# DARTH CRUSOE & SIR MANDIBLES: NEVERMORE DEFENDERS

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FADE IN:

### EXT. NEVERMORE - NIGHT

A dystopian island town surrounded by volcanoes and tropical rain forests.

A QUADRAPLEX (30, crab-alien, sunglasses and Hawaiian shirt) scuttles along the road with a handful of ring-pulls.

Twin SHOPKEEPERS burst out of a convenience store.

SHOPKEEPER 1 How are we supposed to open cans!

SHOPKEEPER 2 You Quadraplex bastard!

A WILD WEST theme drones in the background as --

CONNOR NEWMAN (35, handsome, dressed like a cowboy with a stetson and a poncho) steps onto the street, head bowed.

Quadraplex stops dead, turns its head slightly.

Connor, matchstick in mouth, raises his head and squints.

CONNOR

(imitating Clint Eastwood) Are you feeling lucky, punk?

Connor's fingers stroke his holstered plasma handgun.

CONNOR The question you gotta ask yourself is: Are they worth your life?

Quadraplex's pincer snaps open to reveal a large gun barrel.

CONNOR

Oh crap.

## INT. NEVERMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT - DAY

Connor, asleep, mouth agape, drools on his cluttered desk.

A criminal brutalizes a cop with a baseball bat. Another cop takes part in a staring contest with a dog.

### LIEUTENANT (O.S.) NEEEEEEEEWWMMMAAAAAAANNNNNN!!!!!!

Windows SMASH and the dog BARKS.

Connor jolts awake, falls out of his chair, THUD. A beat. He pulls himself up.

LIEUTENANT (O.S.) Get in here!

## INT. NEVERMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT, OFFICE - DAY

Wrestling championships and shrunken heads on shelves.

SERGEANT LIEUTENANT (40, looks like Dog the Bounty Hunter) sits behind a desk with clasped hands and a dead stare.

#### LIEUTENANT

Well?

Connor, on a child's stool, looks up.

CONNOR Yes sir, thanks for asking.

LIEUTENANT Explain yourself.

CONNOR

Uh...well sometimes I wake up and I feel sick-

LIEUTENANT Not how you're feeling. What went wrong yesterday?

CONNOR Oh...um...Rusty died.

LIEUTENANT (motions with hand) Explain.

CONNOR Um...well he got hit by a truck and bounced off a car into a grinder.

Lieutenant takes this in, nods.

Connor notices something.

LIEUTENANT Are you handling it okay?

CONNOR (distracted) Chains...

LIEUTENANT

Newman!

CONNOR (flinches, gulps) Sir?

LIEUTENANT Are you handling it?

CONNOR Yeah...sorry, but who is that?

Connor and Lieutenant look over to --

A MIDGET (30s) in bondage gear chained between two filing cabinets with an apple in his mouth.

LIEUTENANT That's Ivan.

CONNOR Why's he chained up like that? It looks uncomfortable.

LIEUTENANT Don't worry about the midget. (beat) I called you in here to give you a new partner. He's from outta town.

CONNOR

Is he here?

LIEUTENANT He's in the interview room.

### INT. NEVERMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT, BASEMENT - DAY

Dimly lit, bloodstained walls and a mirror.

A CHINESE MAN (60s) sits shackled and chained to a table.

NORIN (O.S.) I'm gonna ask you one more time.

NORIN (30, alien, mandibles and slicked back roots) steps from the shadows and leans over the man's shoulder.

NORIN (whispering) What is your name?

NOTE - Chinese Man has terrible English.

CHINESE MAN What is my name.

NORIN Listen to me you slimy snake, if you don't start telling the truth-

CHINESE MAN I told a you. My name is What.

Norin grabs the back of the man's neck, squeezes.

CHINESE MAN Don't a pinch a my neck.

NORIN I'll do a lot more if you don't tell me your name.

CHINESE MAN I told a you twenty times. My name is <u>What</u>.

NORIN Okay, you wanna play tough?

CHINESE MAN What are you a doing?

Norin whips off his belt.

NORIN I'm gonna lash you in the face if you don't tell me the truth.

## CHINESE MAN (sighs)

My name is What, I told a you the truth, you stupid!

NORIN I'm gonna count to ten and if you don't spit it out I swear...

## INT. NEVERMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT, BASEMENT ROOM - DAY

Connor and Lieutenant watch as Norin lashes Chinese Man across the face.

CONNOR He's really violent.

LIEUTENANT He gets the job done.

Norin flips the table onto Chinese Man, pounces --

CONNOR What did the suspect do wrong?

LIEUTENANT That's the witness.

Norin squashes Chinese Man's face against the mirror.

NORIN Tell me the truth!

Connor scrunches up his face.

CHINESE MAN I not do anything wrong!

Norin throws Chinese Man into a wall.

LIEUTENANT He's been working on a case that I think you can help him with.

CONNOR I'm not too good at making things.

LIEUTENANT No, no, not a -- not a case, Newman -- not something you put stuff in, a police investigation.

Connor squints.

LIEUTENANT Bad guys did bad things.

CONNOR Oh! What did they do?

Norin repeatedly punches Chinese Man in the face.

LIEUTENANT We don't know yet, but it's bad.

CONNOR How do you know it's bad if you don't know what they did?

LIEUTENANT Because they're bad guys.

CONNOR How do you know they're bad guys if they haven't done anything?

Norin twists Chinese Man's nipples.

LIEUTENANT They have done something.

CONNOR

What?

LIEUTENANT We don't know yet! Pay attention.

Chinese Man SMASHES through the mirror head first, looks up.

CHINESE MAN Please help a me.

Norin grabs Chinese Man, acknowledges Connor and Lieutenant.

LIEUTENANT How's it going, Norin?

NORIN He's making things difficult. Keeps talking in riddles.

CHINESE MAN (pleading) Please. I told a him. My name What.

Lieutenant takes this in.

#### LIEUTENANT

What?

## CHINESE MAN

Yes!

## INT. NEVERMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT - DAY

Norin walks with Connor.

NORIN What do you know about the case?

CONNOR

Nothing.

NORIN What do you know about me?

CONNOR That you have mandibles and I don't know what they're for exactly.

NORIN Well, at least-

Connor falls, THUD. Norin looks down, HISSES.

CONNOR (eating carpet) Ugh...ow...

Connor pushes up, pencil lodged up his nose.

CONNOR (spaced out) ...the heck happened?

CHERYL COVE (29, voluptuous, gorgeous and leather-clad) holds her head as she stands.

CHERYL Watch where you're walking...

CONNOR Why were you laying on the floor?

CHERYL I was looking for my earring. I lost it. CONNOR Where did you lose it?

CHERYL If I knew that I'd not be looking for it, would I? Idiot.

NORIN Don't be rude to him.

CHERYL He asked a stupid question.

NORIN He's a cop, it's his job to ask stupid questions.

#### INT. POLICE CAR, MOVING - DAY

Norin drives. Connor (pencil up his nostril) rides shotgun.

CONNOR What are they for?

NORIN What are what for?

CONNOR The mandibles. Do you eat with them or something?

Norin just looks at him. Connor raises his eyebrows.

NORIN Look, I'm not a big fan of working with humans so let's get something outta the way, we'll work the case and go our separate ways, alright?

CONNOR We could be friends.

NORIN We're not friends, we're partners.

CONNOR But I'm not gay.

NORIN Once we're finished we- wait, what? CONNOR

I don't wanna be partners with you. I'm not gay.

NORIN What are you talking about?

CONNOR You said <u>partners</u>.

NORIN I meant we're working together on the case, you idiot.

CONNOR Oh...I thought you meant, you know.

Norin rolls his eyes.

### NORIN

Look, this is a very dangerous case and we're up against a lot of bad guys who will do very bad things to us if we get caught.

CONNOR How bad are they?

NORIN

I'm not sure, but they are bad and you're going to infiltrate them.

CONNOR

Okay...

Connor looks away. Norin glances over.

NORIN You're fine with that?

CONNOR (obliviously) Huh?

## EXT. NEVERMORE, DOCKS - NIGHT

A stingray boat docks at a pier crawling with THUGS.

CARNIGAN (40, an elf that dresses like a poof) steps off the boat and greets LEOPOLD (45, monocled and short).

LEOPOLD Leopold Washington at your service.

Leopold kisses Carnigan's ring.

CARNIGAN (shoos Leopold) Away from me you creepy little man.

## EXT. NEVERMORE, DOCK BUSHES - NIGHT

Connor and Norin camp in the bushes.

CONNOR So what do I do?

NORIN Walk over and pledge yourself to their cause.

CONNOR

How?

NORIN Make them think you're bad.

CONNOR ...right. I can do that.

Connor looks out. Norin stares at him.

NORIN Well go and do it then.

CONNOR

Right now?

NORIN Yes. That's why we're here.

### EXT. NEVERMORE, DOCKS - NIGHT

Connor walks down the steps gaining the attention of every thug and every gun.

CARNIGAN

Halt!

Connor freezes.

CARNIGAN Who are you?

CONNOR Uh...I'm a bad guy and I want to join you and do bad stuff.

CARNIGAN Oh do you? What can you offer?

Connor extends an envelope.

CONNOR My CV is inside.

Carnigan opens the envelope, reads...

CV: crayon "I am a very bad person that does very bad things to people" followed by ticks in tiny boxes.

CARNIGAN It says here you like to steal lollipops from tiny young girls. (raised an eyebrow) Why would you do such a thing?

CONNOR Because I'm a very bad man...

Tension mounts. Connor points at a thug.

CONNOR He's an undercover cop.

Carnigan and Leopold acknowledge a hooded THUG.

CARNIGAN Is that true, generic thug number 4 -- are you a cop?

GENERIC THUG #4 No. He's lying.

CARNIGAN Are you lying to me... (consults CV) ...Robinson Crusoe?

CONNOR Nope. He's definitely a cop. GENERIC THUG #4 He's lying, I'm not a cop. I hate cops. I wanna kill 'em all.

Carnigan claps Generic Thug #4 on the shoulder.

CARNIGAN Why are you panicking?

GENERIC THUG #4 Because he's telling lies trying to make you think I'm a cop.

CARNIGAN So you're <u>not</u> a cop.

GENERIC THUG #4

CARNIGAN So you are a cop?

GENERIC THUG #4 W-w-what? I said no.

CARNIGAN (to thugs) Strip him.

GENERIC THUG #4 (voice cracks) What?!

Thugs strip Generic Thug #4 down to his briefs.

CARNIGAN Be gone, Generic Thug #4.

Carnigan CLAPS --

A wormhole opens behind Generic Thug #4 and swallows him. A beat. It BURPS and closes.

Connor is proud of himself, stands tall.

CARNIGAN You have done me a great service, Robinson Crusoe.

Carnigan sets a hand on Connor's shoulder.

CARNIGAN From this day forth you will be known as... (sinister beat) ...Darth Crusoe.

### INT. POLICE CAR, MOVING - NIGHT

Norin, distracted, drives.

Connor (in Darth Vader mask) toys with a flashlight in the passenger seat making light-saber noises.

CONNOR I anoint thee: Darth Crusoe.

NORIN Put the flashlight down, Newman.

CONNOR It's a light-saber and my name is Darth Crusoe.

NORIN It's a flashlight and your name is Connor Newman.

Connor breathes like Darth Vader, holds up a hand.

NORIN You're a mole in his organization, you're not actually part of-(double-takes at Connor) What are you doing?

CONNOR I'm using the force...

### INT. CLASSY RESTAURANT - NIGHT

Waiters serve meals to rich aristocratic people.

Norin bites into a living lobster, chews and agrees. He gazes across the table at Darth Crusoe.

NORIN Take that bloody mask off, you're embarrassing me. CONNOR Not unless you say it and mean it.

NORIN Take the mask off before I stab you in the hand with a fork.

CONNOR Say it, with an echo.

NORIN (annoyed) Nakarus baluru cora...fine. (takes breath) Mighty Darth Crusoe you humble me with thou presence essence-essence.

Connor takes the mask off, gives a goofy smile, pencil still up his nostril.

CONNOR Was that so hard?

NORIN Now that's outta the way we can talk about the case. Carnigan. He's an Elf from Ciranova. I don't know why he's here, but now you're part of his-

A pea hits Norin in the forehead. He sighs.

NORIN

Really?

CONNOR Why are you looking at me?

NORIN You shot me with a pea.

CONNOR It was the penguin.

NORIN The...penguin?

CONNOR Yeah, he's over there look.

Norin looks -- A Rambo-like Penguin lowers a peashooter and flips him the fin.

Penguin waddles away.

CONNOR Listen, I have concerns about the investigation on Carnigan.

NORIN Okay, what are your concerns?

CONNOR Well, he doesn't seem evil to me.

NORIN He opened a black hole and killed a man for no reason.

CONNOR Are you sure?

NORIN You were standing next to him when he did it.

A MAN (30s) punches a GUY (30s) and a WOMAN (30s) SCREAMS.

Norin sets down his napkin, stands.

NORIN Never a dull day. Come on, New-(frustrated) That's my ice cream.

CONNOR (mouthful) I never touched it.

Norin and Connor confront the Man.

NORIN

Excuse me.

MAN Bugger off.

NORIN Sir, NPD, please step away from the woman or I will be forced to-

Man pulls out a gun. Norin faints, THUD. Connor looks down.

CONNOR Uh... (kicks Norin in the face) ...don't think that's meant to happen. Norin? MAN What's wrong with him? CONNOR I think he's dead. Man hands Connor the gun. MAN I'm a doctor, move outta the way. Man checks Norin's pulse. MAN I can't find a pulse. WOMAN He's amphibian. MAN Point? WOMAN His pulse is...oh move over. Woman unzips Norin's pants, feels his scrotum. WOMAN There it is-CONNOR (panicking) Two partners this week and it's only Monday, Sergeant Lieutenant's gonna be pissed! Norin GASPS and sits up. CONNOR ZOMBIE ALIEN! Connor aims, Man swats his hand, BANG --A waiter deflects the bullet with a tray. The bullet ricochets off a wind-chime, a woman YELLS, ducks. SMASH. An uncomfortable moment of silence...

Man confiscates the gun.

MAN He's not a zombie, you idiot.

CONNOR Then why is he eating her?

Man looks --

Norin munches on the Woman, mandibles go to work. Man throws up his arms.

MAN Oh man we were gonna have make up sex and everything!

## EXT. NEVERMORE, CLASSY RESTAURANT - NIGHT

Paramedics tend to a man's genitals on the sidewalk.

Norin, with a leftovers bag, picks pieces of woman from his teeth as he approaches the squad car. He chucks the keys.

### NORIN

Heads up.

CONNOR

Huh?

The keys CLONK Connor on the noggin and he collapses.

CONNOR (O.S.) Seriously, who throws keys?

# INT. POLICE CAR, MOVING - NIGHT

Connor (badly) drives. The car jerks forward, stops, jerks.

NORIN One foot at a time.

CONNOR I've never driven before.

Gas, jerk, stop, jerk, brake, SCREECH.

NORIN Press the gas pedal.

CONNOR Which one's the gas pedal?

Connor points --

About 15 pedals on the floor. His feet punch each one. BANG.

Connor flinches, looks back -- a cloud of black smoke rises and a loud EXPLOSION follows.

NORIN That was the exhaust-launcher.

CONNOR I hope no one died. That'd be bad.

### EXT. NEVERMORE, CLASSY RESTAURANT - NIGHT

Fires rise and rubble lies. Survivors claw their way out of the carnage missing limbs and SCREAMING.

### INT. POLICE CAR, MOVING - NIGHT

Connor pulls the gearstick, GRIND. He pushes it, SNAP.

NORIN What was that?

Connor throws the stick out the window before Norin can see.

CONNOR

Nothing.

NORIN What happened to the gearstick?

CONNOR It disappeared.

Connor, wide eyed, looks over.

NORIN It does that. GERTRUDE and BERT (70s, geriatrics with mopey expressions) sit in an aisle opposite Connor and Norin.

CONNOR I'm not sure I like that plan.

NORIN What's wrong with it?

CONNOR It's not in the rulebook for one, and I don't wanna go into a volcano by myself, it's dangerous.

NORIN Do you have the rulebook with you?

Connor pulls out a rulebook. Norin steals it, throws it out of the window.

CONNOR You can't just throw the rulebook out the window.

NORIN I just did and you need to focus on the task at hand. We're in deep here, if we back out now then they will know something's wrong.

Connor GROANS.

NORIN This is the best chance I've ever had of catching Carnigan, don't screw it up.

CONNOR

F-M-L!
 (beat)
At least buy me a slushy first.

NORIN

What's a <u>slushy</u>?

CONNOR

A slush puppy.

NORIN We don't have time to adopt a dog. Connor pours a blue slushy into a cup and smiles.

Gertrude counts pennies at the counter to the anger of the clerk, EDUARDO (25, porky with curly hair and mutton chops).

Norin browses the magazine rack, pulls up Playboy, opens the spread and goes wide eyed.

NORIN Holy jam-a-lama.

GERTRUDE Eighty-seven, eighty-eight...

Bert ambles up to the counter with a small keg.

BERT I have it, Gerty.

GERTRUDE Just plop it down here, Berty. (returns to counting) Oh...where was I?

Eduardo bangs his head against the counter, MOANS.

Connor arrives at Norin's side with the slushy, takes a peak at the spread.

CONNOR You'll go blind.

NORIN

I can't believe women actually pose like this in magazines.

CONNOR Really? I thought every planet had Playboy magazine.

Norin shows the spread --

SPREAD: A fully clothed muscular woman holds up milk jugs and winks on a cow's back.

NORIN I'm buying it.

Connor and an excited Norin wait-in-line behind Gertrude and Bert as Eduardo frowns at the old woman.

Bert sets a pack of beef jerky on the counter.

BERT That too.

EDUARDO (moans) Damn geriatrics. Just take it.

Gertrude and Bert look up.

EDUARDO Just take it all and go. I can't deal with this.

GERTRUDE Oh we're going to take it, and all of your money too.

Bert pulls out a plasma rifle. Gertrude removes a handgun, aims at Eduardo.

EDUARDO What the f-

GERTRUDE Don't swear, it's rude.

Bert aims at Norin and Connor.

BERT Down on the ground, drop the slushy and the Playboy.

CONNOR You gotta be kidding me.

BERT

Do I look like I'm joking, boy? Get your ass on the ground, you too Sir Mandibles, down or I'll blow you.

GERTRUDE Away. Bert, it's <u>blow you away</u>.

BERT

Okay, honey.

GERTRUDE Empty the register sonny or I shall blow you away! (to Bert) See, Berty? CONNOR That's really good advice. Norin turns to Connor, shakes his head.

> NORIN Don't compliment the armed thieves, you nitwit. (beat) Sir, ma'am, I'm-

Bert plasma-rifle-whips him in the face.

NORIN

OW!

BERT Don't speak unless spoken to, you creepy alien bastard.

Gertrude hands Eduardo a pair of crusty tights.

GERTRUDE Put the dosh in the wash.

EDUARDO (confused) W-what?

GERTRUDE Put the cash in the tights!

Eduardo puts cash into the tights. DING. He looks up --CHASTITY (24, a model, skimpy dress, blond and shades) enters the store, hair flowing and lowers her shades.

Connor drools, mouth lopsided.

CHASTITY Hiya, where do you keep the lotion?

EDUARDO In aisle three.

CHASTITY Thanks, handsome.

Eduardo points at himself.

Chastity smiles, winks and heads down an aisle.

GERTRUDE Money, tights, now.

EDUARDO

Okay...

#### NORIN

Listen to me, I'm a cop. I work for the Nevermore Police Department and if you do this I will hunt you.

BERT

You won't be able to find us. We've been doing this for years.

CONNOR Oh no...you're...you can't...

NORIN What is it, Newman?

CONNOR It's Berty and Gerty, holy crap! Do what they say.

Connor gets down on the ground.

CONNOR Get down on the ground, Norin!

BERT Do what he says, bug-boy.

NORIN

I might be an alien and I might look like a bug, but the day I let two old fogies threaten me-

Bert cocks the rifle. Norin faints, THUD.

CONNOR He does that.

#### MOMENTS LATER

Eduardo stands over Norin as Chastity checks his "pulse", she pumps away. Connor stands back with a shield.

EDUARDO You're a cop, right? CONNOR

Yep.

EDUARDO Well go after the thieves then.

Connor points --

Bert and Gertrude amble past the window at a snail's pace.

CONNOR They're old, they won't get far.

Norin GASPS, sits up.

CONNOR ZOMBIE ALIEN AGAIN!

Connor goes to bash Norin with the shield. Chastity holds him back.

CHASTITY He's not a zombie.

CONNOR Then why is he eating Eduardo?

Chastity looks --

Norin munches away on Eduardo's intestines, mandibles go to work, SQUELCH, CRACK.

CHASTITY (grossed out) Ugh...that is freaking disgusting.

### EXT. NEVERMORE, CONVENIENCE STORE - NIGHT

Norin BELCHES, cheeks puff. Connor shakes his head.

CONNOR You gotta stop eating people. It's weird, Norin.

NORIN It's a genetic disease, I can't help it.

CONNOR Remind me never to invite you to a slumber party. A hover-mobility-scooter drifts out of an alleyway with Bert and Gertrude aboard.

GERTRUDE (flips them the bird) Later suckers!

The scooter hovers 2mph down the street.

BERT (flips them off) F the police!

NORIN How long is this road?

CONNOR About three miles.

NORIN We'll get 'em tomorrow. I'm beat. Let's go back to yours.

CONNOR Hold that thought.

Connor runs back to the convenience store.

NORIN What are you doing?!

CONNOR Gimme a sec!

# INT. APARTMENT 666 - NIGHT

A large lounge with neon lights.

A fluffy winged female ANGEL (20s) plays poker with a DEMON (30s), a DWARF in chain-mail (40s) and a HUMANOID FROG.

Connor shows Norin (wearing a muzzle) inside.

CONNOR Welcome to my crib.

NORIN Do I really need to wear this?

CONNOR I have friends here and I don't wanna wake up to find you've eaten everyone, so yeah, you do. Connor shows Norin around.

CONNOR

The kitchen's over there, bathroom there, my bedroom, and these are my friends. Friends, meet Norin.

The four friends wave.

#### CONNOR

She's Lucia, an angel from Heaven. He's Abaddon, a demon from Hell. That's Thorin from the Hobbit and that's Kermit from Sesame Street.

DEMON My name is Garth...

DWARF And I'm not Thorin.

CONNOR All you Dwarves look the same.

DWARF (obviously offended) That's not racist whatsoever. I could say the same thing about you.

CONNOR I don't look like anyone else.

They nod to --

OTHER CONNOR (35, identical twin in a straight-jacket) in the corner with googly eyes.

CONNOR Well except him.

## NORIN

Who's he?

CONNOR He's a duplicate. I had him made in case I had to go into hiding.

Norin raises an eyebrow.

#### CONNOR

Something went wrong in the factory and he ended up like that. I need to keep him in the straight-jacket because he likes to bite people. NORIN So you just keep him in the corner?

CONNOR Pretty much, yeah. I'm gonna turn in, make yourself at home.

Connor advances on a door, stops.

CONNOR

Keep the muzzle on though, if I wake up and you've eaten everyone I swear I'll...I'll...I <u>will</u>.

Connor points and nods at Norin.

NORIN I'll keep that in mind.

CUT TO BLACK:

COMMENTATOR (V.O.) And here we are on the first day of the 2062 Fifa World Cup finals as the USA take on Uruguay in Group A.

FADE IN:

## EXT. FOOTBALL STADIUM - DAY

High-tech drones whiz about the pitch as the crowd CHEERS. USA and Uruguayan flags wave through the air.

Connor (as a USA player) stands in line as the anthem plays.

COMMENTATOR (O.S.) And there he is Danny, Connor Newman. The USA's greatest ever goalscorer with 265 spectacular net-ruffles!

DANNY (O.S.) Uruguay will have a lot to deal with if Newman gets on the ball.

Connor tackles a Uruguayan defender, passes the ball to a teammate. The crowd chants "NEWMAN, NEWMAN, NEWMAN".

COMMENTATOR (O.S.) Out-wide with Brenner. USA mounting an attack, can he find a cross?

"Brenner" crosses the ball. It glides through the air --

Connor pulls a Uruguayan defender's shorts down, jumps and heads the ball.

SCOREBOARD: "USA 1-0 URUGUAY" and a clapping smiley face.

COMMENTATOR (O.S.) What an outstanding header from Newman, took it right past the goalie with zero offense!

DANNY (0.S.) He pulled that guy's shorts down.

### INT. COMMENTATOR BOOTH - DAY

The COMMENTATOR (50s) sits with headphones as men clean blood and cart away DANNY (30s).

COMMENTATOR After a great first half, the USA lead Uruguay one goal to nil in this thrilling encounter.

#### EXT. FOOTBALL STADIUM - DAY

Connor stands at the edge of the penalty box. A ball comes in, a defender knocks it out for a corner.

The REF blows a whistle.

A FOURTH ASSISTANT holds up a holographic board "18 - 9". Silence falls over the crowd.

COMMENTATOR (O.S.)

Uh-oh...

CONNOR

Oh no...

Number 10 slaps hands with -- LUIS SUAREZ (30s, big teeth) who runs onto the pitch.

CONNOR Sub! SUB! Take me off!

Suarez charges at Connor like a voracious dog.

CONNOR HE'S GONNA EAT ME! Connor SCREAMS like a sissy girl and jolts awake.

CONNOR (terrified) ZOMBIE LUIS SUAREZ!

## INT. APARTMENT 666 - DAY

The demon hugs the frog close. Angel stumbles about and finds her grace, holds her head.

ANGEL How much did I drink last night?

Dwarf sharpens a war axe, SLAM, looks over his shoulder.

DWARF Hey Newman. Good sleep?

CONNOR Luis Suarez tried to eat me.

DWARF He's still haunting you is he?

CONNOR Where's Norin?

Dwarf points to the ceiling --

Norin sleeps upside down like a bat, SNORES loudly.

CONNOR How did he get up there?

DWARF (shrugs) I don't know.

Angel plonks down on the couch, sighs.

ANGEL He got him piss drunk and glued his feet to the ceiling.

DWARF (scoffs) No idea what you're talking about.

## EXT. NEVERMORE, APARTMENT BLOCK - DAY

Mount Boom RUMBLES behind the lopsided apartment complex, a HELICOPTER smolders on the 20th floor.

Norin SMASHES an ambulance window, reaches in.

## INT. AMBULANCE, MOVING - DAY

Norin stifles a YAWN. Connor rides shotgun. Norin looks.

NORIN

What?

CONNOR Do you have wings?

NORIN This again? I already told you once I'm not a fly-man.

CONNOR

Okay... (beat) ...are you-

NORIN If you say <u>sure</u> I'm going to hit you in the face with a piranha.

CONNOR I was actually going to say before you rudely interrupted me, are you feeling alright? You look pale.

NORIN

I feel fine.

CONNOR

Are you sure?

Norin WHACKS Connor in the face with a piranha. The beast latches onto his nose. Connor SQUEALS.

CONNOR Ouch, ouch, ouch...

NORIN

Hold still.

CONNOR You're tugging it!

Norin uses both hands, pulls with all his might.

NORIN It's got hold of something...

Norin pulls it off, the piranha chomps on a pencil.

CONNOR So that's what was up there. I never even felt it.

NORIN It was probably touching the part of your brain with nerve endings.

Norin hits Connor with a brick.

CONNOR (cries) Ow, oh it hurts so bad!

NORIN I'm sorry, gees, I never meant-

Connor points and laughs at him, WHEEZES, goes again.

NORIN

Asshole.

CONNOR Can't believe you fell for that.

Norin shakes his head.

CONNOR Wait, if I can't feel anything, how do I know when I need to pee?

NORIN Uh...that's actually a good point.

### INT. NEVERMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT, OFFICE - DAY

Lieutenant sits at his desk with drowsy eyes.

LIEUTENANT Let me get this straight. That queer Elf believed you were evil, sent one of his men into a black hole and anointed you Darth Crusoe? Connor (as Darth Crusoe) sits next to Norin on the floor.

CONNOR Yup. That about covers it.

LIEUTENANT And you're wearing a mask, why?

CONNOR I have a boo-boo on my nose. He hit me with a piranha.

Lieutenant looks to Norin who shrugs.

LIEUTENANT I want an update on the case.

#### NORIN

Carnigan believes Newman is part of his organization. He's in, but we need more info. I was thinking, and I thought Newman could infiltrate Mount Boom to gather intelligence on Carnigan's operations.

LIEUTENANT Sounds good, how to you suppose we do that?

NORIN Well sir...

Norin stands by a chart.

NORIN (gesturing the chart) If we hover over the top of the volcano, Newman can jump out of a helicopter and parachute down into the base. After infiltration is complete, he will disguise himself as a box and make his way to the control room, located... (flips page, taps) ...right here.

LIEUTENANT And you're okay with that, Newman?

CONNOR Why can't I just go through the front door? He trusts me. LIEUTENANT Good question. Why can't he walk through the front door?

NORIN

Because, Carnigan is very touchy when it comes to his secret plans and won't allow Newman access. He needs to do it this way or no way.

LIEUTENANT Well it sounds like you don't have much choice, Newman.

CONNOR Yeah I do. I don't have to do it.

LIEUTENANT

Yes you do.

CONNOR

Okay.

### INT. HELICOPTER, MOVING - DAY

Connor clips a parachute, fits on goggles. Norin stands by the door. Connor approaches.

NORIN

Okay, when you get inside you need to move fast, don't lag and do not, whatever you do, miss the walkway or you will burn to death.

Norin hands Connor a radio.

NORIN Keep in contact at all times. Your codename is-

CONNOR Darth Crusoe.

NORIN No, your codename is-

CONNOR And yours is Sir Mandibles.

Norin fumes...

CONNOR See you on the other side!

Connor leaps out.

NORIN Newman, wait!

## EXT. MOUNT BOOM - DAY

Connor skydives at breakneck speed en route to the volcano. A radio CLONKS him on the head.

CONNOR Ah, the heck...

Connor rubs his noggin, looks up.

NORIN GRAB. THE. RADIO!

Connor reaches for the radio. A pigeon blindsides him, gets in his face. Connor throws it away, spits out a feather.

The radio descends -- Connor reaches -- grabs it. CRACKLE.

NORIN (O.S.) (via radio) Pull the parachute cord now!

Connor pulls the cord, WHOOSH --

NORIN (O.S.) Adjust your course, you're gonna miss the entrance.

### INT. MOUNT BOOM - DAY

Lava and brimstone everywhere. Volcanic spurts hurl boiling lava upward.

Connor aims for a steel walkway, SLAMS into the battlements and falls over the edge -- he grabs on.

CONNOR

Dammit...

He clambers over the edge, safety.

CONNOR (into radio) I made it, Sir Mandibles. I am now inside the super secret base.

NORIN (0.S.) Don't announce it. Anyone could be listening to us.

CONNOR Then what do I say?

NORIN (O.S.) Nothing.

Confused, Connor frowns.

CONNOR (into radio) Nothing.

## INT. HELICOPTER, MOVING - DAY

Norin face-palms, GROANS.

## INT. MOUNT BOOM, SECRET BASE HALLWAY - DAY

An armed THUG (30s) tosses a cigarette into the volcano, walks past three bins, two large and one small.

NORIN (O.S.) (whispering) Okay Newman, move.

A large bin wheels along the ground.

NORIN (O.S.)

Stop.

The bin stops. Thug looks back, scans, shrugs and leaves.

NORIN (O.S.) Okay, you're G-T-G.

Connor steps out of a tool cabinet on the wall. He scours the area, moves out.

A beat...the bin lid pops open, Rambo Penguin emerges.
NORIN (V.O.) There should be a control box on the wall next to you.

## INT. MOUNT BOOM, SECRET BASE CORRIDOR - DAY

Connor finds the control box, an eyeball scanner.

CONNOR How did you know that? Are you one of those technophobes?

NORIN (O.S.) Telepathic, you dimwit. And no. I can see everything you see.

CONNOR

How?

NORIN (0.S.) Through the camera I installed behind your left eye when you were sleeping last night. Take a knee.

CONNOR

Why?

NORIN (O.S.) Just do it.

Connor takes a knee.

NORIN (O.S.) Stay perfectly still.

A holographic eyeball spits out of Connor's eye. The scanner scans it, a beat, green light, the door slides open.

CONNOR The door is now open.

NORIN (O.S.) I know, I can see it. Go inside.

## INT. MOUNT BOOM, ULTRA SECRET CONTROL ROOM - DAY

A big banner across a large console reads; "ULTRA SECRET CONTROL ROOM OF DOOM".

Connor sweeps ashes off the console, unearths the buttons.

CONNOR Okay, I am at the console.

NORIN (O.S.) There's a big red button on the console-

Connor reaches for it.

NORIN (O.S.) DON'T PRESS IT!

Connor flinches, retracts his hand.

NORIN (O.S.) You'll blow the whole island up.

CONNOR Then don't point out things unless you want me to touch them.

NORIN (O.S.) On the left of the big red button there's a switch, can you see it?

CONNOR Do you want me to pull it?

NORIN (O.S.)

Yes.

CONNOR Are you completely sure?

Silence falls.

NORIN (0.S.) Just pull the friggin' switch.

Connor pulls the switch.

A super-secret bookshelf door opens.

NORIN (O.S.)

Hide.

CONNOR

What?!

NORIN (O.S.) There's a guard coming.

## MOMENTS LATER

Leopold and two guards stand at the console.

# LEOPOLD

Just make sure no one touches the console. Carnigan's plans are just. They cannot be stopped and if they are, you're to blame, understand?

GUARD 1

Ci.

Leopold exits the room.

GUARD 1 (in Spanish) Thinks he can order us around and we'll do whatever he says, HA.

GUARD 2

(in French) For the twentieth time, I can't understand anything you're saying. I don't speak Spanish.

GUARD 1

Margarita?

GUARD 2

Oui.

They leave.

NORIN (O.S.) You can come out now.

Connor falls off the ceiling, THUD.

## INT. MOUNT BOOM, SUPER SECRET ROOM - DAY

Fluffy stuffed animals on shelves, toys, glitter, lots of really nice cute things all over.

Connor stands befuddled and scratches his head.

CONNOR Hm...not what I expected to find in an evil headquarters' secret room. NORIN (O.S.) It's just as I thought. Carnigan is planning to rid the world of <u>nice</u>.

CONNOR Why would he do such a thing?

NORIN (O.S.) Because he's evil. But there has to be more to it. Elves are devilishly tricky bastards.

Connor moves teddy bears and stuff.

CONNOR There's a book here.

Connor picks up a rather large WITCHCRAFT book with a HEX symbol on the front.

CONNOR It looks evil to me.

NORIN (O.S.)

Take it.

CONNOR I'm not a thief, Norin.

A baseball bat CRACKS over Connor's head. He turns, Rambo Penguin lunges at him. They fall.

Rambo Penguin viciously attacks Connor with its fins.

CONNOR AAHHAAAHA! Get off! HELP!

NORIN (O.S.) Newman, what's your situation? Are you compromised, over?

CONNOR Pengo's attacking me!

"Pengo" balls up a fin, punches Connor in the nose.

CONNOR Requesting immediate backup! I need help! Sir Mandibles!

Pengo kicks Connor in the balls, steals the book and waddles away like a 100m sprinter.

Connor pulls up on a shelf, rubs his balls...

NORIN (O.S.) Newman, you can't feel pain. Go after the penguin.

## INT. MOUNT BOOM, SECRET BASE CORRIDOR - DAY

Pengo waddle-runs down the corridor with Connor in pursuit.

CONNOR Get back here you little-

Connor slips on a wet floor, THUD. Pengo flips him the fin.

CONNOR

Seriously, put wet floor signs up.

#### INT. MOUNT BOOM, SECRET BASE HALLWAY - DAY

Connor skids to a halt, cautiously looks around.

CONNOR I know you're here somewhere. You can't hide forever.

Pengo swings on a chain, kicks Connor off-balance, gets him in a head-scissors and flips him onto his back.

Pengo waddles off. Connor WHEEZES, grabs his chest.

## INT. MOUNT BOOM - DAY

Pengo kicks off a rail, grabs a rappel line and ascends.

Connor arrives, leaps -- grabs the line. Pengo repeatedly kicks him in the face. Connor bites Pengo's foot.

Pengo whips up his peashooter, shoots -- a pea nails Connor in the face.

## CONNOR

Stop that.

A dozen more peas bombard his face. Connor falls --

-- back first onto a railing, falls over the edge and grabs on with one hand, dangles over lava.

NORIN (0.S.) Newman, he's getting away!

Connor extends his free hand, clenches a fist...

Pengo turns his head sideways. The book pulls. Pengo tugs it back. It jerks out of his hand, he regains it.

Connor focuses.

A PROFOUND VOICE (V.O.) Use the force, Crusoe...

Pengo shoots a pea --

-- it glides through the air, spit and phlegm spray through the air and --

-- hits Connor dead in the left eye. He loses his grip and falls toward the lava.

Norin flies in and catches him.

CONNOR

Whoa...

NORIN Are you okay?

CONNOR You really do have wings!

NORIN We gotta get the penguin, if he gets away our mission is over.

## EXT. MOUNT BOOM - DAY

Pengo climbs into a helicopter.

Norin soars out of the volcano with Connor in his grip.

CONNOR Get me close and I'll use my powers on him.

## INT. HELICOPTER, MOVING - DAY

Pengo grabs a large barreled gun, leans out.

Connor GASPS.

CONNOR He's got a rocket launcher!

Pengo smirks, shoots --

-- a rocket spits out of the barrel, splits open, a net catches Norin and Connor, they fall.

PENGO

Adios amigos.

## EXT. NEVERMORE RAIN FOREST - NIGHT

Wildlife SOUNDS and streams FLOW.

Norin rubs two rocks together at a small campfire. Sparks, no fire, he GROANS.

Connor fashions a hammock out of leaves, ties a vine around a tree trunk.

CONNOR What are you trying to do?

NORIN Start a campfire.

CONNOR

Here.

Connor hands him a lighter. Norin takes it.

NORIN You've had this all along?

CONNOR

Uh yeah.

NORIN I've been trying to start a fire for the last five hours and you've had a lighter in your pocket this whole damn time?!

CONNOR I didn't wanna disturb you.

Norin stands up, points at him.

NORIN This is your fault.

CONNOR How is it my fault you can't start a campfire?

#### NORIN

No, not the fire, this whole damned situation we're in right now. You lost the book!

CONNOR I was viciously assaulted by a maniacal penguin.

NORIN It's a <u>penguin</u>, Newman!

CONNOR Duh, that's what I just said. And you say I'm an <u>idiot</u>.

Connor approaches his hammock. Norin storms over.

NORIN Don't you walk away from me, we're stuck in this mess because of you.

#### CONNOR

I'm going to sleep.

NORIN How are you going to go to sleep?

CONNOR On my hammock that I just made.

NORIN Oh, how long did it take you?

# CONNOR

About five hours.

Norin breaks the hammock. Connor's eyes well up, SNIFFLES.

## NORIN Now what are you gonna do?

Connor YELLS and tackles Norin to the ground. They scuffle.

CONNOR You broke my hammock!

NORIN I'll break your face!

They roll around in mud. Connor punches. Norin moves his head. Connor's fist CRACKS a rock.

CONNOR (growling) I'm gonna rip those mandibles off and make you eat 'em!

Norin butts Connor in the face.

NORIN (stands up) How did that feel?

Connor lunges --

#### EXT. NEVERMORE RAIN FOREST, HILLSIDE - NIGHT

Norin and Connor roll downhill, bounce off a rock through the air. Connor punches Norin in the face.

They SPLASH in a shallow stream, slap one another.

CONNOR You're a bully!

NORIN You're an idiot!

They back off, stare at one another. Norin splashes him. He returns the favor.

A moment of silence...

# NORIN

(sighs) Look at us, stranded in the middle of nowhere, fighting each other for no reason...I bet that damn penguin is laughing at us right now.

CONNOR Penguins can't laugh.

NORIN You know what I mean. (beat) Now I'm all wet. CONNOR I was wet before we started. (Norin looks) I peed myself. NORIN Still can't feel anything, huh? CONNOR Nope... Bushes RUSTLE nearby. CONNOR What was that? Norin's eyes go wide. NORIN Newman, stay perfectly still and whatever you do, don't turn around. CONNOR (gulps, terrified) Is there something behind me? NORIN Yep. CONNOR What is it? NORIN I'm not sure but it has big ears and droopy eyes. Connor's eyes navigate to the side, he shivers... CONNOR Oh God... (hissing) Do something ... A vicious KOALA BEAR sits on the embankment munching on leaves behind Connor.

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CONNOR What's it doing now?

NORIN It's uh...rolling on its back. I think it's preparing to attack.

CONNOR Help me, Norin.

NORIN Just stay there and don't move.

Koala bear plods along to Connor, SNIFFS him. Connor SQUEALS like a sissy girl.

CONNOR (crying) I don't wanna die...

Norin searches for something. Three more koala bears emerge from bushes nearby.

NORIN Oh no...there's more!

Even more arrive.

NORIN The whole family is here, Newman.

OPHELIA HONEY (30, beautiful in every way, a huntress, hooded) drops down from the trees twirling a sword.

Koala bears disperse in frantic motion.

Ophelia bows her head, lowers her sword and studies Connor, who has his eyes closed while rocking back and forth.

OPHELIA Who are you and why are you here?

Connor opens his eyes, notices her.

She lowers her hood to reveal her beauty, blue skin with emerald eyes and a seductive stare.

CONNOR Are you an angel?

OPHELIA

No, I'm-

NORIN

Ophelia?

She turns, realizes.

OPHELIA

Norin?

He studies her, smiles.

NORIN I thought you were dead. How is this possible?

## INT. CABIN - NIGHT

Ominous with black magic and charms everywhere.

Ophelia sets her sword on a rack, hangs up her "coat" and heads into the kitchen.

Norin and Connor stand in the archway.

CONNOR So you know her then?

NORIN She's from Corku. My world.

CONNOR What happened to it?

Ophelia returns with a tray of cookies.

OPHELIA It blew up. Cookie?

CONNOR

(takes and bites cookie) These are awesome. Where did you find the chocolate chips?

OPHELIA Rats left them behind...

Connor GULPS, head twitches.

Ooh.

CONNOR Do you have a toilet? OPHELIA Through the door on your right.

Connor gives Norin the cookie and legs it.

OPHELIA So, strange seeing you again after all these years.

NORIN How did you make it out?

OPHELIA You think you're the only one quick on their feet?

She sets down the tray.

OPHELIA What about you?

NORIN I'm doing okay for myself. Got a job in town, I'm a cop.

OPHELIA A shift in worlds never changes the man, I see. What's with the human?

NORIN He's my partner.

OPHELIA Oh...you're gay...I-

NORIN What? No. No, I'm not...it means we're working together.

OPHELIA What's the job?

NORIN

Elves.

OPHELIA I hate Elves.

They sit down.

NORIN You hunt things then? OPHELIA

It passes the time. I always did like the forest back on Corku. If there's one thing I miss about it that would be it.

Connor sits down.

CONNOR You said your planet blew up. How did it blow up exactly?

Norin nervously looks away.

OPHELIA No idea. Norin?

NORIN

Hm?

OPHELIA Do you have any thoughts?

Norin considers, clears his throat.

NORIN

Maybe it was a...or it could have been a...is it hot in here or is it just me?

OPHELIA You're hiding something.

NORIN

No I'm not.

OPHELIA What is it? What do you know?

CONNOR (leans in, squints) What are you not telling us?

Norin GULPS.

NORIN

It was me?

Connor and Ophelia exchange looks.

NORIN

I did it?

OPHELIA You did what, Norin?

NORIN Oh crap...look, don't judge me or anything, I never meant it, it was a complete accident-

OPHELIA Spit it out.

NORIN I blew up Corku.

Shock fills their faces.

#### NORIN

I was cleaning the control center and...I forgot to put up a wet floor sign, and I slipped...

Norin mops sweat from his brow.

NORIN

...my face hit the button. Then the alarms went off, everyone started panicking and running around, the next thing I knew the bombs were exploding so I ran away.

Ophelia sneers at him.

CONNOR Man, it sucks when that happens.

OPHELIA You killed everyone because you forgot you mopped a floor?

NORIN It was an accident.

OPHELIA You killed 16.7 billion people and blew up a whole planet.

NORIN 16.698 billion actually.

OPHELIA

Shut up...

Norin nods.

OPHELIA I can't bear to look at you after what you did.

NORIN It was an honest mistake. People make mistakes all the time.

OPHELIA That's not a mistake, Norin, that's a catastrophe. It's genocide.

CONNOR

I agree.

OPHELIA NORIN Shut up, Human. Shut up, Newman.

> CONNOR Fine... (stomps away) I'll wait outside then. I know when I'm not wanted. Clearly you two have things to discuss.

> > NORIN

Fine by me!

A door SLAMS.

OPHELIA I can't believe you blew up Corku.

NORIN It was an accident. I never meant to face-plant on the button.

OPHELIA Why did you not direct your fall?

NORIN Because I...I was drunk.

OPHELIA You went into work drunk?! Oh this just gets better.

NORIN I met with Sean and you know how Sean gets, used to getOPHELIA

Don't blame Sean for what you did. He might have had issues, but you're the one who blew the planet into a gazillion pieces.

NORIN Stop over exaggerating. It only split in half.

OPHELIA One half was swallowed by a black hole and the other was decimated by an invading Reptilian Warship.

NORIN Oh, and I'm to blame for that?

OPHELIA

YES!

Norin shakes his head.

NORIN I'm sorry, okay? I am very sorry that I blew up our planet.

OPHELIA Say it and mean it.

Norin takes her hand.

NORIN I apologize sincerely for blowing up Corku and I really mean it.

A beat.

OPHELIA

Good...

She offers him a sympathetic smile, he responds, then double takes at the window --

Connor peers in through the glass.

OPHELIA ...are you hungry?

NORIN

Starving.

## INT. CABIN, KITCHEN - NIGHT

A scrumptious buffet of tendered meats, vegetables and desserts clutter a long table.

Connor plucks a bread roll, dips it in custard, eats.

NORIN (grimaces) That's disgusting, Newman.

CONNOR (mouthful) At least I'm not eating whatever that is.

NORIN It's chicken curry.

CONNOR Looks like dung to me.

A fish finger hits Connor in the face, he flinches.

CONNOR What was that?

OPHELIA Don't insult my cooking. You're a guest in my house, compliment me.

CONNOR Well, it looks like nice dung.

Connor grabs the fish finger, dips it in custard and eats.

OPHELIA So what do you do, Connor?

CONNOR That's not my name.

OPHELIA Norin said your name was-

CONNOR I used to go by that name until I was born again. (beat) My name is Darth Crusoe now.

Ophelia, raised eyebrows, looks to Norin.

NORIN Remember that Elf? Well, he called Newman "Darth Crusoe" and now he thinks that's actually his name.

CONNOR And his name's Sir Mandibles.

NORIN No it's not.

CONNOR It's on your birth certificate.

NORIN Uh, no it's not.

Connor shows him a birth certificate, Norin reads...

CERTIFICATE: "SIR MANDIBLES" over a scribbled out "NORIN".

NORIN You changed my birth certificate?!

CONNOR I changed mine too.

Shows him the other birth certificate, Norin reads...

CERTIFICATE: "THE ALMIGHTY DARTH CRUSOE" over a scribbled out "CONNOR NEWMAN".

NORIN It says here you're only 21.

CONNOR Yeah, I changed that too because I need to be 21 to get into clubs.

NORIN

You're 35!

Connor squints, then chuckles.

CONNOR No I'm not, I'm 15. I was born in 2035 and it's 2050.

NORIN

It's 2070.

CONNOR (checks watch) No, it says "2050", look.

NORIN The battery ran out in 2050. It says it's 10am.

CONNOR Because it is 10am.

NORIN It's lam in the morning.

OPHELIA Wait, how did you get his birth certificate?

They look her way.

CONNOR I traversed a wormhole when you were arguing.

NORIN You...traversed...a wormhole...?

OPHELIA How did you manage that?

CONNOR I know another alien. His planet blew up like yours.

## INT. CABIN - NIGHT

Norin kips on the couch. Connor gets comfy in a chair. He throws a cushion into the fireplace.

NORIN Will you just go to sleep?

CONNOR Why do you get to sleep on the couch?

NORIN Because I acquired it first. Now go to sleep, Newman. CONNOR

Darth Crusoe.

NORIN Whatever, just fall asleep.

CONNOR How am I meant to fall asleep when I know when I wake up you might be eating me?

NORIN I don't just eat people when I wake up, Newman.

CONNOR Yeah, you do. You ate my cat.

NORIN You don't have a cat.

CONNOR Not anymore, 'cause you ate him.

Norin sighs, jostles for comfort. Smoke drifts through the air, he SNIFFS, looks over.

Connor smokes a bong, COUGHS, CHOKES...

NORIN What are you doing?

CONNOR Getting high, want some?

NORIN Absolutely not.

#### MOMENTS LATER

Norin puffs out smoke and laughs a spaced out chuckle.

CONNOR Your mandibles are so weird...I still don't know what they do.

Connor touches a mandible, giggles.

NORIN Neither do I.

They burst out laughing.

CONNOR

You have really big eyes. It's like looking into crystal balls.

NORIN

Neither do I!

They laugh some more.

NORIN

I'm sorry I broke your hammock and called you an idiot. I just get upset when things go wrong and evil penguins ruin missions.

CONNOR

I wonder where he is right now. Do you think he's summoning demons?

NORIN

Absolutely. He's very maniacal. He reminds me of Carnigan.

CONNOR

The Elf guy?

NORIN Yeah...he's so weird, those fins and that beak, bright and orange-

CONNOR Does Carnigan have a beak?

NORIN No, but his ears are like beaks.

Connor SCOFFS.

CONNOR I wonder where he is right now. Do you think he's... (beat, looks up, blinks) Nyan cat on a rainbow...

NYAN CAT rides a brightly colored rainbow above them.

Norin hugs an arm around Connor.

NORIN You and me, it started off rocky, but you've become a good friend. CONNOR You have too, Sir Mandibles. I'll always trusting you to helping me.

Norin falls asleep, SNORES.

CONNOR (nods off) Besting friends fever...

CUT TO BLACK:

## EXT. SPARKLY GREEN MEADOW - DAY

Butterflies and rainbows, flowers blossom across acres of lush green fields.

Norin and Connor dance under blossoming trees.

NOTE - This is a singing segment.

NORIN I used to believe that humans were below me! And then I met you and everything chay-ay-ay-anged.

CONNOR I see fields of butter! Then I know I'm home! I think you're awesome, my mandible fur-ur-ur-end!

They skip downhill. Norin does a grand pose.

NORIN On these fields we run together! And now I see the tr-u-u-u-ruth!

CONNOR So do I-I-I-I!!!!!! (beat) You're eating my l-e-e-e-egg!!!!

## INT. CABIN - DAY

Connor drowsily wakes up, stifles a YAWN and looks down --Norin munches on his leg, mandibles go to work.

CONNOR

OHMAGERD!

Ophelia pulls a futuristic bowstring as Norin sheathes a hunting knife.

CONNOR (O.S.) I'm coming out now!

They look --

Connor, missing half a left leg, exits the cabin on wobbly crutches, stops.

CONNOR Does it look bad? Be honest.

OPHELIA Does it hurt?

CONNOR

No. I can't feel anything. I had a pencil in my brain thing.

NORIN I don't know what to say, Newman.

CONNOR Don't worry about it, I'll get a Cyborg leg in town.

He hops over to them.

CONNOR I always wanted to be a Cyborg.

NORIN

Really?

#### CONNOR

It's a dream of mine. When I was growing up I thought about cutting my arms and legs off so I could have Cyborg limbs, true story.

Ophelia strings the bow over her back.

#### OPHELIA

Sun's up and the day's young. Time to get you boys back to town. A few ground rules: Move fast and never wipe with stinging nettles. Clear? NORIN

Crystal.

OPHELIA

Darth C-

Newman looks up, red faced with stinging nettles in hand.

OPHELIA You broke the rules already.

CONNOR I was already doing this before you started talking about it, so it's not my fault.

OPHELIA (sighs) Men...

## EXT. NEVERMORE, ROADSIDE - DAY

Ophelia cuts through branches with a machete. Norin pushes a branch with force, makes it past, it swings back --

-- nails Connor in the face, he goes down, THUD.

CONNOR (O.S.) (spaced out) ...ugh...the heck happened?!

Norin steps to the edge of the road, looks right/left, empty road, steps out -- Ophelia pulls him back.

A car zooms by in a flash...

NORIN Damn that was close.

Connor hobbles onto the road.

CONNOR Feels like we've been walking for miles, how long has it been?

OPHELIA About two minutes. I can still see my cabin in the woods.

Norin kneels down, feels the road.

NORIN This is odd.

OPHELIA It's a road.

NORIN Exactly. But how is it here?

CONNOR Sir Mandibles is right. Nevermore only has one road. I've never seen a second road before.

NORIN There's something very wrong here.

Norin rubs his chin.

NORIN We're missing something. It's as if it's staring us in the face.

CONNOR

Or the back.

NORIN Sorry, what?

Connor points to the sign, Norin looks --

SIGN: "Highway to Hell" followed by a GAS STOP symbol and a mad face with steam coming out of its ears.

Ophelia steps out, sighs...

OPHELIA I suppose that means something?

They look, their mouths drop collectively --

THE PALACE OF HELL sits embedded in the mountainside in the short distance, demonic demons fly around the place.

NORIN Great...we're in Hell. How the hell are we in Hell?

CONNOR This explains everything.

## NORIN

Care to elaborate?

#### CONNOR

Think about it, Pengo shot us out of the sky with a rocket-net and we survived the fall? Then we roll down a mountain into a forest ripe with vicious koala bears, somehow your girlfriend finds us-

## OPHELIA

Sister.

#### CONNOR

-takes us to a cabin and she gives me rat poop cookies, I throw up in the toilet, you two argue about the destruction of your planet while I traverse wormholes with a madman in a box and now we're here.

Norin just stares at him.

#### CONNOR

Right?

## NORIN I have absolutely no idea what you just said.

CONNOR We died when we fell outta the sky. Now our souls are trapped in Hell.

NORIN But...how did we get to Hell?

CONNOR Because we died!

NORIN

But we never did anything wrong.

OPHELIA You blew up Corku.

NORIN Other than that. And Newman wasn't there, so why is he here?

Ophelia and Norin turn to Connor.

CONNOR Do I have something on my face?

NORIN What did you do, Newman?

OPHELIA I'm wondering the same thing.

CONNOR You first, Ophelia, if that's even your real name.

Norin folds his arms.

NORIN Go ahead, sis, explain what you did to get into Hell.

OPHELIA Fine, if it makes you feel any better -- I did something bad too. It was an accident.

NORIN What did you do?

OPHELIA You know when you were mopping the floor in the control room?

#### NORIN

Uh-huh.

OPHELIA Well, you did put a wet floor sign up, but I moved it.

Norin's eyes widen, mouth drops.

OPHELIA

It was meant to be a prank.

### NORIN

And this whole time you were blaming me for not remembering?

OPHELIA

Who forgets something that they did two seconds ago?

NORIN ME! I forgot!

Connor looks on. They stare him down.

NORIN

Now you.

CONNOR Okay, um...you know my CV, the one I gave to Carnigan?

NORIN Yeah, I remember it.

OPHELIA Oh, you remember that.

CONNOR Uh...I did do something wrong when I was alive and...um...

NORIN Spit it out, Newman.

CONNOR Ididstealalollipopfromatinyyoung girlandIdon'tregretitforasecond!

Ophelia furrows her brows.

NORIN Say that again, slowly...

CONNOR I already said it once.

NORIN Say it one more time.

CONNOR

(sighs)
I did steal a lollipop from a tiny
young girl and I don't regret it
for a second.

Norin and Ophelia stand flabbergasted.

#### CONNOR

It was just there and she was just holding it, mocking me, so I just pinched it from her hand when she was distracted by a fluffy kitten. Ashamed, Connor bows his head.

CONNOR Then her dad came out of the house and started bashing me with his pet iguana. So I ate it.

NORIN You <u>ate</u> an <u>iguana</u>?

CONNOR I know...it was an accident.

NORIN How can you eat an iguana and call it an accident?

CONNOR How can you face-plant on a big red button and blow up a planet?

Norin GROANS.

#### CONNOR

It's not that bad when you think about it. At least I never blew up my world, or played a prank on my brother-husband that ended in the destruction of my planet, Ophelia.

OPHELIA

It was a prank.

CONNOR

So was...eating the iguana.

NORIN That's not a prank, Newman. You don't eat iguanas.

CONNOR

You ate my leg.

NORIN

<u>Half</u> of it. Don't overreact. Stuff like that happens.

## CONNOR

It never happened before I met you two days ago, then you ate that woman at the restaurant, then you ate Eduardo, then my catNORIN

Okay, okay, I have a problem, it's not like I do it on purpose.

A DEMON arrives on a pony.

DEMON ON A PONY Hey! What are you doing here?!

Connor gets in his face.

CONNOR Abaddon is that you?

DEMON ON A PONY My name is Sid. Why are you here? Business or pleasure?

CONNOR We actually wanna get <u>out</u> of Hell. Do you know how we do that?

DEMON ON A PONY What are you speaking of, human? There is no escape from Hell.

CONNOR

But...Abaddon-

NORIN

Garth.

#### CONNOR

Right, Garth is in my apartment in Nevermore outside of Hell, so how did he get out?

DEMON ON A PONY Ride on ponies.

CONNOR He rode a pony?

Demon on a Pony SNAPS his fingers, three ponies appear.

DEMON ON A PONY Ride on a pony and follow me.

## MOMENTS LATER... ON A PONY

Connor has trouble staying aboard.

DEMON ON A PONY What's wrong with him?

NORIN He's only got one leg. I think it's difficult to stay balanced.

DEMON ON A PONY What happened to his leg?

OPHELIA

He ate it.

DEMON ON A PONY He ate his own leg? Very strange.

Connor dangles upside down as the pony CLACKS along.

CONNOR Actually, he ate my leg.

DEMON ON A PONY (at Norin) You're a sick individual. Who goes around eating legs?

CONNOR He does. He also eats people, and cats too.

NORIN I already told you, I don't recall eating your cat.

CONNOR Then who ate him, the Phantom Cat Gobbler? Hm?

DEMON ON A PONY You need to watch out for those. And Phantom Hell-Hound Gobblers. (everyone looks at him) I had a puppy once, his name was Joe and he was my friend.

NORIN I'm sorry to hear that, but can we please go to Hell Castle now? DEMON ON A PONY (winces) I miss him terribly. It hurts, I can feel it in my soul. CONNOR You don't have a soul.

DEMON ON A PONY Yes I do. See? (shows a Sade vinyl) It's my favorite.

## EXT. HELL CASTLE - NIGHT

Ominous and daunting. Big spiky black towers and demons all over the place.

Ponies carry the four over a mote of boiling lava.

## INT. HELL CASTLE, THRONE ROOM - NIGHT

Exotic women wave large palm tree leaves either side of a skull throne where --

LUCIFER (30, horned, evil, big eyebrows and horns) sits and has a pedicure. A woman files his ultra-long curly toenails.

Norin, Connor and Ophelia stand before him.

#### LUCIFER

Let me get this straight, you want me to send your souls back to the world beyond so you may stop an Elf from destroying the planet?

CONNOR

Yes.

#### LUCIFER

Why would I give a rat's ass what happens to the planet? I'm the Devil incarnate, exiled from Heaven for crimes against universal life.

NORIN This is a waste of time, he's not gonna help us.

LUCIFER I never said that, strange mandible alien fly-man. Lucifer sips a cosmopolitan, pinkie finger in the air. LUCIFER What can you give me in return? CONNOR We can pay you. LUCIFER That's nice. What would I spend this money on? I'm in Hell. There are no shops. CONNOR You could build a shop with the money I give you. LUCIFER And how would I purchase things if I spend money building the shop? CONNOR Hm...fair point...Norin? NORIN I don't have anything to give him. LUCIFER What about the strange blue woman? Can I have her? OPHELIA No, you can't. I'm not for sale. LUCIFER Everything has a price. Name yours. NORIN She's not for sale, Lucifer. Think of something else. LUCIFER Your mandibles. Connor's shocked at this. LUCIFER

I'm not sure what they're for, but I think I'll enjoy them.

NORIN Why do you want my mandibles?

LUCIFER Because, I've never had something I don't understand, except that...

Lucifer points to --

A pedestal, upon which sits an unfinished RUBIX CUBE.

LUCIFER The reason behind my madness.

CONNOR I had one of them.

LUCIFER Oh? Did you finish it?

CONNOR I took all the stickers off and put them in the right place.

LUCIFER You can take the stickers off?

Connor nods "yes".

LUCIFER Why did I never think of that? (shakes head) Anyway, mandibles or no door.

NORIN I'm not giving you my mandibles.

LUCIFER Then we have nothing to discuss. Be gone, you are banished.

CONNOR What if we let you out?

Lucifer snaps his gaze onto Connor.

CONNOR When we've stopped Carnigan from doing whatever he's doing, if he's even doing anything, then we can let you out of Hell. LUCIFER I like that idea.

NORIN Connor, a word?

They walk to the side.

NORIN

Did you just make a deal with the Devil himself?

CONNOR Look, he wanted your mandibles or

your sister, so I thought, why not give him freedom? Everyone deserves a fifteenth chance, so-

NORIN We can't let him out, he'll destroy the universe.

CONNOR

No he won't.

NORIN He tried to do it before.

CONNOR That doesn't mean he's gonna try it again, Norin.

They return to the throne.

NORIN Can we be certain you won't try to do destroy the galaxy?

LUCIFER I swear to God I will not try and destroy the universe after you let me out of Hell.

CONNOR Happy, Norin?

NORIN

Yep.

Lucifer rises from the throne, claps his hands.
#### CONNOR

Whoa!

Connor now has a new leg.

CONNOR Oh...I wanted to be a Cyborg.

LUCIFER If that is your wish.

Lucifer CLAPS --

Norin and Ophelia take a step back, study --

Newman, now part-man, part-Cyborg with an eye-drive and metal arms.

CONNOR

Wicked sweet.

LUCIFER Now, the incantation I am about to utter must be said in reverse in order for you to open the gate on the other side.

Connor holds a notepad and a pen.

LUCIFER Stsaerb nam gib evah I.

A purple portal opens. I have big man breasts. .

LUCIFER We had a deal and I hope you come through with it so I don't have to send Hell Hounds to collect you.

Norin and Ophelia hop through the portal.

CONNOR

Thanks for making me a Cyborg!

LUCIFER You're more than welcome. Just make sure you don't forget the spell.

Connor jumps through -- the portal closes.

LUCIFER (like Mr. Burns) Excellent.

## EXT. NEVERMORE - NIGHT

Connor, Norin and Ophelia walk down the street. They pass a hover-mobility-scooter with two skeletons on it.

CONNOR It's Berty and Gerty...

NORIN How long were we in Hell?

CONNOR They were old anyway.

NORIN Not them, I mean that thing.

They admire a --

Super evil mega fortress in the middle of the road.

CONNOR How am I supposed to get into my apartment if that's in the way?

NORIN

Carnigan's in there. Newman, it's time to do this once and for all.

CONNOR

Do what?

NORIN Eliminate Carnigan.

CONNOR But he's not done anything wrong.

### NORIN

He built a super evil mega fortress in the middle of the street.

### OPHELIA

Should I just go over there, 'cause I kinda feel like I'm here for no reason other than diversity.

### NORIN

Yes, go over there. Newman, prepare yourself.

CONNOR

For what?

NORIN We're infiltrating the super evil mega fortress to kill Carnigan.

## INT. SUPER EVIL MEGA FORTRESS, LOBBY - NIGHT

A grand staircase leads up, THUGS lounge about either high, drunk or hanging by the neck.

Connor steps inside, two plasma rifles in his robot arms.

CONNOR Hi, we're here to murder the Elf.

THUG He's upstairs on the bog.

Norin walks in.

THUG (scratches balls) The bad guys never win so what's the point in trying?

# INT. SUPER EVIL MEGA FORTRESS, TOILET - NIGHT

Carnigan squats, really forces himself...

CARNIGAN Is it out?

Leopold leans over by the rim of the toilet, squints.

LEOPOLD I can see the-

The door SHATTERS into a million pieces. Guns enter. PLOP.

LEOPOLD Ugh, the heck is wrong with you?

Leopold wipes excrement from his face.

LEOPOLD You're bloody disgusting-(notices) Oh...Darth Crusoe's here.

Connor smirks. Norin enters, raises a gun.

NORIN And Sir Mandibles, Mr. Weirdo.

CARNIGAN Why are you here, Darth Crusoe, and with <u>him</u>?

#### CONNOR

I was a mole in your organization this entire time. You never saw this coming. Now you die, bad guy.

## CARNIGAN

I haven't done anything wrong.

LEOPOLD That's true, he's here to serve exquisite meals, see?

Leopold shows them a menu.

## NORIN

(reads menu) Carnigan's Delights...sounds like a front for evil to me. What's in the meat?

CARNIGAN

Cow, pig, chicken, deer. I have a wide range of specialties. My best dish is the Carnigan Supreme Deluxe -- I received an award for it.

#### NORIN

An award of pure evil. You threw a man into a black hole.

CARNIGAN Who, Generic Thug #4? I sent him on a vacation to a tropical island in the Bahamas.

NORIN Lies, all of them, LIES!

Leopold shows them an iPad --

iPad: Generic Thug #4 sunbathes on a tropical island with palm trees and bikini girls.

CONNOR He's telling the truth. See, I said he was a good guy. NORIN

I've been chasing you across the galaxy and you're a gourmet chef?

CARNIGAN What did you think I was?

NORIN Uh...nothing...

They lower the guns.

CONNOR

He thought you were a super evil Elf who wanted to destroy the world by using mutant space squids that were imprisoned in Mount Boom.

### CARNIGAN

In a meal. They have a rare texture and customers back on Ciranova seemed to enjoy them.

LEOPOLD

I have to agree, they really slide off the tongue.

# CARNIGAN

Yes, well, if you two don't mind I'm rather busy. The restaurant is opening on Saturday, I'll send you an invitation in the post.

CONNOR

I won't get it.

### CARNIGAN

Why?

## CONNOR

Well, you built the super evil mega fortress in front of my apartment so I can't get inside.

CARNIGAN

Then live here, we have over four hundred rooms.

CONNOR

Seriously?

They turn to leave.

CONNOR Sorry we disrupted you.

CARNIGAN That's fine.

NORIN And sorry about the whole  $\underline{\text{evil elf}}$  thing.

CARNIGAN Again, that's fine, now go away.

# EXT. NEVERMORE - NIGHT

Norin and Connor walk down the street.

CONNOR He's actually a really nice guy.

NORIN Kinda makes everything seem utterly worthless, right?

Connor unfolds a piece of paper.

NORIN What are you doing?

CONNOR I'm summoning the Devil. (beat, reads) I have big man breasts.

Everything RUMBLES. A crack spreads across the asphalt, lava spills through --

Norin and Connor step back as --

Lucifer, on his throne surrounded by women waving leaves, ascends from the ground.

LUCIFER It feels good to be free. Now I can begin anew.

Sixteen nuclear warheads pierce the road.

LUCIFER I can bring an end to the universe.

CONNOR Hey, you lied to us!

LUCIFER Duh, I'm the Devil. What did you think was going to happen?

Norin looks to Connor.

NORIN Well done, Newman. You just brought an end to the entire universe.

CONNOR Nope, you're wrong.

NORIN We can't stop him, he has sixteen nuclear rockets.

CONNOR But I have Cyborg arms.

NORIN You have Cyborg arms?

Connor nods.

NORIN You have Cyborg arms!

CONNOR Hey Lucifer!

Lucifer looks over.

CONNOR You are terminated.

Connor grabs Lucifer by the neck, squeezes and rips his head off, the devil crumples into ashes.

The rockets shutdown. Leaf-wavers lower leaves.

CONNOR I just killed the Devil!

A pea hits Connor in the face, he looks over at --

Pengo, peashooter in fin, super evil book in the other fin.

CONNOR Pengo...we meet again.

PENGO What does it take to kill you?

NORIN What is your problem, pal?

PENGO All this time I've been hunting that Elf, Carnigan. Then you two bozos get in my way and screw it all up, well not today. I will have my revenge on that bastard.

NORIN He's actually a good guy.

PENGO He cooked my children and served them to Elves.

CONNOR Wait a second, you're an alien?

PENGO No, I'm a Penguin.

Pengo whips out a handgun, CLICKS back the hammer.

PENGO Now I kill you for being stupid.

A steel chair CRACKS Pengo over the back of the head. He wobbles a moment, then falls face first to the ground.

Sergeant Lieutenant holds the dented chair, lifts the book.

CONNOR

You saved us.

Lieutenant smirks.

LIEUTENANT I was merely helping myself. You brought this town to its knees and killed the Devil. Now I have this and I shall become...immortal.

CONNOR Wait, you're a bad guy? LIEUTENANT That's commonly how it works. And you never saw this coming.

Lieutenant opens the book.

LIEUTENANT A simple incantation, I expected more of a challenge. (clears throat) Inaka orn bana nana jel!

The sky splits open, light spills down, engulfs Lieutenant.

LIEUTENANT Now, you will see true evil.

CARNIGAN (O.S.) He's got my book!

Carnigan and Leopold arrive.

CARNIGAN Don't read from the book!

LIEUTENANT You can't stop me now, Elf. I have a date with destiny.

Lieutenant's eyes turn to meatballs.

LIEUTENANT AH! I can't see! What is-

His legs turn to spaghetti.

CONNOR (points) He's on spaghetti legs!

Lieutenant melts into a pile of spaghetti and meatballs.

NORIN

Huh...

CONNOR I never saw that one coming.

Carnigan reclaims the book.

CARNIGAN Can't leave this anywhere without someone trying to steal it. I told you to keep it safe.

### LEOPOLD

Look, the guys you hired were French and Spanish, I don't think they understood me.

CARNIGAN Then translate in the future.

LEOPOLD I can't speak French or Spanish.

## CARNIGAN

Then learn.

Carnigan looks to Norin and Connor.

### CARNIGAN

Goodnight, gentlemen. Remember that my restaurant opens this weekend and I hope to see you there.

CONNOR We'll definitely be there.

CARNIGAN Good, farewell.

Connor and Norin stand over Sergeant Meatballs.

NORIN I bet he regrets turning evil. It never works, I'm not sure why bad guys try to be bad 'cause they always end up dead.

### CONNOR

True, makes for a good story though -- good guys saving the day.

### NORIN

Technically the bad guys all killed themselves. Lucifer made you half a Cyborg, Pengo tried to monologue and Sergeant Lieutenant turned himself into an Italian meal.

Connor pulls out two plastic containers with lids.

CONNOR Still, we can enjoy the rewards...

# INT. APARTMENT 666 - NIGHT

Hey!

Connor and Norin eat spaghetti and meatballs. A cat hops up onto the table.

CONNOR

Mr. Fluffy!

Connor hugs the cat. It HISSES, scratches him.

CONNOR

It runs off.

CONNOR What an asshole. That hurt.

NORIN You can feel now?

CONNOR I've been able to feel this whole time, Norin.

NORIN You've been pretending?

CONNOR

Yeah.

NORIN

Why?

#### CONNOR

I'm not sure really. Guess I just wanted to see what you'd do, like eat my leg.

NORIN I said sorry. Besides, you became a Cyborg because of it.

CONNOR That's true. I always wanted to become a Cyborg.

RING, RING. Norin answers his cell phone.

NORIN This is Norin. (beat) Where?

### EXT. NEVERMORE - NIGHT

Connor (as a cowboy) raises his head, matchstick in mouth, and squints.

The Quadraplex turns its head slightly.

CONNOR The question you gotta ask yourself is: Are they worth your life?

The Quadraplex's pincer opens to reveal a large gun-barrel.

CONNOR

Oh crap...

QUADRAPLEX Are you feeling lucky?

CLICK, a gun barrel rests on Quadraplex's temple.

NORIN I think he is, how about you?

### MOMENTS LATER

Police take the Quadraplex away.

Norin and Connor walk away from the scene. Mount Boom goes off in the background, lava and ashes rain down.

CONNOR So what do we do next?

NORIN I was thinking about that, and I thought we could go to-

CUT TO BLACK:

NORIN (V.O.) Hey! I'm not done talking yet!

CONNOR (V.O.) I think they ran out of reel. Or the guy in the theater is slacking. CONNOR (V.O.) Hey, reel guy! You awake?! The movie's not done yet!

NORIN (V.O.) It's the Sopranos all over again.

CUT TO:

## EXT. NEVERMORE - NIGHT

Connor's nose squashes against the camera lens. He takes a step back, waves.

CONNOR We're back, Norin.

NORIN Oh, hi folks.

They walk down the street.

NORIN I can't believe that guy fell asleep for no reason.

## CONNOR

I know right. Hey, what was that thing you mentioned when we were doing voice overs?

NORIN The sopranos?

CONNOR Why did you mention that?

NORIN Because, the show ended in mid sen-

CUT TO BLACK:

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