

SCENE 13: THE UNIVERSE / LUKE'S HOUSE

*As the Cosmos fades up, LUKE comes to the front of stage.*

LUKE

*[To audience]* So is my donor Dad really an alien? I'm still not sure. But lately it seems like my superpowers have stopped working. I'm even starting to wonder if they were all in my head. Maybe I'm a hundred percent human after all. And maybe that isn't so bad. Because it turns out the best superpower of all is having a friend.

*A beat.*

I know I'll always be different. But like Mish says, who wants to be a sheep? Baa!

*The lights come up on LUKE's house. ASTRO runs up to him.*

Hi Astro!

ASTRO

RUFF RUFF! RUFF!

*LUKE notices a red post-it note stuck to a letter.*

LUKE

Mum left this by the door — must be important.

*[Reads post-it]* "Luke, the clinic forwarded me this letter. It's very exciting — call me as soon as you've read it."

*[Looks up]* A letter? From the clinic?

*LUKE tears the letter open.*

*[Reading]* Hi Luke, my name is Chris, and I'm your donor.

*[To audience]* It's from my donor-Dad!

ASTRO

*[Excited]* RUFF, RUFF-RUFF!

LUKE

"Sorry I couldn't make it to your football match — but I'm living in America now, working for NASA as a rocket scientist."

*[To audience]* How cool is that?!

*[Continues reading]* "It was great to hear from you, and I would love us to stay in touch, as long as that's okay with your Mum. I'm happy to answer any questions you have about me, and I'd like to hear a bit about you. For instance, are you interested in science at all? When I was your age I was kind of obsessed with facts."

*[To audience]* He was?!

*[Reads again]* "Anyway, here's a photo, in case you're wondering what I look like. Regards, Chris."

*LUKE pulls out the photo, and we see it projected behind him: CHRIS looks identical to LUKE, only older and nerdier.*

That's weird. There's no resemblance.

*LUKE keeps reading.*

"P.S. Sorry to disappoint you, but I'm not an alien, even though I sometimes wish I was. So if you're half alien, I guess those genes must come from the other side of your family."

*[He looks up, startled]* MUM?!

ASTRO

*[To audience]* RUFF?!

BLACKOUT.