

*Background: By way of a kind of magic, Callum Carruthers has animated a photograph of Alanis Morissette, a living, breathing facsimile. In this scene, he takes this Animated Alanis shopping at Eastgate Square in Stoney Creek. Oh; and Brogan is a fully-alive 14" Stuffie rabbit.*

EXT. STONEY CREEK STREET - LATER

They walk. At the pedestrian crossing, she takes his hand. THIS gesture reveals the essential Alanis Morissette...and he knows it.

EXT. EASTGATE SQUARE MALL - LATER

They approach the entrance.

CALLUM

They've got the usual assortment of stores here.  
I mean, 'usual' as in 'not an upscale mall at all,  
not even on its best day'. But I'm sure you'll be  
able to find-

Grinning, she tugs him along, away from the entrance, arm-in-arm.

ANIMATED ALANIS

I'm sure I'll be able to find just what I need down here.

CALLUM

Walmart?!?

ANIMATED ALANIS

It's just until tomorrow morning, right? Then I go back?

INT. WALMART - CONTINUOUS

Animated Alanis is instantly a kid: this too, is her essential nature. They wander through the Ladies' section, pick out some stuff, she has a ball trying on some truly sad clothes, ridiculous shoes...all the while, Callum radiates.

At the checkout, the young CASHIER waits with a co-worker, both of them bubbling as she rings up the total.

CASHIER

Are you...?

ANIMATED ALANIS

Actually, I'm-

CALLUM

You know how famous people sometimes have decoys? Doubles? To help with publicity?

CASHIER

Really?!? That's amazing! You look just like her!

ANIMATED ALANIS

She's MUCH more attractive than I am.

Callum pays, while bagging the items in the recyclable carry-alls he's brought. Animated Alanis sees that THIS fact is the essential Callum; she's charmed.

CALLUM

Truthfully?

CASHIER

Yeah...?

CALLUM

They're BOTH incredible people. Fantastic to be around. Except...

(beat)

Alanis...the one in Malibu...she FARTS in her sleep.

EXT. WALMART - CONTINUOUS

Outside, she smacks his shoulder, laughing like crazy.

ANIMATED ALANIS

I do SO fart in my sleep!

There's an instant of silence...then she laughs again, both of them lost in the moment. She stops, grabs him.

ANIMATED ALANIS

I think I just peed myself.

EXT. STONEY CREEK STREETS - LATER

They walk. Animated Alanis is now dressed in hiking stuff. Callum wears a small knapsack. Poking out of one of the pockets...and the main entrance at the top...are Stuffedies. In Animated Alanis' shirt pocket, Les Deux trumpet quietly. She giggles at the sounds, the vibrations.

ANIMATED ALANIS  
How do you decide who comes with?

CALLUM  
I work a kick-back system.

ANIMATED ALANIS  
Bribery!  
(at his nod)  
The currency?

CALLUM  
Hugs.

Brogan pokes her head out.

BROGAN  
He's a benevolent dictator. It's all about HIM.

CALLUM  
(shrugging)  
My world, my psyche, my Stuffies...my way.

EXT. MALIBU BEACH - SAME

It doesn't look as if Alanis has moved. Her MANAGER approaches, looking upset.

MANAGER  
Why aren't you answering your phone?  
I've been trying to get you for two hours!  
We've still got things-

Alanis offers up a quite-beatific smile. And pats the sand beside her. Her manager declines...and waits.

ALANIS  
What's the most magical thing you've ever experienced?

He blanches.

MANAGER  
Alanis, We're about to go on tour. PLEASE tell me you're not-

Now he sits.

MANAGER  
(carefully regarding her)

Is everything OK...?

EXT. BRUCE TRAIL FOREST - LATER

In the distance, the faint strains of 'My Way' can be heard, Callum and Animated Alanis singing with Les Deux accompanying. They come into view, across the railway tracks into the woods-proper. She gazes around.

ANIMATED ALANIS

This is...

CALLUM

I know, it's not much, but I made it just for you. Happy Tuesday, Darling.

She beams at this...and then applies herself to him entirely. At length, Les Deux start giggling.

CALLUM

Two SMUSHED edifunts.

ANIMATED ALANIS

BOOB-smushed. Not a bad fate, really.

CALLUM

So they say.

(muttering)

Lucky buggers...

They wander. Animated Alanis is clearly enraptured by the quiet. The simplicity. He takes her up the incline of the Escarpment, then down a precarious path, catches her at one point as she stumbles, holding her close.

They continue the trek, he points out where The West Route is, she nags him into going there, tugging at him, he relents, they march up this west incline, everyone singing once more, marvelling at the 1200' television tower, then head back.

They both appear in their element.

EXT. ALANIS MORISSETTE'S HOME - SAME

Arm-in-arm, a calm Alanis walks her wary manager to his car. Nothing is said, but it's clear HE wants to.

Finally, he opens the door, turns to her, but she's instantly got him in a hug.

MANAGER

Really?

He watches her return to the steps, where she sits, folding herself up once more.

ALANIS

Really.

MANAGER

I'll call you tomorrow. Will you be picking up...?

But she's already lost in her thoughts.

INT. LUKE CRESCENT HOME, KITCHEN - LATER

The message light is flashing on the answering machine. We watch them listen to the assortment.

ALANIS

Hey. It's Alanis. Don't know why I didn't think of this before...probably because I was TALKING TO MY DOPPLEGANGER... But let's video-chat. Alanis, you know my- YOUR screenname, log in at noon your time and I'll meet you in iChat.

Beep!

ALANIS

Hey, it's me again. You weren't there. I hope everything's OK...

Beep!

ALANIS

Where ARE you guys?!?

Beep!

ALANIS

Look, I'm going to send you a cell phone. Express delivery.

The doorbell rings.

ALANIS

Today. NOW.

CUT TO:

INT. LUKE CRESCENT HOME, DINING ROOM - LATER

Callum hands Animated Alanis the Purolator package.

ANIMATED ALANIS  
Insistent bitch, aren't I?

BROGAN  
I've always admired that in a person.

Callum sits at the computer.

CALLUM  
Especially if they're insisting that you buy new outfits.

He brings up iChat.

ANIMATED ALANIS  
You're a clothes-horse, Girlie?

BROGAN  
(shaking her head)  
OUTFITS.

CALLUM  
Costumes. She's a THESPIAN.

ANIMATED ALANIS  
(winking wistfully)  
Ah, girl-love. Nothing like a little sapphistry between  
gal-pals....

Silence...then laughter.

Callum does some more key-strokes, then begins to stand.

CALLUM  
Done. I'll let you enter the search info-

ANIMATED ALANIS  
'ottawanis'

He sits back down, enters this. Alanis' icon appears. He double-clicks...a video chat is initiated...and Alanis is there.

CALLUM  
Wow. You look SO different with clothes on.

Big laughter.

ALANIS  
You must be Callum.

CALLUM  
And YOU must be the OTHER Alanis. Ottawanis.

Alanis nods, smiling, waiting. Animated Alanis leans in, VERY close to Callum, grinning into the camera.

ANIMATED ALANIS  
Hey.

Alanis is speechless.

ALANIS  
Hey.  
(beat)  
So it's true. You're there.

ANIMATED ALANIS  
I'm here all right.

Silence.

CALLUM  
Here. Sit. This is like two sisters who haven't seen each other in YEARS.

From Alanis' POV, we see Animated Alanis' reaction to this, to his repeated good manners. She makes a girly-face at Alanis, who mouths something, but Animated Alanis doesn't grasp it. Alanis types, we see the dialogue.

ALANIS  
(typed)  
Have you FUCKED him?