

The Top Banana

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FADE IN:

EXT. GROCERY STORE- DAY: ESTABLISHING SHOT

INT. OFFICE - DAY

MR. SMITH, a thin man dressed in a shirt and tie, sits at his desk looking intently at his computer. There is a knock at the door.

MR. SMITH

Come in.

TED, a young pimply-faced kid comes in.

TED

You wanted to see me, sir?

MR. SMITH

Yes, have a seat, Ted. (a beat). As you know, ever since the new KingMart opened down the street business has really died.

TED

I know, and it really sucks.

MR. SMITH

If we don't do something soon to attract customers we'll be out of business. I'm looking over our finances right now and it doesn't look very good.

TED

What do you suggest we do?

Mr. Smith reaches down next to him and holds up a banana costume.

MR. SMITH

I want you to wear this outside and attract customers.

TED

I'm not wearing that!

MR. SMITH

Yes, you are.

TED

But people will laugh at me!

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MR. SMITH

No they won't. They'll think it's cute and come in to shop. Besides it's not really an option.

Ted reluctantly snatches the costume from Mr. Smith's hand and storms out of the office.

EXT. GROCERY STORE- DAY

Ted stands on the curb in front of the store holding a sign that reads 'The Best Fruits In Town'. A group of construction workers across the street take notice and waste no time harassing him. After a couple of minutes, Ted runs away.

Twenty minutes later Ted returns and stands facing the construction crew.

CONSTRUCTION WORKER

(to co-workers)

Look guys, the little candy-ass came back. (to Ted) What's the matter, couldn't find a monkey that'll have ya?

The crew laughs hysterically for a moment, only to have it stifled when Ted pulls out a semi-automatic machine gun from behind his back and riddles the group with bullets. He then turns it on himself.

EXT. GROCERY STORE- DAY, A FEW DAYS LATER

A big sign in the window reads 'Thanks, Ted. We miss you'.

INT. GROCERY STORE- DAY

A smiling Mr. Smith watches from the corner of the store as customers line the aisles. He turns as Vicky walks through a pair of swinging doors toward the front entrance wearing the banana suit.

MR. SMITH

You look wonderful, Vicky. Now lets see if you can do as good a job as Ted.

FADE OUT.