

BROBOT

"The Miracle of Milo"
Episode #105

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CAST LIST (IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE)

BROTHER NELSON.....	TYLER HARDIN
MILO.....	DILLON BROADUS
SINGER.....	DILLON BROADUS
CROWD.....	ALL
BROBOT.....	TYLER HARDIN
ANNOUNCER.....	DILLON BROADUS
CHIP AXELROD.....	TYLER HARDIN
JASON.....	TYLER HARDIN
SHERIFF MACLEOD.....	TYLER HARDIN
CELIA.....	TORI BLACKMON
CLOUD.....	TYLER HARDIN
WOMAN FLOATING BY.....	TBA
BUDDHA.....	TBA
MEL HAVEN.....	TYLER HARDIN
MAYOR TRUMAN.....	TYLER HARDIN
DALE DATATRON.....	DILLON BROADUS
OFFICER JOHNSON.....	JEREMY GUTHRIE
THE STRAIGHT-ARROWS.....	TYLER HARDIN
	DILLON BROADUS
CHILD 1.....	TYLER HARDIN
SANDY BROBOT.....	TYLER HARDIN
SISTER ROSA.....	TYLER HARDIN

ACT ONE

FADE IN:

EXT. HILLSDALE UNITED COMMUNITY CHAPEL - MORNING

It's a bright winter morning in Hillsdale as snow crests upon the rolling hills. We PAN DOWN to a small, ramshackle church as bells ring across town. BROTHER NELSON, the chapel's chaplain, stands on the stoop, gazing at the winer wonderland.

BROTHER NELSON
God sure blessed us with some
beautiful snow.

REVEAL MILO hiding behind Nelson.

MILO
You sure are right, Brother Nelson!

BROTHER NELSON
Milo, you know service doesn't
begin for another two hours!

A large tour bus speeds past the chapel, splashing the two in sleet.

BROTHER NELSON (CONT'D)
What the devil--?

MILO
Thank you Lord!

EXT. ABUNDANT FUNDS MEGA-CHAPEL - CONTINUOUS

The camera follows the bus. CLOSE ON the town's newest congregation: ABUNDANT FUNDS MEGA-CHAPEL, a sprawling complex with a prominent bell tower. The bus pulls into the lot. GUITAR SOLO SFX. City cop OFFICER JOHNSON directs traffic.

INT. ABUNDANT FUNDS MEGA-CHAPEL - CONTINUOUS

Inside, a rock band, THE STRAIGHT-ARROWS, belts out tunes to a crazed crowd. A shirtless, long-haired lead singer asks:

SINGER
Are you folks ready to pray?

CROWD
(cheers)

SINGER
(crooning)
My bod is a righteous bod.

BROBOT, JASON, CELIA, MILO, and BROTHER NELSON enter near the back. Brobot is dressed in his pajamas and clutches a stuffed teddy bear. He has curlers atop his head. Milo is awestruck.

BROBOT
Damn it, Jason you know I need my
ten hours of beauty sleep. What
kinda shit is this?

BROTHER NELSON
Well, erm, it's great to have more
folks delivering God's word.

Someone shoves a collection plate into Nelson's left arm.
Dramatic lights encircle the podium.

ANNOUNCER
AND NOW FOR THE MAN OF THE HOUR,
ROBO-PASTOR CHIP AXELROD!

A robot, CHIP AXELROD, walks out, with metallic slicked back hair and pointy cowboy boots, jingling as he goes.

CHIP AXELROD
Good morning!
(repeating)
I SAID GOOD MORNING!

CROWD
(monotone)
GOOD MORNING.

CHIP AXELROD
Now there are those who suggest the
church is no place for an android,
no place for anything robotic...

CROWD
(robotically in unison)
WHY WOULD THEY SAY THAT?

CHIP AXELROD
(Southern drawl)
But I say GODDDDD is here to leave
those pretenders behind!

CROWD
(cheers)

Back to Jason, Celia, Nelson and Brobot (the latter now asleep).

JASON
Hm. AI apologetics. A perfect, post-
human priest.

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Nelson edges towards the exit.

BROTHER NELSON
Well, I'm glad more folks are
seeing the light. After all, when
God closes one door, he opens
another.

He tugs on the door. SHERIFF MACLEOD, seated in a chair,
gestures to a sign on the wall.

SHERIFF MACLEOD
Are you sure you wanna leave pal?

SIGN: NO RE-ENTRY TO SALVATION

BROTHER NELSON
(sighs)

CHIP AXELROD
And in conclusion, God will come
forth on judgment day and smite the
earth with a horrible curse. Well,
have a blessed day everyone, and
don't forget to check out our gift
shop!

INT. ABUNDANT FUNDS GIFT SHOP - CONTINUOUS

Brobot exits through the gift shop, browsing various
religious accessories, including a photo booth, DVDs of
SENTIENT VEGETABLES, a rack of holy water that costs \$15, and
more. Celia sees their photograph on a display.

CELIA
Well isn't that nice. It took our
picture during the sermon!

Brobot comes upon a plush doll of Chip Axelrod and tugs the
string.

BROBOT
(to Jason)
Check this out broner, a plush
pastor!

CHIP AXELROD
A donation a day keeps the devil
away.

Back to BROBOT. He has multiple different items in his arms. *

BROBOT
I'm sold! *

EXT. HILLSDALE UNITED COMMUNITY CHAPEL - CONTINUOUS

Brother Nelson walks alone back to his steeple.

BROTHER NELSON
Patience, Rodney. Stand firm in
your faith. After all, more people
spreading the gospel is a...

He gazes at his empty chapel.

BROTHER NELSON (CONT'D)
Good thing.

A car travels by and splashes him with snow.

INT. MILO'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Milo tosses and turns in his bed, having a bad dream.

INT. MILO'S DREAM - CONTINUOUS

In his dream, Milo is traveling in a car with his Mom-bot.
Across the street, people begin to lift into the air as the
sky turns a deep purple.

MILO
What's going on?

An ominous CLOUD lights up with a booming voice.

CLOUD
It's the rapture Milo. When all
true followers ascend to the
heavens.

A WOMAN FLOATING BY offers more answers:

WOMAN FLOATING BY
When all non-believers stay behind
with the serial killers and tattoo
artists!

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The BUDDHA lifts into the air as well.

BUDDHA
Hey, I must've done something
right!

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CLOUD
(authoritative)
Don't be left behind...

MILO
Mom! Turn around and head back to
church! Mom? Mom??

Milo tugs at his Mom-bot but she's not there -- instead,
she's lifted out of the driver's seat and is ascending to the
sky.

MILO (CONT'D)
(screams)

The car swivels out of control dramatically.

INT. MILO'S BEDROOM - CONTINUOUS

Milo jolts awake out of his sleep, sweating. He floats out of
his bunk and toward a window. He opens a book, the Bible
ABCs, and proceeds to pray.

MILO
Please Lord give me a sign.

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

FADE IN:

EXT. HILLSDALE - THE NEXT DAY

SIGN: HILLSDALE / MURDERS DOWN 10% THIS YEAR

The sun rises over a new day in Hillsdale -- but this time, the city is unified by its newfound faith. JAUNTY MUSIC. Three buildings are spotlighted: BREAD OF LIFE BAKERY, FOREVER 33, and HOBBY LOBBY.

EXT. SUBURBAN HOME - CONTINUOUS

MAYOR TRUMAN walks out to grab the morning paper as a neighbor, MEL HAVEN, wishes him well:

MEL HAVEN
Good morning Mayor Truman!

MAYOR TRUMAN
Beautiful day the Lord hath made!

EXT. CUP OF JOB - CONTINUOUS

Celia is grabbing coffee at the new downtown spot: CUP OF JOB. DALE DATATRON passes by her, skipping in excitement.

DALE DATATRON
Off to church!

CELIA
Wait. I thought church was only on Sunday?

DALE DATATRON
Didn't you hear? Abundant Funds now has service EVERY morning!

EXT. ABUNDANT FUNDS MEGA-CHAPEL - CONTINUOUS

Near the church, Brobot is holding a sign that reads PARKING \$15. A vehicle rolls up and the person hands him their cash. It promptly speeds off of the boardwalk into the Hillsdale Bay, sinking rapidly.

BROBOT
Heh heh heh.

INT. ABUNDANT FUNDS MEGA-CHAPEL - LATER

FLASHY RUNWAY MUSIC plays over a series of CLOSE-UPS in the mega-church:

A group of deacons walking down the pews like a runway.

A close-up of the Straight-Arrows' singer's shirtless, chiseled body.

A grotesque, blood-soaked savior on the cross.

CHIP AXELROD
(yelling)
The Bible states that behold, we
were brought forth in iniquity, and
in sin were we conceived.

DALE DATATRON
(delighted)
Oh, I just love it when he screams!
Really makes me feel guilty.

Jason raises his hand for a question.

JASON
Why would we be born sinful? What
if we didn't live somewhere we
could theoretically be saved? Are
we to believe existence is some
sort of cruel joke?

CHIP AXELROD
Well young man, why don't you ask
our youth worship leader, Milo
Miller!

Milo enters onto the podium, now in religious clothes.

MILO
Greetings and/or salutations
churchgoers!

BROBOT
No way dude. Look at his little
clergy robe!

Jason grimaces. Meanwhile, Brother Nelson peers in from a stained-glass window.

BROTHER NELSON
(betrayed)
Milo?

CHIP AXELROD
Yessir, this little do-gooder
approached me early this morning
about joining the fold!

MILO
Just call me Judas!

CHIP AXELROD
Uhh, that's the one who betrayed
Him.

MILO
Oh right. Just call me Jesus!

MONTAGE

A MONTAGE of Milo leading the way at the church.

INT. ABUNDANT FUNDS MEGA-CHAPEL - NIGHT

Time has passed. In the sanctuary, Milo floats near a folding
table with ring boxes. Axelrod watches from the podium.
Parishioners line up.

MILO
Alright ladies and gents, come get
your purity rings. Sign right
there. Initial there. And yes, it
is legally binding. Wait... Jason?

JASON
Just reading the fine print, gotta
see what I'm agreeing to.

MILO
What are you doing here?

JASON
Look Milo. Ever since you left,
things haven't been the same. And
I'm not alone.

Brother Nelson emerges from the line behind Jason.

CHIP AXELROD
Well if it isn't Brother Rodney
Nelson.

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BROTHER NELSON

Look Mr. Axel F. Your sanctuary is beautiful, no question--

JASON

But you're brainwashing innocent people!

CHIP AXELROD

Uh huh.

Under the podium, Axelrod rapidly taps a button labeled INTRUDER ALERT.

BROTHER NELSON

I just can't abide by the prosperity message, or your salacious all-night youth lock-ins!

JASON

I bet you don't even own a Bible!

CHIP AXELROD

Oh, of course I do, it's right overrr... here.

He runs rapidly O.S., and hides behind a large cross. Nelson gets real with Milo.

BROTHER NELSON

Milo, God spoke with me. I know this isn't you. I've prayed long and hard about this.

MILO

God wouldn't say that! I know God very well, and he would NEVER say that!

BROTHER NELSON

Milo, look into your heart.

JASON

We're just trying to rescue you from this cash cult!

Officer Johnson grabs an unruly Jason. He talks into his walkie.

OFFICER JOHNSON

Asset protection, we've got a situation in pew 17.

Sheriff MacLeod walks over and subdues Jason.

SHERIFF MACLEOD
Sorry pal, but it's part of the Ten
Commandments.

MacLeod points to the commandments listed on a wall,
specifically to one labeled THOU SHALT NOT TELL IT LIKE IT
IS.

CUT TO Jason being kicked out of the building into the snow. *

CHIP AXELROD
(to Milo, ruefully)
The Book of Revelation says that in
the final days, we must beware of
false prophets young Milo.

MILO
(brainwashed)
Only twenty more dollars to get
your rings engraved! *

EXT. ABUNDANT FUNDS MEGA-CHAPEL - CONTINUOUS

Nelson consoles Jason as they walk along the sidewalk.

BROTHER NELSON
Thanks for trying son. I just don't
think we can compete with
counterfeit Christianity.

JASON
But what are we going to do?

BROTHER NELSON
The only thing we can do.

Having arrived at the footsteps of his church, he ascends the
stairs. Nelson hangs a sign on the doors: CLOSING SOON. Dale,
going for his nightly jog, spies the sign.

DALE DATATRON
Hey, is the church bookstore half-
off?

EXT. WATER TOWER - NIGHT

Celia and Brobot sit atop the town water tower at sunrise.
Jason climbs up the ladder to join them, wiping off snow.

CELIA

Were you able to get ahold of Milo?

JASON

Negative. It seems like he's working through some personal demons.

BROBOT

Jason! We must perform an exorcism!

CELIA

Well, no, but we've definitely gotta get him out of there.

BROBOT

But didn't you hear what the metal man said?

BROBOT bends his ears and his eyes become sound waves. His voice emulates Chip Axelrod.

BROBOT (CONT'D)

THE ONLY WAY TO SALVATION IS
THROUGH ME AND ME ALONE!

JASON

Well, that's just not true. There's got to be a better path than selling your soul.

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BROBOT

If only we had not treated Milo as a tertiary character but as the fabric of our friend group.

SAD CUE. The teens ponder what this means.

INT. ABUNDANT FUNDS MEGA-CHAPEL - MORNING

At a sink, Chip Axelrod is preparing glasses of holy water.

CHIP AXELROD

Alright, time to manufacture some holy water!

Milo, in the doorway, turns on the lights.

MILO

Brother Axelrod? Is that you?

CHIP AXELROD

Milo? But the store doesn't open
for another two hours.

MILO

I thought I'd show up early and
pick the gum out from under the
pews.

Milo blows a bubble which pops.

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MILO (CONT'D)

Is there anything else I can help
with?

CHIP AXELROD

No, no, that's quite alright. Run
along now.

Milo begins to get pushy, backing Axelrod onto a spiral
staircase, which they ascend.

MILO

But I really want to be holy in the
eyes of the Lord! I pray each day,

CHIP AXELROD

That's enough Milo...

MILO

I've read through the whole Bible,
even that wacky New International
Version...

CHIP AXELROD

Milo, run along...

MILO

And I recently installed a speech
randomizer that allows me to speak
in tongues.

Milo clicks in his top antenna.

MILO (CONT'D)

(gibberish)

CHIP AXELROD

Milo, please!

He backs Axelrod into a door at the top of the staircase,
that busts open.

EXT. ABUNDANT FUNDS MEGA-CHAPEL - MORNING

A door opens at the bell tower, and Milo and Axelrod spill out. The holy water splashes onto both before the glass shatters on the ground.

CHIP AXELROD
Damn it Milo look what you've done!

MILO
Wait. I still feel the same sense
of impending doom. Was that really
holy water?

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CHIP AXELROD
Ahem, uh, of course! Only the best!

MILO
(suspicious)
I'm beginning to think this isn't
right. Are you actually a pastor?

Axelrod pulls out the good book to defend himself.

CHIP AXELROD
Of course I am my boy! Remember
Genesis 5:21! And Enoch begat
Methuselah, and Methuselah begat
Lamech, and Lamech begat... wow,
people read this?

MILO
(dispirited)
I don't even know what to believe
anymore.

He exits the bell tower and begins floating along the rooftop.

CHIP AXELROD
Milo! You can't leave us!

Down on the ground, Brobot, Jason, and Celia show up with a megaphone.

JASON
Milo! You've gotta get out of
there!

CHIP AXELROD
Don't listen to them! You're our
best sales representative!

CELIA

Remember what's important to you!

CHIP AXELROD

Well, which will it be Milo? Your
friends? Or eternity?

Milo struggles between the two. Axelrod grows impatient and
angry.

CHIP AXELROD (CONT'D)

Too late Milo Miller! Your time is
up!

Just then, the church bells ring loudly. Milo clutches his
ears in pain.

The skies begin to burn red, contrasting visually with the
white snow. Cracks open in the ground and the wind howls.
People begin ascending to the skies. Even Jason is disturbed.

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

FADE IN:

EXT. ABUNDANT FUNDS MEGA-CHAPEL - DAY

Beet-red clouds encircle the mega-church as Axelrod smiles.

CHIP AXELROD
(maniacal)
Yes... yes! The prophecy is nigh!

Milo floats off of the rooftop and speeds away from the compound. Meanwhile, The Straight-Arrows have arrived to work and observe the apocalyptic setting.

SINGER
This is it boys! Remember what we
trained for!

Each member of the band hops on the singer's shoulders.

THE STRAIGHT-ARROWS
(collectively)
Me first! Me! Me! Me first! Me!

EXT. CUP OF JOB - CONTINUOUS

A woman walks her child in a stroller outside Cup of Job.

CHILD 1
Mommy look! God's revenge on
mankind!

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EXT. BROBOT HOME - CONTINUOUS

Sandy, with curlers in her hair, glances out the window.

SANDY BROBOT
Dale! The apocalypse is starting!

DALE DATATRON (O.S.)
Can't hear you hon! In the shower!

EXT. ABUNDANT FUNDS MEGA-CHAPEL - CONTINUOUS

Milo heroically marches away from the mega-church as a dark, swirling vortex opens up in the sky.

CHIP AXELROD
Milo, you fool, look upon what you
have wrought!

CELIA
(fearful)
What is happening?

CHIP AXELROD
You're going to regret this Milo
Miller! Never will you receive this
chance again! Prepare to be left
behind!

Milo wipes away tears, and stands tall.

MILO
No, Brother Axelrod. I'm leaving
you behind.

THUNDER SFX. The skies darken further. Axelrod turns towards
the heavens and points.

CHIP AXELROD
(angry)
Wait... where's my rapture? What
the hell, God? We had a deal!

Lightning strikes the bell tower in a spectacular display,
sending Axelrod flailing. The teens avert their eyes.

JASON
Don't look back Milo!

Milo, at his wit's end, collapses to the ground and begins to
pray. Behind him, the swirling vortex climaxes in a
horrifying fashion and lights up the city.

It ends. People (and a cow) plummet to the ground abruptly as
snow begins to quietly fall. The skies adjust to a pink, then
yellow hue. Officer Johnson and Sheriff MacLeod lay side-by-
side on the ground, in a daze.

OFFICER JOHNSON
We didn't cover the apocalypse in
our training, sir.

SHERIFF MACLEOD
We're pinning this on you in the
official report.

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JASON

Phew! That was a close one. Wait.
Where's Brobot?

Brobot is still in mid-air with his arms outstretched as we hear a motor sputter. Celia grabs his leg and pulls him back down.

BROBOT

Sorry. Just thought it looked like fun.

Brobot turns off his jet pack. Milo floats back up, smiling. He turns around and witnesses the destruction. His friends run to greet him with a hug.

JASON

Milo!

BROBOT (CONT'D)

Milo!

CELIA

Milo!

MILO

Sorry guys. I was acting like the great fool at Ephesus.

CELIA

What made you change your mind?

MILO

Well. I realized faith isn't in money or reclining pews... at the end of the day, it's trusting in what you believe. Besides, no one that evil could be serving God's will!

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Axelrod rises and notices his church has fallen apart, literally. Wood panels break apart and hit the floor.

CHIP AXELROD

Sweet Esther's ghost!

MacLeod and the other citizens surround him.

SHERIFF MACLEOD

Hey pal. I thought you promised us eternal salvation.

CHIP AXELROD

(whistles)
Onto the next town boys!

The Straight-Arrows and Axelrod load into the tour bus. The bus speeds away, trailed by an angry mob of civilians. It rushes past Hillsdale United.

INT. HILLSDALE UNITED COMMUNITY CHAPEL - DAY

Nelson is putting the finishing touches on boarding up the stained-glass windows. He takes a step off the ladder, and looks into the empty pews. The door opens.

BROTHER NELSON
Who's there?

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MILO
Milo Miller. Is there still room
for me in the pew?

BROTHER NELSON
There always is, Milo. I'm glad the
prodigal son has returned.

The two embrace. RUMBLING SFX intensify.

BROTHER NELSON (CONT'D)
What's that ungodly rumbling?

Dozens of townspeople rush into the chapel, ready for service. A sudsy Dale runs up, still in his towel.

DALE DATATRON
Is it too late to be saved?

JASON
Well, looks like things all worked
out.

CELIA
I'm just glad everything is back to
normal.

EXT. HILLSDALE UNITED COMMUNITY CHAPEL - CONTINUOUS

We PAN UP to a cloud in the sky.

CLOUD
Thank me that's over.

END OF ACT THREE

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FADE IN:

INT. BROBOT HOME - NIGHT

CLOSE ON the TV set with static covering the screen. The signal comes back. Chip Axelrod and his worship team stand on a gaudy-looking stage with mics and headsets. A ticker runs at the bottom of the screen with more jokes.

CHIP AXELROD

Folks, thanks for joining us, you know, perilous times are coming. That's why you really want to get our emergency end-times food buckets, they last twenty years, folks, twenty years. I mean look at some of this stuff. You've got rapture rice, bloodbath beans, horrific hellfire ham. Look at this stuff.

Slop falls off a spoon back into a bucket.

SISTER ROSA

Wow, that's good.

CHIP AXELROD

So tasty right?

A clearly edited JUMP CUT occurs before and after his bite.

CHIP AXELROD (CONT'D)

Yummm. Order now and it comes with a free, stainless steel shovel. Don't make this final judgment too difficult -- the end is almost here! Dial 1-800 564 6316.

REVERSE: Dale asleep on the living room couch with a half-empty rapture bucket on his lap. Brobot approaches quietly and steals a bite out of it.

END OF EPISODE