

FADE IN

**INT. PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - GATE AREA - DAY**

A crowded airport terminal. Announcements of flight information ECHO throughout the terminal. A sea of PASSENGERS hustle and bustle through TSA, awaiting their flight.

At a public seating area, we see a BRIARD PUPPY. He stands on a worn beach towel and stares intently at KAREN COBB (late 30s), blonde hair, shorts and a graphic t-shirt.

KAREN  
Norman. Sit.

Karen's hand motions for a sit.

Norman stands there, processing her command.

She repeats the motion.

KAREN (CONT'D)  
Sit.

Norman slowly moves into a sit position.

KAREN (CONT'D)  
Good. Now, down.

Norman lays down.

KAREN (CONT'D)  
(quietly)  
Yes! Good boy, Norman!

PA VOICE (O.S.)  
Now boarding flight 711 to Atlanta,  
Georgia. Now boarding flight 711 to  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Karen grabs Norman and places him into her PERSONAL BAG, then makes her way through the terminal.

Norman pokes his head out and watches several LUGGAGE TROLLEYS as they roll past. A gentle hand tucks him back in.

**EXT. RUNWAY - DAY**

The AIRPLANE takes off.

**TITLE: SCOOTER DOG**

**EXT. HARTSFIELD-JACKSON ATLANTA INTERNATIONAL RUNWAY - DAY**

The plane lands.

CUT TO:

**EXT. INTERSTATE 575 - ATLANTA - DAY**

A grey TOYOTA SIENNA cruises down the interstate. Magnetic decals on the side read: "COURTEOUS CANINE DOG TRAINING"

**INT/EXT. TOYOTA SIENNA - CONTINUOUS**

As Karen drives, Norman lays on a bundle of towels and blankets in the passenger seat. He looks behind him. A box of DOG TRAINING GEAR and NEW DOG TOYS along the floor.

A phone call RINGS in. Karen's dashboard lights up with the name: **CAROL - BIJOU BRIARD**. She answers the call.

KAREN

This is Karen!

CAROL (O.S.)

Hey Karen! Just checking to see if you made it back safe and sound.

KAREN

Well, I had a car cut me off and brake check me for almost a quarter mile so I know I'm back in Atlanta.

CAROL (O.S.)

Sounds relatable. How was the flight?

KAREN

Everything went great! Norman did well for his first time. Again, thank you so much for everything!

CAROL (O.S.)

Of course! Thank you for your patience with this litter. I can't wait to see what you do with him. Send lots of pictures, okay?

KAREN

Absolutely! He's so smart! I already have him sitting, laying down, and coming on command.

(MORE)

KAREN (CONT'D)  
And that's just from waiting in the airport alone!

CAROL (O.S.)  
I'm at peace knowing Norman is going to a wonderful home! You two are going to be an amazing team.

KAREN  
I really appreciate hearing that. I'll be sure to keep you updated on his progress.

CAROL (O.S.)  
Sounds good! You two get home and get some well deserved rest, okay? We'll talk soon. Bye!

As the call ends, a YAMAHA STREET BIKE zips into frame and cuts Karen off.

KAREN  
Holy--

She grips the steering wheel and pumps the brakes as the motorcycle rockets away. An absolute maniac!

KAREN (CONT'D)  
Are you kidding me?!

Catching her breath, she looks to Norman who glances over.

KAREN (CONT'D)  
Crazy, right?

Norman WHIMPERS in agreement.

#### **EXT. THE NEIGHBORHOOD - DAY**

The van makes its way through a young, suburban neighborhood.

Norman looks out the window as they pass a SMALL COMMUNITY PARK. He watches a NEIGHBOR mowing his lawn with a PUSH MOWER. Another MAN washes his car in the driveway.

#### **EXT. THE COBB HOUSE - CONTINUOUS**

Karen pulls into the driveway of a BLUE TWO STORY HOME. A modern, well kept farm house.

A CHILD rides by on his RAZOR SCOOTER.

Norman watches him scoot away. He puts a paw on the window.

CHILD  
Hi, Mrs. Cobb!

Karen waves back, then grabs Norman, puts a small leash on him and places him onto the lawn to relieve himself.

KAREN  
Now it's official. Welcome home!

MOLLY SEARCH, Karen's neighbor and best friend, comes running out from the other home.

MOLLY  
Karen, welcome home! Hey!

She gives her a hug, then gasps at the sight of Norman.

MOLLY (CONT'D)  
Oh my goodness, is this him?  
(to Norman)  
Hello there, little man!

Norman stares at her a bit bewildered by her reaction.

MOLLY (CONT'D)  
(back to Karen)  
He's so precious! Your pictures did not prepare me for this.

KAREN  
Enjoy it while it lasts. Before you know it, he'll be seventy-five pounds and past your knees.

MOLLY  
I'm so happy for you! It's been a while since you've had a dog.

KAREN  
A while is one way of putting it.

KAYLEE (8) and BRYSON (6), Karen's children, rush out of the house.

Mom!

KAYLEE

Mommy!

BRYSON

KAREN  
Hey, kids!

They give Karen a hug, then immediately squat to Norman level to shower him with pets and adoration.

KAREN (CONT'D)  
Careful guys, he's still getting  
use to everything going on.  
(to Molly)  
Thank you so much for watching  
them. With how busy Chris and I  
have been, we really appreciate it.

MOLLY  
Anytime! What are best friends for?

Karen smiles, as Norman continues to take it all in.

### **INT. THE COBB HOUSE - NIGHT**

A spacious and well maintained home that's as comfortable as  
it looks.

### **KITCHEN**

Norman lays on Karen's lap. A large PINK SCRUNCHY holds his  
ears straight up. He's not a fan of it. His eyes glued on  
Karen as she watches Kaylee and Bryson do their homework at  
the DINING TABLE. Kaylee keeps looking over to Norman.

KAREN  
(to Kaylee)  
Those numbers aren't going to  
multiply themselves.

KAYLEE  
He must really like you. He just  
keeps looking at you.

BRYSON  
Why is he wearing a bow?

KAREN  
To keep his ears up. So he looks  
like all the other briards.

KAYLEE  
Are you going to show him like our  
other dogs, Smokey and R.D.?

KAREN  
That's the plan.

The SIDE DOOR opens-- CHRIS COBB (Early 40s) enters.  
Groceries in hand.

Dad!

KAYLEE

Daddy!

BRYSON

Kaylee and Bryson rush over and throw their arms around him.

CHRIS  
Hey kids! You guys have a great  
day?

Chris hugs them back, then gives Karen a kiss. He stops at Norman with a huge grin on his face.

CHRIS (CONT'D)  
Hey little buddy! Nice to meet you!

He tousles the hair on his back. One of the boys now!

CHRIS (CONT'D)  
I think you picked a winner!

KAREN  
Let's not get ahead of ourselves.  
Thanks again for building all the  
agility obstacles.

CHRIS  
Of course! I'm the King of DIY  
after all.

KAREN  
They're perfect for when we start  
training tomorrow.

Chris pauses.

CHRIS  
Tomorrow?

KAREN  
Well, yeah, it's now my full time  
job.

CHRIS  
You just spent an entire day at the  
airport and you're already wanting  
to get started.

KAREN  
A mentally challenged dog is a  
happy dog. Every waking minute is  
an opportunity to teach.

Karen looks over to a wall clock.

KAREN (CONT'D)  
(to kids)  
And speaking of, you guys need to  
get ready for bed.

Kaylee and Bryson groan, then give their last pets to Norman  
before heading up stairs for the night.

KAREN (CONT'D)  
We'll be up there shortly. And  
don't forget to brush your teeth!

As they round the corner, Karen turns back to Chris.

CHRIS  
You ready to talk business?

KAREN  
I've been waiting all day for you  
to ask.

Chris joins Karen at the kitchen table, and brings a FOLDER  
labeled "THE COBB FAMILY JOURNEY." A literal bible chock-full  
of brochures, sales quotes and travel information.

Norman paws at Karen's legs, wanting to join the  
conversation.

CHRIS  
I think I found a camper that will  
be perfect for us!

Karen opens a pamphlet for a FULLY LOADED MOTOR HOME.

CHRIS (CONT'D)  
Fully-loaded, modern amenities, and  
surprisingly fuel efficient. I'm  
telling you, this is the one.

She beams at it, but her smile quickly fades.

KAREN  
This looks...good.

Karen notices a subtle grimace across Chris' face.

CHRIS  
You don't love it?

KAREN  
No, I do. But, I'm not a fan of the  
price. This is like house shopping  
again.

CHRIS  
Yeah, but on wheels.

Karen chuckles and rolls her eyes.

CHRIS (CONT'D)  
Selling my Mustang could help.

KAREN  
Seriously? You love that car. Do you realize how much work you've put into that thing?

CHRIS  
Yeah, but for a sweet ride like that, I bet we can get a pretty penny for it.

KAREN  
I'd hate for you to sacrifice it for this trip. There's no shame in going with the ramen noodle meal plan.

CHRIS  
Oh, come on. The kids are at an age where they can really appreciate a trip like this. I'd hate for us to miss this window of opportunity. Besides, I'm ready to try something new anyways.

KAREN  
We've been planning this trip for years now. There's no shame in pushing this back.  
(pauses)  
I really want this to be perfect for all of us.

CHRIS  
And it will be.

KAREN  
Let's see where we are in twelve months.

Karen leans over, picks up Norman and heads for the door.

KAREN (CONT'D)  
(to Norman)  
Last thing we need is for you to have an accident in the RV.



Chris joins Karen's side as they watch Norman.

CHRIS

It's been a while since we had a dog around here.

KAREN

It's been too long.

Chris puts an arm around Karen and share a smile as they admire Norman.

LATER

### LAUNDRY ROOM

Karen brings Norman over to a laundry room. A prepped cage and pillow set up in the center. Dozens of photos and ribbons from various dog competitions decorate the walls.

KAREN (CONT'D)

Welcome to the family, Norman.

As the lights go out, Norman lays his head down. He looks at the walls full of trophies and awards. Then to a collage of photos featuring Karen performing in various competitions with DOGS before him.

NEXT DAY:

### EXT. INTERSTATE 575 - DAY

Karen drives Norman in the mini-van. They pull off the highway and rounds the corner to a VETERINARY CLINIC.

### INT. VETERINARY CLINIC

A VETERINARIAN, (50s) examines Norman. His hand runs under his mouth. He listens closely to his heartbeat with his stethoscope.

Karen watch intensely.

VETERINARIAN

Everything checks out here! Norman is a perfectly healthy puppy. We'll get him his DHLPP, Bordetella and have you on your way.

KAREN

Let's hold on the Bordetella and revisit that in six weeks.

VETERINARIAN

Of course. So what do you plan on entering this one in? Westminster?

KAREN

That's always the dream, isn't it? We will start with local AKC shows and see where it goes.

VETERINARIAN

Well, whatever comes your way, I'm rooting for ya!

He gives her a go-get 'em fist pump, then turns to a tray of vaccines. He brings them over, then pauses.

VETERINARIAN (CONT'D)

That's interesting.

KAREN

What is?

VETERINARIAN

I don't believe he's taken his eyes off you since you came in today.

KAREN

Is that a problem?

VETERINARIAN

Not a problem. Just fascinating. Most puppies are constantly looking around and trying to explore as much as they can. But Norman can't seem to be bothered by that.

KAREN

Well, I have been the only one feeding him.

VETERINARIAN

I've see a lot of dogs in my time. Hell, I've done routine check ups on your last two. That look in his eyes is not one I see often. He's crazy about you!

Karen considers his words, then looks back to Norman. Something special is here.

VETERINARIAN (CONT'D)

Not to mention, I'm thankful. This will make my job much easier.

The veterinarian quietly leans in. Then, Norman YELPS and spins around to face the vet. Not sure what has happened.

VETERINARIAN (CONT'D)  
It's okay! See? All done!

**INT. THE COBB HOUSE - GARAGE - DAY**

The GARAGE door clatters opens. Karen, holding Norman, stands before a rising door to the reveal of an organized pile of freshly painted AGILITY OBSTACLES.

CUT TO:

**EXT. THE COBBS HOUSE - BACKYARD - CONTINUOUS**

From a playpen, Norman watches Karen set up an AGILITY COURSE in the backyard piece by piece.

--Karen stakes in weave posts.

--Karen sets up small jumps.

--Karen unfurls hoop rings.

KAREN  
Alright Norm. Let's get to work!

A montage of scenes featuring Norman learning the basics of agility. Norman constantly grows throughout.

--Norman climbs a teeter-totter.

--Jumps over a tiny hurdle.

--Performs a 'come-around' technique.

Norman runs through the course, then skids to a halt before a TIRE JUMP. He can't seem to reach it, but wants to.

KAREN (CONT'D)  
One day Norm.

They get back to work.

--Norman weaves through poles.

--Makes his way over a Dog Walk bridge.

--Dashes through a tunnel.

As Norman heels by Karen's side.

FADE TO:

**INT. ATLANTA CONVENTION CENTER - SHOW RING - DAY**

A packed convention center with white cross fences, vendor tents and make-shift bleachers. AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB banners are strung throughout the building.

SUPER: ONE YEAR LATER

A fully grown Norman rushes through an agility course on a BLUE MATTED SHOW RING. Chris and family sit with a MODEST CROWD, cheering and taking pictures as he rushes by.

KAREN

That's it Norm! Climb, climb!

Norman scurries over an A-Frame, then makes his way through the weave poles. The crowd is really getting into it now.

KAREN (CONT'D)

Go Norman go, one more jump!

Norman makes a beeline towards the last hurdle and jumps into it. Karen turns towards a TIMER which clocks in at: 32.34

Karen is ecstatic! She praises Norman, who jumps into her arms.

PA ANNOUNCER

And our winner is Bijou Endless Journey, whose call name is Norman, owned, shown and trained by Karen Cobb.

CUT TO:

Karen, holding a ribbon and plaque in hand, meets a very excited Chris, Kaylee and Bryson at the gate.

CHRIS

You guys rocked out there!

Chris high fives Karen.

KAREN

Thanks! Norman should now have all the points he needs to start competing in majors.

KAYLEE

Wow mom, you and Norman really showed those bitches.

KAREN

Kaylee, we don't say that! Even though, yes. There were three females in his class.

A MAN in a MOTOCROSS T-Shirt, a flat brim hat and baggy jeans approaches the family.

MAN

Hey, are you, like, Chris Cobb?

Chris turns to him, not recognizing him at all.

CHRIS

Yes, I am.

MAN

Oh dude, it's me! Alex da Goat!

He flashes him his phone with his FACEBOOK PROFILE.

MAN (CONT'D)

I'm here about the Mustang.

CHRIS

Oh, yeah. Right out here.

KAREN

Mustang? Chris, what is he talking about?

Chris hesitates to answer.

CHRIS

Give me a second.

(to Alex)

Follow me.

Chris and Alex head to a quieter corner of the venue.

Karen trails behind, staying out of sight as she watches Chris check his phone, then painstakingly hands over a pair of FORD KEYS.

It hurts to watch.

DISSOLVE TO:

**EXT. THE COBB HOUSE - BACKYARD - DAY**

Karen continues with another day of training. She goes through the motions, not really feeling it. Norman senses this, matching her mood.

KAREN  
You too, huh?

Norman groans.

KAREN (CONT'D)  
Alright, break Norm.

An exasperated Karen falls back into a lawn chair. Finally, a moment of peace.

Molly enters from a SIDE GATE.

MOLLY  
Look at you guys go. It's like a bootcamp out here.

KAREN  
It feels like Bootcamp.

Molly takes a seat next to her.

MOLLY  
Everything good? You seem off?

KAREN  
I feel off.

MOLLY  
What's going on? You don't seem yourself.

KAREN  
Norm has been doing great! But he seems like he's just going through the motions. Things come so easy to him. I don't want him to lose interest.

Karen watches Norm explore the backyard.

KAREN (CONT'D)  
And the trip has been stressing me out. Chris has been moving mountains to make this happen. He sold his car just to cover the rest of the RV!

MOLLY

The Mustang? He's put so much money into that thing over the years!

Karen gives Molly a stressed look and slumps further back into her lawn chair as she laments.

MOLLY (CONT'D)

Sorry... Forget I said anything.

KAREN

I feel selfish for not doing enough to make this happen.

MOLLY

Listen. You guys are going to have a great time. Look at it as his way of saying he loves you enough to not ask you.

While the two converse, Norman wanders the yard, then heads over to the side gate. Molly left it open. He noses his way past the gate and walks away unnoticed.

MOLLY (CONT'D)

There are many worse things that could be happening, and you guys are going to have a great time! Enjoy it while it lasts!

KAREN

You're right. I'd like to have things in my control, and now I'm letting it affect my training.

MOLLY

What you need is a change of pace. Have you ever considered thinking more outside box with him?

KAREN

What do you mean?

MOLLY

You've been training dogs the same way for twenty years now. You should try doing something extraordinary! Let the world see how talented you truly are!

KAREN

I take the same approach I do with every dog. If he is willing to learn. I'm willing to teach them.

Karen gets up from her lawn chair.

She looks around the yard for Norman. Confusion turns to panic as she realizes he's gone.

KAREN (CONT'D)

Norman?

No response. She looks to an open gate.

KAREN (CONT'D)

Did you shut the gate on your way in?

MOLLY

I could have sworn I did.

KAREN

Norman?!?

**INT. THE COBB HOUSE - GARAGE - CONTINUOUS**

Norman noses his way past boxes, Christmas decorations, and power tools until he stumbles upon a PILE OF TOYS in a box labeled: "FOR GOODWILL"

Behind the pile stands a SCOOTER. Black and yellow finish with a large floorboard and four oversized wheels built for stability. He paws at the scooter, his front legs draping over the handlebars as he stays put, clinging to it.

Karen and Molly rush into the garage, skidding to a stop at the sight of Norman leaning against the scooter. He glances back at them like a pleading child.

Karen's gaze lingers on him. Then, suddenly, an idea sparks.

KAREN

You said something extraordinary, right Molly?

MOLLY

Yeah...why's that?

CUT TO:



**EXT. THE COBB HOUSE - BACKYARD - DAY**

A montage of scene featuring Karen and Norman training and doing unorthodox tricks over the course of a few weeks.

Karen dumps the box of toys into the yard

Karen teaches Norman how to properly get on and off the scooter.

Norman jumps rope with Kaylee and Bryson. Molly brings out her phone and starts recording him.

Karen tosses a ball to Norman who bounces it into a toddler's basketball hoop.

**EXT. THE PARK - BASKETBALL COURT - DAY**

Norman makes progress with the scooter. Taking his first few steps with Karen holding him.

**INT. ARENA - DAY**

Norman competes in a RALLY EVENT. He racks up many wins and poses with an endless amount of ribbons.

**INT. THE COBB HOUSE - KITCHEN - DAY**

Karen opens the patio door and Norman follows behind her, closing it.

Norman wipes his paws on the mat, then heads to the refrigerator and pulls it open. He pokes his head in and grabs Kaylee's lunchbox.

He brings it over to Kaylee as she watches on dumbstruck.

**EXT. THE NEIGHBORHOOD - DAY**

Norman is scooting down the street. Molly records him on her phone as NEIGHBORS stare at him, not believing what they are seeing.

He jumps off when he reaches Karen.

KAREN

Good job Norm, you did it!

Molly presses stop on her phone's video app.

**INT. THE COBB HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT**

Chris, Kaylee, Bryson and Norman relax on the living room couch as the movie CARS plays on the family television.

CHRIS

Route 66! We'll be traveling that road.

BRYSON

What state is Route 66 in?

CHRIS

Well it's not just one state. It starts from Chicago, which is in Illinois, and goes all the way to California, which is where we will be take it heading home!

**INT. THE COBB HOUSE - KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS**

Karen sits glued to her laptop screen, diligently working on revamping her website. At the top of the page, the header reads: "COURTESY CANINE"

Norman joins her side.

KAREN

What do you think?

Norman tilts his head, unsure what he is looking at.

KAREN (CONT'D)

I'll take that as a yes.

Chris joins Karen in the KITCHEN and looks over her shoulder.

CHRIS

It's looking good!

KAREN

Thanks, I feel like there are a few things.

Chris leans in and watches an embedded video that features a montage of Norman's talents and tricks.

CHRIS

You are one talented dog Norman!

Karen shakes her head and smiles.

KAREN

Molly thought it would be fun to record him.

They share a moment together and look over to Norman. Then Karen looks over to her phone displaying a SAVINGS ACCOUNT that barely meets their goal.

KAREN (CONT'D)

Chris, How are you feeling about this trip?

CHRIS

It's a lot at once. But we'll find a way to make it work. Even if we have to live on ramen noodles.

Karen pauses, and nods cautiously in agreement.

KAREN

We have always made our plans work out in the past, this is no different, right?

CHRIS

Well, I'm off to bed. You coming?

KAREN

I'll be up in a few minutes. Just going to add a few finishing touches.

HOURS LATER:

All the lights are out, with only the glow of Karen's computer screen illuminating the room. She continues to review emails and tinker with the website.

Another review of her website. She pauses at the video of Norman riding the Scooter. Norman looks to be having a blast. She smiles at it.

Karen's cell phone BUZZES, snapping her out of the moment. She glances at the screen. UNKNOWN CALLER with a 213 area code. It continues to vibrate in her hand.

She's hesitant for a moment, but then answers.

KAREN (CONT'D)

Hello?

INTERCUT:

INT. NATURAL BALANCE CORPORATE OFFICE - DAY

A corporate office full boxes upon boxes of promotional materials and paperwork. Sitting at a desk with a headset microphone is JOEY HERRICK (30s)

JOEY

Hello! My name is Joey Herrick. Am I speaking with Karen Cobb?

She doesn't recognize the voice.

KAREN

Who is this? It's after eleven.

JOEY

Oh, you're east coast! Sorry for not reaching out sooner. I wasn't sure where you are located.

KAREN

Okay, I'm gonna hang up now. Bye.

She pulls the phone away.

JOEY

Wait, wait, wait! Hold on! You see, I'm a brand ambassador with Natural Balance. I'm calling about your dog, Norman.

She brings the phone back in.

KAREN

Norman?

JOEY

His scooter riding video has been getting around the office all day. Very impressive talent!

KAREN

But it was only uploaded yesterday.

JOEY (V.O.)

Have you seen how many hits you've been getting?

KAREN

Not in a while, no...

Karen refreshes the page. The view count now displays twenty-thousand plus. She's in total disbelief.

KAREN (CONT'D)  
(to self)  
How in the world?

JOEY  
Karen, are you still there?

Karen puts her phone back to her ear.

KAREN  
Y-yes, sorry. I'm just seeing the numbers now.

JOEY  
We're looking for dogs who have talent and can really show their stuff! I think Norman is what we have been looking for! We can really make it worth your while.

KAREN  
I am not sure. We don't really have time to audition.

JOEY (V.O.)  
Karen, we aren't asking you to try out. We're asking you to be apart of the team.

Karen is left speechless.

KAREN  
The team?

JOEY (V.O.)  
Meet and greets, talk shows, events, you name it. Very simple stuff. You represent our brand well and we'll take care of you!

KAREN  
I'm sorry, this is just happening all so fast.

JOEY (V.O.)  
How about this. We're having an event in Orlando this weekend. Come on out and see how you like it.

**EXT. MOLLY'S HOUSE - MORNING**

Early morning. The sun has barely risen.

A KNOCK on Molly's door. Molly answers still in the process of starting her day. Toothbrush in mouth. Coffee in hand. Way too early for this.

Karen and Norman stand before a fully loaded van.

KAREN

We're going on a road trip.

Molly brushes faster.

CUT TO:

**EXT. INTERSTATE 75 - DAY**

The mini-van heads southbound.

Norman sticks his head out of the window. It's like being in the world biggest blow dryer. He loves it!

LATER:

They pass a sign that reads: "FLORIDA WELCOMES YOU."

EVENTUALLY:

**INT/EXT. TOYOTA SIENNA - DAY**

The van coasts through the outskirts of Orlando. Moderate traffic throughout.

MOLLY

So, you get a call from Los Angeles, and it's an agent with one of the biggest dog food brands in the nation, and he wants to represent Norman because of our scooter video?

KAREN

That's pretty much the gist of it. Whatever you're posting, keep posting for me. You're officially Norman's social media guru.

MOLLY

It's official, I'm a genius! I should become a movie director.

Karen chuckles and rolls her eyes.

MOLLY (CONT'D)  
But seriously, this is such an  
incredible opportunity.

KAREN  
I'm excited, but what if this turns  
out to be a whole bunch of nothing?

MOLLY  
If it's all a big scam, we'll just  
go to Disney World and have a happy  
old time.

KAREN  
Forget it. If Chris and the kids  
find out I went without them, I'll  
never hear the end of it.

The van pulls off an exit.

MOLLY  
How many people are expected to be  
at this thing anyways?

KAREN  
He didn't say.

**EXT. PETSMART PARKING LOT - CONTINUOUS**

A ring-of-fire FLASHES to the crowd's. An amped up CHIHUAHUA  
valiantly charges forward and LEAPS through it.

A CROWD roars in delight.

HOST  
How about a big hand for Ninja  
folks?

Display tents for news stations, radio stations, food  
vendors, and sponsors line up and down the area. Signage for  
NATURAL BALANCE everywhere. It's like a carnival.

Karen, Molly and Norman make their way through the vendor  
alley. It is unlike anything they have ever seen.

KAREN  
Well, at least we know this thing  
is legit.

Norman pulls ahead as he sees others dogs practicing tricks.  
He's ready to play.

**EXT. PARKING LOT - NATURAL BALANCE BOOTH - CONTINUOUS**

Karen and Molly make their way over to a NATURAL BALANCE BOOTH. One of the largest at the event. Joey immediately recognizes Norman and makes his way over.

JOEY

Karen, it's great to meet you!

Joey shakes Karen's hand, then kneels and embraces Norman.

JOEY (CONT'D)

And this must be our new superstar!  
How are ya doing buddy?

KAREN

Likewise! This here is my good  
friend, Molly.

MOLLY

(very forward)

Hi! I shot the video!

Joey chuckles, then turns his attention back to Karen.

JOEY

I can't express how glad I am to  
have you guys here. It wasn't that  
bad of a drive was it?

KAREN

A few hours, but surprisingly  
smooth. It's usually a nightmare  
driving through Orlando.

JOEY

Sounds like all of Southern  
California! But you're here, and  
that's what's important. If things  
work out today, I can promise to  
make it worth your while.

KAREN

So, where would you like us?

JOEY

Just hang out here. Norman can warm  
up with the scooter behind the  
stage. See you in a bit!

Joey makes his leave as Karen's eye widen. A horrific realization begins to creep in.

CUT TO:



Karen throws open the hatch of the Toyota Sienna. The scooter is missing!

KAREN

Shoot.

MOLLY

What's wrong?

KAREN

We forgot the scooter.

MOLLY

I thought you keep it in the van.

KAREN

I moved it to fit Kaylee's science project in.

MOLLY

Calm down, It's not the end of the world.

KAREN

How are we suppose to have Norman ride a scooter without a scooter?!

MOLLY

Don't freak out! The audience can sense that!

KAREN

That doesn't help.

Molly looks around the plaza. A WALMART SUPER CENTER sits right next door!

MOLLY

Give me one sec. I'll be right back!

**EXT. PARKING LOT - MAIN STAGE - CONTINUOUS**

As another act goes on, Karen watches from BACKSTAGE. She looks around for Molly, growing more tense as their turn approaches.

Norman watches with growing interest.

KAREN

Come on Molly. Where are you?

MOLLY

I'm back!

Molly rushes on stage with a newly purchased GIRLS SCOOTER. Purple finish with hot pink streamers and white wheels.

Karen and Norman look at the scooter conflicted.

MOLLY (CONT'D)

What? It's all they had.

An awkward beat as Molly flaunts the streamers in an attempt to win over Karen.

KAREN

Just help me get the tags off.

### MAIN STAGE

Molly SHOVES Karen onto the stage. A sea of people stare back at her. She awkwardly waves at them, then sets up the scooter with Norman.

KAREN (CONT'D)

Alright, just like we did at home.  
No pressure, okay bud?

Norman then takes his place onto the scooter. Karen looks into his eyes.

KAREN (CONT'D)

Just like at home, okay?

Norman stares into Karen's eyes. The noise from the crowd fades as he focuses on her.

KAREN (CONT'D)

Ready?

Norman's sets his foot onto the ground.

KAREN (CONT'D)

And... scoot! Scoot Norm, scoot!

Karen lets go and starts to jog backward.

Norman pushes his leg and moves forward.

KAREN (CONT'D)

Come on, Norm. That's it!

The crowd becomes mesmerized, pulling out PHONES and CAMCORDERS to record what they are witnessing.

Joey watches in awe as Molly films by his side.

As Norman reaches Karen.

KAREN (CONT'D)  
Good job, Norm!

The crowd explodes in cheer and begin chanting his name.

Norman is bewildered at the sight, but embraces it.

FLASH TO:

The frontpage of the ORLANDO SENTINEL with a picture of Norman. The headline reads: MEET NORMAN!

An online article pops up reading: **SCOOTER DOG DAZZLES!**

A video of Norman flashes by. The VIEW COUNTER and LIKE button skyrockets!

**EXT. ROSEN CENTRE HOTEL - ESTABLISHING**

A quiet evening for Orlando standards.

**INT. ROSEN CENTRE HOTEL - ROOM**

Molly lay passed out on the bed while Norman watches himself on a LOCAL NEWS segment on television.

Karen sits at the desk with her phone to her shoulder as she scrolls on her laptop through a sea of YOUTUBE videos featuring Norman.

JOEY (V.O.)  
Norman killed it out there today!  
Are you seeing the numbers he's  
pulling in?

KAREN  
I'm going through them right now. I  
have to be honest, this still feels  
so surreal.

JOEY (V.O.)  
Our page has never had this much  
traffic before! I want to  
officially extend you the invite to  
be apart of our team!

KAREN

That's great! We'd love to be apart of this! And we really appreciate you booking this room under such short notice.

JOEY (V.O.)

We always take care of our people. Real quick, what's your schedule like for the next few months? Are you able to travel?

Karen thumbs through her FAMILY ROAD TRIP documents.

KAREN

I might be.

**END OF ACT I**