



Rastamouse

R24
Da Crucial Plan

(RX Script)

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EXT. NUFF SONG STUDIO BACK YARD

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It's a bright, sunny morning and the Easy Crew are jamming in the back yard.

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RASTAMOUSE

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Irie! Dis riddim soundin' wicked.

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SCRATCHY

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Ya know what I'm sayin'.

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ZOOMER

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Yeah. Dis is coooooool! But da only ting
missin' is . . .

Zoomer stops playing the bongos to rub his tummy.

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ZOOMER (CONT'D)

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. . . mi breakfast! Mi gonna have to go to
Super's - you two want any cheese?

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RASTAMOUSE

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No tanks Zoomer, ya cool.

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SCRATCHY

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Aw Zoomer, mi was jus' gettin' into dat. Why
ya always tinkin' bout ya stomach bwoy?

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ZOOMER

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Mi need da food to get in ta da groove,
Scratchy. Ya hold da riddim til mi get back.
Mi gonna be super quick.

Zoomer skates out of the backyard.

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EXT. GROVE STREET

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Zoomer speed skates down Grove Street towards Super's store.

8 ZOOMER 8
Woo hoo! Wey hey! He he!

3 INT. SUPER'S STORE 3

Zoomer skates up and spins coolly, coming to a stop at the counter where Super is standing.

9 ZOOMER 9
Yo Super! Whaas up? Ya got any ah dat
cheese mi like? Ya know, mi favourite flava?

10 SUPER 10
Oh, yes, mi have plenty. Follow me.

They go to the fridge. We see Super's shocked expression.

11 SUPER (CONT'D) 11
(gasps)
Dat peculiar. How mi sell so much cheese
an' mi only jus open. Every last piece gaan
an' mi sure ya is mi first customer today.
(scratching his head))
How dat work?

12 ZOOMER 12
Oh no, man dat is dread. Mi starvin'.

13 SUPER 13
Wait here. Mi gonna call da Dairy an' order
up some more.

Super picks up the phone and dials the Dairy number.

14 SUPER (CONT'D) 14
Good mornin', Half Pint. Mi need to order
some more cheese.
(listening)
Oh. No...
(disappointed)
Tanks anyways, Half Pint.

Super puts the phone down and turns to Zoomer.

15 SUPER (CONT'D) 15
Dat is disastrous. Nah cheese inna mi shop
an' nah cheese inna da dairy . . . Sorry
Zoomer. Try me later.

16 ZOOMER 16
OK, tanks anyway Super. Later.

Zoomer skates out of Super's.

4 INT. ORPHANAGE DORMITORY 4

Across town at the orphanage, the orphans are waking up, only to discover
their little breakfast plates are empty.

17 ORPHANS 17
(Sad squeaks turning to little
sobs)

5 EXT. NUFF SONG STUDIO BACK YARD 5

Scratchy and Rastamouse are still jamming as Zoomer arrives.

18 ZOOMER 18
Yo mi Crew.

19 SCRATCHY 19

Ya feelin' better now, Zoomer? Ya ready to groove?

20 ZOOMER 20

Nah, mi still starvin'. Super nah have any cheese an' him mek it his bizness *never* to run outta dat. So he call da Dairy an' dem is fresh outta it too.

As Zoomer is getting over excited and explaining, he is interrupted by feedback from the transistor.

21 WENSLEY DALE (V.O.) 21
Rastamouse, come in! Come in!
Are you reading me?
Message from President Wensley Dale,
Come immediately!

22 RASTAMOUSE 22

Guess we better shift Crew. Da President
needs us.

23 ZOOMER 23
Oh mi poor empty stomach!

24 SCRATCHY 24
Ya'll live Zoomer. Come on.

6 EXT. GROVE STREET 6

Rastamouse, Scratchy and Zoomer head to the President's mansion performing cool skate tricks on the way.

7 **INT. WENSLEY DALE'S MANSION** 7

The Easy Crew skate into the mansion and greet the President.

25 WENSLEY DALE 25

Ah, Easy Crew, tank goodness ya here.
Cos me need ya to help me please,
Mi tink dere mus' be a teef on da loose,
Tekkin' way all ah da cheese.

Super's fridge, it been cleaned out,
All da Dairy cheese missin' too,
Den dem poor likkle orphan breakfast gaan,
An' now know what to do!

26 RASTAMOUSE 26

Nah worry yaself Wensley Dale. Da Easy Crew
is on da case. Come on Crew. Time to
investigate.

8 **EXT. GROVE STREET** 8

Rastamouse, Scratchy and Zoomer head off to the orphanage to search for clues.

9 **INT. ORPHANAGE** 9

The Easy Crew arrive at the orphanage and are greeted by Missy D.

27 RASTAMOUSE 27

Yo Missy D. How ya doin'?

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MISSY D

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Oh *mi* alright. Mi wish mi could say da same
fi dem orphan though. Dem well upset. When
dem woke up dis mornin', all dere breakfast -
it gaan. Poor likkle tings. Dem really need
some proper cook food inna dere belly.
Dem's growin' mice. But mi nah know where
dey gonna get dat. Mi cyant cook . . . and
dere's no cheese anywhere.

29 ZOOMER 29
Dat's dread. Mi know jus how dem feel.

30 RASTAMOUSE 30

Tell me, Missy D, did ya notice anyting
unusual dis mornin'?

31 MISSY D 31
No, nuttin'. Oh wait, 'cept da kitchen
window. Dat was a likkle bit open . . . when
it shoulda been shut.

32 RASTAMOUSE 32
Tanks Missy. Later's. Come on Crew, let's get
over to Super's.

The Easy Crew exit the orphanage.

10 INT. SUPER'S STORE 10

The Easy Crew arrive and enter the store. Super is pacing up and down by the fridge scratching his head and muttering.

33 RASTAMOUSE 33

Yo Super.

34 SUPER 34
Oh, Rastamouse, mi guess Zoomer already
told ya whaa happen?

35 RASTAMOUSE 35
Dat's right an' we come to search fi any
clues dat might help us find out exactly
whaa gwaan. Did ya notice anyting different
dis mornin'?

36 SUPER 36
Yes! Mi cheese all gaan!

37 RASTAMOUSE 37
Mi mean apart from dat.

38 SUPER 38
Oh, mi see, no sorry. But mi do have CCTV.
Ya could check da tape.

Super removes the tape from the machine above the counter and hands it to
Rastamouse.

39 RASTAMOUSE 39
OK. Tanks Super. Catch ya later.

Rastamouse turns to Scratchy and Zoomer.

40 RASTAMOUSE (CONT'D) 40
Scratchy, Zoomer, time to check Half Pint at
da Dairy.

The Easy Crew exit the store.

11 INT. DAIRY COURTYARD 11

Rastamouse, Scratchy and Zoomer enter the dairy gates and are greeted by the manager, Half Pint, who is clearly very stressed.

41 RASTAMOUSE 41
Hey Half Pint. Whaa gwaan?

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| 42 | HALF PINT | 42 |
| | Oh Easy Crew. Mi cyant believe it. Da whole | |
| | ah mi cheese stock gaaan. | |

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| 43 | RASTAMOUSE | 43 |
| | Nah stress yaself. | |

44 SCRATCHY 44

We on da case an' we lookin' fi clues, dat's
why we here.

45 ZOOMER 45
Did ya spot anyting unusual?

46 HALF PINT 46

No, only a whole lotta empty shelves! But mi do have CCTV. Let me get da tape fi ya.

Half Pint disappears into the Dairy and returns with a tape.

47 RASTAMOUSE 47
Tanks, Half Pint. Check ya later.

Turning to go and looking at Scratchy and Zoomer.

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| 48 | RASTAMOUSE (CONT'D) | 48 |
| | Come on Crew. Time to go check out dese tapes. | |

The trio skate out of the dairy gates.

12 **INT. NUFF SONG STUDIO**

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The Easy Crew are studying the video tapes. They spot a plump mouse with a bite out of his ear, wearing a bandana and stripey top, teefing all the cheese.

49 SCRATCHY

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Look at dat! Dis mouse have no shame! Him nah even tryin' to hide his identity!

50 ZOOMER

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Mi wonder whaa him want wid all dat cheese? (longingly)

51 RASTAMOUSE

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Mi nah know but mi have an idea how we can find out. Zoomer first mi need ya to design some bangin' flyers. Scratchy, den we gonna need to borrow da President's plane.

52 SCRATCHY

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Cool. Soon come.

Zoomer gets some paper and pens and Scratchy heads for the door.

13 **EXT. OVER GROVE STREET**

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Scratchy is flying the President's plane over Grove Town. Zoomer is dangling upside down by his feet (gymnastically) from the ladder distributing flyers. We follow the descent of one of the flyers as it flutters through an open window.

14 **INT. BANDULU'S SECRET DEN: KITCHEN**

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Cut to interior of a kitchen, filled to the rafters with cheese of every imaginable kind. We see the flyer flutter in from the teef's POV. He catches it and reads aloud the invitation.

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BANDULU

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Cheese Pie competition! Tonight! In da ballroom at da President's Mansion! Wid ruff riddims from Scratchy Ranks and da prize fi da best pie - A THOUSAND POUNDS!! . . . (excitedly) OF CHEESE!! Remember - Ya nah bring a pie - Ya nah get in! . . . Mi gotta get started straight away! Oh, whaa mi go do first . . . Oh man dis gonna be one special, special cheese pie . . . an' mi bound to win dat cheese (laughing).

Bandulu turns on the radio which is playing a wicked tune, synchronizing his moves with the music, he sets to work immediately to create a spectacular pie for the competition. He slices, crumbles and grates a creative concoction of cheeses. He works like a master chef, ingredients and utensils flying everywhere but landing perfectly. In a precision finish (still in perfect time with the music) the pie lid drops on top of the cheese pie base. It looks amazing.

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BANDULU (CONT'D)

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(to himself) Aaah! Pie perfection! Now to jus' put it in da oven. Den mi go an' smarten miself up.

15 INT. WENSLEY DALE'S MANSION: THE BALLROOM

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Rastamouse is setting up the DJ equipment for the Cheese Pie Competition party. Scratchy and Zoomer arrive to help. Scratchy is carrying her record bag ready to DJ.

55 ZOOMER

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Yo Rastamouse. Dis party gonna be boombastic.

56 SCRATCHY

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You know what I'm sayin'. Mi gonna spin nuff
ruff riddims.

57 RASTAMOUSE

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Jus' as long as ya made sure everyone in Grove Town got dem a flyer, dis party gonna go wid a bang! Trust me.

58 ZOOMER

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Mi cyant wait to sample dem cheese pies dat everyone gonna make fi da competition.
Mmmm-mmm!

59 SCRATCHY

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Hmm . . . 'bout dat, Rastamouse - mi was jus' wonderin' - how anyone gonna mek a cheese pie widout any cheese?

60 RASTAMOUSE

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Dat . . . is a very good question Scratchy. Ya wait n' see . . .

16 **INT. BANDULU'S SECRET DEN: KITCHEN**

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Bandulu has donned a white tuxedo jacket. He is admiring himself in the mirror and adjusting his red silk bow tie.

61 **BANDULU**
 Mm - mmm. Mi lookin' well criss.

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The timer bell goes on the oven - ping!

62 **BANDULU (CONT'D)**
 Oh dat's perfect timin'.
 Mi pie cyant fail to please.
 Cos in da recipe mi use fi it,
 Dere's every kinda cheese.

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Bandulu puts on oven gloves and takes the pie carefully out of the oven. It's steaming as he cradles it lovingly to his chest and breathes in the wonderful freshly baked aroma.

63 **BANDULU (CONT'D)**
 (sniffs) Oh, dat smell heavenly.

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Bandulu leaves his den carrying the pie.

17 **EXT. GROVE STREET**

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We see Bandulu in the back of a cab on his way to the party.

18 **INT.WENSLEY DALE'S MANSION: BALLROOM**

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Cool music fills the room as Scratchy is DJing. The room is decorated for a party. Wensley dale and the Easy Crew are there.

64 ZOOMER 64
 Mi cyant understand why no-one's come
 yet? We dropped loadsa flyers. Rastamouse,
 whaa gwaan?

65 RASTAMOUSE 65
 Nah worry yaself Zoomer. Ya did good an' mi
 have a funny feelin' dat we gonna get our
 first guest any minute now.

As Rastamouse is saying 'now', Bandulu appears at the doorway, proudly
 holding his awesome pie.

66 RASTAMOUSE (CONT'D) 66
 Zoomer. Hit da lights. Scratchy cut da
 sound.

67 ZOOMER 67
 But da party only jus' started.

68 SCRATCHY 68
 Yeh, mi was jus gettin' inna mi groove. Whaa
 gwaan?

69 RASTAMOUSE 69
 Nah worry Crew, mi will explain -

Bandulu's eyes are dazzled as the lights go up and the sound cuts out. He
 freezes, standing stunned in the doorway.

70 RASTAMOUSE (CONT'D) 70
 Mi bredren, dat look like a wonderful dish,
 So step forward a likkle more
 But mi sorry to say dat ya awesome pie
 Gonna prove ya been breakin' da law.

71 BANDULU 71
Whaa. . .whaa gwaan? (spluttering)

72 RASTAMOUSE 72
Da cheese is gone from everywhere,
So come on tell us please,
How you create dis irie dish,
Dat's clearly made ah cheese?

73 BANDULU 73
Ok, it was me. Mi teef all da cheese.
Den mi took it all back to mi den.
Mi know me shouldna done it,
An' mi promise mi nah do it again.

Bandulu hangs his head in shame.

74 RASTAMOUSE 74
Ya better show da Easy Crew where dis den
ah yours is.

75 ZOOMER 75
But what 'bout da competition an' ting?

76 RASTAMOUSE 76
Oh, dere never was a party or a
competition. Mi set da whole ting up to get
da cheese teef here. Mi know him could nah
resist da prize . . . an' mi know fi sure him
gonna be da only one wid any cheese to
mek a pie round here.

77 SCRATCHY 77
Oh dat genius!

78 ZOOMER 78
Wicked. Let's go.

The Easy Crew and Bandulu exit the ballroom. Scratchy and Zoomer are either side of Bandulu, escorting him out.

19 **INT. BANDULU'S SECRET DEN: KITCHEN** 19

As the Easy Crew follow Bandulu into his den, they're amazed at the sight of all the cheese.

79 ZOOMER 79

Man, jus' look at all dat! Dere's nuff cheese
here to keep mi goin' fi a year!

80 SCRATCHY 80

Fi a day, ya mean! (laughing)

81 RASTAMOUSE 81

Bredren, who was goin' to eat *all* dis
cheese? Presumin' ya nah get caught dat is.

82 BANDULU 82

Jus' mi alone, mi mus' admit,
Cos mi really love to cook,
But mi nah have no friends to share it wid,
Dat's why mi ah get fat - look?

Bandulu pats his plump, round tummy.

83 RASTAMOUSE 83

Ya have to tek it back ya know,
Every single slice,
Tek it back to dem dairy, an dem shop,
An' last of all to dem likkle orphan mice

20 **EXT. DAIRY (NEXT DAY?)** 20

We see Bandulu, Scratchy and Zoomer unloading a van full of cheese outside the dairy.

21 **INT. SUPER'S STORE** 21

Bandulu is pushing a trolley full of cheese into Super's store. Scratchy and Zoomer are waiting outside for him.

22 **INT. ORPHANAGE** 22

Rastamouse, Scratchy and Zoomer are at the orphanage with Bandulu. The little orphan mice have clearly taken a shine to Bandulu. They queue up to give him a hug.

84 ORPHANS 84
(Squeaks of excitement and happiness)

85 RASTAMOUSE 85
Give back dem cheese to da baby mice now,
no-one mus' do it but you.

A tear falls from Bandulu's eye as he sees the error of his ways.

86 BANDULU 86
Nice to meet ya likkle ones. Mi name
Bandulu. Mi so, so sorry mi upset ya.

Bandulu bends down and lifts the littlest orphan up to his eye level, with his arms wrapped round him.

87 BANDULU (CONT'D) 87
Mi promise mi nah do it again.

The littlest orphan tweaks Bandulu's whiskers while another one gives his tail a gentle tug. Bandulu begins to giggle.

88 RASTAMOUSE 88

Me see how ya is wid dem orphans,
So mi tink mi know how ya can,
Start to mek a bad ting good,
But ya might need a few pot n' pan.

Mi have an important call to mek. Soon be
back.

Rastamouse exits as Bandulu continues to play with the orphans with Scratchy and Zoomer.

23 INT. WENSLEY DALE'S MANSION 23

The phone rings and Wensley Dale answers.

89 WENSLEY DALE 89

Mmmmm. Oh, good, yes. Hmmm -hmm. Go
on.

90 RASTAMOUSE 90

(inaudible noises from other end of phone)

91 WENSLEY DALE 91

Oh, yes, mi see. Dat plan dere sound proper,
Rastamouse.

24 EXT. ORPHANAGE 24

Wensley Dale, Bandulu, Missy D, the Easy Crew and the orphans are gathered outside the orphanage front door. An official presentation is in progress. Wensley Dale is making an announcement

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| 92 | WENSLEY DALE | 92 |
| | Bandulu, if ya is ready now | |
| | To give up ya life of a crook, | |
| | It would be mi pleasure to crown ya | |
| | Da orphanage Head Cook! | |

Wensley Dale places a grand looking chef's hat on Bandulu's head. Everyone claps and cheers.

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| 93 | MISSY D | 93 |
| | Oh mi so happy. Dem orphan gonna get some proper cooked food at last. | |

94 BANDULU 94

Oh, tank you so much. Mi won't let ya
down. When do mi start?

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|----|---|----|
| 95 | WENSLEY DALE | 95 |
| | Mi tink immediately - dem orphan look mighty hungry. | |

96 ORPHANS 96
(relieved/excited/hungry squeaks)

25 INT. ORPHANAGE: KITCHEN 25

Bandulu is happily and patiently teaching the orphans to cook. He's holding a large mixing bowl and letting the orphans step up onto a stool and take turns to stir the mixture. They are all having a wonderful time.

97 BANDULU 97

Dat's it likkle one, careful not to spill it now.
Dis gonna taste great.

98 ORPHANS 98
(more happy squeaks)

26 **EXT. NUFF SONG STUDIO BACK YARD**

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The sun is setting and the Easy Crew are jamming away when a call comes
though the transistor.

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WENSLEY DALE (V.O.)

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Easy Crew. Come in! Come in!
Are you reading me?
Message from President Wensley Dale,
Listen up, you tree.

Rastamouse, come in, come in,
Mi loved ya crucial plan,
Mi tink it a recipe fi success,

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RASTAMOUSE

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Tanks me love dat, irie man!

END OF EPISODE: