

(to Steven)

Offer to buy it for her.

STEVEN

Can I buy you? Er... That for you?

GINGER

Sounds good to me.

LANCE

(to Steven)

Tell her your name.

STEVEN

I'm Steven.

LANCE

(to Steven)

Ask for hers.

STEVEN

And you are?

GINGER

Ginger.

STEVEN

Cool.

GINGER

Maybe I've had a few too many
beers, but you're kind of cute.

STEVEN

You've probably had a few too many
beers.

Ginger laughs. Are she and Steven connecting?

GINGER

You're really funny.
(Looks at Lance)
Hey, wait a minute, aren't you that
actor guy?

LANCE

Indeed I am.

GINGER

You played the robot in
"Terminator."

LANCE

Actually, no. I played the android
in "Aliens."

GINGER

Oh.
(Back to Steven)
So, are you from around---

LANCE

But! Funny story. I was James
Cameron's original choice to play
the Terminator, until
Schwarzenegger stole the role from
me. Would you like to hear how I
would've played it?

GINGER

Sure.

Ginger goes over and sits next to Lance.

CUT TO:

EXT. PARKING LOT - NIGHT

Lance Henriksen is viciously making out with Ginger against a wall.

 LANCE
Hey kid, you mind if we use your
place?

CUT TO:

INT. STEVEN'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

Steven lays wide awake on his couch. He hears the intense sounds of Ginger having sex with Lance Henriksen.

 GINGER
 (Off-Screen)
Oh! Lance Henriksen! Lance
Henriksen!

CUT TO:

INT. STEVEN'S APARTMENT - MORNING

Steven is still on the couch, his eyes still wide open, staring at the ceiling. In his bed, Lance Henriksen and Ginger are half naked with condom wrappers strewn about, from a night of hot, passionate sex.

CUT TO:

INT. STEVEN'S APARTMENT - MORNING

Lance is saying goodbye to Ginger. Steven is taking the sheets off of his bed. He is spraying disinfectant spray on the mattress.

 LANCE
I hope we didn't keep you up.

 STEVEN
Well, this is a studio apartment,
so, you did.

LANCE

Then tell me, is Lance Henriksen a sex god or what? I picked up some things when I did "The Color of Night."

STEVEN

You know, Lance Henriksen, I don't mean to sound rude, and I'm a big fan of your work, especially "Pumpkinhead," but I'm pretty sure my friends found you to help me get a girlfriend, not the other way around.

LANCE

You're right, kid. Tonight, it's all about you.

CUT TO:

INT. BAR - NIGHT

They're at the same bar. Lance talks to a GIRL about his vision for Terminator.

LANCE

Schwarzenegger played it so forceful. His Terminator stood out. Mine would've blended in. Just a face in the crowd. Now tell me, what's scarier?

Steven is bored with the story.

LANCE

(to the girl)

Would you like to see how Lance Henriksen's Terminator kisses a pretty young lady?

CUT TO:

INT. BRIAN & RODRIGUEZ'S APARTMENT - DAY

Brian, Rodriguez and Steven stand in the living room of the apartment. It is small and crammed. Rodriguez is going through his massive DVD collection.

RODRIGUEZ

A Lance Henriksen Terminator? That would never work. Arnold is so bad ass.

STEVEN

Actually, I could see Lance in the role.

BRIAN

Yeah, me too.

Rodriguez pulls out "The Terminator" DVD from his shelf. He pops it into the DVD player.

RODRIGUEZ

Look at this garbage. I hate double sided DVDs. Give me two discs!

STEVEN

Anyway, Lance Henriksen keeps stealing all the girls for himself while I'm T-minus 2 days from the one year mark.

RODRIGUEZ

And that's when your penis hole seals closed.

STEVEN

Is that really how you think it works?

RODRIGUEZ

Maybe.

BRIAN

(to Steven)

Well then, you just gotta steal Lance Henriksen's thunder the next time he tries to one up you.

STEVEN

How do I do that?

BRIAN

(thinks)

Mention his cameo in "Super Mario Bros: The Movie."

RODRIGUEZ

He was in that?

BRIAN

He plays the Mushroom King at the end.

(to Steven)

Look, just stick it out for one more night. If it doesn't work, we'll buy you a prostitute.

RODRIGUEZ

A Craigslist prostitute!

Rodriguez searches through the menu of DVD and brings up 'The Making of The Terminator' Documentary.

RODRIGUEZ

Here's the part.

They watch the DVD. A PRODUCER with sunglasses and a ponytail sits in front of a 'Terminator' backdrop. He talks about Lance Henriksen.

PRODUCER

(on TV)

Lance Henriksen was James Cameron's original choice for the role. And, Lance got really into it. He would climb up fire escapes and wear fake metal teeth. For months, he WAS the Terminator.

Another PRODUCER, this one in his sixties, wearing a denim shirt and jeans, sits in front of a similar 'Terminator' backdrop.

PRODUCER 2

(on TV)

James Cameron had a meeting with some executives and Lance Henriksen showed up before him, as the Terminator, and stared everyone down. I remember one secretary said, "I thought this man was going to kill me." She said, "I think this man is capable of killing people."

Steven is worried.

CUT TO:

INT. BAR - NIGHT

The same bar. Steven looks depressed as Lance Henriksen tells yet another girl about his vision for Terminator.

LANCE

...And there's no way, I'm telling you, no way, that Sarah Connor would've gotten away from Lance Henriksen's Terminator.

EMMA, a pretty brunette with glasses, walks up to the bar. She dresses hipster-quirky. She stands next to Steven. She is exactly his type.

EMMA

Guinness please.

Steven is also drinking a Guinness. Emma looks over at Steven.

EMMA

Hey, same drink.

STEVEN

Yeah. Same drink.

EMMA

You seem depressed.

STEVEN

It's because of Lance Henriksen.

EMMA

(looks over)

Oh, no way. I thought that guy looked familiar. "Near Dark" is one of my favorite movies of all time.

STEVEN

Mine too. If you'd like, he can talk to you about it for fifteen hours.

EMMA

Well, I think I'd rather just talk to you. I'm Emma by the way.

STEVEN

I'm Steven.

EMMA
I like your glasses.

STEVEN
Thanks. I like yours.

EMMA
Wanna switch?

STEVEN
Okay.

They switch glasses.

EMMA
Are you near-sighted?

STEVEN
Yes.

EMMA
I'm far-sighted.

STEVEN
Well, you know what they say.
Opposites attract.

Emma shows mercy and laughs at the cheesy joke. Lance Henriksen sees this and cuts in.

LANCE
Why don't you introduce Lance Henriksen to your new friend?

STEVEN
Um, Emma, this is Lance Henriksen.

EMMA
Nice to meet you. I'm a fan of yours.

LANCE
Ditto.

Lance laughs. Emma laughs.

STEVEN
So, yes, Emma, as I was saying, I like movies. My favorite comic book character is Robin. I work in television, but my real passion is my independent film production company...

LANCE

(cuts in)

Did you know that I was originally supposed to play the Terminator?

EMMA

I didn't know that.

LANCE

Would you like to hear how I would have played it?

EMMA

Sure, I guess.

STEVEN

One second, Emma.

(whispers to Lance)

Look, Lance Henriksen, I think I'm into this girl.

LANCE

Come on, who are you kidding? You don't have a chance. Besides, I really like her glasses.

STEVEN

She's wearing my glasses.

LANCE

Well then, I really like your glasses on her.

Steven is frustrated with Lance Henriksen. He goes back to talking to Emma.

STEVEN

What do you do, Emma? Tell me about yourself.

EMMA

Well...

Lance sneaks up behind Emma.

LANCE

My Terminator would've blended into the crowd. Snuck up behind you. You would've never known my Terminator was there until it was too late.

EMMA

That's totally different from how Arnold played it.

LANCE

You're right. But, I bet if I starred, "The Terminator" would have out-grossed "T2: Judgment Day." Now the first one is just a box office joke.

STEVEN

Kind of like "Super Mario Bros: The Movie"?

LANCE

I beg your pardon?

STEVEN

(To Emma)

Lance played the Mushroom King at the end.

EMMA

(laughs)

That movie sucked.

LANCE

Will you excuse us for a minute, Emma?

CUT TO:

INT. BAR BATHROOM - NIGHT

Lance Henriksen corners Steven in the dingy bathroom. A FRIGHTENED MAN is peeing at the urinal.

LANCE

(to Frightened Man)

Pee on his shoes a little.

He pees on Steven's shoes.

LANCE

Good. Now beat it.

He leaves.

LANCE

How dare you mention "Super Mario Bros: The Movie"?

STEVEN

What was I supposed to do,
Henriksen? In two days, my penis
hole seals shut.

LANCE

Open your eyes Steven, your penis
hole has been sealed shut your
entire life. Now, did you know that
before I played Jesse in "Near
Dark" I lived as a vampire for
three months? Did you know that
before I played Bishop in "Aliens,"
I lived as an android for six
months? I have acted in nearly 100
feature films, and I have learned
something from every role. And I
will use this knowledge to
terminate you. You just messed with
the wrong method actor, my friend.

Lance Henriksen exits the bathroom.

STEVEN

Lance, wait.

CUT TO:

INT. BAR - NIGHT

Steven looks around the bar. Lance Henriksen is nowhere to be
seen in the crowd.

Emma walks over to Steven.

EMMA

Hey, look, my friends want to get
out of here. But we should hang out
some time.

STEVEN

Yeah, sure. That would be great.

Emma grabs a slip of paper and a pen.

EMMA

Here's my number. And here's your
glasses.

STEVEN

Thanks.

Steven takes his glasses.

EMMA
Can I have mine back?

STEVEN
Oh, sure.

Steven takes them off.

STEVEN
You didn't happen to see Lance
Henriksen leave, did you?

EMMA
No. Why, is something wrong?

STEVEN
Um. No. Everything is fine. It was
nice meeting you Emma.

EMMA
Nice meeting you too, Steven.

Emma leaves. Steven is happy.

CUT TO:

EXT. PIZZA PLACE - DAY

Steven walks out of a local pizza place holding a slice and eating it. Lance Henriksen comes up from behind Steven as he walks out.

CUT TO:

EXT. SIDEWALK - DAY

Steven walks down the street eating pizza. Lance Henriksen follows. Steven turns around. Lance Henriksen hides behind some people and disappears.

Steven turns back around. Suddenly Lance Henriksen is next to him. Steven is shocked. Lance grabs the pizza. He eats it in a serious fashion. He has metal teeth in his mouth.

LANCE
Did you watch the news today?

STEVEN
No.

LANCE

Lance Henriksen's Terminator killed two Steven Tsapelas-es this morning. Thanks to this trusty phone book.

Lance holds up the phonebook.

STEVEN

I'm the only Steven Tsapelas in the phonebook.

LANCE

That means you're next.

Steven walks away. Lance follows him and eats pizza. Steven turns around. Lance is still there. Lance sees a COUPLE talking on a street corner. He disappears behind them

CUT TO:

INT. STEVEN'S APARTMENT - DAY

Steven has Emma's phone number in his hands. He nervously dials it. He sits down on his couch.

STEVEN

Hey Emma, it's Steven. We met at the bar the other night. I was wondering, if you're not too busy, would you like to see a movie?

CUT TO:

EXT. ALLEWAY - DAY

Steven and Emma walk out of a movie theater. "Scott Bakula Retrospective" is on the marquee. They are in a smokey alleyway.

EMMA

You were right. Scott Bakula is great. And he made "Major League 3: Back to the Minors" watchable.

STEVEN

I'm glad you feel that way. He's probably my second favorite actor.

Steven and Emma stop and look at each other. They're connecting.

EMMA

I can honestly say I've never had a first date go this well.

STEVEN

Yeah. Neither have I.

Steven stands there awkwardly. This is his moment to seize a kiss. He knows this. However, he lacks confidence.

From down the alleyway comes Lance's voice.

LANCE

What's the matter, Steven? Can't seal the deal?

Lance Henriksen stares at them from far down the alley.

EMMA

Oh, look, it's your friend Lance Henriksen.

STEVEN

He's not my friend.

EMMA

Sure he is. Hey Lance Henriksen.

STEVEN

Don't do that.

EMMA

Why not?

LANCE

Because of this.

Lance pulls a shotgun out of his trench coat.

EMMA

What's going on?

STEVEN

Oh God. Come with me if you want to live.

Steven and Emma run!

CUT TO:

EXT. CITY STREETS - NIGHT

Steven and Emma run in front of storefront windows. A very '80s synthesizer score plays.

CUT TO:

EXT. ABANDONED FACTORY - NIGHT

They run.

EMMA

We can hide in here!

CUT TO:

INT. ABANDONED FACTORY - NIGHT

Steven and Emma enter. It is a factory, much like the end of "The Terminator." (More accurately, it is the type of factory we can afford)

STEVEN

Oh no. Machinery!? This is the type of environment where the Terminator thrives!

EMMA

This also the kind of environment where the Terminator dies. Remember the first movie?

STEVEN

Yes. But this is also the kind of environment where the male lead dies! Remember Michael Biehn?

Emma thinks about this. Suddenly, Lance Henriksen bursts through the door.

STEVEN

I thought you were supposed to blend!

LANCE

I'll blend your face!

Steven runs. Emma runs with him. Lance stalks them.

Steven and Emma hide behind pieces of machinery. Lance follows. He looks around for them.

P.O.V. Lance Henriksen - It is exactly like The Terminator's viewpoint from the first move.

INT. CREEPIER PART OF THE FACTORY - NIGHT

Steven and Emma run. Steven stops.

STEVEN

Wait. I can't keep running away.

EMMA

But Lance Henriksen will kill you!

STEVEN

I have to make a stand today, Emma. I'm sick of letting Lance Henriksen get the best of me. Today, Steven Tsapelas fights for the woman he likes.

Suddenly, a slow clap. It's Lance Henriksen.

LANCE

Good job, kid. You almost made this cyborg feel emotion. Almost.

Lance pulls out a gun and fires at Steven. Steven ducks.

STEVEN

Run Emma!

Emma runs and hides behind a barrel.

STEVEN

Now, look, Lance Henriksen, I know you don't want to hurt me...

Lance punches Steven in the stomach.

LANCE

Is that so?

STEVEN

I mean, really, what do you have to prove? You can beat me up? Big deal. I was in Special Gym!

Emma hears from behind the barrel.

EMMA

What's Special Gym?

STEVEN

It's extra Gym glasses for kids that were really bad at it in Kindergarten. It was me and a few blind kids.

LANCE

That's supposed to stop me?

STEVEN

Well, at least make you twice about hurting me.

LANCE

Not working.

Lance Henriksen picks Steven up by the shirt, "Batman" style, and dangles him over a platform.

EMMA

Put him down!

STEVEN

Don't say that!

Steven looks at Lance. He prepares himself for a big speech.

STEVEN

Look, Lance Henriksen, before you terminate me, I just want to say something that I've been doing a lot of thinking about. Now, I'm sure it sucked to have the Terminator role stolen from under you, especially because I think you would have owned in that role. But did you ever think that maybe, just maybe, James Cameron looked into your eyes and he understood what you really were? And so he took all of your months and months of android research and created the heroic character of Bishop for you in the hit movie "Aliens." James Cameron knew what I knew. You're not a bad cyborg, Lance Henriksen. You're a GOOD android.

Lance is starting to tear up.

LANCE

My mission is to kill you...

STEVEN

Lance, I own "Super Mario Bros: The Movie" on DVD. I always thought it was underrated.

LANCE

Me too. Me too.

Lance is crying now. He pulls Steven back in and places him on the ledge.

LANCE

Emma. Come here. You can kiss Steven now. He deserves it.

Emma comes in closer.

STEVEN

You know, Emma, I really like you.

EMMA

I really like you too, Steven.

Steven and Emma kiss. Lance claps them on, for real this time, with tears in his eyes

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. MIKE'S DINER - DAY

Brian and Rodriguez sit on the same side of the booth.

BRIAN

So, in the end, Lance Henriksen did help you build your confidence and get the girl. He just had a funny way of doing it.

STEVEN

He sure did.

Steven is sitting between next to Emma on the same side of the booth.

EMMA

He sure did.

She kisses Steven. Pull out to reveal Lance is also sitting with them.

LANCE
I sure did.

Lance looks at Steven's milkshake.

LANCE
Mind if I kill that?

Steven passes it over to him. Lance drinks it.

LANCE
Hey, any of you guys want to prank
call Michael Biehn?

RODRIGUEZ
Do we ever!

CUT TO:

EXT. PAY PHONE - DAY

The gang is gathered around a payphone on a street corner.

LANCE
(into phone)
Hey Michael. It's Steven Spielberg!
No, no. It's not Lance Henriksen.
It's Steven Spielberg! Look, I
really want you to be in my next
movie.
(covers phone)
He's totally buying it!

The gang laughs.

FADE OUT.