

Tytgat Chocolat – Episode V

Abstract

Roman and Lode start the search for the five packaging workers with Roman's caravan. The police moto riders discover that Jasper's gang is not legally allowed to be travelling on their own, and they decide to hand them over to the Police. Nevertheless, the ex-boss of the rider's group helps Jasper and his friends to escape and gives them some money to continue their journey to Kosovo. The group arrives at Ljubljana, but Max runs away with all the money. Roman and Lode follow Jasper's gang, but Jasper and Spijker manage to get away from them.

Details

Roman has told his brother Lode that his five workers have escaped with the golden truffle. At first, they think that they should call the Police, but Rachel, Roman's wife, suggests that they go after the employees since Roman has access to their location due to the GPS introduced in the truffle. Finally, both brothers start a journey to look for the five workers in Roman's caravan, although the next day, they have to be back home: Lode has the day of shared custody with his children, and Roman must attend the encounter with a German investor. Meanwhile, Jasper's gang arrives with the motorists at one lake, where they decide to stop and have some rest. Jasper approaches Spijker and alerts him that the motorists are members of the Police. In the beginning, Spijker does not believe him due to the fact that Harry is in a love relationship with another of the police riders, something that does not fit in Spijker's idea of the police force. He goes next to Harry and starts to make homophobic jokes. At this moment, Cedrik's phone starts ringing, and Spijker gets angry because the entire gang had promised not to bring their phone on the journey in order to avoid possible monitoring. They both start a fight, and Spijker violently grabs Cedrik. The members of the Police separate them, and after that, they decide to ask for the personal documentation of each one of the coworkers. The moto riders find out that the escape by Jasper's gang is not legal and decide to hand them over to the Police.

Before the police moto riders bring Jasper's gang to a police office, they make a quick stop in the house of their old police boss, Yan. He is a wheelchair user and lives in a big house in the countryside. There, he and his wife had prepared a barbecue for the visit of the police members. Jasper is really worried about Tina and about not finishing the trip to Kosovo. In a private conversation that Spijker and Jasper have with Yan and his wife, they explain the couple their situation, and Jasper expresses his desperation and his need to see Tina again, appealing to his love for her. Yan and his wife sympathise with him after their conversation, and they decide to help them. Yan's wife, who is a nurse, has a big van for the transport of patients. She drives Jasper's gang to Salzburgo, where they should take a bus to Ljubljana, and she gives some money to them, too. Max takes it before anyone else can and insists on saving it on his own. This morning, Nikki and Raoul receive a call from Rachel in which she explains that their son

had escaped. Rachel summons them to a meeting at the factory with the rest of the parents of the other escaped workers. There, she explains that Roman is after their sons and that by tomorrow, all of them will be back home. Cedrik's parents blame Jasper for what happened and establish that tomorrow; they will call the Police if Roman does not fulfil their promise.

Through the GPS location system, Roman and Lode notice that the workers are moving again. Jasper, Django, Max, Cedrik and Spijker arrive at Salzburg, and they take the bus to their new destination. While they are travelling, Spijker asks Max to give him the money since he thinks that Max is not trustworthy, and they start a discussion. Max demands the golden truffle in exchange, but the rest of the gang refuses. Jasper is saving the truffle, and after the little fight, Spijker asks Jasper to give it to him in order to ensure that Max does not steal it. Spijker promises that he will punch Max if he tries to do so. Jasper gives it to Spijker, and he saves it in a little metal case that he brings with him. The material of the case makes the GPS signal stop functioning, and Lode and Roman lose the gang's location, although Lode can remember the last city the computer showed: Ljubljana. Back at the Tytgat Chocolat factory, Andy is preparing, with the help of Roman's secretary, the visit of Mr. Müller that will take place the next day. He asks her to remove the hall TV with the images uploaded by the employees, a Roman sharing initiative to generate a sense of collective as a working group. In addition, he says that a cleaning team must come the next morning, early in the morning, to clean the entire factory except for the packaging area.

Once Jasper and the rest have arrived at Ljubljana station, they decide that the next destination should be Zagreb. They are trying to find the ticket seller machine, and Max offers himself to ask the station staff where to buy them. He starts walking in the direction of one station's security worker but passes him away, runs for a nearby taxi and takes it. Spijker tries to catch him, but the taxi has already left, so the gang is again without money. Jasper, Django, Cedrik, and Spijker are now in the middle of the street, thinking about what to do. They see some police officers and decide to look for somewhere to hide. Jasper finds a place under a bridge located in a square in the city centre, and the group goes there. Cedrik begins to feel desperate and wants to go home, but Spijker tries to calm him and says that he brought an emergency credit card with enough money to buy some food. He opens his metal case for a few seconds to take the card out, and, at this moment, Lode detects Jasper's gang signal again so he can know more specifically where they are. Meanwhile, in the factory, Andy and Marieke, the secretary, end the preparation for tomorrow's meeting with Mr. Müller. They both take a drink in Roman's office, and the secretary asks Andy about his love life. After talking for a while, she kisses him. Andy starts to feel nervous and asks the secretary to go.

When the night falls, Jasper and Spijker come out of hiding and go to a food store to buy something to eat. Roman and Lode approach the area where Jasper's gang is hiding. However, they can not see them since they do not notice that there is a way to access the lower part of the bridge, where Django and Cedrik are waiting, so Lode and Roman begin to walk around the square. At some point, Django tells Cedrik that he would like to have his own money, so he puts on his monkey costume and is determined to earn a few coins by dancing in the centre of the square. Cedrik insists that both need to wait for their partners, but Django refuses to do that, and he goes. On the other part of the square, Roman and Lode are about to give up in their search, but suddenly, Roman hears some loud cheers. He approaches them, and then he

recognizes Django's last karaoke costume in the performer who is being applauded. Roman walks towards him and takes off his mask. After that, he asks Django to bring him to the rest of his companions. When Jasper and Spijker come back with the food, they discover that Roman and Lode are with their two colleagues in their hiding place. After that, Jasper and Spijker start running in the opposite direction.