

Taking Flight

It was a boring, hot day in Manhattan, America. Me, the young, developing child, was in the back seat of my Dad's car. "Tony, I'm sorry. Some daddies just don't get to have fun. Maybe Grandpa Nono will take you to the park or something, he knows how to have fun. Used to, at least." Dad told me, a bit rushed.

"Nono only knows how to do grown-up stuff." I sadly replied. Alas, after hours of driving, I had finally (and unfortunately) arrived and Grandpa Nono's house.

"Hey, Dad!" Dad articulated to Grandpa Nono.

"How ya doing son?" He replied, with his feint Italian accent. My Dad thanked Grandpa Nono for looking after me on such short notice. Then, Grandpa Nono said that he's happy to look after me anytime! After that, Dad went on and on about what he packed and what Nono should do. That's when the fun was around the corner...

"Sorry buddy, we can play tomorrow, ok?" Dad told me.

“But you said that yesterday...” I mumbled.

“Ok! Bye!” Dad shouted across to me and Nono. Nono told me to sit tightly on a box while he was finishing up the lawn. The boredom couldn’t get worse. Just as I was lying down, I spotted an old picture of Dad and Nono having some fun. Nono was wearing an aviator hat whereas Dad was wearing a baseball helmet. I went for it ASAP! Once I got the ladder and climbed up, I tried to take it but it wouldn’t budge! Seconds later, I got it out. Unfortunately, I fell, the shelf knocked down and the baseball helmet stopped right in front of the lawnmower! Luckily, it was manual so Nono stopped it in an instant! “Santa Maria!” Nono said in shock when he saw the monstrosity of a mess. I just laid there, not saying a word.

Just before Nono was supposedly going to shout, I showed Nono the picture. “That wagon used to your father’s, you know.” Nono said “How’d you say we take it out for a spin?” I nodded. Immediately, we went outside and started an adventure!

“Keep your legs and arms inside at all times” Nono told me. I was wearing Dad’s baseball helmet- Nono was wearing his aviator hat.

“I guess your dad didn’t tell you about the escape Sewer Monkeys,” Nono told me “They cause quite a lot of trouble around here.” Suddenly, we were in a rainforest. I tensed up and started to look around. “Did you hear that? They must be close...” Nono told me. All we could hear were the chitters of monkeys. Right after that, Mysterious black, pink-eyed monkeys popped out. The one at the front (probably the Alpha) screeched and made me feel scared. We ran away as fast as we could! They were hot on our heels!

“Aaaaah!” I screamed as they got closer to us. We went down a hill and up a ramp, landing in a river infested with crocodiles! We swam away on our boat and got away safely! But just ahead was a waterfall!

“Hang on!” Nono shouted as we fell. We survived and flew away on our plane, soaring into the distance! All I could see was blue sky, white, fluffy clouds and vacant fields. We did barrel rolls and some other fun things.

“Woo hoo!” I shouted when we got back to parallel level. In an instant, there was no more fuel! We had to jump! When we jumped we landed in the local park. As we were just about to end, A SWING SET GOT VAPORIZED! “Uh oh...” I mumbled.

“Aliens...” Nono told me. We were now in an intergalactic fight against aliens!

We hopped into our starship and started the battle! Plasma guns were all we had. I shot the UFOs and celebrated a bit. After, we came face to face with the Mother Ship... It's plasma cannons simultaneously. I was about to take the lucky shot! Suddenly, I realized we were back to reality. "Tony! Dad! Wh- wht- ha- how did you two get so unbelievably filthy?!" Dad stammered. Nono chuckled. "Is that, is that my? Did Nono tell you about the time we went to the moon?" Dad stammered, yet again.

"Astronauts! Prepare for lift-off!" Nono told us.

"It's now or never!" I told Bear.

"Fire up the hyperdrive!" Dad also told Bear. Bear pushed the button for the hyperdrive!

"5...4...3...2...1." The system counted down. We were off!

"Whoooo!" Dad and I shouted as we did a barrel roll. And that was the end of the day. It was extremely fun!

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