

UNBREAKABLE KIMMY SCHMIDT

Pilot Episode

Kimmy & Titus

INT. APARTMENT - EARLY MORNING

Kimmy enters and heads for her room, frantic.

KIMMY

You're okay. You're okay. You are a person. This is your home now. Look, you have a window.

She tries to open the venetian blinds. Only one side goes up. She struggles to undo it. The other side goes down farther. And now it's stuck.

KIMMY (CONT'D)

Come on, Kimmy! Come on! You're garbage, Kimmy!

Enraged, she rips the blinds off the wall with a crash. Titus enters.

TITUS

Reconsider, girl! I was sleeping.

KIMMY

They stole my backpack!

TITUS

What?!

KIMMY

I can't do this. Reverend Richard was right.

TITUS

Wait, who?

KIMMY

Reverend Richard Wayne Gary Wayne, Senior Prophet and CFO of Savior Rick's Spooky Church of the Scary-Pocalypse.

Titus reacts.

KIMMY (CONT'D)

I am one of the Indiana Mole Women.

TITUS

From the news?! Why didn't you tell me?!

KIMMY

Because I just want to be a normal person! And I can't!

(MORE)

KIMMY (CONT'D)

I don't know anything. I can't tell phones from cameras. Even policemen have tattoos!

TITUS

Pack up your trifles and what-nots.

KIMMY

What?

TITUS

Get your things and go home. New York City is not for you.

KIMMY

You don't understand --

TITUS

Oh I do understand!

KIMMY

But Titus --

TITUS

Girl, my name is not Titus! My name is Ronald Wilkerson. I came here in 1998 on a damn bus from Chickasaw County, Mississippi. You know who leaves Chickasaw County? Nobody. Have you ever met a person from Mississippi?

KIMMY

No, but I haven't met anybody --

TITUS

My point is --

He grabs a photo off the wall.

TITUS (CONT'D)

This was me then. I was cute, just like you. Showed my teeth when I smiled, just like you. I changed my name to Titus Andromedon, and I marched myself into audition for "The Lion King."

KIMMY

You were in "The Lion King" on Broadway?

TITUS

Yes! Except I was not. I auditioned for "The Lion King" 20 times in 15 years until they finally told me, "You are not passing as a straight giraffe."

KIMMY

But you are such a good singer. I heard you!

TITUS

I have not sung in public in three years. You wanna know what I do now? I dress up in that robot costume in Times Square, and I pass out fliers for an arcade. My boss is 17 years old. I get paid in quarters, and I'm starting to think cab drivers are hitting me on purpose.

KIMMY

Well, you got out of Mississippi.

TITUS

Escaping is not the same as "making it", Kimmy. I'm very scared to ask you this --

KIMMY

Yes, there was weird sex stuff in the bunker --

TITUS

Let me finish! How much money was in your backpack?

KIMMY

Thirteen thousand dollars!

TITUS

(Jennifer Hudson singing)
No no no way!

KIMMY

(re: his singing)
Wow!

Titus goes and takes money out of the freezer.

TITUS

Take your rent money back. Buy
yourself a bus ticket and leave
this place.

He hands her the money.

KIMMY

But you will be evicted.

TITUS

Don't worry about me. I'm pretty
but tough like a diamond. Or beef
jerky in a ball gown. Go.

He leaves.