

SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST  
by Colleen Werthmann

CHARACTERS:

DR. PENELOPE KITTYLITTER-BLATHERON, A scientist and Nature Channel host

TRAVIS JOLT, an X-Treme sports enthusiast, YouTube star, and litterbug

TIME: Right now.

PLACE: The Galapagos Islands.

PROP LIST:

Coconuts

Jet ski

Binoculars

Sign that says "Galapagos Islands"

Props can be drawn on cardboard and cut out.

SFX= Sound Effect

LFX= Lighting Effect

**Scene 1:** *Time: Right now. Place: The Galapagos Islands.*  
*At Rise: DR. KITTYLITTER-BLATHERON tapes an episode of her show. DR. KITTYLITTER-BLATHERON has a fancy accent. She's super into herself, knows it all. Wears a yellow field vest, hat, and boots, and binoculars around her neck.*

DR. PKB

*(to audience, with binoculars, grand gesture, walking slowly)*

The Galapagos Islands.

"A premiere destination for wildlife viewing," according to Wikipedia.

And Wikipedia is right.

This is one of the rarest, most unique, and precious ecosystems in the whole world.

I'm talking sharks, sea lions, manta rays, sea horses, iguanas, starfish, sea turtles —

*(peers through binoculars)*

There's a sea turtle right now, laying eggs in the sand!  
Ew, it looks exactly like Mitch McConnell.

*(shudders like "ick", puts binoculars down, addresses the audience again)*

Hello. I'm Doctor Penelope Kittywitter-Blatheron.  
I'm here to monitor the endangered species,  
amidst rising temperatures and sea levels.  
Fun fact:

*(yells)*

IT'S NOT "CLIMATE CHANGE," IT'S GLOBAL WARMING! O-KAAAYYY?!!?  
THE GLOBE IS GETTING WARMER! GLOBAL WARMIIING!!! GAAAHHH!!!

*(She smooths her outfit, and continues like nothing happened.)*

A long time ago, another scientist came to the Galapagos Islands.  
Even though Charles Darwin was already an elderly man of 26,  
he discovered these birds which looked very much alike,  
but were actually quite different.  
This helped him create his groundbreaking theory of evolution,  
known as "survival of the fittest" –

*(SFX: A loud motor revs, gets closer and closer, louder and louder)*

What the – why – Whuzza – Hey! You can't --

*TRAVIS JOLT rides in on a jet ski, filming himself. He wears a shirt with flames on it, a royal blue ski hat and shorts and Crocs, and, Oakley sunglasses.*

TRAVIS

'Sup dingleberries!  
It's ya boy Travis Jolt comin' at ya from the – what is this place?

*(Looks at a sign. It says "Galapagos Islands")*

The... "Gloppy Ghost Islands." What's a gloppy ghost?  
Whatevs, who cares! LET'S RUN OVER SOME MANATEES!

*(TRAVIS revs his jet ski as the jock jam "Get Ready For This" plays:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7zq99TF0BnM>)*

DR. PKB  
TURN THAT OFF!

TRAVIS  
I CAN'T HEAR YOU!

*(Dr. PKN picks up a coconut, throws it at TRAVIS. It hits him on the head. Music stops.)*

TRAVIS  
OWWWW!  
*(He turns off his jet ski, puts a hand to his head)*

What's your problem, lady?

DR. PKB  
*(correcting how he addresses her)*  
Doctor.

TRAVIS  
I'm not a doctor!

DR. PKB  
No, I am!

TRAVIS  
Yo, Doc, a mean lady hit me with a coconut! Fix my head!

DR. PKB  
I'm not that kind of doctor! I have a Ph.D.

TRAVIS  
A PhD? In what? Being wack? Hahaha! Self-high-five.  
*(He gives himself five, up high.)*

DR. PKB  
In wildlife conservation.  
*(Makes a big deal of trying to shake his hand)*

Internationally famous biologist Dr. Penelope Kittylitter Blatheron.

TRAVIS

*(Pretends to shake her hand then pulls it back and smooths his hair)*

Psych! You're not famous. I'm famous!  
I'm Travis Jolt, the YouTube star with 28 million subscribers!

*(Poses in a cheesy way)*

DR. PKB

*(super annoyed)*

Well, Travis, I'm here taping a very important program about nature.  
And you just ruined my shot, so why don't you go back to wherever you came from.

TRAVIS

You ruined my shot! And you hit me in the head! So extra!

DR. PKB

You deserve it! What are you doing out here on a jet ski?

TRAVIS

*("duh")*

Being dope.

DR. PKB

The gas pollutes the water! And the noise scares the whales, so then they swim away,  
and then they can't hear their mating calls.

TRAVIS

Oh no, I guess we'll never get to see romantic whales kiss on the lips.  
Why would you wanna watch that, weirdo?  
Whatevs, who cares.

*(He pulls out chips and energy drink, devours chips, chugs drink, tosses stuff on ground)*

DR. PKB

Did... you... just... litter...

*(walks away quickly, head in hands, comes back)*

on... the...

*(walks away quickly again, head in hands, comes back again)*

Galapagos... Islands?

TRAVIS

Yeah! So?

DR. PKB

So, you need to put that stuff in the trash. So it can meet your family!  
(gets the audience to cheer for her)

TRAVIS

I can't. I heard they discovered a new species here and I gotta find it.

DR. PKB

Oh really? Where?

TRAVIS

Oh snap, it's right in front of me -- Superprissylamesnobasaurus!

*(gets audience to cheer for him)*

DR. PKB

You're a jerk!

TRAVIS

You're a jerk!

SONG: "YOU'RE A JERK"

DR. PKB

I DON'T LIKE YOU AND I NEVER WILL  
YOUR WAY OF BEING MAKES ME ILL

TRAVIS

YOU THINK YOU'RE SO MUCH BETTER THAN ME  
WELL YOU ARE NOT, INFINITY

DR. PKB

YOU ARE GROSS AND YOU MAKE ME MAD  
A STUPID SLOB WHOSE MORALS ARE BAD

TRAVIS

I LOVE FREEDOM AND I HAVE FUN  
WHICH IS BETTER THAN JUDGING EVERYONE

TOGETHER

I HATE YOUR FACE WITH THAT STUPID SMIRK  
GET OUTTA HERE 'CAUSE YOU'RE A JERK!  
I HATE YOUR FACE WITH THAT STUPID SMIRK  
GET OUTTA HERE 'CAUSE YOU'RE A JERK!

TRAVIS

I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE  
GET OFF MY CASE 'CAUSE I DON'T CARE

DR. PKB

I'M NOT MOVING, NO, I'M NOT BUDGING  
THE SCIENCE IS REAL, AND THERE AIN'T NO FUDGING

TRAVIS

MAYBE I TAKE IT A BIT TOO FAR  
BUT WHAT CAN I SAY, I'M A YOUTUBE STAR

DR. PKB

IF CARING IS WRONG, I DON'T WANNA BE RIGHT  
SOMETIMES I CAN BE A LITTLE UPTIGHT

TOGETHER

I HATE YOUR FACE WITH THAT STUPID SMIRK  
GET OUTTA HERE 'CAUSE YOU'RE A JERK!  
I HATE YOUR FACE WITH THAT STUPID SMIRK  
GET OUTTA HERE 'CAUSE YOU'RE A JERK!

(THE BRIDGE – THEY LOOK AT EACH OTHER, ANALYZING, SCHEMING – AHA!)

DR. PKB

HOSTILITY IS FUN, YET RARELY EFFECTIVE  
WHAT I NEED TO DO IS CHANGE HIS PERSPECTIVE

TRAVIS

I MAY BE A DOOFUS BUT I'M NOT ALL BAD  
GETTING SCOLDED ONLY MAKES ME MAD

DR. PKB

WE CAN'T LEAVE PLANET EARTH IN TATTERS  
I NEED TO SHOW HIM WHY IT MATTERS

TRAVIS

I GOTTA PROVE TO FAKE DOCTOR CHICK  
THAT LIVING ON THE EDGE IS TOTALLY SICK

TOGETHER  
EVEN THOUGH WE FIGURED OUT A WAY TO GET ALOOOOOOOOONG...  
WE HAVE TO FINISH THE REGULAR PART OF THE SOOOOOOOOONG....

*(BACK TO THE REGULAR SONG)*

DR. PKB  
LISTEN YOU DING DONG, AND LISTEN GOOD  
YOU'RE NOT GONNA RUIN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD

TRAVIS  
YOU CAN'T TELL ME WHAT TO DO  
YOU HIT ME WITH A COCONUT, I'M BLACK AND BLUE

TOGETHER  
I HATE YOUR FACE WITH THAT STUPID SMIRK  
GET OUTTA HERE 'CAUSE YOU'RE A JERK!  
I HATE YOUR FACE WITH THAT STUPID SMIRK  
GET OUTTA HERE 'CAUSE YOU'RE A JERK!

*(End of song. They are SO MAD at each other!)*

DR. PKB  
Travis... I challenge you... to... a survival of the fittest!

TRAVIS  
Challenge accepted!  
...What is "survival of the fittest"?

DR. PKB  
Haaaa! Where only the ones who adapt the fastest make the cut, nuh doy yoy.  
I bet even if I teach you for a whole minute, you can't learn anything about science.

TRAVIS  
Haaaa!  
I bet even if I teach you for a whole minute, you can't learn how to do anything X-Treme.

DR. PKB  
Ohohohohoho! ...Let's do this. Our time starts... NOW!

**Scene 2:** Time: Right now. Place: The Galapagos Islands.  
At Rise: DR. PKB and TRAVIS teach and learn lots of different stuff.

*(Montage! With the help of lots of scenic cartoons. Dr. PKB teaches TRAVIS about Darwin's theory of evolution; TRAVIS teaches Dr. PKB parkour; Dr. PKB teaches TRAVIS about global warming with diagrams and equations; TRAVIS teaches DR. PKB how to zipline; DR. PKB teaches TRAVIS about starfish; TRAVIS teaches DR. PKB how to base jump in a squirrel suit.)*

*(GFX: TITLE CARD: ONE MINUTE LATER)*

**Scene 3:** Time: Right now. Place: The Galapagos Islands.  
At Rise: Travis tapes an episode of his show.

*(TRAVIS strolls along the shore, gestures to the wildlife as he narrates. He's in full science mode now, but still dressed like his original self)*

TRAVIS

Hurricanes, caused by global warming,  
wreak havoc on this geomorphological Shangri-La.  
Heavy rainfall leads to waterlogged cactus.  
And rising sea levels mean that penguins –

*(Looks up, then out)*

Uh oh.

*(SFX: Loud helicopter noise, then louder and louder whistling noise and "Whoaaaaaa!")*

*(SFX/LFX: BLACKOUT! HUGE CRASH!)*

*(Lights up. DR. PKB has fallen from the sky and knocked TRAVIS over. She's in full X-Treme mode, still dressed as her old self. She gets up, films herself as she narrates)*

DR. PKB

WHOOOO! THAT WAS LIT! 'Sup mouthbreathers, it's ya girl hollerin' atcha, PKB!  
This is your chance, so vote now: Do I eat a starfish, or give a dolphin a tattoo?

*(She makes "devil horns" with her finger, sticks her tongue out heavy-metal style.)*

*(SFX: The chorus of "Come Out and Play" by The Offspring starts playing)*



TRAVIS

TURN THAT OFF! You're offending the tortoises!

DR. PKB

Pssshhh. You're offending ME with your dorkitude!

*(THEY look to audience like "This feels strangely familiar," then back to each other)*

TRAVIS

OK. I see how it is. I challenge you... to a survival of the fittest.

*(LFX: Blackout)*

END OF PLAY