

HOCKEY STRIKE

"Alignment Check"

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INT. DAVE'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

DAVE and SCOTT, as usual, watching TV.

SCOTT

More reruns. Man I hate summer.
Nothing to do.

DAVE

Ah, but there's a new Pamela
Anderson show on next! It's a
historical drama set in the
Inquisition.

SCOTT

Cool! What's it called?

DAVE

The Rack!

INT. THE MAN'S MANSION, KITCHEN - NIGHT

THE MAN enters, looking nervously over his shoulder.

THE MAN

(shouts o.s.)

Yes, dear! Right away! I just need
to feed Chico!

He crouches down, pouring cat food into the bowl. POV CAT
with alien symbology on screen.

THE MAN

(whispers)

Chico! Here puss puss puss!

(as cat comes; baby talk)

Who's the pretty boy, yes! You're
looking good! Daddy's made some
yummy din dins for you...

(quietly; still baby talk,
but with menace)

Later, daddy's gonna get revenge on
Davey and Scotty for getting Daddy
in SO much trouble with mummy, yes!

He looks carefully around the corner of the kitchen door,
then SNEAKS OUT.

END OF TEASER

BEGINNING OF EPISODE

INT. DAVE'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

Scott and Dave are watching the show. Their heads bounce up and down.

SCOTT

Oh, say, that reminds me, I picked up some coconuts at the convenience store downstairs.

DAVE

Coconuts? What on Earth would you want with coconuts? You don't even like coconut!

SCOTT

I was watching a rerun of Gilligan's Island and I was going to try replicating a few of The Professor's inventions.

DAVE

Now that makes sense to me. But where did you put them? I was just going through the fridge looking for leftover pizza and I didn't see nothing.

SCOTT

Yeah, well, I just hung the bunch up in a net over the front door.

INT. DAVE'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

The Man opens the FRONT DOOR quietly, pulls out a HANDGUN.

THE MAN

Gentlemen, I'm afraid I must put the kibosh on the kazongas for tonight.

Dave and Scott get up.

DAVE

(Newman)
The Man!

SCOTT

He's got a gun!

They see the gun, put their hands up, then put their hands down.

DAVE

Wait a minute! A gun?

THE MAN

What do you mean?

SCOTT

I think my friend here means that it's extremely unlikely that a super villain such as yourself would try to terminate us with such a mundane weapon as a handgun.

THE MAN

Huh?

DAVE

What's with the heater?

THE MAN

(grumble)

The Woman took my Briefcases away from me.

(back to threat)

But this'll kill you just as dead, oh yes!

DAVE

(sigh)

Well, that's all I got.

SCOTT

(resigned)

Me too.

(eureka)

Wait! How do we know it's a real gun? Maybe The Woman took those away too. Maybe that's one of The Boy's squirt guns!

THE MAN

(chuckles)

Oh, it is real, I assure you.

He points it toward the ceiling and FIRES.

A COCONUT falls from the ceiling onto his noggin'. He falls down out of frame.

SCOTT
 (sarcasm)
 Truly he has a dizzying intellect.

DAVE
 That was awesome!

SCOTT
 We should probably tie him up
 before he -

The Man stands up, woozy, confused, but still pointing a gun at Scott and Dave, who put their hands back up. The Man looks at his gun and with a horrified yelp, tosses it away.

THE MAN
 What am I doing with a gun? Guns
 kill people.
 (to Scott and Dave)
 Are you two all right? I hope I
 didn't frighten you. Oh, I'll make
 it up to you, I promise.

Scott and Dave, still with hands up, look suspicious, and wary.

SCOTT
 Make it up to us?

DAVE
 You want to do something...nice?

THE MAN
 Oh yes, of course! I know. I'll
 order you a new big screen high
 definition plasma TV to replace the
 one you used to own that I switched
 on you.

DAVE
 (violently angry)
 You what?
 (catches up)
 You're buying me what?

THE MAN
 (to cell phone)
 Yes, I want you to send over the
 finest, largest, most bell and
 whistling TV you can find, and I
 want it here in time for the West
 coast showing of Gilmore Girls.
 (MORE)

THE MAN (cont'd)
 (annoyed)
 You heard me. Do it.

The Man closes his phone. Dave stops struggling, Scott lets him go.

SCOTT
 Wow. Thanks for the new TV.

DAVE
 You da man!

THE MAN
 Yes, I must apologize for all -
 (looks around)
 This. It's all my fault.

SCOTT
 Uh, why don't we sit down, have a
 drink and talk about it?

THE MAN
 That sounds wonderfully civilized!

They sit down at the couch. The Man sips tea. Dave has his coffee, Scott with his beer.

TIME WIPE TO:

INT. DAVE'S APARTMENT - NIGHT - MOMENTS LATER

THE MAN
 So you see, all this dimensional
 upset, collapsing alternate Earths
 into each other, was in part my
 attempt to undermine the Earth's
 ability to retaliate when the
 Spleen Empire invades again.

SCOTT
 The Spleen Empire...I knew it!

THE MAN
 They were going to let me rule
 Australia. I figured as long as I
 had a foothold, I could eventually
 take over their empire too.
 (but!)
 Now that I've been turned to good,
 I'll have to find some way to stop
 them, and defeat their nefarious
 scheme.

(MORE)

THE MAN (cont'd)

Then, I'll dedicate my life to helping others, to un-oppress the millions I've oppressed in the past, and try to be a good husband and father.

SCOTT

Noble goals indeed.

THE MAN

Well, thank you, my friends, for helping me see the light. From now on, I'll be "sticking it" to myself.

They all laugh, a little forced. The Man gets up, shakes Scott's hand, then goes to shake Dave's hand and instead HUGS HIM. Dave is at once repulsed and overwhelmed.

DAVE

Glad we could help.

When they part, they do a MAN PUNCH ON THE SHOULDER and then Scott looks like he wants to hug too, but The Man just smiles and waves.

The Man walks over and pauses by the front door. He turns to speak.

THE MAN

Oh, and one more thing I forgot to tell you -
 (looks down)
 Oh be careful pretty kitty, that gun is dangerous. You shouldn't -

THE CAT walks across the gun The Man had tossed aside and it fires (perhaps this can happen o.s.).

The RICOCHET hits the ceiling and another coconut falls on The Man's head. He goes down again, springing up EVIL a moment later.

THE MAN

That was almost too close.
 (pulls out cellphone)
 Yes, cancel the delivery of the 120 inch Super-Def 3000. Yes. And cancel all their credit cards while you're at it. Thanks.
 (closes the phone; to Scott and Dave)
 That'll do for now.
 (MORE)

THE MAN (cont'd)
(little salute)
Be seeing you.

He leaves. The door closes on his maniacal laughter.

DAVE
(to Scott; annoyed)
What now, Professor?

SCOTT
Do you really think you'd be
comfortable with The Man working
with us?

DAVE
No way. Come on, while we were
chatting back there I set the VCR
to tape "The Rack", so we can still
watch it.

SCOTT
(Sean Connery)
You're the man now, Dog!

END OF EPISODE