

MONKEYBIRDS



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13x22 MINUTE 2D ANIMATED SERIES

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A 22 minute 2D animated series about Mr. Chips and Bean, a pair of escaped genetically modified Monkeybirds on the run from the mad scientists at Acme Labs and fighting to get back to the imaginary Land of Oz.

OVERVIEW

After escaping from Acme Labs, Mr. Chips and Bean are running wild in a big world they don't quite understand. Having learned their "Laws of the Jungle" from too much junk TV, they are unprepared for the real world and so must rely on their friendship in their foolish quest to return to the imaginary Land of Oz. The pair are convinced that Oz is their true homeland and have vowed to return no matter what it takes.

"Tell me again about the yellow brick roads, Mr. Chips."

Bean follows Mr. Chips blindly with an undying belief in Mr. Chips' intelligence and optimism. Bean is a big lug with a soft heart and he will do anything for his best buddy Mr. Chips. Bean may be brave but he's definitely not fearless, he's got a real phobia about small spaces... too much like a cage.

Mr. Chips is a semi-intelligent GMO spider monkey with some book smarts but no real street sense. A winged monkey with a fear of heights, Mr. Chips is one seriously conflicted primate. Wary, if not scared, of the world, hyperactive and always on edge, Mr. Chips fears that everyone is out to get him. To be fair, pretty much everyone is out to get him.

Hot on their trail are the mad scientists from Acme Labs, Overzealous FAA agents angry about illegal flying in urban areas, not to mention Zookeepers, Animal Control, Wiccans... and the dreaded Hurdy Gurdy Man! Life is not easy for a Monkeybird!

SAVE THE TOTO: OUTLINE

"Ooo, ooo! Mr. Chips! Look it's him!"

"Bean, I told you not to bug me when I'm studying my Weather Tables. If I can't find a Tornado soon. We may never get back to Oz."

"But look! It's Mr. Toto!"

Mr. Chips drops his Tornado Weekly magazine. "Toto! Where?"

"Over there beside that fire hydrant! Oh hey! Hi Mr. Toto! Big fans!"

A small black terrier is relieving itself on a fire hydrant. He gets distracted and pees on the leg of a passing little boy. The angry little boy menaces the little black dog.

"Quick Bean! We've got to save the Toto! That little dog might be our only hope of getting back to Oz!"

Mr. Chips and Bean bare their teeth and fly at the little boy.

They hover at his head and flap their arms like little sissies... more like mosquitoes than any real threat.

The little terrier bites the boy's ankle and scampers off.

"Quick, Bean! Toto is frightened. We've got to save him."

Mr. Chips zips speedily over to Toto. "Never fear. Bean and I will protect you Mr. Toto."

"Whoaa!" Bean crashes into Mr. Chips and Toto.

They land in a heap of slimy garbage. Bean shakes his head.

"Why are there two of you, Mr. Chips?"

"Bean, you are the worst flyer I ever know."

"Hey, where is Mr. Toto?"

Bean tears apart the garbage pile and tosses refuse everywhere.

"I think somebody kidnapped him, Mr. Chips!"

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SAVE THE TOTO: CONTINUED

Bean turns to Mr. Chips... he has a dirty diaper on his head.

"Ack! Ack!" Mr. Chips slaps Bean and tosses the dirty diaper at him.

"Hey, chocolate... wait, there he is!"

Bean reaches into the trash pile and grabs the little dog's tail.

Only , it's not a little doggie, it's a big, angry hissing rat.

"Aaaah!" Mr. Chips and Bean flee in terror.

"I did not like that big rat, Mr. Chips. Rats are always so mean."

"Never mind the rat, Bean. Where did the Toto go? We've got to save him!"

Mr. Chips looks under a newspaper and inside an empty soup can.

"I don't see him anywhere."

Bean jumps up and down with excitement.

"Ooo, oo, there he is! Talking to that man."

Toto gesticulates wildly to a man in a uniform who is carrying a big net.

"Hey look, he's pointing over at us. Hi, Mr. Toto!"

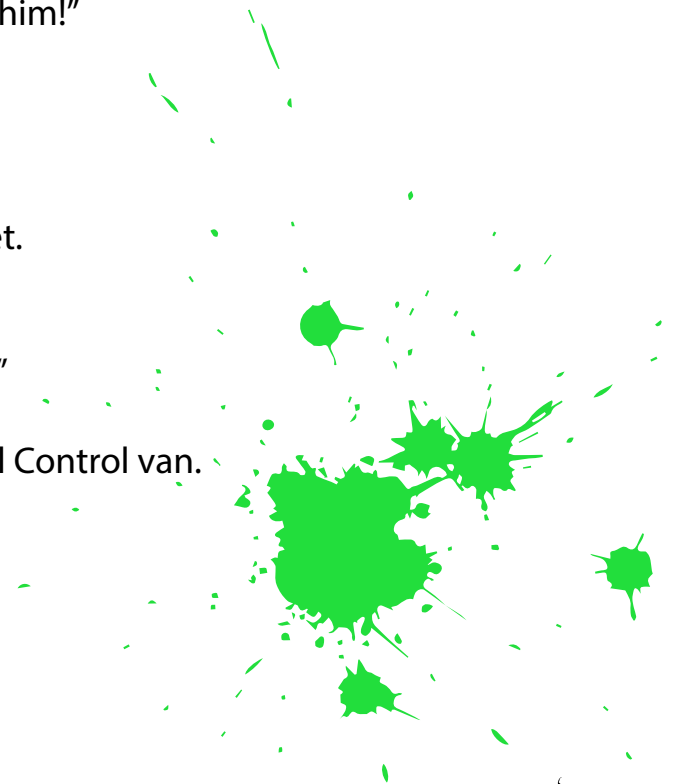
Mr. Chips and Bean race over to their new friends.

"He's probably asking that nice man to help us get to Oz. Let's go see."

Moments later, Bean watches Toto from behind the bars of the Animal Control van.

He slumps down beside Mr. Chips.

"Oh, I do not like Mr. Toto. I do not think he's a very nice doggie."



THE THING IS...

Winged monkey are not really very good at flying. They're much better at gliding. And forget about vertical takeoff. Monkeybirds swing and jump to launch themselves into flight - more like Spiderman!

Their "fight or flight" instincts lean towards "flight"... or at least, swing and jump... not too high!
When they do fight, they only manage to flail and slap like sissies!

Bean doesn't understand why other monkeys don't have wings, or why birds don't eat bananas.
When all else fails, just sit and pretend to be a dog.... everyone loves a nice doggie.

MORE STORIES

Mr. Chips and Bean conspire to steal a pair of Ruby Slippers from the Oz exhibit at the heavily guarded American Film Institute. Mr. Chips and Bean pretend to be blind guide dogs to get into the exhibit. They don't realize that blind guide dogs aren't really blind so things go terribly wrong. When that nasty man from Animal Control arrives the situation gets seriously out of control.

With the storm of the century approaching, Mr. Chips and Bean prepare to fly into the heart of a tornado. They hope to be blown back to the magical Land of Oz. But, storms can be most unpredictable!

Mr. Chips spots a midget couple walking in the park. He and Bean surreptitiously follow the little couple hoping to discover their secret door to Oz. Mr. Chips and Bean discover that "little people" can be nasty when they are being followed.

MONKEYBIRDS SAY THANK YOU!



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