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# When Paroz Met Bindi

Part 1: A Day At The Zoo

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It was a bright and early Saturday morning in late October. The Chill Hub was buzzing with eager anticipation for the Chill Out day trip to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary. The foyer was full of Chillies talking about which animals they hoped to see. Paroz, who had eagerly put his hand up to be one of the peer mentors for this particular outing, was having difficulty with being mindful of the present and of the chillies sitting next to him. He was lost in his mind thinking about the rainbow lorikeets he hoped to spot on this day's outing. Suddenly, a car sped into the driveway with a loud screech. Anthony hopped out of the car, and dashed through the door.

"Hey everyone, do you know if Trish is in this morning? I need to talk to one of them urgently" Anthony asked.

Before anyone could respond, Trish came into the foyer.

"Hi Anthony!" Trish said cheerfully. Is everything OK?"

"Can we go into your office quickly?" Anthony asked.

"Sure." Trish replied.

The early morning soon became mid-morning, and yet, the charter bus had not arrived yet. Eventually, an ashen faced Anthony and Trish came out of the office, both appearing to brace themselves for something unpleasant.

"Well everyone," Anthony spoke, "I have some bad news and some good news. There has been a huge administration error on our part. It appears we have booked everyone's tickets for the wrong place, and therefore you are not going to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary."

Most of the people in the foyer seemed to meekly accept this turn of events, but Paroz had a look of deep disappointment on his face.

“But... but the rainbow lorikeets-” Paroz began to reply sadly.

“It’s okay Paroz, I’m getting to the good news. You guys are still going somewhere wildlife themed. In fact, the charter bus to take us there should arrive here very shortly. You are actually going to... Australia Zoo!” Anthony proclaimed excitedly.

While all the chillies cheered, Paroz immediately went into a state of semi-shock at the thought that maybe, just maybe, today was the day he would meet Bindi Irwin, who was his longtime crush. Meanwhile, Lucy, Hamish, and Jerry, who were the other peer mentors on the job today, began rubbing their hands together and looking at each other with mischievous grins, knowing they would be able to tease Paroz about his crush for the entire day.

Mere moments later, the charter bus arrived and everyone got on the bus, and Anthony and Trish waved the group goodbye. As the bus made its way to Australia Zoo, some within the group couldn’t help but tease Paroz.

“Hey, look at me, I’m Bindi Irwin and I love you Paroz!” Lucy said to Paroz while holding up her pigtails, causing much snickering from Jerry and Hamish.

Paroz groaned and curled up into his seat out of sheer embarrassment. He now hoped that Bindi wasn’t at the zoo today, so he would be spared any further teasing. Alas, the mischief was just getting started.

The bus arrived at Australia Zoo just before midday, and everyone was very hungry at this stage. As the group was walking to the cafeteria, Jerry noticed a woman in a khaki shirt surrounded by what appeared to be an

entourage. He immediately caught up to Hamish, who was about to order his lunch.

“Hamish! You won’t believe who’s over there! I think it’s Bindi Irwin!” Jerry whispered excitedly.

“Yeah, I’ll believe it when I see it.” Hamish responded sceptically.

Hamish went to have a look for himself, and he also became very excited.

“OMG, we HAVE to introduce her to Paroz!,” Hamish whispered back to Jerry.

Lucy overheard what they were saying, and quickly entered into the conversation.

“Guys, I have a better idea.” Lucy whispered quietly. “I reckon we could talk to her minders and see if we can get them to get Bindi to give a personal shoutout to Paroz during the show in the Crocoseum. But Paroz cannot have any inkling whatsoever that we are doing this, so I will distract him.”

“Sounds like a good plan.” Jerry responded.

Lucy then walked back to the group where Paroz was receiving his order.

“Paroz, could you look after the entire group for a little bit. Hamish, Jerry and I need to check the ticket details, but we will be back in a few minutes.” Lucy asked Paroz.

“No problem.” Paroz replied.

Lucy, Jerry, and Hamish then walked over to the entourage, and began to set their plan in motion.

The group all managed to finish their lunch by 1pm, which left enough time to get to the Crocoseum for the Saltwater crocodile show, which started in fifteen minutes. Just before the show was about to begin, Hamish, Jerry and Lucy found the rows where the group

were sitting and rejoined the group, unsuccessfully attempting poker faces.

"You guys were gone for quite a while." Paroz quipped.

"Yeah," Lucy replied excitedly while desperately resisting the urge to giggle, "but I sure am looking forward to the croc show today! I have a feeling today's show is gonna be unusually spectacular! 'Ken oath, I love Saltwater crocs!"

Music began to burst out of the speakers, signifying the start of the show.

The announcement bellowed with over the top excitement "Welcome to the Crocoseum! Are you ready to see the Saltwater crocodile in all its natural glory! Here's Bindi!"

Bindi Irwin burst into the enclosed area with a great deal of enthusiasm. No one in the Crocoseum was left underwhelmed by Bindi's showmanship, least of all Paroz, who was completely mesmerised by Bindi's motions. Near the end of the show, Bindi paused to give some audience members a shoutout. Eventually, she came to the final shoutout of the day.

"And finally, I've been asked to give a very special shoutout to a very special young man in the audience! Am I getting this right...Paris...oops I mean Parrose...errr-," Bindi said confusedly before she was corrected by the mic in her ear. "Ah, sorry, I mean I want to give a special shoutout to PAROZI!"

A spotlight soon shined on Paroz, who was now completely stunned and frozen with shock and embarrassment. His great celebrity crush was noticing him. When Bindi saw Paroz in the spotlight, she suddenly looked startled and slightly in awe.

"Wow, this Paroz guy looks like something else." Bindi thought to herself.

The show in the Crocoseum ended, and the group went on to the other attractions at the zoo. Eventually, they reached Roo Heaven to have a look at the kangaroos. As Paroz was taking in the kangaroo dominated surroundings, a voice came from behind him.

"Hi Paroz."

Paroz turned around, and gasped in shock when he turned around and saw Bindi Irwin standing right behind him.

"Oh my! Hello! Wow!" Paroz responded haphazardly.

The group were stunned by the presence of Bindi appearing to talk to them, and they hurriedly grabbed their phones to see if they could get an opportunity to capture a selfie with her.

"Yeah." Bindi replied awkwardly, "You know, your friends kinda told me all of the details about your crush on me, and I thought it was just adorable."

"I... I see," a stunned Paroz responded before taking a moment to seethe at Hamish, Lucy, and Jerry, who all had mischievous grins on their faces.

"Well I'm not sure how to say this since I've never met you before," Bindi spoke, "but I think I might like you too. So... Do you want to exchange numbers and social media?"

Paroz excitedly agreed, and the details were swapped. It was now Lucy, Jerry, Hamish and the rest of the group's turn to be shocked and stunned.

As all this was happening, Chandler Powell entered the Roo Heaven area. As he bore witness to his wife declaring her love for a stranger, his heart ripped apart

so massively that Chef Sebastian could have scooped it all out of him and put in a Chill On the Grill meal. Soon it was closing time, and it was time for the group to go home. Everyone agreed this Chill Out event had been the best one ever. No one in the group would ever forget this eventful day. Neither would Chandler Powell...



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