

# BUN-GEE!

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*A scene for two characters of either gender: Jerry and Sean.*

**JERRY:** *(standing beside a platform ... actually a table)* I can't believe we're finally here.

**SEAN:** You said you always wanted to do this.

**JERRY:** Look, I'm having second thoughts.

**SEAN:** You can't have second thoughts. We've climbed 200 feet up this tower. There's a line of people behind us.

**JERRY:** Let's go to the mall instead.

**SEAN:** Jerry, we can't go to the mall. We're about to bungee jump! You said you wanted to do this for your birthday.

**JERRY:** I still do.

**SEAN:** Then what's the problem?

**JERRY:** I think I'd rather do it for my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. *(give your age)* \_\_\_\_\_ is too soon. I want something to look forward to.

**SEAN:** He's motioning us up to the platform.

**JERRY:** No, he was just waving.

**SEAN:** He was not waving, Jerry! We're next in line! Come on!

**JERRY:** I can't.

**SEAN:** Why not?

**JERRY:** I forgot something when I climbed up here.

**SEAN:** What?

**JERRY:** I forgot to stay down on the ground. *(Jerry begins to leave, but is grabbed by Sean.)*

**SEAN:** Hold it! Hold it!

- JERRY:** Come on, Sean, I changed my mind! I can do that! It's my birthday!
- SEAN:** Look at that, Jerry ... look at that line of people on the tower. Can you imagine the humiliation of walking back down through those people saying, "Sorry... I'm sorry. Make way for the chicken?"
- JERRY:** But I am chicken!
- SEAN:** (*grabbing Jerry and moving up to stand on the table*) Come on, birthday boy/girl. You'll never forget this.
- JERRY:** I won't have time to forget it. I'll be dead in five minutes. (*looking down*) Oh my gosh! Don't let me do that again!
- SEAN:** Do what?
- JERRY:** Look down! Next time I look down, stop me. (*looks down and screams, then*) You didn't stop me!
- SEAN:** Then stop looking down!
- JERRY:** I can't help it! Down is such ... it's such a long ways away. (*looks down again*) I did it again!
- SEAN:** Would you stop that!
- JERRY:** The people, Sean! They all look like ants from up here!
- SEAN:** (*looking down*) Those are ants, Jerry. They're on your shoe.
- JERRY:** Then I've got to go home!
- SEAN:** Why?
- JERRY:** I can't kill a bunch of innocent ants!
- SEAN:** Just relax ... here comes the harness.
- JERRY:** They're going to hang me?
- SEAN:** That's the strap they put around you.
- JERRY:** I'm being strapped???
- SEAN:** The straps hold you up, Jerry. The straps keep you safe!

**JERRY:** *(to an unseen character)* Hey! Watch where you're putting your hands!

**SEAN:** He's just trying to help, Jerry. Relax.

**JERRY:** Relax ... six miles above the surface of the earth, breathing the last few breaths of my life, getting ready to plunge into the atmosphere and burn up like a meteorite while the ground keeps getting closer and closer and ...

**SEAN:** Jerry!

**JERRY:** What?

**SEAN:** It's time to jump.

**JERRY:** No it's not. It's never time to jump. It can be time to eat and drink and kiss your puppy, but it's never time to jump. Nowhere in the Bible does it say, "Thou shalt jump!" Lincoln never said, "Four score and seven years ago we jumped!" Jumping is not a requirement.

**SEAN:** Then you'll have to be pushed.

**JERRY:** Touch me and I'll never speak to you again.

**SEAN:** Look, just ... *(speaking to the unseen character)* ... What are you doing? No ... no, I'm not jumping. I just came here with my friend.

**JERRY:** You no longer have any friends, Sean. You mean you weren't going to jump?

**SEAN:** Oh, I bungee jump all the time. This is your day.

**JERRY:** It's a double harness.

**SEAN:** No way.

**JERRY:** Way. He's hooking you up.

**SEAN:** Hold it! Hold it! You can't do this! I've never done this before!

**JERRY:** You said you'd jumped!

**SEAN:** I lied! I lied! He can't do this to me!

**JERRY:** Oh yes he can.



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