

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS

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INT. NOSHIT SHERLOCK'S APARTMENT

A CYNICAL MAN (mid 20s; writer, sarcastic) sits in front of his computer. His elbows are on the table and his hands reach up into his hair and tug his head down.

He looks away from the computer to a group of pictures. In the first picture, we see his brother sitting on a rock. In the next picture, his brother, father, and mother stand with him after at his graduation ceremony. In the last picture, his mom smiles.

The man looks back at his computer screen and walks out the door of his apartment.

CUT TO:

INT. DIVE BAR - NIGHT

Seedy customers mull around a dank bar. The cynical man gives a sullen eye to his glass of scotch before he downs it. He glares at a yellow note pad, blank, other than the heading "The One Who Was Always There," until he sarcastically head bobs away and then looks up to a passing bartender.

CYNICAL MAN

Another.

Three hardened criminals sit in the back. One of the criminals, ERIC BANNISTER (30; black, ERIC BANNISTER is written across his shirt), stands up. Suddenly the door to the bar swings open. A cold breeze fills the bar.

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS (38; built, handsome, obvious, seemingly slow), dressed in bright purple spandex, steps into the doorway and addresses the bar in a powerful voice.

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS

Hello good people. I am looking for a man named Eric.

Everyone at the bar turns to Eric.

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS (CONT'D)

Are you Eric Bannister?

Eric looks down at his shirt and back up to Captain Obvious.

ERIC

No.

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS

Oh, ok.

Captain Obvious walks out the bar speedily. Eric looks down at his shirt and then to his friends. He shrugs.

Captain Obvious reenters the bar and heads to Eric.

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS (CONT'D)
A-HA, thought I'd be gone that easy
did you?

Captain Obvious points his finger at Eric's chest.

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS (CONT'D)
I think you ARE Eric Bannister!

ERIC
Do you though?

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS
Yes, you know why?

ERIC
Because it's on my---

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS
Because it's on your shirt!

Captain Obvious grabs Eric by the shirt.

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS (CONT'D)
You're coming with me.

ERIC
I wouldn't do that if I were you.

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS
And why is that?

He looks down at Eric's friend who has PUMA written across his shirt.

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS (CONT'D)
Your friend Puma can't help you
now. You are under arrest for the
Richmond robbery---

A stool cracks over Captain Obvious's head.

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS (CONT'D)
Dear god that hurt. That was a
stool!

The entire bar seems to react. They surround Captain Obvious and he is hit from all sides. Eric crawls away from the battle, when---

The Captain rallies. He knocks out the patrons who try to protect Eric. Eric runs to door.

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS (CONT'D)
STOP THAT MAN!

ERIC
You'll never catch me, Captain
Obvious!

A stool slams into Eric and his body heaps on top of a banister next to the door.

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS
Quid pro stool, Mr. Bannister.

Captain Obvious walks over to Eric. The Captain turns to see the cynical man holding the now broken stool.

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS (CONT'D)
Well done, my man. The name's
Captain Obvious.

Captain Obvious extends a hand.

CYNICAL MAN
Noshit Sherlock.

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS
Hmm, is that your real name?

NOSHIT SHERLOCK
Yeah, *Noshit Sherlock* is my REAL
name.

Captain Obvious slings Eric's limp body across his shoulder.

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS
Very unique.
(thoughtful aside)
Much better than Puma.
(looks to Noshit)
You know, we could use a person
like you.

NOSHIT
(sarcastic)
Yeah, I'm sure you could.

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS
It's a good time to be a hero,
Noshit. You save a few lives, then
you get a book deal.

Noshit is quickly taken aback and glances at his empty note pad.

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS (CONT'D)
I think I'm going to call my
autobiography...Captain Obvious.

NOSHIT SHERLOCK
(sarcastic)
Great title. How did you think of
it?

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS
You know, it just came to me.

The Captain walks out of the bar. Noshit grabs his pad. He looks at it and then back to the open door. The wind whips harshly into the bar.

EXT. STREET - NIGHT

A wet street reflects building lights. Captain Obvious walks confidently with his captured suspect. Captain Obvious reads Eric his Miranda rights despite the fact Eric is clearly knocked out.

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS
You have the right to an attorney.
If you cannot afford---

NOSHIT SHERLOCK
Captain!

The Captain turns.

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS
Ahhh, hello Noshit.

Noshit searches for words, but fails.

NOSHIT SHERLOCK
Why?

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS
What do you mean?

NOSHIT SHERLOCK
...Why risk your life? Why him?

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS
Some criminals work outside the
reach of the law.
(MORE)

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS (CONT'D)

That is why my friends and I do
what we do. Because we have to.

The Captain looks to Eric.

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS (CONT'D)

So no. I am not interested in
people like this. I'm interested in
the big fish. The ones that swim
deep below the surface...The really
scary ones that are all deformed.---

NOSHIT

Look...I'm a writer, or at least I
think I am, but...I need...
inspiration.

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS

If you come with me, they'll be
plenty of stories, but for some
reason I think your seeking more
than that.

Captain Obvious turns and starts walking.

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS (CONT'D)

Let's get out of the cold.
(Rubs his nipple)
My nipples feel like Xbox
joysticks.

Captain Obvious turns to Noshit and looks down to his chest.
He plays with his nipples.

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS (CONT'D)

Up, Up, down, down, A, B, A, B.

The Captain looks back up to Noshit.

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS (CONT'D)

Seriously though, I'm worried
they'll rip the spandex.

INT. APARTMENT HALLWAY

Captain Obvious leads Noshit up the stairs of a dilapidated
apartment building. Captain Obvious knocks on a door.

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS

Noshit, I need you to promise me
you won't be turned by...*the*
Darkness.

NOSHIT SHERLOCK

I promise.

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS

Good. I probably should have asked you that before I took you to our secret lair.

NOSHIT SHERLOCK

This is your secret lair? Just looks like a crummy apartment building.

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS

Very astute of you Noshit. It's also a crummy apartment building.

The door cracks open. A sliver of female face can be seen through the opening. JANE DOE (25; attractive, fake antlers on her head) can be heard on the other side.

JANE DOE

Password?

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS

12,345.

She turns away from the door and speaks to CITIZEN PROFILE (29; racist).

JANE DOE (O.S.)

(Whispering)

Citizen. What's the password again?

CITIZEN PROFILE

1.2.3.4.5.

JANE DOE (O.S.)

Does it matter how they say it?

CITIZEN PROFILE

Preferably English.

The door opens and they walk into a mustard yellow room, adorn with a small old boxy television.

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS

Thank you Jane.

She looks slightly suspicious and freezes.

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS (CONT'D)

Oh, this is Noshit Sherlock.

Noshit, this is Jane Doe.

JANE DOE
What does he do?

Noshit is startled and looks toward Captain Obvious for help.

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS
He has the super ability of being
at the right place at the right
time.

The Captain slaps Noshit on the shoulder.

NOSHIT SHERLOCK
I also have writer's block. Thought
this would be a good place to go.

Citizen Profile, dressed in a white spandex uniform, walks
into the conversation.

CITIZEN PROFILE
Writer's block? Fantastic! Do you
write down clever threats on blocks
and throw them at your enemies?

NOSHIT SHERLOCK
Yeah, sure. That's my "super"
power.

CITIZEN PROFILE
I love it. Say you threw one at an
evil plumber. Like a less Italian
mean version of Mario. What would
you write?

NOSHIT SHERLOCK
Well...I would shove it up his ass
with the phrase "try to unblock
this pipe."

CITIZEN PROFILE
Genius. The man checks out.
Although I don't think the police
would be terribly happy having a
prisoner come in with a brick in
their ass. The plumbing is already
pretty bad in prisons.

NOSHIT SHERLOCK
I'm sure they could get the evil
plumber to fix it on work release.

MARATHON MAN (26; skinny, looks very similar to Dustin
Hoffman) runs into the room..

MARATHON MAN

I came as fast as I could.

NOSHIT

Probably not something to be proud of...

MARATHON MAN

Who's this idiot?

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS

Noshit, meet Marathon Man. He has the ability to run super far distances.

NOSHIT SHERLOCK

How fast?

MARATHON MAN

(confident)

My mile time is about 5:30.

NOSHIT SHERLOCK

Isn't the world record under 4 minutes.

MARATHON MAN

How fast do you run?

NOSHIT SHERLOCK

I don't know, like a 7 minute mile.

MARATHON MAN

Hmm, well then shut up.

CITIZEN PROFILE

Enough you two. Captain Obvious. What is this?

The Captain looks at Eric who is still slung across his shoulder.

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS

A passed out man.

Captain throws Eric on the floor. Eric's shirt can be easily read.

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS (CONT'D)

His name is Eric Bannister.

CITIZEN PROFILE

What did he do?

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS

He was a part of the Richmond Heist last weekend. I think he also maybe working for a foreign government. Some of the people at the bar who came to his aid seemed to be from the Banana Republic.

CITIZEN PROFILE

Well done Captain. Marathon Man, throw him in the interrogation room.

MARATHON MAN

You mean the guest room?

CITIZEN PROFILE

Yes. That's what I mean...but take away the pillow. He's no guest of mine. I also know how his types can be...

Marathon Man shrugs and drags Eric to the bedroom.

Jane Doe and Noshit stare at Citizen Profile, questioningly. Citizen Profile is taken aback and responds.

CITIZEN PROFILE (CONT'D)

Robbers.

Noshit looks skeptical. Marathon Man comes back into the room.

CAPTAIN OBVIOUS

I'm going to go interrogate him. Noshit, come along.

Noshit looks at Captain and then to Jane Doe.

NOSHIT SHERLOCK

(to Jane Doe)

Hey...it was really nice to meet you.

Marathon Man glares at Noshit, briefly.

JANE DOE

Who are you?