

The Pit Boy & The Rock Star

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Nick Carter plays dual roles; as a high school band geek & himself.

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1 - Meet Larry Hanson

This story is set @ Grover Cleveland High in a metropolitan town. The high school football team's the Bisons. They also got a marching band as well.

In that 50 piece marching band, there's a pit section (percussionists who don't march, but play heavy percussion like vibes, chimes, tympani, etc). One of the pit players is named Larry Hanson (no relation of that other band). Larry plays the chimes, vibes & tympani in the marching band as well as the guitar in his spare time. Girls even sigh just looking @ him. Why? Because he looks like Nick Carter!

After band practice, Larry would stay awhile & practice up playing tympani. Problem is, he's a daydreamer! He would often have fantasies that while he's playing tympani, Nick's on a set of drums playing a drum solo. When Larry practices the vibes, he visioned Nick playing his electric guitar jamming with him.

MR. MAXEY: Earth to Larry, Earth to Larry! Time to go home.

Larry snaps out of it when he sees his band director, Mr. Maxey.

LARRY: Sorry, Mr. Maxey. Just practicing up on the tympani & vibes.

MR. MAXEY: Playing your own creation instead of what I assigned you. Larry, you got to have discipline when it comes to being a musician! I suggest that you snap out of it. You got a history exam coming up.

You need to pass it or it'll be a 49 piece marching band.

LARRY: I like to create my own music. It would be so cool if I could jam with Nick Carter.

MR. MAXEY: That bubblegum rocker, I find his music hard to chew like Wrigley's Spearmint Gum. There's no way in the USA that Nick Carter will visit Grover Cleveland High! Please leave!

So Larry took his school bag & left for the day.

A few days later, Principal Miller was in her office doing some paperwork. Then she hears her intercom buzzing.

MILLER: Yes secretary?

SECRETARY: You got an important call on line 1.

MILLER: Thank you.

Miss Miller couldn't believe who was on the line. After a few minutes talking business, she leaves her office & heads over to the Teacher's Lounge. She

finds Mr. Maxey & Mr. Frawley (Larry's history teacher) relaxing.

MILLER: You won't believe this! Nick Carter's going to visit Grover Cleveland High for an upcoming pep rally!

MR. MAXEY: You must've been hanging around Larry Hanson too much.

MILLER: Guys, this is an honor! Nick's actually going to appear @ a pep rally! This will be a moment for Grover Cleveland High!

MR. FRAWLEY: Not since Willie Aames back in 1979.

MILLER: You still remember that?

MR. FRAWLEY: I've been teaching here since 1976!

MR. MAXEY: Principal Miller, I got a crazy scheme of how we can teach Larry a lesson. If Larry finds out Nick Carter's @ Grover Cleveland High, he'll cause all sorts of trouble! Just like Lucy Ricardo was a jinx when meeting celebrities!

Mr. Maxey huddles with Principal Miller & Mr. Frawley.

2 - Deception

The day of the pep rally happens. Larry is about to wheel his tympani & vibes over to the gym until...

MR. MAXEY: Sorry Larry. You're not allowed to attend this pep rally.

LARRY: Why?

MR. MAXEY: No pit players allowed.

LARRY: But why are the other 3 pit players attending?

MR. FRAWLEY: Because they all got passing grades. You're coming with me. While everyone cheers on the Bisons, you'll be in my classroom taking a makeup test you failed!

Mr. Frawley escorts Larry to his classroom.

At the gym, Principal Miller is near the boys locker room while Nick Carter's waiting in the wings. Principal Miller hands Nick an honorary varsity jacket to wear on the special surprise.

NICK CARTER: Pretty cool jacket! Man, are the fans going to go ballistic!

MILLER: I'm sure they will!

The students are in the bleachers cheering on the football team for a victory that night while the marching band played on. Principal Miller goes over to the mike & says...

MILLER: In honor of our undefeated season in the history of Grover Cleveland High, we got some surprise entertainemnt for you. Get ready to scream girls, here's that Backstreet Boy hottie, Nick Carter!

The girls started screaming as Nick made his entrance with bodyguards around the audience. Nick grabs the mike & starts singing to taped music. During the middle of the song, a band member shouts...

BAND MEMBER: That's Larry Hanson! The Nick Carter lookalike! He's a phony!

The students start to realise this & they start booing.

NICK: I don't know who this Larry clown is, but may I continue singing?

Mr. Maxey goes over to him saying...

MR. MAXEY: Why aren't you taking your history exam @ Mr. Frawley's?

NICK: I don't know what you're talking about!

MR. MAXEY: Miss Miller, I want you to suspend Larry from school & have him banned from the prom!

MILLER: I'll do no such thing!

NICK: You guys insulted me! I'm blowing this surprise gig! Here's your jacket back!

When Nick took off his jacket, girls started screaming!

CHEERLEADER: He really is Nick Carter!

Mr. Maxey realised that it really was Nick Carter. Why? Larry Hanson doesn't have any tattoos on his shoulders!

NICK: After this gig, I want an explanation!

Nick resumed the concert singing for the audience. And on one number, he grabbed his black hollowed bodied electric guitar & started singing & playing.

When the pep rally was over, Larry finished his history exam & handed it over to Mr. Frawley. Just then, a girl enters the classroom.

GIRL: It was an awesome pep rally! I actually saw Nick Carter live @ Grover Cleveland High!

MR. FRAWLEY: Now why did you have to mention that for?

LARRY: So, this was all a set-up! To keep me away from Nick Carter! That's a dirty trick!

Larry leaves the classroom disgusted!

At the principal's office, Principal Miller explained to Nick Carter that there's a student named Larry Hanson who looks just like him.

NICK: That explains everything. Is he a troublemaker?

MR. MAXEY: No, but he fantasises about jamming with you. Nick Carter's fans are for girls!

NICK: Hey, I get boy fans too. Where's Larry?

MR. MAXEY: Probably in Mr. Frawley's class taking that phony history exam. We just wanted to sweep him under the rug when you arrived.

Just then, Mr. Frawley enters.

MR. FRAWLEY: Bad news. A girl came in & squealed about Nick Carter being here. Larry got ticked off, he stormed out of the classroom.

MILLER: You better straighten this out right now!

MR. FRAWLEY: Where could he be?

MR. MAXEY: I got an idea.

3 - Larry Mets Nick

In the band room storage area, Larry's feeling sorry for himself that he's polishing the copper finish on the side of the tympanis. Then he starts polishing the metal bars on the vibes. Larry didn't notice that Mr. Maxey peeked in & figured that Larry would do chores to get his mind off.

Mr. Maxey tells Nick to set up his guitar & amp.

Just as Larry's about to take a rest, he hears electric guitar music going. Larry gets up & goes into the band room to find...

LARRY: NICK CARTER! But how?

NICK: (Stops playing) You must be Larry Hanson! Wow! You do look like me, only you don't have any tattoos on your body.

LARRY: I wanna know what's going on?

NICK: When I was doing the pep rally, some marching band member heckled that I was you. The students started booing me, that is until I took off the school jacket Principal Miller gave me. I got suspicious wondering what was going on. Then the principal, Mr. Maxey & Mr. Frawley cleared up this mystery. So this is their way of apologizing to you.

LARRY: Apology accepted.

NICK: Mr. Maxey tells me you're a gifted musician.

LARRY: I play the vibes & tympani in pit percussion marching band & I play the guitar.

NICK: Wanna jam?

LARRY: Yeah! Wish I had a camcorder to film this moment.

NICK: I'll get one of my bodyguards to film us, you wheel out the vibes & tympani.

Moments later, Nick & Larry had an all-out jam session while a bodyguard films them. The first jam had Nick playing his electric guitar & singing while Larry played the vibes. Nick's impressed when Larry played his vibes solo while Larry was impressed that Nick could do a guitar solo. The second jam had Larry playing Nick's guitar while singing with Nick playing a set of drums. The third jam had Nick still on drums playing a solo while Larry played along on the tympani. The fourth & final jam had Nick playing the tympani set while Larry watched. Nick plays a solo he makes up, followed by fanfare music & a super tympani drumroll!

LARRY: Cool tympani playing Nick!

NICK: Thanks.

LARRY: You should play tympani in your concerts!

NICK: Sounds lame, but it's a cool idea, I'll consider it. I want you to

promise me something, Larry.

LARRY: What?

NICK: Stay in school, get to your studies & keep @ your music. I may have something planned if you get your grades up by summer. Now your fantasy has been fulfilled.

LARRY: Thanks Nick! I'll study really hard.

Nick leaves & the bodyguard gives Larry the tape of the jam session. Then Nick informs Miss Miller about that summer surprise.

That summer, Nick Carter came to concert @ the arena stadium. Larry had been invited to hang out with Nick a few hours before tonight's concert. When they went to the stage for sound check, Larry was stoked to find...

LARRY: You have a pair of white tympanis? Cool!

NICK: Yeah Larry. I use them when I play my solo. Good idea! How would you like to do me a favor? Do you know "Girls In The USA"?

LARRY: Yeah. But my favorite tune's "Is It Saturday Yet?".

NICK: We'll do that tune later. What I want you to do is...(whispers)

That night, girls started screaming waiting for Nick Carter to do his 90 minute concert. The stage lights darken & the fans were getting excited! Out came Nick Carter wearing a light jacket over a t-shirt. He grabs his black hollowed bodied electric guitar, plays a riff & starts performing "Girls In The USA".

Fans then saw the rest of the band & the drummer wore a ski mask over his face. After the tune, Nick goes over to the hooded drummer.

NICK: What's with the ski mask? You're not gonna rob us?

The dude shakes his head NO. Then the strange drummer goes over to the tympanis & starts playing Nick's solo!

NICK: You're out of line, dude! I play the tympani, not you! You better stop before I call security!

But the dude wouldn't listen! So Nick goes over to him & takes off the ski mask! Then Nick takes off his jacket to reveal he had no tattoos on his shoulders! Fans were confused to find two Nick Carters on stage! The real Nick was playing tympani all this time.

NICK: (Stops playing) Sorry to deceive the fans, just wanted to play a joke. The guy without the tattoos is a friend of mine who plays the guitar as well as vibes & tympani in the high school pit marching band. Give it up for my twin, Larry Hanson!

Fans cheer.

LARRY: Say Nick, continue the tympani riff.

Nick resumes his tympani part of the show. And when he got to the end of his solo, Larry starts playing the black hollowed bodied electric guitar & sings, "Is It Saturday Yet?". In the middle of that tune, Nick grabs his Fender Strat & joins Larry in singing that tune.

However, when they got to the end of the song, hateful male fans storm the stage & started beating the crap out of Nick & Larry while a group in the audience started chanting "JERRY! JERRY!" Security came out & broke that fight up. As they were escorted out, everybody was shocked to find him on the stage.

JERRY SPRINGER: You leave my son alone! And that's my final thought!

The crowd chated "Jerry" as Nick turned to me saying...

NICK: What a bizarre way to end this story!