

## **BLADE PLUMBER**

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### **EXT. BLADE RUNNER WORLD - PERPETUALLY NIGHT**

MARIO, LUIGI, PRINCESS TOADSTOOL, and TOAD, our four friends, are traveling in a flying bathtub through a futuristic city. There are 3 large skyscrapers sticking out of a plain green ground, in front of a plain purple background.

MARIO

Plumber's Log number 2049: we were in Science Fiction Land. It was pouring rain, but all the cool sci-fi gadgets were still working. We were in search of the legendary Dick Record who could tell us if our friend Toad was a robot -- also known as a Replicant.

TOAD

I can't wait to find out if I'm a robot or not!

PRINCESS

Can someone explain one more time why we think Toad might be a Replicant?

Mario and Luigi are eating two big bowls of spaghetti.

LUIGI

Well, for one, he never seems to be as hungry as us!

MARIO

Hey, more of mama's big spaghetti meaty meatballs for me and you, baby!

LUIGI

Plus, he adjusted his dick with that wrench that one time. Remember that? That was weird.

TOAD

Oh yeah, I forgot about that! Also I've never used the bathroom.

LUIGI

But haven't I seen you go in there?

TOAD

I'm addicted to cocaine, dudes!

MARIO

Not to mention, Toad doesn't care about when we eat mushrooms in our mushroom lover pizza, even though he's a mushroom.

TOAD

It's true! It's true!

PRINCESS

OK, that's a lot of reasons. You've mostly convinced me.

TOAD

Also, I've been having this weird dream where a unicorn runs through a forest. I can't quite place it, but I have this weird feeling like the dream was inserted into my subconscious somehow, dudes.

MARIO

So wait, does pee just store up in there? Like where does it go?

TOAD

I dunno!

CUT TO:

**EXT. BLADE RUNNER WORLD**

Off in the distance, MOUSER and a CYBERPUNK KOOPA TROOPA, are watching Mario and his friends through binoculars.

MOUSER

Oh no, we have to warn Eldon Reptyrell about Mario learning that their very Toad may be a Replicant!

KOOPA TROOPA

Yeah! Let's go tell da boss. Let's go ova to the boss and tell 'em what's goin on. You and I - let's go ova to where da boss is - and let's go warn 'em about dis whole situation.

MOUSER  
 ...you good, dude?

KOOPA TROOPA  
 Not if the boss doesn't know about  
 dis! We gotta tell him!

MOUSER  
 Are you making fun of me?

KOOPA TROOPA  
 No! I just really care about doin a  
 good job! We gotta go warn Koopa!

MOUSER  
 Alright, man. Whatever. Let's go  
 tell him.

KOOPA TROOPA  
 Let's do it! I'm freakin out!

CUT TO:

**INT. CAVERNOUS FUTURISTIC OFFICE BUILDING**

ELDON REPTYRELL, A.K.A. KING KOOPA, is sitting on a big  
 throne in a dark and gloomy building.

Mouser and the Koopa Troopa show up.

MOUSER  
 Hey, boss, we--

KOOPA TROOPA  
 We gotta big problem, Sir Eldon  
 Reptyrell!

REPTYRELL  
 What's up, doggie?

KOOPA TROOPA  
 Mario is here!

MOUSER  
 No, we know that Mario's here--that  
 wasn't the thing.

REPTYRELL  
 I know Mario's here!

KOOPA TROOPA  
 Oh.

MOUSER  
We're to tell you that--

KOOPA TROOPA  
Luigi's here!

MOUSER  
Are you fucking with me, right now?

REPTYRELL  
Who is this guy?

MOUSER  
No one knows who he is.

REPTYRELL  
So what's going on?!

KOOPA TROOPA  
I have no idea anymore.

MOUSER  
Mario and Luigi and the Princess  
are starting to question whether or  
not Toad is a Replicant.

REPTYRELL  
Ahh, yes... that's very dangerous  
indeed. We can't have them figure  
that we've planted Toad in their  
friend group and that we've  
programmed him to eventually kill  
all of them. Because, of course, we  
have an army of Toad replicants all  
over the Mushroom Kingdom.

KOOPA TROOPA  
Aha. Just the information I was  
looking for.

MOUSER  
What?

The koopa troopa rips off his head, which is revealed to be a mask, and we see DICK RECORD. Dick is a short, suave man with a cool accent.

DICK RECORD  
I've been tracking you this whole  
time, because I am the legendary  
Dick Record, the Blade Plumber who  
hunts down robots!

REPTYRELL

Toads, get him!

Two robot Toads lumber over to Dick Record and try to attack him, but Dick pulls out a plunger. He smacks one of them in the head, and he falls to the ground, defeated. Dick squares up against the second Toad, who lunges at him, but Dick suddenly turns the plunger around, and stabs the Toad through the chest, killing it.

DICK RECORD

I love fighting robots, because you can just go all out with the violence and no one cares. There's not even any blood or nothing. Robots are nothing. My only hope is that they feel pain. God, I'm so happy I'm a real human and not a robot, like these stupid robots. Every night, when I go to bed, I sleep easily and happily knowing that I'm a real person. And I dream about this weird unicorn running through a field. Dunno what that's about. Until we meet again, Eldon Reptyrell.

Dick Record escapes.

MOUSER

Do you think that guy's a robot?

Reptyrell shrugs and looks into the camera.

REPTYRELL

It's ambiguous!

CUT TO:

**EXT. THE STREETS OF BLADE RUNNER WORLD**

Mario and the gang are at a seedy shop where you can buy parts for your body.

MARIO

I'd like to buy one robot stomach, please! So that I can eat more food!

SHOPKEEPER

Sounds good, buddy. That's a pretty common purchase, actually.

(MORE)

SHOPKEEPER (CONT'D)

It might be our top seller, after eyes that let you watch porn in public.

Suddenly, King Koopa shows up with an army of Toads.

TOAD

Oh shit, dude, it's Eldon Reptyrell and he's been koopnapped by all those Toads! Good job, dudes!

REPTYRELL

You fool, these Toads haven't kidnapped me... they're REPLICANTS! All of them!

TOAD

Oh fuck!

LUIGI

That's some skeevy shit, even for you, Koopa!

REPTYRELL

Yeah, now the koopnaps on the other foot!

The four of them look down at their feet.

PRINCESS

What?

REPTYRELL

Shut up! Toads, capture them!

All of the Toads reveal themselves to be holding little nets. They walk up slowly to Mario and the gang, and easily capture them, because Mario and his friends are dumb and powerless.

CUT TO:

#### **INT. PRISON CELL**

Mario, Luigi, Toad, and Toadstool are locked away in a prison cell with nothing but bunk bed cots and a toilet.

MOUSER

Aha, you've finally been kidnapped and you'll never escape! You fools!

Mouser walks away, confident that he has, once and for all, defeated the Marios. They're as good as dead, as far as he is concerned. What will he do with the rest of his life?

Only time will tell. But for now, he is just content to be done with them once and for all.

LUIGI

Oh boy, how are we gonna get out of here?

TOAD

We're trapped forever, dudes! We've been through a whole lot together, but I can't imagine we would ever be able to escape a prison cell! That's just too far out, dudes!

PRINCESS

I'm just concerned that we only have one toilet. I don't want to have to go to the bathroom in front of you guys.

MARIO

What a minute! That's it! A toilet!

PRINCESS

I'm serious, Mario, don't you dare take a shit in front of me right now. I need a minute.

MARIO

No, not that! I'm way too hungry to take a shit. But, I *am* a plumber! That means, I can plumb this toilet!

LUIGI

Oh right, we're plumbers! That's like our whole thing!

MARIO

You ready, Luigi? We gotta dive into these toilets.

LUIGI

Yeah, we gotta flush ourselves down the drain like the shits that we are.

MARIO

Jesus, Luigi. You really gotta see a therapist.

LUIGI

I know, I know. I've just been really busy.

(MORE)

LUIGI (CONT'D)

You know, with the adventuring and all. Plus, I haven't found any that take my insurance.

MARIO

Have you called your kid in a while?

LUIGI

Let's jump down this toilet, man, stop talking so much, holy shit dude, let's just down.

Mario and Luigi jump down into the toilet and we see them tunneling through the ground. Mark's got work in like 20 minutes, so I'm not gonna go into too much detail, but animators: you are more than welcome to just copy and paste some shit from a different episode. I'm sure we've done this before.

CUT TO:

**INT. KOOPA'S LAIR**

Mario, Luigi, Toad, and the Princess jump out behind Koopa and his army of Toads right before they are about to battle Dick Record.

REPTYRELL

Say your last words, Dick, because you're about to die.

DICK RECORD

On the contrary..... no!

Suddenly, Mario and his pals jump out in front of Dick Record and pull out plungers.

REPTYRELL

No! I thought I had imprisoned you!  
For good!

Mouser begins weeping. He had planned a vacation. He really needed it.

MARIO

Yeah, well, I guess you could say we escaped.

PRINCESS

We did escape! You don't have to guess he can say it. We escaped. It's pretty clear cut.



LUIGI

Yeah, and we've got these plunge--

TOAD

Luigi, no! Don't forget, we can't say that word or else we will get fucking sued, dudes.

LUIGI

Oh shit, yea, I forgot. We've got these *plumber's helpers* and we're gonna kick your butt. Within the copyright law.

MARIO

Let's dance.

An exact cover of some fucking Michael Jackson song plays and it's totally legal, somehow. Mario, Luigi, Toad, Princess, and Dick Record get into a cool 3-4 minute fight scene with the Toad army to kill some time because the writers of the script got lazy. It's a third act!

In the middle of the fight scene:

MARIO (CONT'D)

I love fighting against robots, because you can go all out on the violence and no one cares! Because there's no blood!

DICK RECORD

Dude, right?! I was saying the same thing earlier! Humans rule, and robots drool. I'm a human, by the way, not a robot. Not even a little bit. I do find my emotions to be stilted at times, but that's just because of my weird upbringing, not because I'm a robot. That being said, I actually have no memory of upbringing, which is odd, because I have a picture perfect memory of every moment of my life since about 3 years ago. But I guess that's just a weird quirk of my totally human upbringing.

TOAD

(to Luigi)

Is that guy a robot?

LUIGI

(to Toad)

I think it's supposed to be  
ambiguous.

The fight scene ends with all of the robots dead and King  
Koopa cornered.

REPTYRELL

You may have defeated me here,  
Mario, but I can always run away -  
because you're too cowardly to kill  
someone who has blood.

MARIO

It's not that, Koopa, it's the  
ratings issue, not to mention the  
shoddy animation budget. If we were  
an R rated show with a ton of  
money, I'd slit your fucking throat  
right here and now you disgusting  
little lizard. I detest you. Luigi  
and I would do some patty cake  
nonsense, channel the energy of  
Pasta Man, and then pasta power a  
fuckin gun out of nowhere and shoot  
you dead.

REPTYRELL

(clearly shaken)

He... who koops... and, uh... he  
who koops... oh god.

MARIO

I've seen things you people  
wouldn't believe. Meatballs being  
burnt on the shoulder of my mama's  
oven. I watched spaghetti sauce  
glitter in the dark near the  
Tannhauser Kitchen. All those  
moments will be lost to time, like  
tears in drains. Time to die. Of  
hunger.

Koopa creates a portal and shuffles into it, leaving the  
episode.

MARIO (CONT'D)

Oh boy, I guess I'm not gonna die  
of hunger, after all, because I  
just found this big ole ham  
sandwich!

Mario pulls out a comically large ham sandwich and begins munching down on it. Everybody laughs.

PRINCESS

But we never figured out if Toad was a replicant or not!

TOAD

Let's solve this once and for all, dudes!

PRINCESS

How?

Toad pulls out a knife.

PRINCESS (CONT'D)

No!

Toad looks her square in the eyes and cuts off one of his fingers. It begins to bleed. He's got like a cream color blood. It seems like his blood is a sort of cream of mushroom soup. He's bleeding so much.

TOAD

Oh my god! OH SHIT. OH fucking fuck, my finger! I cut off my fucking finger!!! Holy shit!!!!

MARIO

Is that his piss coming out of his finger?

TOAD

No!!!! It's my fucking blood!!!!  
AGHGHH!H!!!!

LUIGI

Well I guess that's settled, then.  
We know Toad isn't a robot!

They all laugh. Toad is still screaming his head off. "I cut off my finger" and whatnot.

DICK RECORD

Well, that's not for sure. The new line of robots have cream of mushroom soup for blood. Weird choice.

(MORE)

DICK RECORD (CONT'D)

Also, I don't know if you guys were around for this, I think actually you weren't in that scene, but I think I said something about how I hope the robots can feel pain. That's because it was a new feature that Koopa was testing out.

LUIGI

Oh, so we actually don't know if Toad is a robot still.

DICK RECORD

Yeah, it's ambiguous.

They all laugh again.

TOAD

I'M GONNA FUCKIN KILL MYSELF,  
DUDES!!!! I NEED TO GO TO THE  
HOSPITAL!!!! I GOTTA GET A DOCTOR  
TO STITCH UP MY HAND!!!!

MARIO

Did someone say ham? Cause that's  
what I'm eatin!

Toad screams in horror as a black circle closes in on his face. THE END.