

It Came from the Pet Shop

(Mutant fish swim around the stage. Creepy music. A toilet flushing)

Scene 1

(Agent Donna Tully enters)

Tully

Chief, you wanted to see me?

Chief

Ah yes, I have a new assignment for you. Are you familiar with an Agent Frank Boulder?

Tully

Yes, I've heard of him. He's the brilliant cryptozoologist who wrote the book "Dancing with Bigfoot." He famously discovered a Bigfoot hunting ground by following their scent alone. That's how he got to be known at the Academy as Smelly Boulder.

Chief

Well then you must also know of the so-called Z-Files?

Tully

The clandestine government agency tracking and preserving rare undiscovered undocumented potentially non-existent animals?

Chief

That's the one. The government is desperate to cut funding and people are wondering why money is going down what appears to be a very expensive, non-existent hole. Agent Boulder insists he is about to make an important breakthrough... but it could just be another stinker.

Tully

So you need me to either debunk what he is doing or substantiate it... Sounds exciting! Count me in, Chief.

Scene 2

*(Agent Frank Boulder has a remote control. He watches a found footage sequence.
Bigfoot? Nessie? Alien ducks? Ending with glowing fish)*

(Tully enters)

Tully

Hello... Agent Boulder?

Boulder

Yes? Let me guess... you're my new partner? Sent to prove I'm crazy.

Tully

Yes- I mean no! I'm curious about your current work. Does that fish have a tentacle?

Boulder

Yes. Rumors of mutant goldfish lurking in the sewers. This video was posted anonymously, but in the lower corner of the screen I found a receipt for a pet shop... If I could only figure out where it is.

Tully

Oh, I recognize that name, it's the one down the street from my house!

Boulder

Excellent! Let's get going then. I hope you brought some galoshes ...

Tully

Great! Wait, what...?

(Tully and Boulder exit)

(Chief enters followed by Hazmat Crew)

Chief

Hopefully she can finally get him off my track...

Barry

Where do we deliver this batch sir?

Chief

Same place as last week! Now get it out of here quick before someone sees!

Scene 3

(Oscar's Pet Shop)

Dookie

Role call! Tammy Niles?

Tammy Niles

Present.

Dookie

Roger rabbit?

Roger

I've been framed!

Dookie

Ok then... is Oswald here?

Oswald

Maybe I'm here and maybe I'm not...

Dookie

Frieda ferret?

Felix

I've never heard of a ferret in pet shop.

Frieda

Hello people of the Pet Shop!

Felix

Uh... we're animals.

Frieda

Today is a great day to GET ADOPTED! So let's put on our cutest smiles, get out there, and GET ADOPTED! Who's with me!?

(silence)

Dookie

Okay... what a weird crowd we've got today. Baklava-Bob?

(silence)

Ozwald

Was he adopted? Is he DEAD? AAAHHH!

(panic)

Dookie

Everyone calm down!

B-Bob

(pops up from behind his cage)

Squawk! Calm down, calm down!

Ozwald

I told you he was okay...

Cheshire

No you didn't!

Dookie

Look, I know we have all been on edge since the fishtank incident...

(animals shudder and shake their heads)

But we just need to stick together and follow our safety precautions. Now, back to role call. Floofies?

Floofies

Am I here? Are any of us really here...?

Cheshire

Oh brother- she has spent too much time on the exercise wheel again.

Floofies

Where are we anyway? Do these cages keep us in? Or do they keep *them* out?

Ozwald

Whoa... am I a *them*?

Floofies

Only if you think you are.

Roger

Wow that is deep.

B-Bob

No it's not. She's just crazy. Rawk! Ever since Pauline accidentally got her with the vacuum cleaner she's been two nuts short of a sundae.

Floofies

Great winds pull you... deep into the tube... the belly of the beast... dust bunnies are good people.
DARKNESS ETERNAL!!

Dookie

Floofies is right. Now is the time for vigilance. That tank used to be teeming with happy little fish and now zilch, with no explanation.

Floofies

Goldfish in a bowl. Have no fear of Undertow. Septic Destiny.

(Wolf, Marbles, Ziggy charge in with a big red ball)

Wolf, Marbles, Ziggy

Ball! Ball! Ball!

Cheshire

Oh brother! Not the ball again.

Squirrel

Hey! You forgot me!

Dookie

No? I think we have everyone...

Squirrel

Only kidding! Just stopping through. Just going to pick up some of these... And some of those...

Dogs

Squirrel! Squirrel! Squirrel!

Marbles

Vile creature!

Ziggy

I will destroy you!

Squirrel

Sounds lovely. Thanks for the offer but I must be going!

Jan

Hey guys... I thought I heard you. Watch out for the mop sink. The stuff is back.

B-Bob

The stuff is back. The stuff is back. The stuff is back.

Jan

Why do you always repeat what I say like that?

B-Bob

Ahem. Habit, sorry. People usually only hear me when I'm being a copycat.

Cheshire

I resent that! You are no cat!

Cece

Hey Jan, why can you talk with us but no one else can?

Jan

Well they could. If they just believed they could. Most people don't even try they just assume they can't.

Banana

Ooooh if I could only get an unssssuspecting human to talk to me! I could convincce them to do my bidding! Muahahahahaha!

Ozwald

Are you okay Banana?

Banana

I told you! That issss not my name! You are all imbecccleless!

Dookie

All right, now we just need someone to go check in the nursery to see how the baby animals are doing...

All animals (except Roger and Ozwald)

Not it!

Dookie

Ozwald! Roger! It looks like it's your lucky day!

Roger

Nooooo!

Ozwald

Oh, come on Roger this is going to be fun!

Jan

Hey little buddies, you should probably go back to your cages, the store is about to open.

(All animals exit)

(“Ring Ring” of shop bell, Oscar and Pauline enter)

Jan

Good morning Mr. Oscar. Hello Pauline. I would put in a call to the landlord again Oscar. I have been noticing the green slime coming through the mop sink again.

Oscar

Aghhh, just don't get it near the animals. Not after the debacle with the fish tank

(creepy music)

Now Pauline, sales have been down this year. Everyone is shopping online or has pet allergies or something, I just don't understand it. I need you to be on your toes and... Ugh! What's that smell? Pauline! You forgot to take the garbage out again last night didn't you?

Pauline

Oh... sorry Oscar! I got this idea for a new invention that I thought would really help the store out! An automated pet feeder! See, you put the snacks here. This one is loaded with Bacon Bits! Then call an animal over. Here Banana!

(Banana enters and holds her tail on the lever. Sound effect. Rumble. Pause. A bunch of bacon bits are released on the floor)

Oscar

Pauline, the last thing the world needs is more ingenuity. The world is complicated and when people get a pet they want simplicity. A pet is your friend because YOU feed it and YOU play with it. Not some machine! Get the broom, Jan. Get this machine out of here I don't want our customers to get the wrong idea.

(“Ring Ring”)

(Mildred enters with Pinky and Tally)

Danielle

Welcome to Oscar's Pet Shop!

Mildred

Oscar, has my special shipment arrived?

Oscar

Yes! 57 cans of organic, locally sourced, non-GMO, free-range, grain-free, ovo-lacto gourmet canine cuisine!

Mildred

Only the best for my Pinky and Tally!

Oscar

Follow me, Mildred, I have them boxed up in the back. I can also show you our latest shipment of eco-friendly dog toys woven from up-cycled cashmere sweaters.

Mildred

Oh! Delightful!

(Pinky and Tally immediately relax)

Tally

Pinky! Do you smell what I smell?

Pinky

Yes yes yes! Garbage! And I want to roll in it soooooooooo bad!

Tally

Where where where!?

(Pinky and Tally sniff around, find the garbage can and knock it over)

Pinky and Tally

FLOOR BACON!

Pinky

Behold! Cheeseburger wrapper!

Tally

Check out this green stuff! It smells like old shoes...

Pinky

So it must be!

Both

Delicious!

Mildred

Pinky! Tally!

(Pinky and Tally regain composure and again move in poised unison. They exit)

Pauline

Miss, can I help you find something?

Louise

Mmmm... nah. We're just a couple of lookie lous.

Pauline

A couple of what?

Sadie

Window shoppers.

Pauline

We don't sell any windows. This is a PET store.

Sadie

Look at those cute doggy sweaters!

Pauline

Can I find a size for you?

Louise

Nope, only browsing.

Pauline

Browsing?

Louise

Nevermind.

Pauline

Oh. Hey! Do you want to see a prototype for an automated food dispenser?

Oscar

No! No! No! Take it to the back. I don't want our customers getting the wrong idea.

(Agents Tully and Boulder enter)

Tully

So... you're a couple of lookie lous are you?

Sadie

Just browsing really.

Louise

What's it to you?

Boulder

We hear there's been some FISHy business going on around here.

Louise

Come to think of it, there has been a lack of fishy business.

Tully

What do you mean?

Sadie

No fish! Tanks have been empty for weeks. Something about scale impetigo. Oscar says he had to send all the fish south to a warmer climate to recover.

Louise

Strange huh?

Boulder

Very strange. How do you send fish south? Can you put them in the mail? Does it require extra postage?

Tully

The truth is out there...

(creepy music)

Scene 4

Roger

Role call!

(Nursery animals state their names while Roger checks them off the list)

Roger

Alright, looks like everyone is here. We should be going.

Nursery animals

Tell us a story! Tell us a story! Tell us a story!

Ozwald

We have time for just one story, don't we?

(Roger grumbles but can't move as he is engulfed by nursery animals)

Ozwald

Once upon a time there was an average, mild-mannered lizard. At least that is what everyone thought. By day he sat in his cage eating crickets and warming himself under a heat lamp, but by night he was the world's best crime fighting super dragon!

Nursery 1 (Henry)

Could he fly?!

Nursery 2 (Milo)

Breath Fire?!

Nursery 3 (Tommy)

Did he have laser eyes?!

Nursery 4 (Suzy Lou)

Please say he had laser eyes!

Ozwald

Of course he did! And he used all his powers to help defend creatures large and small and to fight against his villainous arch nemesis!

Banana

Muahahahahahahaahahahha!

Nursery 5 (Ellie)

Fire breath!

Nursery 6 (Rachel)

Laser eyes!

Ozwald

Calm down, little ones, he's not an arch nemesis

Roger

Oh no, did a cricket get caught in your throat again?

Banana

What? No! I got Pauline the human to talk to me! I bit her on her thumb- that got her attention. I told her that if she brought me twicce as many cricketsss each week I wouldn't do it again. She thinksss I'm just a talking sssnake though- she hasn't realized she can talk to anyone elssse. I plan on warping her mind... tricking her into adopting me and then she will have to do my bidding! Muahahahaha!

Roger

You disgust me.

Nursery Animals

It's a Banana! It's a Banana! It's a Banana!

Banana

I told you I am not a banana, I am a yellow corn snake!

Nursery Animals

Tell us a story! Tell us a story!

Ozwald

Sorry guys we all have to get back to our cages now- especially you Banana!

(Animals exit. Pauline enters, sweeping)

Pauline

Man, Oscar is always making me do all these dumb chores! And he ruined my dreams! My automated pet feeder could have changed lives and revolutionized the pet care industry. I'm so angry that I could almost break into song!

Banana

Pleasssse don't. And by that I mean don't or I will climb over the back of this cage and bite you again.

Pauline

Alright alright I said almost, but it would be fun.

Banana

Ssspeaking of fun... you think you could maybe buy me? I know you've been thinking about it. We could talk all the time. It's oh sssso lonely in this glassssss cage in the back room. Pleeaaaaaasssse?

Pauline

Okay! I can't believe I just made a deal with a snake. I may not be completely sane right now.

I would like to purchase the snake in the back, the small skinny one.

Danielle

You mean Banana?

Pauline

Yes.

Danielle

Okay, she's all yours

Banana

Ughh Banana... what an embarrasssing name!

Pauline

How about you name yourself?

Banana

Good idea, human. I choose... hmmm... Chupacabra!

(Ring Ring)

Pauline

How may I help you?

Lily

Do you have any unicorns?

Pauline

Uhhhh. Let me go check in back

Hey! Bana... Chupacabra! I need your help!

Chupacabra

What isss it?

Pauline

There's a girl who wants a unicorn, what do I say?

Chupacabra

We're out of ssstock? I don't know? Don't put out her spiritsss. Bad for businessss.

Pauline

Okay. Thanks!

We are uh... out of stock. Sorry, we will have some... next week. Uh...Bye.

Lily

Thank you!

(Tully and Boulder catch Lily on her way out)

Boulder

Did I hear that correctly? Unicorns next week?

Lily

Yup! New shipment is coming in!

Tully

Well that's a scam if I have ever heard one.

Boulder

They must be getting a shipment in from Kazakhstan. I hear the pygmy unicorns are very docile.

Tully

You've got to be kidding me

Lily

I want a pink one!

Scene 5

(Chief enters with Hazmat Crew, pulling a mysterious wagon. He stops, looks around, lifts canvas on wagon. Green light shines on it/from it.)

Chief

Thanks for keeping this hush hush...

Barry

What did he say?

Surly

What's he saying?

Toe

Hush Hush! He said keep it hush hush!

Barry and Surly

(whisper)

Oh! Right. Hush hush. Yes yes of course.

Oscar

What!?! This is even more than last time!

Chief

Don't worry, we will make it worth your while.

Oscar

I also need to be compensated for losses. I had to flush a whole tankful of fish thanks to them.

Chief

Don't worry, my guys use the utmost care...

(Hazmat Crew clowning and klutzing around as they find places to stash things)

Oscar

Got to get creative to pay the bills these days...

Scene 6

(Lily, Daria, Logan, Lisa, Stella enter)

Pauline

Oh, it's you again. How can I help you?

Lily

My friends want pets, and their parents are working, so I said they could come with me!

Pauline

Uh... okay? What kind of pets do they like?

Lily

They like unicorns too!

Pauline

Unicorns?

Daria, Logan, Lisa, Stella

Unicorns! Unicorns! Unicorns! Unicorns!

(Pauline backs away nervously)

Pauline

I...I told you the shipment won't be in until next week!

Daria, Logan, Lisa, Stella

Unicorns! Unicorns! Unicorns! Unicorns!

Oscar

What is going on out here!?

Pauline

They, uh, want unicorns...

Oscar

For pete's sake, why would we have unicorns in this store? Unicorns aren't even real!

(Lily, Daria, Lisa, Stella and Logan gasp loudly)

Daria

How dare you.

Lily

Let's go...

Boulder

Did I hear you say... Unicorn...

Daria

Actually it was more like...

Lily, Daria, Logan, Lisa, Stella

Unicorns! Unicorns! Unicorns!

Tully

Wow... you guys are really... enthusiastic...

Boulder

Just the type of junior agents we need! Have you ever heard of the field of study called
Crypto-Zoology...

(creepy music)

Scene 7

Pauline

This is just like when I was a kid. Everyone told me that unicorns aren't real. But do you know what I think? If unicorns aren't real, I'll make them real! And while I'm at it, I can make all sorts of mythical creatures as well! I'm a genius!

Chupacabra

I don't know about that

Pauline

What? You don't think I can do it? Well, I'll show you I can do this!

Chupacabra

I ssstill don't think ya can. But I'll help you anywayssss. I know a little bit about thissss sssstuff.

Scene 8:

Daria

Are you like ghost hunters or alien conspiracy theorists?

Boulder

Don't be ridiculous that doesn't exist. We are the Z files

Logan

Like Zombies?!

Lisa and Stella

Zombieeeeeees!

Boulder

No! The Z is for Cryptozoologist

Logan

Doesn't that start with a C?

Boulder

Nevermind.

Lily

So why have you been hanging around the pet shop?

Tully

We found some footage of glowing mutant fish and we think they may have originated from this area. That's why we could really use your help.

Boulder

As Junior Cryptozoologists you will help me and the others working at the Z files look for and investigate hidden, undiscovered, potentially non-existent animals.

Tully

You will be our eyes and ears out there

Boulder

And noses...

Lily

Excuse me while I discuss this with my associates.

(Lily, Daria, Logan, Lisa, Stella huddle and discuss)

Lily, Daria, Logan, Lisa, Stella

We're in!

Scene 9

Pauline

Uhhh boss, can I take the rest of the day off?

Oscar

Only after you do a few more quick things

Pauline

Ugh. Alright.

B-Bob

Rawk! What's with her? Her face was as red a ripe tomato! Rawk. Tomato!

Animals

Yeah. Weird. I don't know. Odd. (etc.)

Frieda

Heads up! Customers!

(Ring Ring)

Danielle

Welcome to Oscar's Pet Shop, can I help you?

Jared

Uhh yeah, do you have any Pidgeys?

Danielle

Pidgeys?

Milo

Um sir...

Danielle

Ma'am...

Milo

Yeah, what's the CP level of this Rattata? *(Points at Dookie)*

Danielle

Well the breed of this RAT is an American Shorthair if that's what you're asking, and I think you must mean Budgies- wonderful pets I might add... Hey what are you doing?

(Teenagers have phones out and are attempting to catch Dookie with them)

Jonathan

Cool, there's a Pokestop here!

Danielle

Oh, I see what's going on. These are actual living pets! This not an augmented reality, kids! These creatures are companions, family members, and valuable members of society! They aren't here to be shoved into Poke balls, evolved, and trained for your amusement!

(Teens are looking at phones, not paying attention)

Jared

Hey! Bulbasaur and Squirtles are spawning at the park down the street! Let's go!

Milo

Gotta catch em all! Or not... whatever.

Jonathan

Aw but I just put a lure down...

Customer 1

I have no idea what they are talking about but whatever it is, it does not sound appropriate!

Customer 2

Indeed. I will definitely be staying away from that park

Customer 1

Such a shame. Kids these days... obsessed with flimflam and parlour tricks and hoopty whoozie.

Customer 2

Can't appreciate the simpler things in life!

Customer 1

Yes, like a plain, boring old cutesy-wootsey turtle-wurtle!

Tammy Niles

(whispering)

Help!

Oscar

No wonder business is down.

Pauline

Maybe they are onto something... Maybe the pets of the future need to be a little more exciting than plain old lizards and guppies. Those glowing fish were sooo cool. I bet with some tinkering we could really...

Oscar

Are you insane?! Absolutely not! My pets are perfect the way they are! Get back to work!

Scene 10

Boulder

Alright. It is time for you to take your oath.

Tully

Then I will give you your badge to wear with pride!

Junior Agents

On our honor, we will try to find evidence
Of what is hidden
And what can't be seen
We will serve Cryptoids whether they like it or not
And be constant seekers of truth... because it is out there.

(creepy music)

(Mutant fish swim by)

Pauline

He never listens to me. Guess we will just continue with the same old same old then.

Chupacabra

Muahahahaahaha

Pauline

Are you okay? Did you eat a bad mousicle again?

Chupacabra

No! I said muahahahahahahaha!

Pauline

Still not following...

Chupacabra

Look, human. With your half a brain and my awesssomenesssss we could make mythical creaturesss real! I could make Medusssa from a sssnake! And sssince I created her I would be her massster and sssince ssshe's a god, I would be better than a god and then... and then... I could take over the world!

Pauline

Yeah yeah yeah, and how do you suppose we do that?

Chupacabra

One word– mutation. Do you remember when that glowing green oozzzze got on the fish food?

Pauline

Yeah... And the fish started glowing! And that one grew the cutest little tentacle...

Chupacabra

Hissss name was Ssstevie. Ossscar was sssso horrified he flushed them all down the toilet!
Sssomething about them being impure...

Pauline

Yeah... I was hoping to observe them, it was very disappointing...

Chupacabra

Oppressssive and sssmall minded human!

Pauline

There was so much potential in that little glowing tank of fish.

Chupacabra

The fish are gone but the potential is ssstill there!

*(Chupacabra lifts a tarp to reveal a glowing drum of ooze,
Sound of flushing toilets and creepy music,
Paul and Chupacabra laugh maniacally)*

Scene 11

B-Bob

Did Cece get adopted?

Marbles

I don't think so, I talked to her this morning.

B-Bob

Oh no. This is bad. This is very very bad.

Wolf

Ceeeeceeeeeeeee!

Felix

Pipe down, some of us are trying to sleep!

Cheshire

Yeah, this is prime cat-nap time, you know that!

Floofies

Cece is missing!

Cheshire and Felix

What!?

Dookie

(entering)

Alright everyone, time for role call!

B-Bob

There's no time for that! Cece is missing!

Tammy Niles

I don't mean to alarm anyone, but I don't see Frieda or Ziggy either...

Animals

AHHHHHHHHHHHHH!!!

Dookie

Alright, everyone calm down. CALM DOWN! We just need to remain calm

Felix

We've tried that! And now animals are missing!

Roger

This sounds like a job for dunh dunh dunh...Roger Rabbit!

Dookie and B-Bob

Oh no.

Roger

All we need to do is put our heads together and think of all the possible places they could be. Now, we have the park, the grocery store...

(As Roger talks, a mutant parade walks by with all the missing animals in it)

Ozwald

Uh... Roger... ?

Roger

Don't interrupt! As I was saying, they could be ANYWHERE by now!

Tammy Niles

ROGER!

Roger

What is it!?

(All animals point to mutant parade)

Roger

Huh. Now that I did not see coming.

Felix

Let's follow them!

Ozwald

If we follow them, I could get turned into a mutant dragon...

Tammy Niles

And I could get turned into a teenage mutant ninja turtle...

Ozwald and Tammy Niles

Right?

Dookie

Possibly.

Ozwald and Tammy Niles

Let's do it!

(Animals cheer and exit except Roger, Dookie and B-Bob)

Roger

To crack this case I am willing to make the ultimate sacrifice

B-Bob

How come you didn't go?

Dookie

Haven't you ever watched a horror movie? This is exactly how things go wrong!

B-Bob

Let's just see what's going on back there...

(B-Bob peers through the door and sees Pauline turning animals into mutants. Pauline is delusional)

Pauline

Yes! YES! You plain boring animals are now mythical creatures! This worked so well I think I will turn every single animal on the planet into mythical creatures. I'll be famous!

(Sees B-Bob)

Pauline

Oh look another animal wants to join the fun. Seize the parrot!

(Two mutants grab B-Bob who lets out a loud screech)

Quiet parrot! Bring him here. Put him in the cage.

(Dookie runs away. B-Bob is pushed into a cage, lets out one last screech, and the cage door slams)

Scene 12

(Mildred, Tally and Pinky walk upstage, dogs are on a leash. Squirrel enters)

Squirrel

Ha! Ha! Ha! Confined to a leash!

(Pinky and Tally turn. They have become mutants. Strange lights and creepy music. Mildred yells and runs off, Pinky and Tally run off opposite direction.

Squirrel runs into Dookie)

Squirrel

This place is seriously messed up!

Dookie

Tell me about it- I don't want to be a mutant!

Squirrel

Then get out of here!

(scary noises from Pet Shop)

Dookie and Squirrel

RUN!!!

Scene 13

Justine

Oh, I always wanted a hamster and this one seems extra special!

Pauline

Oh it is, I think you will really enjoy her, just remember to feed every day- except not after midnight and don't get water on it.

B-Bob

That would be bad! That would be bad!

Jan

What?

Oscar

You know, business has really picked up lately. It must be due to my new window displays. We are finally making a profit!

Pauline and Chupacabra

Muahahahahahahaaha!

Jan

Um... are you two alright...?

Pauline

Oh we are just fine. Fantastic even... splendid. We've got some work to do in the back. Nothing interesting. Just you know, things.

B-Bob

Fantastic! Splendid! Nothing interesting!

Jan

Baklava Bob what has gotten into you?! This pet shop has always been a bit odd but this is taking it to a whole new level.

Scene 14

Daria

Junior agents reporting for duty!

Logan

There has been a suspicious increase in activity at the Pet Shop.

Zara

Agents Sully and Boulder have been patrolling the back alley and delivery door while we take shifts at the front of the store.

Lily

Anything to report?

Amber

Jeff has been telling everyone at school about how cute his PINK bunny rabbit is.

Toni

Justine just left with a new hamster.

Annie

Dylan has been telling everyone at school how amazing her new lizard is.

Lily

Okay. Amber and Toni, you go to Jeff's house. Annie and Zara, go see what's going on at Justine's house. Daria and Logan you should head to Dylan's. I'll wait here.

(Creepy music)

(Roger, now a pink bunny, hops across the stage, followed by Toni and Amber)

Toni

Awww... A pink bunny!

Amber

Seems harmless

(They watch as the bunny hops away then pull out a pair of binoculars)

(A yell from offstage. Amber and Toni gasp)

Amber

Okay that is not good

Toni

That pink bunny just stabbed Jeff's foot with wolverine claws!

Amber

Wait until Agent Boulder hears about this!

(Lights up on the other half of the stage. Zara and Annie have a telescope)

Zara

What do you see, Annie?

Annie

Justine's holding the hamster but it looks like it's trying to get out of her hands.

Zara

That sounds pretty normal.

Annie

No wait- something is happening... There is... snow? Flurries from the air into the ground?

Zara

What? Lemme see. Whoa! The hamster is spiraling in frozen fractals all around... It's fur is crystallizing like an icy blast!

Annie

Oh no Justine! Justine! Let it go! Let it go! I can't look!

Zara

She didn't let it go.

Annie

We better report this back to the Z Files!

(Daria and Logan appear. They are looking over a fence into a backyard peering down at the action)

Daria

Finally, she is coming outside!

Logan

Does she have the lizard?

Daria

Yeah- it's right there on her shoulder

Logan

Um... are those wings...?

(flapping sound effect)

Yep those are wings and that lizard is flying!

Daria

It looks a little agitated

(crackling fire sound effect)

Okay it also breathes fire!

Logan

Fire-breathing dragon! That's got to be a cryptoid!

Daria

Let's get the others!

(Lily is standing in front of the Pet Shop, Dookie runs by screaming)

Lily

Hey little guy. What's going on?

Dookie

There is goo and it's green and there are mutants and there is a snake and Pauline and my friends and he's got them and I don't want to be a mutant!

Lily

Don't worry you are safe now. The Z files are on the case!

(Lily pulls out her walkie talkie)

Agent Lily here at the Pet Shop. I'm going to need some backup.

Scene 15

B-Bob

You won't get away with this! SQUAWK!

Chupacabra

Quiet you, we already have! Pauline fetch me a moussicle!

Pauline

I told you I'm not your minion, you are mine! You bring me a Root Beer!

Jan

Uhh... looks like there is a big crowd gathering outside.

B-Bob

Angry Mob! Angry Mob!

Oscar

Customers protesting the store!

Jan

I think everyone is out there- PETA, the EPA, the PTA, even FoSB

Dylan's Parent

I want to lodge a complaint about the dragon you sold my daughter!

Oscar

Bearded dragon you mean?

Dylan's Parent

No. Dragon. Like flap-flap, fire breathing kind. Dylan! Come here!

(Dylan walks on with Ozwald. She is covered in soot and her clothes look burnt)

Dylan

Here is the dragon back. I think I'm going to get a house plant instead, sir.

Justine's Parent

I think our hamster may have a touch of the ice magic.

(Justine enters, covered in snow)

Justine

Immm sttilll cccolld (mommy)...

Jeff's Parent

And Jeff required 12 stitches from the rabbit you sold us... if you could even call it that!

(Jeff walks on with a giant bandaged foot)

Jeff

He's still kind of cute I guess.

Oscar

PAULINE!

Scene 16

Tully

It's been several hours and we haven't seen anything.

Boulder

Wait what is that smell? Sweet, with notes of broccoli...

Tully

I don't know...

(Chief and Hazmat crew enter. Tully and Boulder hide)

Chief

Keep it coming guys, that's it.

Tully

What's Chief doing here?

(Oscar and Pauline enter)

Oscar

Nope! No more I'm done! This clown has been using whatever that sludge is you have been disposing to alter my animals and turn them into mutants!

Pauline

Mythical creatures!

Boulder

Cryptoids!

Oscar

No more! You will have to hide your sludge elsewhere!

(Jr. Agents, Lily and Dookie enter)

Lily

I don't think anyone will be hiding anything anymore!

(Tully and Boulder come out of hiding)

Tully

Stop in the name of the law!

Chief

Look! It's bigfoot!

(everyone turns and Chief tries to run. Chase scene)

Justine's Parent

I'm making a citizen's arrest for unlawfully disposing of toxic substances!

Boulder

And you Oscar are under arrest for covering it up!

Jan

And you Pauline are under arrest for trying to take over the world... I'm sure that breaks some sort of law.

Toni

But what about the pet shop?

Amber

What about the animals?

Danielle

I can take it over. I've been the only one doing real work around here recently anyway!

Zara

But what about all these mutant animals?

(All look to Boulder)

Boulder

I don't know, we've never actually found any before.

Jan

They could come and live with me. I could start an animal sanctuary! It will be called "Mr. X's Home for Unusual and Possibly Non-Existent Animals!"

Annie

And the League of Junior Cryptozoologists can help you take care of them!

All

Hooray!

(Nursery 7 and 8 enter)

Nursery 7 (Siggy)

Hey! What's this green slimy stuff?

Nursery 8 (Mary)

I don't know. Looks delicious, though!

(They start to eat it)

All (except Nursery 7 & 8)

NO!!!

(Blackout, creepy music)