

Chris Pratt's Stunt Double

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INT. GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY SET

It is the first day of shooting for Guardians of the Galaxy. The cast and crew gathers around as the director, JAMES GUNN prepares to address them

JAMES GUNN

Welcome everybody, to the first day of work here on Guardians of the Galaxy. I am the director, James Gunn, your boss. But think of me as your friend who is also your boss.

Polite applause from the cast and crew.

JAMES GUNN

Ok, ok. I'm excited to get to work too...Frankly, nobody knows what to expect from us...This movie's based on a comic book nobody reads, has nothing to do with anything else going on in the Marvel Universe, and the biggest star in the movie, the sexiest man alive, is voicing a cartoon squirrel.

ASSISTANT

Racoon.

JAMES GUNN

See - I don't even know what's going on.

The cast and crew look at each other nervously.

JAMES GUNN

Now, I like to dive right into things, so we're going to get started with one of the difficult fight scenes. Everybody, places.

The crew gets to their equipment, Chris Pratt takes his mark, three men wearing green CGI suits enter the frame, one makes himself very small (the racoon) the second sits on the third's shoulders and stretches his arm out (they are Groot).

JAMES GUNN

Guardians of the Galaxy. Scene twelve. Take one. Action!

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CHRIS PRATT

Ok. I've had enough of this. We haven't become friends yet in this movie, so I'm not gonna take any more sass from a loudmouth varmint.

GREEN RACoon MAN

Varmint? Nobdoy calls me a varmint! We are going to fight now!

GREEN GROOT MEN

I am Groot.

JAMES GUNN

...and cut! Ok that was great! Now, let's bring in Chris' stunt double for the fight choreography.

In walks a tubby, schlubby guy dressed like Star Lord. His clothes are ill fitting and he has to keep pulling down his shirt because it is riding up, exposing his belly.

CHRIS PRATT

Who's this guy?

CHRIS PRATT'S STUNT DOUBLE

I'm Bernie, I'm the Stunt Double for Starlord. Who are you?

CHRIS PRATT

I'm Starlord.

Bernie looks at him in disbelief.

CHRIS PRATT'S STUNT DOUBLE

You? You're Starlord?

CHRIS PRATT

Yes.

CHRIS PRATT'S STUNT DOUBLE

I thought Chris Pratt from Parks and Recreation was playing Starlord.

CHRIS PRATT

I am Chris Pratt.

He still doesn't believe it.

CHRIS PRATT'S STUNT DOUBLE

Chris Pratt from Parks and Recreation?

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CHRIS PRATT

Yes, Chris Pratt from Parks and Recreation.

CHRIS PRATT'S STUNT DOUBLE

I thought this was Chris Pratt from Parks and Recreation.

He holds up a picture of a heavier Chris Pratt with his shirt off.

CHRIS PRATT

That...was me six months ago and then I started training for this part.

CHRIS PRATT'S STUNT DOUBLE

Well this was *me* sixth month's ago before I started training for this part.

He hold up another picture of his face on a sculpted ripped man-body.

CHRIS PRATT

This was you six months ago?

CHRIS PRATT'S STUNT DOUBLE

Yep. That transformation was the hardest thing I've ever done.

CHRIS PRATT

I can only imagine.

CHRIS PRATT'S STUNT DOUBLE

I had to eat pizza and ice cream every day, and not go to the gym.

CHRIS PRATT

That sounds...

CHRIS PRATT'S STUNT DOUBLE

Horrible! I love the gym, and I *hate* pizza and ice cream. And I had to do it every day. Every moment was like torture.

CHRIS PRATT

I don't know about comparing it to torture.

He ignores Chris and keeps going.

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## CHRIS PRATT'S STUNT DOUBLE

But every day I told myself, this isn't for today, this isn't for this moment, this is for the future, for six months from now. And I pushed through the pain. And every day I woke up, and I saw a teeny tiny bit of progress and it started to encourage me.

## CHRIS PRATT

You know, that's pretty similar to my story.

He still just ignores Chris

## CHRIS PRATT'S STUNT DOUBLE

It encouraged me to eat that pizza, to eat that ice cream, to not go to the gym and work out. And I knew it would all be worth it when I woke up one day...and I looked like Chris Pratt.

## CHRIS PRATT

You think this is what I looked like?

Bernie isn't saying anything but his face is giving him away.

## CHRIS PRATT

I mean, come on, I think you went a little bit past where you needed to be.

Bernie continues to stay silent, wide-eyed and tight-lipped.

## CHRIS PRATT

Guys, what do you think?

The GREEN RACON MAN scurries away, avoiding the question.

## CRIS PRATT

(to Green Groot Men)

You?

An awkward beat. The they start walking away, still one on the other's shoulders.

## GREEN GROOT MEN

I am Groot.

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CHRIS PRATT

Not only do you not look like me,  
you don't really look like the  
character from the comic book.

CHRIS PRATT'S STUNT DOUBLE

This is based on a comic book?  
Which one, Spider-man?

CHRIS PRATT

James, what are we gonna do about  
this?

JAMES GUNN

Bernie here is still one of the  
best stunt guys in the business.

CHRIS PRATT'S STUNT DOUBLE

Thank you.

JAMES GUNN

And besides that we just don't have  
the money to replace him. We're on  
a shoestring budget here. Nobody  
has any faith in this movie  
adaptation of a comic book nobody's  
ever heard of.

CHRIS PRATT

So, we're...

JAMES GUNN

We're gonna go with Bernie.

Bernie pumps his fist in celebration.

CHRIS PRATT'S STUNT DOUBLE

In your face, Pratt!

He continues to celebrate.

JAMES GUNN

Ok, Bernie, you ready?

Bernie continues to celebrate wildly. He starts climbing on  
parts of the set, jumping, rolling, doing some genuinely  
impressive "stunt-guy" moves, all the while adjusting his  
ill-fitting belly shirt.

CHRIS PRATT'S STUNT DOUBLE

Just a moment while I enjoy the  
fruits of my six months of labor.

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He continues jumping around, it's a bit more labored now, he's breathing heavy. Finally he gets in Chris' face and strikes a celebratory pose (just like Detroit Lion Stephen Tulloch) he immediately falls to the ground clutching his knee in pain.

CHRIS PRATT'S STUNT DOUBLE

Ahhhhh! I've injured myself  
celebrating!

ASSISTANT

(frantic)

What are we going to do now? This  
shoestring-budgeted, small time,  
teeny tiny,  
nobody-ever-heard-of-it,  
who-knows-if-it'll-make-any-money-at-the-box-office  
movie can't sustain a loss like  
this!

JAMES GUNN

(to Chris Pratt)

Can you do your own stunts?

CHRIS PRATT

Yes.

JAMES GUNN

Ok, let's get to work then. Places  
everybody...

Fade Out.