

Let's get Zack!

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Simplyscripts March Tournament-Round 4

OPTION C - Must be a satire about being forced to participate in an unfair bonus round of a writer's tournament, using Simplyscripts Writers as your characters!

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EXT. SHINJUKU GYOEN PARK - DAY

Enchanted by the Cherry Blossom festival, DRONGO answers his ringing mobile.

EXT/INT. DOLBY THEATRE - OSCARS NIGHT

DANIEL CRAIG speaks into his phone.

DANIEL

I've just arrived. Glad to be able to help you out Drongo.

DRONGO

When I win, try to look surprised.

DANIEL

Always. Thanks again -

EXT/INT. CHANNEL 9 NORTH SYDNEY, NSW - NIGHT

We move inside the sleek glass skyscraper, deep into the basement. LIBBY stands knee deep in white confetti between a number of large machines. The one labelled 'INCORRECT APOSTROPHE' consumes a script sending yet another blast of snowy confetti into the air.

The machine labelled 'NO CONTRACTIONS IN ACTION LINE' has a massive rock plunger. An Eagle is daubed on it. The rock smashes down pulping a script. The Eagle looks like it is dancing.

EXT. SHINJUKU GYOEN PARK - DAY

Drongo receives a text.

DRONGO (V.O.)

Not done yet. Round 4 - Zack.

Drongo's face darkens. His fingers are a blur in reply.

EXT/INT. BUSTLING EMERGENCY ROOM - NIGHT

KATHY brandishes two defib paddles. The machine next to her shows a flat line - as this moves it forms the word DEADLINE then collapses flat again. An alarm trills -

KATHY

Another round! No way Zack!
Best I shock your nads!

EXT. SOMEWHERE IN L.A. - NIGHT

ABE shouts at the colorful illuminated city grid beneath

ABE
Zack you son of a cockroach!

EXT/INT. BOHEMIAN COFFEE SHOP - DAY

Barista MARK skillfully works the complex steaming machine

MARK
Want blood in your coffee Zack?

EXT. ISLAND PARADISE - COCTAIL BAR - DAY

BILL scowls as he slips his phone into a shirt pocket.

BILL
I'll give you 7 minutes Zack but
not in heaven!

EXT. ECO ENERGY WINDMILL - DAY

J.E.STAATS fiddles with his bicycle chain. Wipes hands.

J.E.STAATS
Zack, mauled by bears. End of.

EXT/INT. SPA RECEPTION - DAY

KEV fetches clean towels for a wealthy female guest.

KEV
Zack should lose a kidney!

EXT/INT. DOLBY THEATRE - OSCARS NIGHT

On stage CONAN O'BRIEN takes the dais.

CONAN
The winner of the Best Single
Page Screenplay ever written is -

On screen behind him, Daniel Craig's face (plus three others) regard the theatre's audience with trepidation -

FADE OUT.