

"Penny and The Inspector Gadget"  
Reboot Script (Pitch Draft)  
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EXT. A LAKE; NIGHT TIME

The overture theme music plays; Penny is hiding in the bushes as several guys get out of a truck and begin to drag large canisters out of their truck and down a wooded pathway. Penny follows the crew unnoticed; except for two glowing red eyes. The men arrive at the lake and begin to pour out the barrels of toxic waist. Penny audaciously jumps in...

PENNY

Are you guys making a big mistake?

Several goons draw guns on her.

PENNY (CONT'D)

Why would you do that? Why would you ever do that?

A bracelet on Penny's ankle begins to beep aggressively with a little blinking red light matching the ones previously following her. Suddenly from out of the bushes springs a transforming humanoid robot Dagnet detective with glowing red eyes. He springs into the sky and lands violently on a firing gunman. While being fired on, he grabs and lifts another gunman as helicopter propellers blades extend from his head and stop just at the gunman's neck, the gunman stops shooting.

INSPECTOR GADGET

Halt. Penny Lovelock. You are in violation of your parole. Prepare for interception by federal officials.

Suddenly spotlights, helicopters beak through the sky and agents swing down on cables as Inspector gadget quickly but bad ass like detains everyone on the scene. The federal officials point their guns around in the air as Inspector Gadget finishes tying up all of the gunmen while taking flashing video and a red dot recording of all of his actions. Gadget offers a QR code of the photos as the Comissioner scans it and approaches Penny with her arms raised, the leader of the polluters is pointing a gun at her.

COMISSIONER

Well, what do we have here?

PENNY

We are all terrorists here; how are you  
Comissioner.

GUY #1

Me??? No no I just.. I just...

COMISSIONER

You just what son?

GUY #1

I just work for a company man...

Inspector Gadget handcuffs Penny as ropes from Gadget's jacket pull the ankles of the last gunman. The Commissioner puts a foot and his gun on the tripped gunman as he locks a resentful gaze with Penny; Gadget takes her away to jail as she smiles. The scene is overtaken by police and the music intensifies into that classic Theme Song remixed by Flying Lotus. "Penny and The Inspector Gadget" titles with James Bond style credits show transforming-dancing robots, Penny, and her dog. End in black.

All Black; text reads "4 months ago". Fade in..

INT: CLASSROOM; DAY

A full mid-western classroom; Penny is the only person with her hand raised as the fellow 10th graders are anything but interested. The teacher hits a vape as she waits for anyone else to raise their hand.

TEACHER

Yes... Penny.

PENNY

I think it is important to mention that this entire situation only further illustrates my point, that the most pressing issue facing all of us, in every subject, is the existential crisis of Global Climate Change.

She is now standing and looking around the room for acknowledgment. The teacher hit the vape one more time. We see it is a Spanish class

PENNY (CONT'D)

...I just think we should find a way to talk about it in every class, because well, it effect everything. -I'll sit down now.

TEACHER

Yes. Thank you Penny.

STUDENT

I little much. I support your struggle though...

The student takes a photo of her and smiles at her. Penny controls her rage. Sirens go off and the students grab their things.

TEACHER

Well those are the smoke alarms, looks like that will be all for today. "finito para todo dia" Don't forget to wear your masks on the way home.

Penny is frustrated and leaves school as her classmates laugh and play among each other. She picks up a piece of garbage and throws it in the trash as she leaves the building.

INT: PENNY'S HOME; DINNER TABLE; NIGHT

Penny is at the head of the table as her parents talk to each-other in front of her as she is lost in her mashed potatoes. The sound of her parents discussion finally comes into focus with her father's voice.

PENNY'S DAD

...and what would you think about that?

PENNY

uh, huh.

Her parents look at each-other, then back at Penny who is still string the potatoes.

PENNY'S DAD

And then we are going to be serving an all meat buffet at the reception.

PENNY

Uh, huh- wait what are we talking about.

PENNY'S DAD

Me and Stacy are talking about getting married.

PENNY

Oh, thats great.

PENNY'S DAD

Its just that with the P.I. business taking off; not without you're help of course. And you going away to collage soon-

PENNY

In two years.

PENNY'S DAD

In two years; I thought maybe Stacy could take your place solving crimes with me, while you go become your own, certified, crim-in-ologist... is that what it would be? That call me a "snoop".

STACY

She can be what ever she wants to be honey. You know that right Penny?

PENNY

I just think we could be doing more for the environment ya know? We are burning any chance we have at a beautiful, livable planet.

STACY

You are right.

PENNY'S DAD

You can do your part but you can't save the world Penny. And if you wanted to get into law school-

PENNY

And then what, help the same system that is voting to sell and burn the little bit we have left?

PENNY'S DAD

Well thats a bit closed minded

STACY

I think what Penny is trying to say...

PENNY

I don't need you to speak for me. I don't need anyone to speak for me.

PENNY'S DAD

You think I don't understand what is going on? I was there when this all started, when it was about "green washing" and selling the solution.

(MORE)

PENNY'S DAD (CONT'D)

I understand Penny. There is so much to be done, just don't forget what it is all for. We Have what we Have right now too, don't forget about us while you are saving us.

PENNY

Goodnight dad.

PENNY'S DAD

Penny! We are going out tonight. There is a lead at the Claw plant and-

PENNY

Yeah whatever, get that corporate money.

PENNY'S DAD

No it's-

Penny goes to her room and slams the door she is about to put on her head phones when she hears he father through the door wearing a Dragnet dective jacket and hat.

PENNY'S DAD (CONT'D)

It's not for Claw, its about Claw. It's a lead on chemical waist at in the lake by the woods. Your dad can be a hero too ya know. Even if I don't talk about it; even if my daughter knows less than my enemies. One day Penny, you will understand.

Penny puts on her headphones and night turns into day. The next morning all of the dishes and settings are exactly as they have been left the night before. Penny investigates as it appears she everyone left in a hurry. The bus suddenly honks outside as she rushes off to school.

INT: SCHOOL HALLWAY; DAY

Penny is incessantly texting on her phone as the other students pass her in the hallway, glancing at her in shy dramatic hushes. Her teacher approaches. And snaps her to attention. She says something to her as she looks around and notices everyone is looking at her. She looks back at the teacher who is uncharacteristically consoling and touching her. Penny begins to freak out as several students take photos with their phones as other shame them. Penny drops with her face down on the ground.

PENNY (V.O.)

Tails.

Unlucky Penny.

My dad is dead. His fiancée is missing.  
And I am the only one with a solid lead.  
Heads, the cops believe my theory, they  
uncover the illegal waist disposal; and  
my father's killers; and his bride to be,  
all on the good graces of their oath and  
the taxpayers generosity. Or. Tails, they  
don't get paid enough to shake down the  
Claw lawyers. Not for their corruption  
abroad. Not for thier corruption here.  
And not, because of a trespassing dispute  
and the body of a P.I. with a felony  
record.  
It's Tails.

INT: PRINCIPALS OFFICE; DAY

Penny is sitting across from the principal and two police officers wearing navy blue suits, guns and badges on their belts.

DETECTIVE #1

I understand that you just received the news about your father, when we saw that you were texting we came over personally to assist you though this process.

DETECTIVE #2

Are you aware that your father was in possession of proprietary information that is directly related to that national security of this country?

DETECTIVE #1

Come on now, what we are trying to say is that we are very sorry to hear about your fathers death. We just what to make sure he was not a threat.

PENNY

Wait, What?

DETECTIVE #2

Is your father or has your father ever been associated with international clients.

DETECTIVE #1

Penny, we know you ran the books for your father's "Private Investigator" company. We both know that was a front.

DETECTIVE #2

Do you or have you ever been associated with diplomats from foreign embassies?

DETECTIVE #1

Penny, lets make this easy. Ok?

PENNY

I don't understand.

DETECTIVE #2

Are you aware that Stacy Umbrage, your father's fiancée, is labeled a terrorist and an enemy of the state?

PENNY

I... I need to talk to a lawyer?... A lawyer.

Crying Penny goes from her chair with a consoling high school principal, down the halls in handcuffs, and out the familiar door.

INT: JAIL CELL; DAY

Penny is scratching at the bench she is handcuffed to as he lawyer approaches.

PENNY'S LAWYER

They said they stalls are all full, we could wait or I could talk to you here.

PENNY

And you are...

ABAGALE WINTERS

Abagale Winters, your public defender.

PENNY

Wonderful.

ABAGALE WINTERS

I don't think you appreciate how much trouble you are in. Your father-

PENNY

Knew his rights. He would never do anything that would get me in trouble. No matter what he got himself into.

ABAGALE WINTERS

That's just it. You are not being held on any charges, you are being held as an issue of national security.

PENNY

What the hell does that mean?

ABAGALE WINTERS

It means that-

Several suited men enter the room, one of them is in army fatigues and another in a detective coat like her father's. The man in the coat is holding a bag.

ARMY GUY

Miss Penny Lovelock, you are free to go. But as a condition of your release you will be accompanied by a protection and surveillance automaton. Do you understand.

PENNY

I- I mean

ARMY GUY

This is not a punishment but an accommodation to your own survival. Do you understand.

PENNY

I- yes.

ARMY GUY

Very good. You will now be fastened with a recording, monitoring, and safety device. Do you understand?

One of the men in suits comes out of the group and places the ankle bracelet from the opening scene on her as she looks on in terror.

ARMY GUY (CONT'D)

You are to live your life as you have lived it in the past. You are to acknowledge the news on your television as the news of reality unless notified by us.

Several other suits release her from her restraints and help her out of her cell.

ARMY GUY (CONT'D)

You will not let-on to your life in protective custody. Do you understand?

PENNY

Yes. Why is-

ARMY GUY

Any further information is confidential at this point.

CHIEF QUIMBY

Penny. I am sorry about your father and well all of this. I knew him when he was on the force.

PENNY

I remember you, Quimby...

CHIEF QUIMBY

Chief Quimby. This is all kind of new to me too, apparently you father was on to something very very big. I cant really tell who is running this whole operation either.

A SUIT

Mrs.Lovelock

CHIEF QUIMBY

Penny, I just wanted to give you this. It is from evidence, but I knew you would do a better job of it than any of these blokes. Plus it was your fathers.

She looks in the bag to see it is her fathers Inspector jacket and hat.

CHIEF QUIMBY (CONT'D)

I reckon he would want you to have it.

A SUIT

... Penny Lovelock.

PENNY

Coming! Thank you Chief Quimby, the Inspector would be grateful to keep it in the family.

Penny follows up with the suit through a door in the next room.

INT: POLICE CAR PARKING GARAGE; DAY

Agents of all ranks gather around as the bubble wrap is being pulled off of a sleek robot standing on a delivery pallet. The army guy, Quimby, and Penny walk to the front of the crowd. Penny gets close and sees her reflection in the glass where the robots face would be. It suddenly illuminates with a face.

INSPECTOR GADGET

Greetings prisoner. I am your new guardian.

ARMY GUY

You aren't a prisoner, this is just semantic protocol... words-

INSPECTOR GADGET

Prisoner. Please, how would you like to be referred.

PENNY

Not Prisoner!

INSPECTOR GADGET

Not Prisoner. Prisoner, Not

PENNY

NO! My name is Penny!

INSPECTOR GADGET

And Penny, What shall I be called?

PENNY

What is this, a fucking Inspector Gadget? Do I have to bring this to school?

ARMY GUY

It is your school mam.  
For the immediate future, your country requires that you remain under house arrest until the nature of your families activities have been brought to light. In the eyes of the law, as per this operation, you are considered a terrorist level threat to our nation. This...  
Inspector Gadget, will be your companion for your adventure here with us. Until we get to the bottom of things.

-END OF SAMPLE-

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