

LIFEGUARDS ON THE WATER

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FADE IN:

Sunny day, clear sky...

INT. BUS - DAY

A small Barbet puppy with his Barbet mother is sitting on a seat while riding on a bus.

A puppy by the window looks with interest at the cityscapes outside the window.

The bus turns left and slowly passes a tall building with large multi-colored letters on it -- RESCUE SCHOOL.

The puppy turns to his mother with an enthusiastic smile.

PUPPY

Mommy! Maybe I should try to go to lifeguard school next year?

On the other seat, the GOAT sits, mockingly making fun of the puppy.

GOAT

There's no harm in dre-e-e-e-aming!  
You're too young to be a lifeguard!  
Grow up first!

The sad puppy looks at its mom.

PUPPY

Mommy! Am I really not going to be able to go to lifeguard school because I'm still too young?

The puppy's mother looks at the goat indignantly, and then enthusiastically explains to her son.

PUPPY'S MOM

Rocky! Remember! If you believe in yourself, everything will definitely work out.

Rocky again looks out the window at the buildings of the rescue school, the bus passes further, leaving him behind.

TITLE:

One year later

EXT. ROCKY'S HOUSE - MORNING

On a well-kept lawn stands a small, cozy, two-story house.

INT. ROCKY'S HOUSE - ROOM - MORNING

Rocky has grown a little this year and looks in the mirror.

His mother's voice comes from another part of the house.

ROCKY'S MOM

(loud)

Rocky hurry up!

ROCKY

(speaks to himself)

I will succeed; I definitely can,  
this time I can do it.

(exhales heavily)

Rocky goes down the stairs.

INT. ROCKY'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - MORNING

ROCKY

(funny)

Mom! I'm off, wish me luck.

Rocky's mom is in the kitchen, sees her son, her voice stops him at the front door.

ROCKY'S MOM

Rocky son, wait a minute!

Rocky stops.

He sees his mom take the box and take out a small round object from it.

Approaches his son.

ROCKY'S MOM

Son, may this amulet bring you good  
luck.

Rocky looks at his mom with excitement, then at the amulet.

It shows two Barbet dogs wearing yellow life jackets, hugging each other and smiling.

ROCKY'S MOM

Your dad and grandpa would be proud  
of you! They were once lifeguards.  
And one day you will become it.

Rocky's mom attaches the amulet to Rocky's collar.

Rocky, overwhelmed with emotion, can barely hold back his tears.

ROCKY

Thank you, mommy!

Rocky hugs his mom tenderly and is about to leave, but his mom stops him again.

ROCKY'S MOM  
(with a smile)  
Have you forgotten anything?

Rocky looks at the table, there is food waiting for him on a plate, which he cannot stand.

He quickly approaches the plate, carefully takes a small piece of potato with two fingers and, putting his teeth forward, bites off a little, and puts the rest on the plate.

In order not to offend his mom, he pretends that he really likes the food.

ROCKY  
M-m-m! How delicious!

Mom sees that he hasn't eaten anything, but still decides to remain silent.

Rocky approaches his mom, kisses her on the cheek and quickly runs to the door.

ROCKY'S MOM  
Well, run son, otherwise you'll be late!

Rocky runs out the door with a smile.

ROCKY'S MOM  
(not loud)  
Good luck, son!

EXT. RESCUE SCHOOL - TRAINING SITE - MORNING

Bear instructors wear sporty blue and white clothing and red caps.

Next to the bears stands a large and strong black Newfoundland with many awards on its collar.

There is an obstacle course of several structures on the site; a wooden plank along which you need to run and not fall from it, car tires suspended on ropes, a low-stretched net under which you need to crawl. And the last obstacle, a long straight line that needs to be overcome at speed.

To the side of the site there is an equipped pond for training on the water.

Rocky and the other candidates for the right to become rescuers line up in one line.

Rocky hesitantly and excitedly turns his head to the right, a Labrador dog stands next to him, and other dogs stand behind him; Boykin Spaniel, Portuguese Water Dog.

The Labrador looks at Rocky with a serious look.

LABRADOR

What are you looking at, young man?

Rocky slightly adjusts his ears to his head.

ROCKY

(looks at Labrador)

Sorry...!

(smiles nervously)

Rocky turns his head to the left.

There are different breeds of dogs standing there; Irish Water Spaniel, Poodle, English Setter are waiting for teams of instructors.

Rocky understands that his chances are not great and this time, out of excitement and uncertainty, he swallows saliva.

BEAR INSTRUCTOR #1

Are the recruits ready?

Everyone nods confidently in response.

Trainer Bear #1 the whistle loudly to signal the start of the competition.

The dogs rush forward.

Rocky immediately lags behind them, tries to keep up with the other dogs, but he moves too slowly and almost falls off the wooden plank.

He runs up to the tires, they are dangling on the ropes from side to side.

Rocky jumps through the first tire, the second one flies at him, he presses himself to the ground, stands up on his paws and with difficulty jumps over the next tire.

Trainer Bear #1 looks at Newfoundland and he shakes his head from side to side.

BEAR INSTRUCTOR #1

What do you say, Domino, does the kid have a chance?

DOMINO

I think not this time, just like the previous two times. We new recruits every three months and every time, he comes here.

Rocky crawls under the net, doesn't land low enough and hits it with his head several times.

The network breaks a little and spreads out.

ROCKY  
 (quiet)  
 Oh, mommies!  
 (loud)  
 Sorry, I didn't mean to.

BEAR INSTRUCTOR #1  
 (loud to Rocky)  
 Come on kid hurry up!

All the dogs are already on the long straight and successfully reach the finish line.

Rocky runs with all his might towards the finish line.

Almost all dogs grin maliciously, except for the Poodle and the English Setter.

Rocky crosses the finish line and breathes heavily.

The bears and Domino approach them.

BEAR INSTRUCTOR #1  
 Well done to all of you!  
 (looks at Rocky)  
 Well, almost everything!

Rocky is very sad and hangs his head.

BEAR INSTRUCTOR #2  
 Now let's test your abilities on the water.

The bears are moving forward towards the water.

All the dogs follow the bears.

Rocky is about to go after them, but Domino stops him.

DOMINO  
 Listen, boy? You are not cut out for this job!

Rocky looks at Domino with sad eyes.

ROCKY  
 But, I would like to complete the competition. I can do it?

DOMINO  
 If you think you haven't been laughed at enough, then go ahead.

EXT. RESCUE SCHOOL - POND - DAY

Contestants stand on the shore near a pond, preparing for the swim.

BEAR INSTRUCTOR #1  
 You need to swim to the buoys and back. Then each of you needs to save the drowning man. Today it will be our incomparable Matilda.

A few meters from the shore, Matilda, a Dachshund dog, is swimming on a lifebuoy.

The dogs look at her.

A flirtatious whistle is heard from the crowd.

LABRADOR  
 (loud to Matilda)  
 Darling, don't be afraid, I will save you first!

BEAR INSTRUCTOR #1  
 And the last thing you need to do is tow the boat with the drowning person to shore.

The Labrador looks at Rocky with a grin.

LABRADOR  
 Good luck weakling!

Rocky is a little nervous, looks at the water and understands that it will not be easy for him.

ROCKY  
 (cheers himself up)  
 You can do it, Rocky, just a couple of little things!

Trainer Bear #1's whistle sounds.

All dogs jump into the water.

Rocky, behind everyone. He swims to the buoys last and swims to the shore.

The Labrador, holding the rope in his teeth, drags the boat behind him, swims past Rocky and deliberately slams his paw hard on the water, dousing Rocky.

Rocky shakes the water off his head and swims to the shore. Rocky is already on the shore looking at the water, Labrador is already saving the drowning man.

The Labrador extends his paw, Matilda gracefully walks along his paw and gets into the boat.

BEAR INSTRUCTOR #1  
 (loud to Rocky)  
 Come on kid! The drowning man has  
 already been rescued, but your boat  
 is waiting for you.

Rocky looks at the bear and quickly rushes towards the boat.

All participants are already swimming to the shore, dragging  
 their boats behind them.

Rocky swims up to the boat, grabs the rope with his teeth and  
 pulls it as hard as he can.

There are a few meters left to the shore and Rocky begins to  
 sink into the water, only his eyes and nose are visible.

BEAR INSTRUCTOR #1  
 (shouting Rocky)  
 Let go of the rope, you'll drown!

Rocky doesn't let go of the rope and begins to sink.

EXT. RESCUE SCHOOL - SHORE - DAY

Rocky opens his eyes, Domino is standing over him, drops of  
 water flow down onto Rocky.

DOMINO  
 I told you, you can't be a rescuer,  
 go home!

Rocky feels humiliated and depressed gets up on his paws.

He looks at the other members who are laughing at him, except  
 the poodle.

BOYKIN SPANIEL  
 Poor doggie! He could not swim to  
 the shore with his small paws.

Rocky, resigned to failure, silently goes home.

Poodle catches up with him and tries to cheer him up.

POODLE  
 Buddy, don't worry so much, next  
 time you'll manage!

ROCKY  
 (sad)  
 I doubt I'll come here again.

Rocky leaves lifeguard school.



EXT. STREET - DAY

Rocky is in no mood, tired, and wanders down the street towards his house.

Neighbor Drake sees Rocky and shouts to him from across the street.

DRAKE

Hey Rocky! How was the competition?  
Can I congratulate you? Have you  
become a rescuer?

Rocky ignores him and moves on.

The drake's wife approaches him with a dissatisfied look.

THE DRAKE'S WIFE

Perhaps Rocky failed again.  
(looks at husband)  
You could have been gentler with  
him, hes a child.

She swings at her husband, raising her wing upward.

The drake leans to the side, sticking its wings out in front of it.

INT. ROCKY'S HOUSE - DAY

Rocky enters the house and closes the door with his back paw.

In the living room, together with Rocky's mom, their neighbor, an old Otterhound dog, is sitting on the sofa.

Rocky's mom looks at her son with a smile. Rocky's mother looks at her son with a smile.

Rocky looks at her and from the sad and upset look, she realizes that Rocky has failed the lifeguard exam again.

Rocky's mom's smile disappears from her face.

Rocky slowly climbs the stairs.

OTTERHOUND

Rocky! Catch the ball, buddy!

Otterhound throws him a tennis ball.

Rocky turns his head and the ball hits him in the forehead, he presses himself against the wall, shakes his head and silently rises further.

ROCKY'S MOM

Nimble, you shouldn't have done that! He's not in the mood right now.

NIMBLE

Yes! With such a reaction, it will be difficult for him to become a rescuer.

(feels guilty)

I guess I'll go home. Thanks for the treats neighbor.

INT. ROCKY'S ROOM - A LITTLE LATER - DAY

Rocky's mom comes into the room.

Rocky lies on the bed, curled up in a ball, under the covers.

Mom looks at the wall. There are various posters with images of dog rescuers on it.

Mom comes up to Rocky and sits next to him.

ROCKY'S MOM

Rocky! All is not lost, you can handle it, I know! It's just not your time. Rocky! All is not lost, you can handle it, I know! It's just not your time.

ROCKY

(sad)

They made fun of me, saying that I would never become a lifeguard.

ROCKY'S MOM

Oh, do you think your dad immediately became a lifeguard?

Rocky turns to his mom, looks at her in surprise, part of his head and eyes are visible.

ROCKY'S MOM

Yes! Your dad was only able to pass this exam the fifth time. And your grandfather had to do it, six times.

Rocky pokes his head out from under the blanket, perks up slightly, and sits down next to his mother.

ROCKY

Is it true?

ROCKY'S MOM

Do you know Rocky why they became lifeguards?

ROCKY

Because they were better than me?

ROCKY'S MOM

No son! They believed in themselves and never gave up.

(puts his paw on Rocky's shoulder)

Just like you!

ROCKY

You say that because you want to comfort me.

ROCKY'S MOM

(smiles)

This is what distinguishes us from other stronger dogs. We never give up, no matter how difficult it is. Even if it seems like there is no way out at all.

(hugs Rocky)

You have to believe in yourself son!

Rocky gets out of bed and approaches the posters, he intends to prove that he is worthy of becoming a rescuer.

ROCKY

I promise you mom that you will be proud of me!

Rocky's mom approaches her son.

ROCKY'S MOM

I'm already so proud of you, son! Since your birth.

Rocky looks at his mom with a smile and rubs his head against her.

EXT. POND - DAY

Domino swims to the drowning RAM.

He flounders in the water, beats with his hooves, splashes fly everywhere.

DOMINO

Calm down, ram! So, you'll drown faster.

The ram is in a panic and does not listen to Domino's advice.

Domino grabs the ram by the scruff of the neck and swims with it to the shore.

EXT. SHORE - DAY

As soon as the ram comes ashore, it runs away as if scalded.

Domino looks at the fleeing ram, slightly confused.

DOMINO

Didn't even say thank you!

Domino turns around, standing in front of him are ducks, hares and several pigs, all wearing bathing suits.

They look at Domino with delight, admiring his power and strength.

DOMINO

I hope everyone understands that swimming behind the buoys is strictly prohibited?

They silently nod in response.

EXT. ROCKY'S HOUSE - BACKYARD - DAY

Rocky looks thoughtfully at the lifeguard vest hanging on a tree branch.

Suddenly water pours on him.

Rocky turns around, and Nimble stands in front of him with an empty bucket in his teeth.

Nimble throws the bucket aside.

NIMBLE

Wake up Rocky! You will have to learn a lot to become a rescuer.

Rocky shakes himself off the water.

ROCKY

I'm not sleeping!

NIMBLE

(makes up excuses)

This is so you know that trouble can come from anywhere.

ROCKY

What are you even talking about?

Nimble comes closer to Rocky.

Rocky takes a couple of steps back, not knowing what to expect from him.

NIMBLE  
I will train you.

Rocky smiles slightly, thinking that Nimble is just joking.

ROCKY  
You? How do you know how to train me?

NIMBLE  
(with a smile)  
My boy! You don't know who you're talking to. I used to be one of the best lifeguards.

ROCKY  
(makes fun of him)  
In this life?

NIMBLE  
Ha-ha-ha! You don't have to believe me, when you finish training under my guidance, you simply won't recognize yourself.

ROCKY  
Nimble, you're not so fast anymore and...  
(squints)  
Old!

Rocky falls silent and sees Nimble dissatisfied look.

ROCKY  
I want to say that maybe you yourself forgot everything. Now everything has changed, both the requirements and...

Rocky looks at the ground and REMEMBERS being bullied by the other dogs.

ROCKY (CONT'D)  
(looks at Nimble))  
And the dogs have changed too.

Nimble quickly approaches Rocky and hugs him tightly.

A funny grimace appears on Rocky's face.

NIMBLE  
Are you talking about those weaklings who made fun of you?

Rocky nods silently.

NIMBLE

Trust me! They will all ask you for forgiveness.

(stops hugging Rocky)

They will still regret doing this to you.

Nimble is interrupted by a woman's voice coming from behind him.

FEMALE VOICE

Hey Terminator!

Nimble stops abruptly.

He and Rocky turn around and see Rocky's mom and Nimble's wife, an Otterhound dog, she holding a plumbing plunger.

NIMBLE'S WIFE

Expensive! Our sewer is clogged again.

Rocky looks at his mom, she smiles, then looks at Nimble.

NIMBLE

(looks at Rocky)

Household chores, son! When you grow up, you'll understand!

Nimble goes to his wife. They leave together.

ROCKY

(loud to Nimble)

What about our training?

Nimble doesn't stop, turns his head.

NIMBLE

Everything is valid! We'll start training tomorrow.

Rocky, slightly confused, looks at his mom.

She smiles and shrugs slightly.

Nimble and his wife walk forward, Nimble's voice barely reaches Rocky and his mom.

NIMBLE

(in the distance, to wife)

Darling! Don't do that again when I'm trying to impress a new recruit.

ROCKY

Mommy! Can Nimble really teach me everything?

## ROCKY'S MOM

No matter how old he may seem, he  
was truly among the best in his  
time.

Rocky looks at Nimble as he leaves, realizing he doesn't have  
much of a choice.

## EXT. CITY - MORNING

Nimble and Rocky are racing around the city on skateboards.  
They rush past disgruntled pedestrians, a duck, a turkey and  
a rooster, who are slightly brushed as they move.

Nimble and Rocky drive into the market.

## EXT. MARKET - MORNING

They fly past a counter with vegetables, which is run by a  
PIG.

The two of them fly past this counter like two rockets, the  
vegetables falling to the ground and rolling along the  
ground.

The pig looks after them with displeasure.

Ahead is a tent with clothes.

Nimble and Rocky fly into it at full speed.

They rush on.

Rocky a cap and sunglasses.

Nimble in a women's sundress and a woman's hat with a wide  
brim. He looks at himself and tears off these clothes, throws  
them aside, the clothes are put on the GOAT walking next to  
him.

The goat turns 360 degrees, she finds herself in front of a  
shop window, sees her reflection, she likes her new clothes,  
she preens herself.

Rocky and Nimble rush to the city park.

## EXT. CITY PARK - MORNING

Nimble and Rocky in front of the stairs going down and the  
railing.

They both jump onto the handrail and slide along the boards,  
switching places several times, jumping from handrail to  
handrail.

A hen approaches them with her five babies.

Nimble and Rocky quickly fly over them on their skateboards.

The chicken cackles displeasably. The babies look at Nimble and Rocky with delight and enthusiasm.

Rocky throws his cap and it covers the chickens.

They look out from under the cap, happy and contented.

EXT. OLD BUILDING - DAY

Nimble and Rocky come to a small abandoned one-story building.

The paint on it has long since faded; some windows have cracks, half of the glass is missing altogether.

Rocky leaves his skateboard, walks slowly towards the building and takes off his glasses.

ROCKY  
(with surprise)  
Where are we?

NIMBLE  
There used to be a school for training lifeguards here, but it has not been operating for a long time.

The two of them walk towards the building.

INT. FORMER RESCUE SCHOOL - DAY

Nimble opens the swing door.

A huge training hall appears in front of Rocky, with the necessary equipment and structures, everything is like in a new lifeguard school, only slightly outdated and covered with dust.

Rocky opens his mouth and looks around him with delight.

Next he sees a huge, dirty pool without water, the bottom of the pool looks like a slope that stretches lower and becomes deeper. At the bottom there is a COW dummy and a lot of leaves from the trees; near the pool there are boats and animal dummies for training.

Nimble looks at the very impressed Rocky and realizes that he likes this place.

NIMBLE  
Do you like?



ROCKY  
Yes! Really like!

NIMBLE  
There is no water in the pool yet  
and it is a little dirty...

Rocky interrupts Nimble.

ROCKY  
It can be cleaned.

NIMBLE  
When you need to save someone in a  
river or sea, will you also clean  
them before rescuing the drowning  
person?

ROCKY  
I understand! Everything will be  
close to reality.

NIMBLE  
Well done Rocky! You smart!

Nimble approaches the tap, turns it, and the pool quickly  
fills with water.

Along with the dirty water, a cow dummy rises to the top and  
floats on the surface.

Rocky looks at the dirty water and winces.

ROCKY  
Maybe we can at least remove the  
dirt and leaves?

Nimble is very unhappy with Rocky, sternly, in an orderly  
tone.

NIMBLE  
Come on, Rocky, faster save a  
drowning man!

Rocky is confused, looks first at the cow, then at Nimble.

NIMBLE  
(loudly, indignantly)  
Are you still here?

Rocky jumps into the pool with a running start, swims towards  
the mannequin, puffs hard, tries not to open his mouth so  
that leaves and dirt don't get into his mouth.

He grabs the stuffed cow with his teeth and swims to the side  
of the pool. The dirt still gets into his mouth, he begins to  
choke, his pupils dilate, and he looks at Nimble with huge  
eyes.

NIMBLE

Come on, come on, you're almost there.

Rocky begins to choke, his strength leaves him, he opens his mouth and leaves the mannequin in the pool.

It clings to the side with its paws, climbs up. He coughs heavily and coughs up dirt from his mouth.

Nimble, slightly stunned, feeling guilty, looks at the exhausted Rocky.

NIMBLE

Yes! Maybe it really wouldn't hurt to clean the pool.

(pause)

Oh, the cow drowned!

Rocky looks at the mannequin, it's like a heavy stone, it begins to sink, the big black eyes of the cow look at Rocky, and disappear under the water.

Only bubbles remain on the surface, which also soon burst.

ROCKY

(looks at the cow)

Sorry!

INT. ROCKY'S HOUSE - EVENING

The door opens.

Rocky, all dirty, shaggy and terribly tired, barely crosses the threshold of the house.

His mom looks at her son. She's sitting on the couch, knitting a sweater for Rocky that's half finished.

ROCKY'S MOM

How was your first day of training, son?

Rocky is unable to answer anything, only a wide smile appears on his dirty muzzle, he looks at his mother.

Rocky plops down on the floor as if the ground has slipped out from under his paws.

ROCKY'S MOM

(with sarcasm)

Chalk it to productivity.

INT. RESCUE SCHOOL - POOL - DAY

Domino struts along the pool, looking important.

Dogs swim from side to side during grueling training sessions.

DOMINO

You must remember that these trainings are important and necessary in order to save drowning.

Domino stops at the edge of the pool and the dogs swim towards him.

The Labrador shows good results, gets far ahead of the rest, and swims to the first.

DOMINO

Great result Archie!

Archie looks at Domino with a satisfied grin.

The rest of the dogs, tired, arrive at the finish line a little later.

DOMINO

You can follow the example of Archie, these are the kind of rescuers we need.

(looks at the dogs)

Well done to all of you! And you will be rewarded with two more laps.

INT. ROCKY'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - MORNING

Rocky's mom prepares breakfast, puts a plate of food on the table, there are some vegetables and meat in it.

Rocky runs joyfully into the kitchen, without sitting down at the table, he eats all the food very quickly.

Rocky's mom looks at him in surprise.

ROCKY

Thank you mom! I ran to training.

Rocky flies out the door.

Rocky's mom looks contentedly at the empty plate.

INT. FORMER RESCUE SCHOOL - MORNING

Rocky is cleaning the pool with a large brush.

Dust stands in a column, leaves swirl around him, he collects dirt in a black bag.

Nimble sits on a sun lounger and looks at the magazine -- A DOG'S LIFE.

On the page, a Spitz dog with a satisfied smile sits in a comfortable fishing chair on a small yacht, with a fishing rod in his paws, surrounded by the blue ocean.

NIMBLE  
(jealous)  
Lucky baby!

Rocky lets out heart-rending screams, holds the bag in his teeth and tries to drag it up, with another bag in each paw.

Nimble peeks out from behind the magazine.

NIMBLE  
Don't give up, Rocky! Only through  
hard work can achieve success.

Rocky tries to answer him, but can't out anything because of the bag he's holding in his teeth.

His words sound like a grunt.

ROCKY  
(not legible)  
I try as best I can!

Nimble looks at the magazine, ignores Rocky's words, does not understand anything that he says, and answers with the first thing that comes to mind.

NIMBLE  
M-m-m! I'm not hungry yet! Thank  
you!

Rocky carries bags of trash upstairs. Lightning fast, cleans the pool from any remaining dirt.

The pool shines like a mirror.

Rocky turns the valve and the pool quickly fills with water.

Then Rocky alone drags the exercise equipment, putting great effort into placing them in place.

He pushes the boats into the water and ties them to the rail with ropes.

NIMBLE  
Perfect! Now get to the windows. So  
that you and I don't get sick from  
the draft.

Rocky looks at Nimble and bares his teeth.

Nimble looks at the magazine.

NIMBLE

What did you say?

Rocky stops bares his teeth and gets down to business.

Like a real carpenter, he cuts the boards with a hand saw. Wood dust envelops Rocky from all sides.

Rocky emerges from a cloud of dust, he is covered in sawdust, blinks and sneezes loudly, sawdust falls from him.

Nimble still doesn't look up from the magazine.

NIMBLE

I told you, drafts are not to be trifled with.

(pause)

So, hurry up!

Rocky finishes working on the windows, all the cracks are sealed, the exercise equipment is clean, the pool is filled with water, he approaches Nimble, barely able to stand on his feet, he is still sitting on the sun lounger with a magazine.

Nimble hears Rocky's heavy breathing, looks at him.

NIMBLE

Are you done yet?

The Nimble one looks around the premises, satisfied, gets up from the sun lounger, puts a magazine on it, and puts on slippers.

NIMBLE

Well, now let's start training!

Rocky, hearing this, looks at Nimble with a stunned, tired and confused look and falls to the floor, closing his eyes.

Nimble moves his claws and looks at Rocky, puzzled.

NIMBLE

Maybe we'll start tomorrow!

INT. ROCKY'S HOUSE - ROOM - NIGHT

The room is dark, the light from the corridor falls on Rocky.

Rocky is lying on his back on the bed, part of the blanket hanging on the floor, snoring like a woodchuck.

Rocky's mom looks at her son with emotion and covers him with a blanket.

She quietly leaves the room and slowly pulls the door behind him.

The light from the corridor gradually diminishes until only a small strip of light remains on Rocky's face.

Rocky's mom looks at Rocky again through the small crack in the door, Rocky makes a few noises, rolls over and mom closes the door.

EXT. FORMER RESCUE SCHOOL - DAY

Rocky is harnessed like a horse, and it's clear by the look on his face that he's having a hard time.

He drags the boat along an upward slope, Nimble sits on it, eats a sandwich and holds a bottle of water in his other paw.

NIMBLE

Not bad, not bad! Keep it up! Hard to learn, easy to fight.

Rocky grins maliciously through his teeth.

ROCKY

If I live to see this fight!

AT THE RESCUE SCHOOL, TRAINING TAKES PLACE IN PARALLEL.

CUT TO:

EXT. RESCUE SCHOOL - TRAINING SITE - DAY

The dogs run in circles with empty boats, they drag them along the grass.

POODLE

(to the English Setter)  
I thought it would be harder!

The English Setter looks contentedly at the Poodle.

CUT TO:

EXT. FORMER RESCUE SCHOOL - DAY

Rocky's breath hitches as he stands upstairs. It cuts through the air with its paws and tries to snatch a bottle of water from Nimble paws.

NIMBLE

(mockingly)  
What? Would you like some water?

Rocky quickly nods his head up and down, pointing to his throat.

NIMBLE

So that's good! Now the plans  
include water treatments.

INT. FORMER RESCUE SCHOOL - POOL - DAY

ENERGETIC MUSIC PLAYING.

Rocky barely hears her underwater, tries to surface, rows as hard as he can.

A small weight is tied to his hind paw.

Rocky almost floats to the surface, the music can be heard better.

Rocky's NOSE appears on the surface of the water, more and more bubbles emerge from the water, then his muzzle.

The music can be heard well, but Rocky barely has time to draw air into his mouth before he finds himself under water again, the weight of the weight pulling him down. Rocky doesn't give up, he manages to swim to the railing and grab onto it.

CUT TO:

INT. RESCUE SCHOOL - POOL - DAY

The dogs effortlessly swim back and forth in the pool.

An English Setter is swimming on his back, next to him on the other track is a Poodle.

ENGLISH SETTER

(says to Poodle)

Bagel! I didn't think it would be  
so easy here!

BAGEL

I also Juju, me too!

Archie quickly swims past them.

ARCHIE

(serious)

Step aside!

Archie swims quickly, only leaving large waves behind him.

Water falls into the mouths of Bagel and Juju, they both look after Archie with displeasure.

EXT. STREET - EVENING

Archie walks majestically and proudly down the street. The inhabitants of one of the houses, the drake and his wife glance at him.

EXT. HOUSE OF THE DRAKE AND HIS WIFE - EVENING

The drake is watering a ROSE in a pot, but after staring at Archie, he overdoes it and the water overflows.

The drake gets water on his paws, he turns his attention to his paws. He looks up and sees his wife quickly stamping her paw. He looks at her with a stupid grin.

She looks angry, is holding a rake in her hand.

The drake stops grinning, realizes that he screwed up again and can get from her.

EXT. STREET - FORMER RESCUE SCHOOL - EVENING

Archie walks further and hears loud laughter. He turns around and realizes that the laughter is coming from the former rescue school.

His gait becomes less stately and proud, approaching the building, he sees through the window how Rocky is training.

Rocky is in the pool, dragging the boat behind him without much effort.

Archie looks at Rocky's progress with displeasure and bares his teeth.

Archie turns and leaves.

ARCHIE

(mutters under his breath)

Means he will never calm down!

(looks back)

OK!

(squints eyes)

INT. FORMER RESCUE SCHOOL - EVENING

Rocky swims to the side and holds on to the railing with his paws.

Nimble stands at the top and looks at Rocky with a smile.

NIMBLE

Great, Rocky! Every day you are getting better and better!



Rocky is inspired by Nimble's praise.

ROCKY  
(glad)  
This is awesome! Wow!

Rocky feels a surge of strength. He grabs the rope and takes another lap in the pool.

Nimble looks at Rocky admiringly.

INT. RESCUE SCHOOL - ROOM - DAY

Domino, not happy, jumps up from his chair and leans his paws on the table.

DOMINO  
So you saying this little loser is  
being trained by a retired old dog?

Archie is standing in front of the table.

ARCHIE  
Yes! Exactly!

Domino begins to nervously walk around the room in thought. He comes up with an idea to end Rocky's efforts to become a lifeguard.

DOMINO  
I think I know what to do with  
this!  
(smiles sinisterly)

Archie, a little scared, nods nervously.

ARCHIE  
I'm glad, boss!

INT. NIMBLE'S HOUSE AND HIS WIFE - LATE EVENING

Nimble sits in a rocking chair in front of the TV.

The room has a homely feel, containing several antiques: a sofa, a wardrobe and a small chest of drawers.

His wife approaches him with a mug, from which a light, transparent haze rises.

NIMBLE'S WIFE  
How are you feeling, dear!

NIMBLE

Already better! This young man  
didn't even let me sit down today,  
he has so much energy.

(looks at his wife)

Let me drink, you wonderful herbal  
decoction.

His wife hands him a mug.

Nimble takes one sip and closes his eyes from delight.

NIMBLE

Amazing!

(opens eyes)

It will be difficult to stop Rocky  
on his way to his goal.

INT. ROCKY'S HOUSE - MORNING

Rocky, in a good mood, quickly walks down the railing to the  
first floor.

ROCKY

(singing)

I am handsome! Everything is fine!  
But, I'm tired! I am trying very  
hard!

Rocky walks past the living room and spots his mom, Nimble,  
and his wife out of the corner of his eye.

Rocky stops and looks at their upset faces. Rocky slowly  
walks towards them, mom looks at Rocky with a sad and anxious  
look.

Rocky's satisfied grimace changes to an anxious and concerned  
look.

ROCKY

Something happened? Why are you all  
so sad?

Mom silently hands him a letter.

Rocky slowly reaches out his paw and takes the letter,  
sensing something unkind.

On the paper is the logo of the rescue school: A PORTUGUESE  
MERMAN DOG IN A YELLOW LIFE VEST.

ROCKY

(reads the letter)

Dear Rocky, Barbet breed! We inform  
you that you will not be able to  
take part in the rescue  
competition.

Rocky's intonation changes, his voice becomes upset.

ROCKY

(reads further)

Unfortunately, according to the new rules, dogs whose height does not exceed fifty centimeters at the withers are not allowed to participate.

Rocky lowers the letter down, lets her go, it smoothly spins in the air and falls to the floor.

Rocky looks sadly at his mom.

ROCKY'S MOM

I'm so sorry son!

Nimble's wife nudges her husband to get him to say something in support of Rocky.

NIMBLE

Rocky! Don't be so upset! It's not the end of the world, you just need to grow up a little and that's it.

NIMBLE'S WIFE

Next year, you will grow up and fit these rules.

Rocky turns his back to them.

ROCKY

I know that I can go to lifeguard school now, even with my small stature.

Rocky, in a bad mood, goes to the door, opens it and goes outside.

Rocky's mom is very worried about Rocky and looks at Nimble.

ROCKY'S MOM

Nimble! Is there really nothing that can be done? I remember the time when my husband became a lifeguard, he was about the same height as Rocky.

Nimble's wife picks up the conversation.

NIMBLE'S WIFE

Yes exactly! And Grandpa Rocky wasn't a giant when he became a lifeguard either.

(looks at husband)

Maybe you can work this out?

Nimble is puzzled; he can't figure out how to help Rocky.

NIMBLE  
(mumbles)  
Well, I do not know! These rules,  
you can't argue with them.

Nimble begins to irritate his wife with this uncertainty and inaction.

NIMBLE'S WIFE  
(raises voice)  
What are you, like a sausage! Think  
carefully! How can you help a poor  
boy?  
(even louder)  
He tries so hard, he doesn't feel  
sorry for himself.

Nimble begins to fear his wife in this state.

NIMBLE  
OK! OK! Calm down, honey!

He looks at Rocky's mom, she believes with hope in her eyes that he will find a way out.

Nimble looks at the table and sees an old, worn book.

NIMBLE  
(inspired)  
Old rules. This might work!

Nimble quickly approaches the exit.

NIMBLE'S WIFE  
Did you come up with an idea?

Nimble looks at Rocky's mom and his wife with a satisfied look.

NIMBLE  
It might work!

Nimble runs out into the street.

Nimble's wife looks at Rocky's mom with a victorious look.

NIMBLE'S WIFE  
Sometimes a man needs a good push,  
to get him to do something.

EXT. BRIDGE - EVENING

Rocky sits on the bridge, folding his hands on the railing, looking into the calm water, where fish sometimes appear, swimming peacefully in the pond.

Rocky takes his amulet in his paw, as if feeling guilty for his failure.

ROCKY

Forgive me, I won't be able to become a rescuer as early as you. And I don't know if I can do it at all.

Nimble appears in front of the bridge, all excited.

NIMBLE

Rocky! That's where you are! I'm looking for you everywhere.  
(comes closer)  
I have news for you.

Rocky doesn't pay attention to him.

ROCKY

What is it this time?  
(ironic)  
I can't become a lifeguard because of my coat color?

NIMBLE

What? No! You did not understand! I have good news for you.

Rocky perks up a little.

NIMBLE

Tomorrow there will be a vote at the lifeguard school; the decision about your admission to rescue school this year will be made by the most respected and influential dog, a former rescuer.

Rocky stands up on his paws, a slight smile appears on his face.

ROCKY

How did you manage that?

Nimble can barely contain his enthusiasm and boastfulness.

NIMBLE

Well, I'm a former lifeguard with many awards. Some, still remember my achievements.

Rocky can barely hold back his tears; he suddenly hugs Nimble tightly.

ROCKY

Thank you for helping Nimble!

NIMBLE  
Now that's a hug, I get it!  
(hugs Rocky)  
You're welcome, baby!

Rocky stops hugging Nimble, he cannot contain his joy at the fact that another chance appears. He runs joyfully towards the house.

ROCKY  
I'll run and make my mom happy.

Rocky runs away.

Nimble straightens his back and looks at the joyful Rocky.

NIMBLE  
(with a smile, loudly)  
Run Rocky, run! Fly like the wind!

INT. RESCUE SCHOOL - ASSEMBLING HALL - DAY

In the hall, all the current and former ministers of the rescue school and some residents of the city are sitting on chairs.

In front of them is a stage on which there is a long table, behind it is a door, and behind the table there is a high chair.

To the left of the table, Rocky is sitting on a chair, he very excited and worried.

To the right of the table stands a menacing BULL in a long green jacket, the assistant to the rescuers main dog.

Sitting in the front row is his mom, and Nimble with his wife.

A few chairs away, Domino sits on chairs, Archie next to him, they look at Rocky with a straight face.

Rocky looks at them with an awkward look and immediately looks away.

Domino just grins, sure that Rocky won't achieve anything with this.

Rocky's mom looks at Rocky with inspiration, clenches her paw into a fist, and supports her son.

Quiet conversations in the hall die down when the door to the stage opens, it creaks a lot with unlubricated steel hinges.

There is deathly silence in the hall, those present can only hear the clatter of claws knocking on the old, creaky boards.

The animals look at the stage in anticipation.

Rocky, his mouth slightly open in anticipation, does not take his gaze off the chair.

Black ears gradually appear from behind the table, then eyes, and finally the head of a male Portuguese Water Dog. A very old dog, who looks about sixteen years old.

He slowly sits down on his chair.

Domino looks at his paw tiresomely and unrestrainedly, as if he had a watch, showing indifference to this event.

IN THE HALL

The drake's wife asks her husband with interest, without taking her eyes off the stage.

DRAKE'S WIFE

(whisper)

Darling, who is it?

The drake begins to tell his wife a very long story, starting with painfully familiar words.

DRAKE

It was a long time ago, when I was still very little...

The drake's wife elbows her husband in the side.

The drake is slightly frightened by his wife's dissatisfied appearance.

DRAKE'S WIFE

You really...? Can you it shorter...? Just tell me who is it?

DRAKE

Sorry honey! This is Wind, the oldest and most respected former rescuer.

DRAKE'S WIFE

See darling! Brevity does not always harm you physical condition.

SCENE

The wind takes out a huge black book from under the table, places it on the table with a crash, looks into the hall and begins his speech in a quiet, senile, hoarse voice.

WIND

And so we have gathered here today to decide whether young Rocky, a Barbet breed, despite his small stature, can become a rescuer this year.

The wind opens the book and turns over a few pages.

WIND (CONT'D)

(not loud)

Looks like I found.

(reads aloud)

As stated in paragraph four of these rules; "Any dog that reaches a height of fifty centimeters at the withers can become a rescue dog if it passes the exam."

(looks at Rocky)

Get up, Rocky!

The wind looks at the bull, and he understands by his gaze what he needs to do.

The bull approaches Rocky with heavy steps on two legs.

Rocky presses his ears to his head, not knowing why the bull is approaching him or what he will do, a little scared.

The bull takes out a ROULETTE from his pocket.

BULL

(seriously, Rocky)

Stand up straight!

Rocky, like a soldier on the parade ground, straightens his back and stretches his ears upward as best he can.

The bull measures Rocky's height, from the floor to the beginning of the ears; the number on the tape measure is -- 37.

Rocky looks into the bull's eyes with a pleading look.

The bull softens his gaze, measures Rocky's protruding ears to the brim, looks at the tape measure, the number on it is -- 43.

The bull looks at the worried Rocky with regret and doom.

BULL

Sorry baby!

(loud to the Wind)

Forty-three centimeters is Your salvation!

Rocky's ears randomly drop onto his head, like autumn leaves falling from trees to the ground.



WIND

As everyone has heard, Rocky is seven centimeters short of the norm.

Rocky's mom, Nimble and his wife look at Rocky sadly and sympathetically.

The hall is noisy, a dissatisfied roar rises.

Domino with a wide, joyful smile, turns his head, pushes Archie with his paw, who looks at the drooping Rocky, but turns his gaze to Domino and hardly squeezes out a smile.

The words of the Wind are heard only by Rocky and the bull.

WIND

(thoughtful, quiet)

Ye-e-e-s! In my time, every dog could become a rescuer if she had the patience and courage.

(very loud)

However!

Everyone in the hall falls silent, it becomes quiet again, they listen with interest to the old rescuer.

WIND

The new rules also say; "If any dog wants to become a rescuer, but for some reason does not fit the parameters..."

Domino stops grinning and looks intently at Wind.

WIND (CONT'D)

"Then, all current and former employees of the rescue school have the right to vote for the future candidate."

DOMINO

(indignant, from the spot)

Ravings of an old dog!

The Wind casts a dissatisfied glance at Domino, he immediately becomes more humble.

WIND

And so vote. Who's in favor of Rocky being able to take part in the lifeguard competition this year?

In the hall, the paws of the animals rise up, seeing them off with enthusiastic screams and whistles.

VOICE FROM THE CROWD

DRAKE

(loud)

Give the boy a chance!

The drake looks at his wife's serious face, on which an approving smile appears.

Domino, angry, like a dark cloud, looks angrily at the pleased Rocky.

Archie looks at Domino warily and decides to raise his paw up, behind Domino's back.

WIND

(with a smile)

Go for it, here's your chance,  
Rocky!

Domino, having suffered a moral fiasco, proudly leaves the hall.

Archie follows Domino and looks back at Rocky with a smile.

Rocky is incredibly happy, runs up to his mother and hugs her.

ROCKY'S MOM

You see Rocky! The main thing is to  
believe and not give up.

Nimble looks towards the Wind, he winks at him with a smile, Nimble repeats the same thing.

NIMBLE

(to Rocky)

Well, Rocky! Tomorrow we will  
continue our training, in three  
days you have an exam at the rescue  
school.

ROCKY

(confident)

I'm ready!

INT. FORMER RESCUE SCHOOL - MORNING

Rocky quickly runs along the crossbar, then jumps over all the swaying car tires, crawls under the stretched net without touching it.

Swims back and forth in the pool, stops near the side, trying to catch his breath.

NIMBLE

What, are you giving up already?

ROCKY

Never!

Nimble, happy, smiling, looking at the stopwatch.

Rocky swims to the cow dummy, grabs it with his teeth and drags it into the side of the shallow water, drags it into a place without water.

Nimble nods approvingly at Rocky.

NIMBLE

And the last thing... A boat with a drowning.

Nimble throws the COW dummy into the water, about five meters from the boat.

Rocky exhales several times and jumps back into the water. He swims up to the dummy, grabs it with his teeth, drags it towards the boat, throws back his head and throws the dummy into the boat with a flourish.

The mannequin lies on the side of the boat and slowly begins to slide down.

Rocky wants to swim to the rope to pull the boat into shallow water, he sees that the dummy is about to fall into the water, quickly swims up to him with his nose, pushes him from below and the dummy ends up in the boat.

Nimble claps his paws in Rocky's approval.

NIMBLE

Come on, Rocky, you need to pull the boat.

Rocky drags the boat into shallow water, almost exhausted.

UNDER THE WATER

He tries to reach the bottom with his paws, but it seems to him that this pool is infinitely deep, like the Mariana Trench.

Finally, Rocky's paws reach the bottom, and he pulls the boat into shallow water.

Rocky breathes heavily, spits the rope out of his mouth, looks at the cow in her meaningless and empty gaze.

ROCKY

I did it!  
(teasing)  
Mo-o-o-o-o-o-o!

Nimble, barely restraining his emotions, approaches Rocky.

NIMBLE

This is not quite what I expected!

Rocky is tense, thinking that he didn't meet the required time.

NIMBLE

(pleased)

It is even better!

ROCKY

(does not believe)

Is it true?

NIMBLE

If you pass this exam as well tomorrow, you will become a lifesaver.

Rocky cannot contain his emotions, plops into the water and begins to float on his back, SCREAMING loudly.

TITLE:

Exams at lifeguard school

EXT. RESCUE SCHOOL - DAY

Sunny hot day.

ENERGETIC MUSIC PLAYING.

IN SLOW MOTION.

Towards the school, Rocky walks ahead with a serious face.

Behind him, in a line, are Rocky's mom, Nimble and his wife, and the drake with his wife.

The drake begins to flap his wings, touches his wife's head, she leans to the side, he does not notice this, continues to flap harder and receives a slap from her.

Nimble with pride, prancing like a horse.

His wife looks at her boastful husband and smiles.

They are approaching the training area. Rocky freezes in place with his mouth open, rooted to the spot.

Everyone stops and looks at Rocky.

NIMBLE

What's the matter Rocky, have you changed your mind?

Rocky comes to his senses.

ROCKY

No! They just changed the equipment  
on the court, you taught me  
differently.

Everyone looks at the training area.

NIMBLE

And what? The conditions have  
changed a little. You can handle  
this!

ROCKY'S MOM

Don't worry son! Nimble is right,  
you can do anything.

DRAKE

Brave up guy!

Rocky looks at the drake, he winks at him.

ROCKY

(confident)

Well, okay, then go ahead!

EXT. RESCUE SCHOOL - TRAINING SITE - DAY

THE MUSIC CONTINUES PLAYING.

Many competitors from different breeds of dogs gathered to  
take the exam.

Instructor bears, Domino, Archie, Juju and Bagel, as judges.

One of the bears wants to make a speech, but because of the  
loud, incessant music, it is difficult for him to do so. He  
looks away.

A donkey in a blue cap plays a synthesizer, not paying  
attention to the bear gestures.

The bear shows the donkey a time-out sign with its paws.

Only after some time does the donkey pay attention to him  
and, with a guilty look, stops playing.

BEAR INSTRUCTOR # 1

Welcome to our participants! As you  
have already noticed, we have  
slightly changed the conditions at  
the training ground.

(encouragingly)

But on the water everything remains  
the same.

Rocky accidentally catches Domino's sly glance and realizes  
that the conditions changed for a reason.

Domino intervenes.

DOMINO

And let me remind you that the  
minimum passing score is seventy  
points.

(passes near Rocky)

Good luck, shorty!

Rocky was not at all embarrassed by Domino's caustic words;  
he is focused and serious.

Contestants and spectators look at the site.

They need to go through several obstacles;

SLALOM -- you need to run through it like a snake and try not  
to hit the bars.

SPRINGBOARD -- you need to climb to a height of 1.5 meters  
and jump to another part of the springboard.

SLIDE -- height 1.5 meters, you need to climb up and down it.

RINGS -- jump over several rings at different heights and  
different diameters.

THREE BARRIERS -- of different heights from 0.5 to 1.7  
meters.

And the last obstacle, the TUNNEL -- he is low and long, need  
to crawl through it as quickly as possible.

Under a large canopy, guests and instructors sit on seats.

Instructor Bear #1 signals the start of the competition by  
blowing his whistle.

Rocky begins to overcome obstacles one after another.

Rocky almost finishes the obstacle course, he almost loses  
his breath, but he overcomes the last highest barrier.

At the same time as Rocky, a Pinscher dog squeezes into the  
tunnel.

INT. RESCUE SCHOOL - TUNNEL - A LITTLE LATER - DAY

They crawl side by side.

PINCHER

(threatening)

Hey little guy, move over!

Pincher pushes Rocky, he presses against the wall.

Rocky catches up to him and pushes him back hard just before he exits the tunnel.

ROCKY  
I'm small, but strong!

EXT. RESCUE SCHOOL - TRAINING SITE - DAY

Rocky runs to the finish line, but is far from the first; several dogs are already standing there.

Rocky's mom voice is heard from under the canopy.

ROCKY'S MOM  
Well done Rocky!

EXT. RESCUE SCHOOL - POND - A LITTLE LATER - DAY

Rocky, at the last water hazard, pulls the boat with the dummy SHEEP towards the shore with all his might.

Pincher pulls his boat next to Rocky.

There are other dogs on both sides, they are in front and are already swimming to the shore, pulling the boats behind them.

From the shore, spectators shout in support of the contestants.

Rocky is ahead of Pincher, but sees that he cannot cope and swallows a lot of water into his mouth.

ROCKY  
(through teeth)  
Don't swallow the water!

But Pincher can no longer do anything, he begins to drown.

On the shore, the instructors begin to worry about Pincher.

EXT. SHORE - DAY

BEAR INSTRUCTOR #1  
We must save him!

Domino stops him.

DOMINO  
No! If he wants to become a  
rescuer, he must get out himself.

The bear frowns and looks at Domino.

EXT. POND - DAY

Rocky is tormented by doubts; he is faced with a choice: abandon the boat, then he will fail the competition, or save a drowning man. Rocky is confused, but still decides to save Pincher.

He throws the rope and swims towards Pincher, grabs him by the scruff of the neck with his teeth, Pincher almost loses consciousness.

EXT. SHORE - DAY

Rocky pulls Pincher safely to shore.

Pincher clears his throat and looks at Rocky with guilty eyes. He is ashamed for having behaved inappropriately.

PINCHER

Thank you, you are a real  
lifesaver!

Rocky wants to respond to his gratitude, but Domino interrupts him.

DOMINO

(with a grin)

Yes! He helped you, but  
unfortunately he failed the  
competition.

Instructor bears, other judges, and spectators approach them.

BEAR INSTRUCTOR #1

Yes, Rocky, you only scored sixty  
points on this exam and didn't pull  
the boat ashore.

(eyes wide open)

And you left the boat with the  
drowning.

Rocky feels guilty, but knows he did the right thing when he saved Pincher.

ROCKY

I helped someone who needed help  
more. And in the boat there was a  
mannequin.

BEAR INSTRUCTOR #1

(serious)

Yes, there was a mannequin, but it  
could have been one of us.

(smiles)

And, therefore, for the courage  
shown, you are awarded ten points,  
and the total is seventy.



Trainer Bear #1 takes the badge out of his pocket.

BEAR INSTRUCTOR #1  
In addition, Rocky is awarded this  
lifeguard badge.  
(raises the badge above  
his head)

Everyone present happily claps their hands.

Domino can barely contain his anger and indignation.

DOMINO  
Wait, this is not right!

BEAR INSTRUCTOR #2  
No! Everything is according to the  
rules. He saved a drowning by  
acting like a real rescuer.

Domino once again has to come to terms with his moral defeat.

Trainer Bear #1 attaches a badge to Rocky's collar.

BEAR INSTRUCTOR #1  
(to Rocky)  
Congratulations contestant, you are  
now a lifesaver.

Nimble hugs Rocky tightly and rubs his withers.

NIMBLE  
See! Everything worked out!

Rocky's mom can't hold back her tears of joy, along with the  
drake, his wife smiles sweetly at Rocky's success.

BEAR INSTRUCTOR #1  
We congratulate everyone who  
managed to pass this difficult  
exam, and we are glad to see you at  
the rescue school.  
(pause)  
We are waiting for the rest who did  
not succeed today next year.

The Pincher and several other dog breeds leave the grounds of  
the rescue school in disappointment.

INT. RESCUE SCHOOL - ROOM - LATE EVENING

Domino is angry, rushing from side to side around the room.

Trainer bear #1 comes to see him.

BEAR INSTRUCTOR #1

Domino! Why did you dislike this boy so much? He is very nice and brave, in person, all the qualities of a rescuer.

DOMINO

Today we accept such kids. What's next?

(approaches the bear)

We will be accepting small puppies into our school?

Domino's nose rests against the bear face, then Domino steps aside.

The bear rubs nose with the palm of his hand.

BEAR INSTRUCTOR #1

You just need to calm down. And come to terms with the fact that Rocky has now become a rescuer just like you.

Domino softens his anger and exhales heavily.

BEAR INSTRUCTOR #1

Get some rest.

The bear leaves the room and closes the door. Through the glass, he sees by the behavior of Domino, who shakes his head, reluctantly, resigns himself to the fact that Rocky becomes a rescuer.

The bear smiles.

EXT. RESCUE SCHOOL - THE NEXT DAY - MORNING

Rocky gets off the bus.

He stops for a moment in front of the open gate. He looks at the tall building with delight, just like a year ago when he was riding on the bus with his mom.

The inscription on the building in large multi-colored letters: RESCUE SCHOOL.

ROCKY

I can't believe my eyes that I'm here.

INT. RESCUE SCHOOL - CORRIDOR - MORNING

Bagel and Juju introduce Rocky to the local rules and order; they walk along the corridor, with many closed doors on the sides.

Rocky walks in the center, flanked by Bagel and Juju.

Rocky listens attentively, first to one, then to the other, only having time to turn his head.

They each have walkie-talkies on their belts.

BAGEL

Everything is simple here, a little training to keep yourself in shape. Then, if we're lucky, save someone's life.

JUJU

There are plenty of brave souls who overestimate their strength.  
(shakes paws)  
It's always the same thing. After all, it's written, and every time we say...

BAGEL AND JUJU (TOGETHER)

Don't swim behind the buoys!

ROCKY

Yes! They never listen!

They approach one of the doors.

The inscription on the sign -- GYM.

BAGEL

Here you can pump yourself up  
(shows muscles)  
To avoid mistakes at work.  
(opens the door)

All the training apparatus are busy and the dogs are training hard.

BAGEL (CONT'D)

We will return to this later.

Bagel closes the door, they move on.

JUJU

There's something more enjoyable here than lifting iron.

Juju stops at the next door, slowly opens it, a pleasant light steam comes out of it, with an amazing aroma.

JUJU (CONT'D)

(looks at Rocky)  
Feel the aroma!  
(sniffs)  
Close you eyes, try it!

Rocky closes his eyes and takes a deep breath.

BAGEL

Now exhale, just slowly!

Rocky gradually lets the air out of his lungs.

ROCKY

Cool!

(opens eyes)

Divine smell.

JUJU

(with pleasure)

You will feel pure bliss in these  
baths. Sauna is what you need!

Juju closes the door and they move on.

They pass by the next door.

The inscription on the sign -- MEN'S TOILET.

BAGEL

(with disgust)

It's better not to go here at all  
without a gas mask, especially  
after lunch.

ROCKY, JUJU, BAGEL (TOGETHER)

(the three of them wince)

Phew!

The sign on the next door -- WOMEN'S TOILET.

JUJU

Here! Oddly enough, always smells  
good, even though we eat the same  
thing.

Juju looks at Rocky, shrugs, spreads his paws.

JUJU (CONT'D)

Magic!

At this time, three female dogs are walking along the  
corridor past Rocky and company, one of them is Matilda,  
looking intently at Bagel.

MATILDA

Hello Bagel!

Bagel, from the sudden attention from Matilda, is speechless,  
and only an absurd smile appears on his face.

ROCKY

(to Bagel)

And who is this?

Bagel is silent, follows Matilda with his gaze until she disappears around the corner, then looks at Rocky.

BAGEL

These are the girls from the  
accounting department.

The trio approaches the end of the corridor, the last door.

Bagel opens doors, there are many tables with tablecloths and on each there is a small vase of flowers.

BAGEL

As you can see, Rocky, this is the  
dining room. After the sauna, this  
is another good place.

Bagel and Juju smoothly connect their paws in the air.

Instructor Bear #1 appears in the hallway, out of breath.

BEAR INSTRUCTOR #1

There you are? It's time for you  
to leave, you need to inspect the  
territory, the car is already  
waiting near the entrance.

(approaches Juju)

They didn't give you the radios not  
for show.

(turns the lever on the  
radio)

You must always keep it on.

Bagel and Rocky check their radios, look at each other and quietly turn the levers to turn them on.

INT./EXT. RESCUE VEHICLE - DAY

Bagel opens the door to the side; Domino sits on the seat, with his back to the driver's seat, dissatisfied, with his paws folded on his chest, and Archie next to him.

DOMINO

(sneers)

Look, Archie! And then our rescuers  
arrived. No, of course, you don't  
have to rush, drowning people will  
save themselves!

The whole trio silently gets into the car.

Juju slams the door, they fasten their seat belts.

DOMINO

(to the driver)

Step on the gas!

The engine remains not started, the car stands still.

Domino looks across the seat, the driver's seat is empty, turns his head towards the dogs.

DOMINO  
(flaps eyelids)  
Didn't understand! Where is our  
driver?

At the same second, the driver's door quickly opens, a HARE jumps onto the seat, and slams the door tightly.

HARE  
Sorry for being late!

On the head of a hare, his signature red-blue cap with the logo of the rescue school.

DOMINO  
(frowning)  
Let's go already!

The hare instantly starts the engine and, like a bullet flying out of a gun barrel, accelerates, and the siren turns on.

Domino and Archie squeeze into their seats.

Rocky, Bagel and Juju lean forward but are held back by the straps.

VIEW FROM THE CAR.

The hare is approaching a crossroads; The traffic light is red.

ROCKY  
(shouting)  
Red, stop!

The hare instead speeds up and zigzags around all the cars.

There is a winding road ahead.

The car rushes on, there is a pedestrian crossing ahead. Various animals cross it; cow, goat, gray cat with two kittens.

ROCKY  
(shouting)  
Pedestrian crossing, stop!

The car rushes towards the cat, she widens her eyes, grabs the kittens, and hugs them to herself.

The hare turns the steering wheel to the right and drives past without hitting anyone.

HARE

Now let's accelerate, there will be almost a straight line ahead.

DOMINO

(anxiously)

Almost?

The hare accelerates even more, the road is empty, he notices the turn to the right at the wrong time.

HARE

(loud)

Oops! Hold on tight!

Dogs do not have time to grab the handles in the car.

Domino's heavy weight pushes Archie against the wall, and Archie's tongue falls out of his mouth.

Rocky hovers in the air, pressing his paws to Domino's face.

Bagel presses Juju's face to the seat with his paw.

The car stops abruptly.

EXT. RESCUE VEHICLE - DAY

Domino slams the door hard.

A hare leans out the passenger front window.

HARE

As soon as you're done here, call me, I'll come pick your up.

DOMINO

(nervously)

No-o-o! We are better on foot, it is healthier for us.

HARE

(shrugs)

As you wish!

The car accelerates and quickly disappears behind the building.

EXT. CITY PARK - DAY

All five dogs in yellow vests walk through the park, looking around, keeping order.

Bagel and Juju are walking behind the others, slightly swaying from side to side from the crazy ride.

BAGEL  
 (Juju speaking)  
 Want to know what I had for lunch  
 today?

JUJU  
 I already know! Look!

Juju approaches the tree and vomits on the grass.

BAGEL  
 (winced)  
 I can't watch when someone feels  
 bad.

Bagel comes up to the tree and vomits too.

Domino, Archie and Rocky stop and look at the nauseated dogs.

ROCKY  
 It's good that I have a strong  
 stomach!

Domino looks at the Bagel and also feels a little nauseous.  
 Domino looks at Rocky, clenches his jaw tightly and feels the  
 urge to vomit.

Archie, having seen enough of Domino, can hardly restrain  
 himself.

Rocky looks towards the tree, the dogs have their backs to  
 him, four dogs feel bad, they are vomiting.

ROCKY  
 (smiles)  
 I tell you, I have a strong  
 stomach!

The next moment, Rocky is also standing near this tree.

Five dogs stand with their backs to passers-by. They are  
 slightly shocked by what is happening.

EXT. CITY PARK - POND - DAY

A family of cats sunbathes on a large air mattress on the  
 water.

A cat with a cat and three kittens.

The kittens become sad and begin to playfully run around the  
 mattress, rocking it violently.

DAD CAT  
 (strictly)  
 Children! Be careful!



The kittens don't seem to hear their father's instructions and continue to play.

One of the kittens, playing, jumps on the other kitten as if on its prey, releasing its claws and spreading its paws to the sides.

The other kitten jumps to the side, and his brother digs his claws into the mattress and tears through it.

Air begins to escape from the mattress.

The cats, dad and mom are in a panic, the kittens stop playing sit, scared, quietly on the mattress.

The cat's mom begins to nervously run around the mattress.

MOM CAT

What to do? We'll all drown.

Dad cat tries to calm his wife and kittens.

DAD CAT

Just don't panic!

(thinks)

Begin to row towards the shore.

They actively get down to business, but the mattress quickly loses air, and the shore is still far away.

MOM CAT

We won't have time, the air in the mattress will run out.

The dad cat silently nods in agreement, begins to look around and sees rescuers walking along the shore.

DAD CAT

(shouting)

Help, we're drowning!

MOM CAT

The worst thing that can happen to cats will happen to us.

(starts to cry)

We'll all get wet!

Domino hears a scream and sees that the mattress begins to go under the water along with the cats.

DOMINO

Rescuers, everyone is behind me!

All the dogs rush into the water and quickly swim to the mattress.

DOMINO (CONT'D)

Archie! Help the kittens.

ARCHIE

So kids, all of you jump on me.

The kittens quickly jump on Archie, and he begins to swim to the shore.

ASIDE

At this time, a little GIRL RABBIT is riding along the bridge not far from this incident on a tricycle, she is enthusiastically watching the rescue of cats, and does not notice how she turns off the bridge and falls into the water.

GIRL RABBIT

Help!

Domino looks in the direction of the little rabbit, swims towards him, turns his head, and gives instructions.

DOMINO

I'll help the rabbit! Bagel, Juju  
help the other cats.

Two pigeons fly towards each other in the sky, watching the rescue operation, but do not notice how they are approaching.

The pigeons have huge eyes with fear, they understand that a collision is inevitable, they COLLIDE and fall into the water screaming.

BAGEL, JUJU (TOGETHER)

Will be done!  
(they say to the cats)  
Jump on our backs!

ROCKY

Domino! What should I do?

Domino is already putting the baby rabbit on his back, doesn't know what task to give Rocky, but then he sees that the birds also need help.

DOMINO

(quiet)  
Has everyone gone crazy today, or  
what?  
(loud)  
Rocky! Help the birds!

Rocky looks towards the birds, they are helpless, trying to fly away, but their wings are very wet.

Rocky swims to the birds as best he can.

Quite a few onlookers are already gathering on the shore, they are watching with excitement what is happening.

The pigeons begin to quarrel, despite the fact that they begin to drown.

PIGEON #1

It's your fault, blind chicken!  
Can't see where you're flying?

PIGEON #2

(indignantly)  
You!!! Blind mole, you had an  
obstacle on the right, you should  
have given way to me.

Rocky swims up to them, the pigeons begin to peck each other, plunging into the water.

ROCKY

Calm down, otherwise you'll drown!  
Grab my vest with your beaks!

The pigeons realize that they will soon drown and stop pecking each other.

PIGEON #1

Okay, there's a truce for now, now  
they'll save us and we'll talk to  
you.

PIGEON #2

(teasing)  
Oh! I'm scared already!

The pigeons grab Rocky's vest with their beaks, and he quickly swims to the shore.

Domino and all the other dogs want to swim to help Rocky, but they see that baby Rocky, like a rocket, is sailing to the shore very quickly.

EXT. CITY PARK - SHORE - DAY

Domino looks at Rocky and reluctantly acknowledges his action with an approving nod of his head.

Rocky, slightly confused, nods in response.

The rescue ends happily.

DOMINO

(addresses the victims)  
Everything is fine?

Daddy cat hugs his family and nods silently.

The rabbit's parents, holding her close, also nod in response to Domino.

DAD RABBIT  
(to rescuers)  
Thank you!

The pigeons shake off the water, puffing up like a bag of microwave popcorn.

One of the pigeons moves aside, prepares to fly away soars into the air.

PIGEON #1  
(to pigeon #2)  
Don't get caught by me again!

Pigeon #2 grimaces back at him, making a face.

Onlookers begin to loudly applaud the rescuers.

Dogs accept praise with honor.

BAGEL  
(embarrassed)  
Come on, this is our job, stop it,  
animals!

The crowd surrounds the dogs, shouting and whistling enthusiastically.

JUJU  
(to Bagel)  
It's nice to be appreciated!

BAGEL  
(pleased)  
It's true!

DOMINO  
(serious, to rescuers)  
That's it, it's time for us!

Domino walks forward, the crowd disperses to the sides, all the dogs follow him.

Bagel and Juju blow kisses to the crowd.

BAGEL  
(to the crowd)  
If you call, we will immediately  
rush to help!

JUJU  
(to Bagel)  
Great job for us!

BAGEL  
That's for sure!

The dogs move further and further away.

The crowd greets the dogs with thunderous applause.

EXT. CITY PARK - DAY

Bagel takes Rocky under his paws and hugs him.

ROCKY  
(with a smile)  
Bagel, don't!

Bagel carefully sets Rocky down.

BAGEL  
(enthusiastically)  
Rocky, you were great today.

He lightly touches Rocky's cheek with his paw.

BAGEL  
Keep it up!

Rocky is inspired by Bagel's words; he is so pleased to hear praise addressed to him for the work he has done as a rescuer. Rocky pays attention to Domino's ignoring gaze, and the fun again gives way to despondency. After all, he never heard praise from the best rescue dog.

Domino is unperturbed, he is still not ready to recognize Rocky as a true savior.

The dogs are leaving the park.

THE SCREAMS OF THE ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD BARELY REACH THEM.

EXT. CITY PARK - SHORE - DAY

Among the enthusiastic screams of the crowd behind them, a not loud WOLF howl is heard.

The crowd suddenly falls silent, everyone turns around and sees a big gray WOLF, he looks at the crowd with a kind and cheerful smile.

A loud, nervous and frightened cry from the crowd.

All the animals at once, as if blown away by the wind.

WOLF  
I just want to make friends with  
you!  
(loud)  
We are almost like dogs!  
(imitates a dog)  
Bow-wow!  
(MORE)

WOLF (CONT'D)  
 (sad, goes to the forest)  
 Well, why do they love them, but  
 not us?

INT. RESCUE SCHOOL - ACTIVE ROOM - A LITTLE LATER - DAY

Rescue dogs clap loudly.

Congratulations to Domino and all the other dogs who took part in saving the city park.

Instructor Bear #1 approaches each of them. Presents an award in the form of a small round badge with the inscription - FOR EXCELLENT WORK.

BEAR INSTRUCTOR #1  
 Well done to all of you! Keep it up  
 guys. A great generation is growing  
 up.

Instructor Bear #1 looks at Rocky, then at Domino.

BEAR INSTRUCTOR #1  
 Do you agree, Domino?

Domino looks at Rocky, then looks away.

DOMINO  
 (reluctantly)  
 This is true!

The bears are smiling.

BEAR INSTRUCTOR #1  
 Well that's just wonderful! You all  
 did a great job, now you deserve a  
 day off. Go home and rest properly,  
 gain strength.

DOMINO  
 I'm actually not tired.

ROCKY  
 (cheerfully)  
 I'm not tired either. I'm ready to  
 continue serving.

The bear approaches Rocky, puts his huge paw on his back, Rocky's back bends slightly from the weight.

BEAR INSTRUCTOR #1  
 This is commendable, son! But we  
 all simply need a rest.  
 (MORE)

BEAR INSTRUCTOR #1 (CONT'D)

(removes paw)

So, run home, drink some warm milk  
and relax.

(addresses the crowd)

So! And the rest of you, please  
proceed to your duties.

The dogs begin to slowly leave the assembly hall.

INT. ROCKY'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - NEXT DAY - DAY

Rocky looks out the window, clouds begin to gather in the  
sky.

ROCKY

It will probably rain.

He turns and looks into the room.

Nimble with his wife and Rocky's mom are sitting at a low  
book table, playing MONOPOLY.

Nimble shakes the cubes in his paw and throws them on the  
table, looking out the window.

NIMBLE

Don't worry about it, it'll just  
rain a little.

EXT. ROCKY'S HOUSE - DAY

Strong, bright lightning flashes, thunder rumbles, and light  
rain begins to fall.

INT. ROCKY'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - DAY

Everyone looks at Nimble with stone faces.

NIMBLE

(justifies himself)

Maybe it's worth worrying about.

ROCKY

(with anxiety)

I have a bad feeling about  
something!

ROCKY'S MOM

Stop it son, such thunderstorms are  
normal in the summer, they will  
pass soon.

NIMBLE

Don't worry so much!  
 (takes the cubes)  
 Come on, now it's your turn!

Rocky hesitates a little, looks out the window, lightning flashes on the street, then goes up to the table, takes the cubes from Nimble and reluctantly throws them on the table.

ROCKY'S MOM

(looks at the cubes)  
 Wow! You have twelve!

NIMBLE

It's for good luck, Rocky!

EXT. SEA - DAY

The sea begins to storm, lightning flashes in the sky.

A small fishing SCHOONER is bobbing on the waves.

An open-deck schooner with a small crane at the stern and a fishing net on it. The captain's bridge has a roof and a large window in front, and there is also a cabin for fishermen and a galley below.

The name on board the ship is -- LUCK.

INT. FISHING VESSEL - CAPTAIN'S BRIDGE - DAY

The old BEAVER captain in a tunic and cap with a cockade in the form of an anchor, reports on the condition of the ship, holds a microphone in his paw.

CAPTAIN

(on radio)  
 Fishing vessel "Luck", rescue center! Reception!

WOMAN'S VOICE (O.S.)

We hear your "Luck"! Reception!

CAPTAIN

I'm reporting! An hour ago, our engine stopped working at full power, our ship is losing speed, two pumps are working at their limit. We ask for help!

WOMAN'S VOICE (O.S.)

Message accepted! Wait! We'll send someone!

The captain looks through the window at the sky, lightning and thunder become stronger.



CAPTAIN  
Hurry up, center! End of  
connection.

A RAM in a life jacket appears on the captain's bridge.

RAM  
Captain! One pump has failed. We  
will soon not be able to pump out  
the water.

The captain grips the helm tightly.

CAPTAIN  
Got it! Do what you can guys!

The captain hangs up the microphone on the radio.

RAM  
There is a captain!

The ram leaves.

INT. ROCKY'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - DAY

CLOSE UP:

THE PHONE RINGS.

Rocky's mom goes to the phone with a smile.

ROCKY'S MOM  
(to guests)  
After Rocky, my move, just don't  
cheat.  
(picks up the phone)

After a few seconds, she looks very worried.

ROCKY'S MOM  
Rocky son! This is from lifeguard  
school.

Nimble and his wife look at each other with alarm, realizing something happened.

Rocky goes up to his mom and picks up the phone. After a few seconds he hangs up the phone.

ROCKY  
(quiet)  
Finally some truly serious work.

Rocky turns to the others with a smile.

ROCKY (CONT'D)  
I'm called to work.

Rocky quickly runs upstairs to his room; a rumble and noise is heard on the from the second floor. Rocky quickly goes downstairs.

Wearing a yellow cloak with a hood and a small weight in his hand tied with a rope to his paw, he approaches the front door.

ROCKY  
(pleased)  
Mommy, I'm gone. Bye everyone!

Rocky walks out the door.

NIMBLE  
(surprised)  
And it doesn't even scare him!

Rocky's mom comes to the window.

ROCKY'S MOM  
(quiet)  
Be careful, son!

EXT. RESCUE SCHOOL - PORCH - DAY

Rocky walks up the steps and a sudden gust of wind lifts him off the ground.

ROCKY  
Wow-Wow-Wow!

An iron weight prevents him from flying away; he sinks to the ground.

Rocky holds on to the railing and reaches out to a metal pipe sticking out of the wall in a semicircle.

Unties the rope from the paw and ties it to an iron pipe.

Standing in the open door, pointing a small pendant at an iron weight; two short beeps sound, the alarm goes off.

INT. RESCUE SCHOOL - ASSEMBLY HALL - A LITTLE LATER - DAY

THERE IS SILENCE IN THE HALL.

The rescuers have worried looks.

Trainer Bear #1 tries to find the words, but it's not easy to do, because this is a matter of life and death.

BEAR INSTRUCTOR #1  
We gathered everyone because the  
situation not easy.  
(MORE)

## BEAR INSTRUCTOR #1 (CONT'D)

We received a call about a fishing boat caught in a strong storm. Helicopters don't fly in this weather. All other coast services are further away from this vessel than we are.

(holds paper in paw)

According to the instructions, we do not need to go to the rescue, but begin rescue operations when the thunderstorm becomes less aggressive.

(not decisively)

That is why! I ask, who is ready to volunteer to help a sinking ship?

All the dogs look at each other, understanding the seriousness of the situation.

Domino gets up from the chair, without hesitation, Rocky gets up from the chair after him, after Archie, followed by Bagel and Juju, and then all the other dogs.

Domino walks up to the stage, takes the paper from Trainer Bear #1 and slowly tears it into small pieces, throwing them aside.

ALL THE DOGS LOUDLY WELCOME HIS GESTURE, APPROVING AND SUPPORTING DOMINO'S ACTION.

Domino turns to the crowd, looks at the dogs, nods approvingly.

## DOMINO

So what are we waiting for?

## INT. FISHING VESSEL - CAPTAIN'S BRIDGE - EVENING

Lightning flashes in the sky.

Beaver gathers the entire crew on the captain's bridge. He holds the helm with one paw and looks at the team of fishermen.

The boat is rocking on the waves, high waves rise above the sides of the ship and flood the deck.

They stand wet and tired.

A team of six fishermen; old Beaver - captain, Rabbit, Horse, Goose, two brothers of the twin Ram; one of them is a mechanic and a well-fed Pig - a cook.

Fishermen in colorful raincoats and jackets.

A pig in a chef's apron, with a raincoat on top.

CAPTAIN

(loud)

You are all nice guys! Excellent fishermen. Now our ship is sinking and we must do everything to hold out as long as possible until rescuers arrive.

RAM #1

Captain! You know that in such a storm, rescuers may not come to the rescue.

CAPTAIN

You have to believe in the best. So, stop thinking about the bad.  
(in a commanding voice)  
Is everyone clear?

FISHERMEN (TOGETHER)

Yes captain!

CAPTAIN

Well, fine! Now let's try to keep our vessel afloat.

The ship is again covered by a huge wave.

The entire crew, screaming, is thrown across the deck in different directions.

Ram #1 lies next to the captain; he slowly rises to his feet.

The captain holds the helm, wipes the water from muzzle and also rises to his feet.

CAPTAIN

What about the pump and motor? Did your brother manage to fix it?

RAM #1

The engine overheated and the last pump failed. We won't last long.

The captain angrily raises his head to the sky.

CAPTAIN

(quiet)

It's not over yet!

(loud)

You hear? Not the end!

The captain is washed over by another wave, he realizes that the "king of the sea" is angry with him.

CAPTAIN

Call Goose to me.

Ram #1 holds on to the side of the ship, makes his way to the goose, he removes water from the deck with a bucket, stands ankle-deep in it.

INT. FISHING VESSEL - DECK - CONTINUED

RAM #1

Goose! The captain is calling you.

The goose throws the bucket. Pressed against the deck, he spreads his wings to the sides and moves towards the captain on the bridge.

GOOSE

(not loud)

The main thing is to keep balance.

The boat rocks again, the wings do not allow the goose to fall, it approaches the captain.

INT. FISHING VESSEL - CAPTAIN'S BRIDGE - EVENING

CAPTAIN

Our vessel will soon sink. You're the only one among us who can fly, you shouldn't die here.

GOOSE

Captain! I want to stay with the team until the end. Moreover, in such bad weather, you won't be able to fly for long.

Lightning flashes again and thunder roars.

CAPTAIN

Stop contradicting the captain! You must abandon vessel.

(lyrics)

How tired you get of flying. Swim, swim like a white swan. Swim across the waves, across the seas, to your home...

The Goose looks at the captain ambiguously, thinking that he is crazy.

GOOSE

Captain! Not the best time for poetry.

CAPTAIN

You are right! Something carried me away again!

The captain grabs the goose by the breasts with his paws and shakes it.

CAPTAIN  
Fly I said!

Goose's head is dangling in different directions.

The captain lets him go, the goose takes a few steps back, staggering.

GOOSE  
What about you and the team,  
captain?

CAPTAIN  
(with hope)  
Only a miracle can save us!

Among the pouring rain, the light from the spotlights breaks through, it becomes brighter and closer.

The crew on the ship "Luck" look at the approaching light.

Through the veil of rain, a rescue ship, DRIFTER, sails to the ship.

The entire crew enthusiastically greets the rescue ship.

Name of the rescue ship -- "MIRACLE".

The captain and Goose look at each other in confusion, taking this as a sign from above.

CAPTAIN  
(glad)  
And here comes the miracle!  
(says to Goose)  
Tell the crew to prepare to abandon  
vessel. I'll go down to the cabin.

The captain quickly goes down to the cabin.

INT. RESCUE SHIP - EVENING

Two instructor bears on the captain's bridge control the ship.

On the ship are Domino, Rocky, Archie, Bagel and Juju, they are wearing yellow life jackets and there are several other rescue dogs.

DOMINO  
Rescuers! You all know what to do.  
Let's help the fishermen return  
home.  
(MORE)

DOMINO (CONT'D)

(loud)

Forward!

DOGS (TOGETHER)

(confident)

Ye-e-e-s!

The ship "Miracle" is pressed against the vessel "Luck", almost closely.

Domino, Rocky, Archie, Bagel and Juju jump onto the vessel "Luck".

Dogs from the ship "Miracle" throw several life jackets onto a fishing boat.

INT. FISHING VESSEL - DECK - EVENING

HORSE

(Domino says)

We knew, would come for us!

DOMINO

This is our duty!

(speaks to rescuers)

Wear life jackets for everyone.

(looks at the pig)

Give this one two.

The Pig looks at Domino, confused and slightly offended, then accepts everything as it is and waves his head.

The ships are balancing on the sea and are rocking violently.

Instructor bear #1 holds the helm with all his might, the second bear hurries the rescue team, shouts loudly from the bridge of the rescue ship.

BEAR INSTRUCTOR #2

Hurry up, guys!

Rescue dogs lay a wooden ladder between two ships, securing it on their side with ropes.

ARCHIE

(speaks to the horse)

You first!

HORSE

What about our captain?

ARCHIE

The captain will come next.

(pushes him)

Go!

The Horse safely goes to the rescue ship, and the rescue dogs are taken his aside.

BAGEL  
(to fishermen)  
Let's all take turns, follow him!

The entire fishing team looks towards the cabin.

RAM #1  
Our captain has not returned yet.

RAM #2  
Maybe something happened?

GOOSE  
I'll be back for the captain!

Domino blocks his way.

DOMINO  
(serious)  
Everyone, quickly get to the ship!  
(pause)  
I'll get your captain back.

DOMINO GOES DOWN TO THE CABIN.

Everyone looks at Domino until he disappears from sight.

ROCKY  
Well, why are your up? Did your  
hear what was said to you?

Everyone reluctantly goes to the gangway.

The goose is the first to enter the ship, followed by the first ram, followed by a rabbit quickly jumping along the ladder, they are already on the rescue ship.

ROCKY  
If only everyone were so fast.

Bagel looks at Rocky, both smile.

ARCHIE  
Now everyone else.

Ram #2 approaches the wooden stairs and stops.

ARCHIE  
What are you doing?

RAM #2  
I won't go anywhere without the  
captain.

Ram #1 hears this.



INT. RESCUE SHIP - EVENING

RAM #1  
If my brother doesn't go, then I  
won't go either!

Ram #1 goes back to the ramp, is stopped by rescue dog and shakes head negatively.

INT. FISHING VESSEL - DECK - EVENING

Archie gets tired of their whims and whining.

ARCHIE  
(loud, nervously)  
Quickly, quickly, go to the ship,  
do you want everyone to drown  
because of you?

Ram #2 glances sideways at Archie with a frightened look and quickly runs on the rescue ship.

ARCHIE  
It's a completely different matter!  
Stubborn as a ra...

Archie looks at the grinning Rocky, then at the two rams.

ARCHIE (CONT'D)  
(understands)  
Well, yes!

The Pig suddenly becomes hysterical.

PIG  
I won't be able to cross the  
ladder, I'll fall into the water, I  
can't swim. I'll sink to the bottom  
like an axe.

ARCHIE  
Everyone here is so strange!

ROCKY  
(encourages the Pig)  
Come on, you can do it! Look what's  
going on around you, the sky is all  
black with clouds.

The Pig starts crying.

ROCKY  
Don't cry, even if you fall, we  
will pull you out.

PIG  
That's not why I'm crying.

ARCHIE  
 (surprised)  
 Why then?

PIG  
 I can't look at the sky, my head  
 doesn't rise like yours.

ARCHIE  
 (perplexed)  
 What kind of nonsense is this?

PIG  
 This is not nonsense! Understand? I  
 can only look up like this.

The Pig lies on its back, looks at the sky, lightning flashes several times, it fearfully jumps to its paws and quickly runs onto the rescue boat.

ARCHIE  
 (smirks)  
 It's not every day you see  
 something like this!

Archie nods to the other dogs in the direction of the rescue ship.

Archie, Bagel and Juju walk along the ramp to the rescue ship.

Rocky stops in front of the ramp and remembers that Domino hasn't returned yet.

INT. FISHING VESSEL - CABIN - EVENING

The cabin quickly fills with water.

Domino is standing on the table, urging the captain.

DOMINO  
 Why are you taking so long? The  
 ship is about to sink.

The captain opens one shelf after another, looking for the lost item.

CAPTAIN  
 I can't leave, without this...

Turns to Domino, holding a small ANCHOR in his hand.

CAPTAIN (CONT'D)  
 A gift from my wife, my talisman.

DOMINO  
 Can we go now?

The captain carefully walks on the tables towards Domino.

The ship tilted sharply on its side due to the impact of the wave.

Domino and the captain are thrown aside and end up underwater.

INT. FISHING VESSEL - DECK - EVENING

Rocky flies to the other side of the ship.

The ladder almost flies into the water; it is tied with a rope on one side and dangles freely in the air.

The fishing vessel sails through the waves, getting farther and farther away from the rescue boat.

The it almost capsizes, but is back on the water.

Everyone on the rescue ship watches what is happening with alarm and horror.

Rocky gets to his feet, shakes his head slightly, and comes to his senses.

ARCHIE

(loudly)

Rocky! Are you okay?

ROCKY

I'm fine! I'm going after Domino and the captain.

Rocky descends the ladder, he is quickly submerged in the water.

Rocky hears Archie's voice, which barely reaches him from the rescue ship.

ARCHIE

Rocky! Get back here!

INT. FISHING VESSEL - VESTIBULE - EVENING

Rocky floats further down the vestibule, looking for a cabin.

The water around arrives, kitchen utensils float on the water; pots, plates, cups.

Rocky is a little scared.

ROCKY  
 (cheering himself up)  
 Don't worry, Rocky, you've been in  
 worse situations!  
 (shaking his head)  
 Who am I kidding? Nothing worse  
 than this has ever happened to me!

Rocky swims to the cabin, pushes the door open, tries to fit through the small door crack, gets stuck in the door.

ROCKY  
 Come on! Come on! Almost through!

He succeeds, though with great difficulty.

INT. FISHING BOAT - CABIN - EVENING

Rocky sees Domino and the captain unconscious.

He swims up to Domino, holding his head with his paw.

ROCKY  
 Domino! You hear me, wake up.

Domino doesn't react.

At this time, the captain comes to his senses and looks around.

CAPTAIN  
 He hit his head hard.  
 (pause)  
 Are you a lifeguard, too?

ROCKY  
 Yeah! I'm gonna get us out of here!

Another wave hits the ship, water starts pouring into the cabin faster and the door is finally blocked by a heavy cabinet.

INT. THE SALVAGE SHIP - EVENING

The entire crew looks anxiously at the sinking fishing boat.

PIG  
 I think things are bad for them,  
 they can't be saved.  
 (with horror)  
 I certainly wouldn't be able to  
 save myself.

The rescue team doesn't look at the Pig contentedly; he looks away guiltily, realizing what he said without thinking.

ARCHIE

They're going to make it!

INT. FISHING VESSEL - CABIN - EVENING

The captain looks in horror at the approaching water, takes a couple of steps back, realizes they can't escape.

CAPTAIN

I hate to break it to you, kid, but  
I don't think we're getting out of  
here.

Rocky puts Domino's head on the table, determinedly swims over to the table where the captain is standing, crawls onto it.

He approaches the porthole, near which a heavy safe is lying, and rests his whole weight against it, but he lacks strength.

ROCKY

(grunting, to the captain)  
Give me a hand, will you!

The captain is delighted with Rocky's ingenuity, cheered up, and starts to help him, both of them resting on the safe, pushing it, but it won't budge.

The captain rests his back in the safe, his hind paws in the iron pipe.

CAPTAIN

Come on!

The safe succumbs to their persistence and falls into the water.

The captain and Rocky shout joyfully.

The captain opens the porthole.

CAPTAIN

Follow me!

The captain jumps out into the porthole, swims towards the ship and out of sight.

Rocky walks over to the porthole, examines it, it's the same size as himself, looks at Domino and realizes he won't fit through it.

Rocky jumps off the table into the water, swims up to Domino.

ROCKY

(very loudly)  
Domino! Wake up, wake up!

DOMINO slowly opens his eyes and sees an agitated rocky in front of him.

DOMINO  
(surprised)  
Rocky! Why are you here? Save yourself!

Rocky looks at Domino with a smile, glad he's finally coming to his senses.

ROCKY  
I'd love to! But, we're trapped.

Domino tries to climb onto the table but his strength leaves him and he sinks back into the water, looking around he sees an open hold with water pouring in as the ship rocks from side to side.

DOMINO  
You can leave through the window!

Domino looks at Rocky, he realizes from the look in his eyes that he already wanted to do this, but decided to stay with him.

ROCKY  
(smiling)  
First of all, it's a porthole, not a window, and secondly, rescuers don't leave their own behind.

DOMINO  
Rocky! You've got to go, I don't think I can get out of here.

Rocky lowers his head sadly. After a few seconds, he looks at the water and sees part of the oxygen tank dangling in the water like a float, with a rope tied to the valve.

He jumps into the water without a word and swims to the oxygen tank. He jumps onto the almost water-covered cabinet, walks over to the oxygen tank, grabs the rope with his teeth and pulls it. The oxygen tank slides through the water and Rocky manages to pull it onto the table.

DOMINO  
All right, Rocky! Let's make some noise.

Rocky starts pulling one by one, the sliding shelves of the table, and in one of them he finds a hammer. He takes it in his hands and walks over to the oxygen tank, turns it around to the back of the hold, looks at Domino.

ROCKY  
Hold on, it's gonna blow!

Domino grips the table tighter with his front paws.

Rocky hits the valve, nothing happens, he hits it again, nothing.

ROCKY  
You don't know who you're messing  
with!

Rocky swings harder and hits again. The oxygen tank flies away from the hold and punches through it, creating a huge hole.

Rocky is thrown back a little, but he immediately gets back up on his paws.

DOMINO  
All right! Let's get out of here.

Another wave turns the ship keel up, and then it begins to sink, nose down.

INT. RESCUE SHIP - EVENING

Everyone on the vessel sees that the ropes are failing and the gangway is flying out to sea.

BAGEL  
(startled)  
Oh, no!

The team is concerned about the fate of Domino and Rocky. They look at the water with hope in their eyes, waiting for Rocky and Domino to appear.

The rescued captain stands on the ship.

CAPTAIN  
Come on, guys!

INT. FISHING VESSEL - CABIN - EVENING

Domino and Rocky are tossed around in the water as if they were in weightlessness.

Domino hits his head on the side of the boat, passes out again, and begins to drown.

Domino is thrown out of the cabin into the sea and he is pulled to the bottom.

IN THE WATER.

Rocky sees Domino going down, pushes off the boat hard with his hind paws and swims towards Domino.

Rocky struggles with the current, manages to swim to Domino, and fastens his vest to Domino's vest with an iron carabiner.

The fishing boat quickly sinks to the bottom of the sea.

Rocky begins to row to the surface, but because of Domino's heavy weight, Rocky does not seem to move from his seat, he puts even more effort.

Rocky reminisces, pool training.

FOOTAGE OF TRAINING IN THE POOL AT THE FORMER LIFEGUARD SCHOOL.

This gives Rocky confidence, he gets a "second wind", he closes his eyes, drags Domino with him, and manages to swim to the surface.

ON THE SURFACE.

Rocky's head appears from beneath the water, and he exhales heavily, breathing in the long-awaited air.

Domino appears behind him, coming to his senses, feeling free from the water.

The crew on the ship loudly greet them with a deafening shout.

Archie throws a life preserver into the water and holds a rope in his other hand.

Bagel and Juju grab the rope.

Rocky and Domino grab the circle and the lifeguards pull them towards the ship.

INT. RESCUE SHIP - DECK - A LITTLE LATER - EVENING

Rocky and Domino are on the ship, still strapped to each other with an iron carabiner.

The entire crew looks at the strapped vests and admiringly, mouths open in amazement for the brave act, reward Rocky with approving applause.

Domino looks at the stunned crew, sees by their looks that they are staring intently at the vests, lowers his eyes down, slowly unbuckles the iron carabiner.

DOMINO  
(barely containing  
emotion)  
You risked your life for me?

ROCKY  
I couldn't have done otherwise!



Domino picks Rocky up in his paws and hugs him tightly with a triumphant cry, lifting him above his head.

Everyone on the ship is happy for Rocky, applauding, chanting.

TEAM (TOGETHER)  
(yelling repeatedly)  
Rocky!

The whole team gradually calms down.

Domino puts Rocky on the floor, looking at him with a smile.

DOMINO  
Thank you, Rocky, for saving me!  
(touching Rocky's amulet  
with his paw)  
Your grandfather and father would  
be proud of you.  
(extends paw)  
Do me the honor of shaking the paw  
of a real rescuer.

Tears well up in Rocky's eyes as he finally gets the well-deserved praise he's been waiting for from Domino.

Rocky leisurely extends his paw.

CLOSE UP:

Domino and Rocky shake each other's paws.

EXT. RESCUE SCHOOL - YARD - DAY

CLOSE UP:

Domino and Rocky shake each other's paws.

Domino and Rocky stand on a high stage, with Bagel, Juju, Archie and the rest of the rescuers and bears behind them.

Domino happily puts a gold award medal on a blue ribbon around the neck of the smiling Rocky.

DOMINO  
(not loudly)  
Congratulations, partner!

ROCKY  
(not loudly)  
Thanks, Domino!

Bagel and Juju are sentimentally admiring and happy for Rocky.

BAGEL

This little guy got his way after  
all.

JUJU

He deserved it.

In front of the stage on chairs sit different animals, among  
them a team of rescued fishermen.

Next to Rocky's mom are Nimble and his wife and a drake and  
his wife, smiling at the joyful Rocky.

Rocky looks at his mom with a smile.

ROCKY'S MOM

(loudly)

I'm proud of you son!

NIMBLE

(fluently)

Rocky's good!

The entire crowd honors Rocky, with a raucous sustained  
ovation.

INT. RESCUE SCHOOL - CORRIDOR - DAY

Rocky, Domino, Archie, Bagel and Juju walk down the hallway.

ROCKY

(Domino speaking)

I didn't tell you about pigs not  
being able to look up.

DOMINO

(surprised, with a smile)

Are you serious? I didn't know!

They go outside, there is a rescue car in front, they walk  
towards it.

EXT. RESCUE SCHOOL - DAY

DOMINO

What's so hard about it, I don't  
get it? It's easy, you just lift  
your head up and that's it!

Domino shows that it's very simple.

Rocky repeats after him.

They both spin around themselves.

Their heads spin and they fall to the ground laughing happily.

Domino and Rocky get back on their paws.

All the dogs laughingly walk to the car and get in it.

INT. RESCUE CAR - DAY

Domino slams the door shut.

The car stands still.

Everyone continues to laugh.

The driver, the HARE, in his trademark cap, looks out of the driver's seat.

HARE

(smiles)

So, what do you say we go for a ride?

(winks)

All the dogs are abruptly silent.

They look at each other with terror in their eyes, then loudly, panicking, YELL.

DOGS (TOGETHER)

No-o-o-o-o-o-o!!!

EXT. CITY - DAY

The car disappears around the corner very quickly, leaving behind a white trail of exhaust.

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