

DAD
...Are not my children.

Cortez simply uses his other hand. A countdown begins for 29 minutes and 59 seconds.

Cortez stands slowly, twisting Minion's arm around until he's the one in control.

DAD
Heartless. Cruel. Disrespectful. They wouldn't even look me in the eye.

MINION
So what?

Dad flings Minion into the computer.

DAD
(stern smile)
I didn't raise my children like that.

Dad kicks the door open. Dad steps over the Fingerman and into the HALL, where 30 more FINGERMEN are waiting, with a tight formation around MOM. Minion staggers out.

MINION
Take them to the Transmogrification Room!

start

INT - VENTILATOR TUBE - DAY

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Juni and Carmen are under an overhead ventilator grate. Carmen has roped herself up to the grate. Juni down below.

JUNI
What are you doing?

CARMEN
Trying to cut through these bars. But all I got is bubble gum and... crayons.

JUNI
Try the crayons.

She draws on the bar. It sizzles. She removes the bar. She drops it and he catches it. Juni looks around nervously.

JUNI
Hurry it up.

CARMEN
You should talk, molasses. I'm doing it right.

JUNI
Stop calling me names.

CARMEN
Or what?

JUNI
Or I'm gonna call you names.

CARMEN
Ooooh. I'm so scared.

She's made her way into the ventilator tube. She drops a line for him.

CARMEN
Grab the rope butterfingers, someone's coming.

JUNI
Okay, but, I'm warning you.

She pulls him up.

CARMEN
Go ahead. You've got nothing on me.

JUNI
Sure I do...

CARMEN
Yeah?

JUNI
Yeah... Diaper Lady.

Beat.

JUNI
Ah ha... *Hope you're wearing one now.*

CARMEN
How long have you known?

JUNI
Since forever. Mom made me swear not to mention it.

CARMEN
So why are you mentioning it?

Juni continues climbing. Enjoying the upper hand.

JUNI

Cause she also told me never to swear.
So now we're even.

He reaches the top and holds out his hand. Carmen drops him.
He falls all the way down, landing hard on his butt.

CARMEN

You're on your own. How's that for even?

She drops the rope and continues through the ventilator.

JUNI

Hey wait! I warned you!

He hears a noise coming up the hall. He whispers loudly.

JUNI

Come back! Don't be so sensitive!

end

VENTILATOR SHAFT

Carmen hears him calling from down below. She wipes her eyes
and continues on alone.

HALLWAY

Juni glances around. Realizing he's been ditched, he hugs the
wall and walks along it nervously. He looks up each hallway.
All are menacing. All lead nowhere.

JUNI

(to himself)

I don't know where I'm going.

He looks down at his hands. MORE WARTS ARE SPROUTING. He
covers them with his sleeves, then sees shadows of the
FINGERMEN down the hall, standing groggily as they wake from
their electro shock slumber.

Beside him is the door to the Virtual ROOM. The Fingermen come
RUNNING AROUND THE CORNER. He has no choice but to ENTER.

INT - THE VIRTUAL ROOM - DAY

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Juni rushes in and slams the door. He turns around.

JUNI

Oh great.

It's as if someone has turned the switch on this place all
the way up. It's INSANE. Juni turns to go back out the door