

UNLIKELY HEROES

"EPISODE 3: MORDECAI & ESTHER"

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**CAST LIST**

LEADER - AARON BOHN

RACHEL -

CANNONBALL -

DAD -

**Scene One: Ext. Back Yard - Stage - Day**

1. MUSIC: MUSIC INTRO, CIRCUS THEME.
2. SOUND: SUMMERSCAPE. BIRDS CHIRP.  
DRUMROLL.
3. RACHEL: (BIG VOICE) Ladies and Gentlemen.  
Today, you've seen acts of  
bravery, of daring, and even of  
silliness; but never have you seen  
an act as exciting and adventurous  
as (PAUSE) the Human Cannonball.
4. SOUND: DRUMROLL FINISHES INTO CYMBAL  
CRASH. FOOTSTEPS HOP ON STAGE.
5. CANNONBALL: Hello.
6. RACHEL: (REGULAR VOICE) No, Cannonball.  
You gotta really sell it. Make  
your "hello" huge for the crowd.
7. CANNONBALL: But there's no one in the crowd  
right now. It's just practice.
8. LEADER: Don't say that no one's in the  
crowd. I'm out here.
9. CANNONBALL: Haha. Well, besides you.

1. RACHEL: Can we get back on track, please?  
I know it's just practice, but if we don't nail this act now, it will never happen in the show.
2. CANNONBALL: Ok, you're right. Let me try again. Uh ahem (PAUSE) Greetings!
3. LEADER: That was great.
4. RACHEL: (BIG VOICE) It is now time for Cannonball to perform the greatest leap ever attempted. Please don't try this at home.
5. CANNONBALL: But this is my home.
6. RACHEL: Anyway! You'll notice in my hands I hold a tape measure. I will now lay this out to determine the record-breaking distance about to be achieved.
7. SOUND: TAPE MEASURE UNRAVELS.
8. RACHEL: Now, in a moment, Cannonball will sprint toward me at top speed.
9. CANNONBALL: Now?

1. RACHEL: No, not yet. Wait for me to say  
"go!"
2. CANNONBALL: Oh ok.
3. RACHEL: At the very last second as  
Cannonball is just about to run  
into me, we will grab hands, and I  
will use all my strength to toss  
her, helping her jump go as far as  
possible and setting a new world  
record in the process.
4. LEADER: Woohoo! Let's go, Cannonball.  
Don't forget your helmet.
5. CANNONBALL: Oh right. Thanks.
6. SOUND: HELMET PLASTIC CLASP CLICK.
7. CANNONBALL: I usually don't wear it for  
practice because it's so hard to  
hear with it on.
8. RACHEL: Focus, Cannonball.
9. CANNONBALL: Right, sorry.
10. LEADER: Wait a minute.
11. RACHEL: Now what?

1. CANNONBALL:                             What'd he say?
  
2. LEADER:                                 If you're both doing the trick,  
   who's going to measure the jump?
  
3. RACHEL:                                 Oh yeah. That's a good question.  
   Can you do it?
  
4. CANNONBALL:                             Can I chew it? Chew what?
  
5. LEADER:                                 Sure thing.
  
6. SOUND:                                 FOOTSTEPS. HOP ON STAGE. TAPE  
   MEASURE RUSTLES.
  
7. LEADER:                                 Which end should I hold?
  
8. RACHEL:                                 Grab the tape right there. Be sure  
   not to let go.
  
9. CANNONBALL:                             Go? OK, here I come.
  
10. SOUND:                                 SPRINTING FOOTSTEPS.
  
11. RACHEL:                                 No, no, no! I'm not ready. Look  
   out!
  
12. SOUND:                                 BODIES SLAMMING. THUD TO GROUND.  
   TAPE MEASURE SPOOLING.
  
13. LEADER:                                 Seven inches.



1. RACHEL: Not yet. This ground is surprisingly soft on my broken dreams.
2. LEADER: Ok, then I'll join you down there.
3. SOUND: SITS DOWN ON GRASS.
4. RACHEL: I don't get it. Cannonball loved the idea for a kids' only circus, but now she wants to bring in an adult? I thought we were going to do this ourselves.
5. LEADER: So you don't like asking for help even when you need it?
6. RACHEL: I never need it. I can do everything myself. (PAUSE) Ouch, except catch a speeding fourth grader. You know, I think I'm just gonna close my eyes for a minute down here.
7. LEADER: Perfect. Gives us a chance to meet Esther and Mordecai.
8. RACHEL: Do I have to get up?





1. LEADER: Being alive. One of Persia's leaders just tried to kill every Israelite in the country, but God saved them by lifting up a leader named Esther.
2. RACHEL: Esther? Like the book of the Bible Esther? She's the one that won a contest to become queen. Must have been pretty easy to save her people if she was royalty.
3. LEADER: Did you ever wonder why there was an opening for Esther to become queen?
4. RACHEL: Not really. I just assumed it was a Bible-times reality show.
5. LEADER: The king had a bit of an anger problem. When the queen before Esther disagreed with him...
6. SOUND: DOOR SLAMS.
7. LEADER: She was gone.



1. RACHEL: And, in turn, Esther used her influence to ask the king for his help, which ended up saving the Israelites.

2. LEADER: Now you got it.

**Scene Three: Ext. Back Yard - Stage - Day**

3. SOUND: STORY SOUNDS FADE.BACKYARD SOUNDS  
RETURN.

4. LEADER: God loves it when we connect to other people like our families and friends. Through His help, we can influence each other to make good decisions and achieve great things.

5. RACHEL: Like a Human Cannonball act that flies way farther with the help of an adult.

6. LEADER: That's one way to think of it.  
(PAUSE) Want to try standing up now?

7. RACHEL: Sure. I guess all the feeling went back to where it should be.

1. SOUND: CLIMBS TO THEIR FEET. BACK DOOR  
OPENS AND CLOSES. FOOTSTEPS.
2. CANNONBALL: Hey guys. Meet my dad.
3. LEADER: Hi. Welcome to the backyard  
circus.
4. DAD: Thanks. You've built a wonderful  
circus, Miss Ringmaster. I hope I  
won't be in your way.
- 5: RACHEL: It's all about making the show as  
awesome as possible; and if you're  
up for it, I welcome your (PAUSE)  
influence.
6. CANNONBALL: Enough talking. Let's do this.
7. DAD: Alright.
8. RACHEL: Sounds great.
9. CANNONBALL: Ok, dad. Grab my hands.
10. SOUND: HANDS CLASP.
11. LEADER: Uh, Rachel.
12. RACHEL: I know, I know. I should have  
accepted Cannonball's new act from  
the beginning.

1. LEADER: No, I mean, yes, that's great, but you should really be careful of...
2. RACHEL: (TOP) Nope. No more lessons today. I already learned one. Isn't that enough?
3. CANNONBALL: Ready?
4. DAD: Ready.
5. LEADER: Look out!
6. RACHEL: For what?
7. CANNONBALL: Fire!
8. RACHEL: Ah!
9. SOUND: BODIES SLAMMING. THUD TO GROUND.  
TAPE MEASURE SPOOLING.
10. LEADER: Congratulations. Eight inches that time.
11. CANNONBALL: Woohoo! Did you hear that Rachel? We did it! A new world record!
11. RACHEL: (PAINED) I've never been more proud.

THE END.