

# CAPTAIN CONTINUUM IS DEAD?

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EXT. ALLEY -- DAY

CAPTAIN CONTINUUM is standing in an alley. He is dressed in tights and is wearing a cape. There is a brand new electric fan on the ground next to him blowing his hair and cape. When he tries to move, he sets off a force field. He moves the other direction and sets off the force field.

CAPT. CONTINUUM

I, Captain Continuum, find myself trapped again. I wonder which super villian it is this time. Perhaps The Mighty Roller is up to his old tricks.

Capt. Continuum reaches up and sets off the force field.

CAPT. CONTINUUM (CONT'D)

Caged like an animal. Will this never end? I must think.

Capt. Continuum contemplates his situation, then kneels on the ground. He feels the ground with his open hand.

CAPT. CONTINUUM (CONT'D)

Ah, he is good. But not good enough.

Capt. Continuum makes a fist and smacks the ground.

CAPT. CONTINUUM (CONT'D)

Oww.

Nothing happens to the ground. Capt. Continuum gets up. Up the alley walks SHERMAN, an accountant looking guy with a clipboard. He is reading off the clipboard and not paying attention to where he is going.

CAPT. CONTINUUM (CONT'D)

Stand back good man. There is an invisible force field right in front of you. If you touch it you will surely die.

Sherman stops, looks up at Capt. Continuum, licks his finger and touches the force field. The force field goes away. Sherman steps up.

CAPT. CONTINUUM (CONT'D)

Are you the super villian who has caged me? Or a superhero come to rescue me?

SHERMAN

I'm Sherman from accounting. I need you to fill out some forms.

Sherman hands Capt. Continuum the clipboard and a pen.

CAPT. CONTINUUM  
I don't understand. I am Captain  
Continuum. I need to be righting  
wrongs, not filling out paperwork.

SHERMAN  
Are you...

Sherman leans over to look at the clipboard.

SHERMAN (CONT'D)  
Shawn Zawodni?

CAPT. CONTINUUM  
(whispering)  
That's my secret identity. How did  
you know?

Sherman sizes him up.

SHERMAN  
Look. There's no easy way to say  
this...  
(pause)  
You're dead. I take it you didn't  
see it coming.

CAPT. CONTINUUM  
There must be a mistake. Superheroes  
don't die.

SHERMAN  
But it says there that Shawn Zawodni  
did.

Sherman points to the clipboard. Captain Continuum reads.

CAPT. CONTINUUM  
How did it happen?

SHERMAN  
I don't know. Were you sick? You  
don't look so good.

CAPT. CONTINUUM  
I'm too busy making things right to  
be sick.

SHERMAN  
They can tell you more when you get  
upstairs.

CAPT. CONTINUUM  
You mean...

Captain Continuum points to the sky.

SHERMAN

Yep. First class accomodations for the trip up. You must have impressed someone.

Sherman pulls a ticket out of his shirt pocket.

CAPT. CONTINUUM

I'm a superhero.

Captain Continuum unplugs and picks up the electric fan. They start walking out of the alley.

EXT. PARKING LOT -- DAY

It is an empty parking lot of a closed shopping mall. There are two homeless people sleeping up against the building. The HOMELESS MAN is sitting upright and the HOMELESS WOMAN is laying on the ground.

Sherman and Captain Continuum walk into the parking lot with Captain Continuum still carrying the fan. Captain Continuum sees the homeless people and points them out.

CAPT. CONTINUUM

Can I help them out? Maybe one for the road?

Sherman looks concerned.

SHERMAN

NO! This is my car.

A car appears.

SHERMAN (CONT'D)

(panicked)

You aren't supposed to be here. I read the paperwork wrong and parked in the wrong place. The paperwork is confusing. They need to fix it.

CAPT. CONTINUUM

Calm yourself. They look fine. I'm not needed here.

Captain Continuum squints as if he recognizes something. Then turns back to Sherman.

CAPT. CONTINUUM (CONT'D)

Where are we going?

SHERMAN

There is a ship leaving I a little bit. I have to get you on it.

CAPT. CONTINUUM  
Souls go to heaven in a ship?

SHERMAN  
That's how you'll see it. At least,  
that's how most people see it.

They get into the car. Sherman gets in the driver's side.

INT. CAR -- DAY

Captain Continuum has the fan on his lap. He plugs the fan into the cigarette lighter. The fan blows his hair.

SHERMAN  
It's like this, you spent your whole life looking around and you pretty much saw things the way you wanted. Now that you're dead and things on this side don't have substance, they look like whatever you expect them to. It's just easier for you. It's all part of the master plan.

Sherman starts up the car and starts driving.

SHERMAN (CONT'D)  
On the plus side, everything tastes like an ice cream sunday.

CAPT. CONTINUUM  
A banana split?

SHERMAN  
If you like. On the downside, I have to warn you, your sister is going to look hot. Not like Miss America hot. More like Britney Spears "Hit Me Baby One More Time" hot.

CAPT. CONTINUUM  
I don't have a sister.

SHERMAN  
Then you have been spared my friend. Consider yourself lucky.

Sherman wipes his brow. Captain Continuum looks out the window. The car turns onto a side street.

CAPT. CONTINUUM  
So what happens now?

SHERMAN  
I told you. We go to the ship and you get the ride of your life.

CAPT. CONTINUUM

No. I mean to the world. What will happen now that I'm gone?

SHERMAN

Crap.

CAPT. CONTINUUM

What?

Sherman pulls the car over. He pulls out a laptop and starts typing in.

SHERMAN

(angrily)

You selfless types are so annoying. Most people are focusing on what is going to happen to them. I swear they send you types down here just to test me.

CAPT. CONTINUUM

I'm sorry.

SHERMAN

I'm not going through training again just because some goody two shoes is afraid of what will happen when they leave. It's not like the planet didn't get along just fine for the billion years before you showed up.

CAPT. CONTINUUM

If it's too much trouble...

Sherman turns to face Captain Continuum.

SHERMAN

Oh don't pull that innocent act on me. I know your type. They ask you how your trip was. You answer,

(in a high voice)

"I was lied to and very much deceived."

(back to normal voice)

...in the hopes that you'll get more time on Earth. Which you won't. Then I'm back in boot camp kissing some sargent's butt trying to get back here. Like this is so great.

Sherman goes back to his computer.

SHERMAN (CONT'D)

Eternity isn't what it used to be my friend. If I had my way...

(MORE)

SHERMAN (CONT'D)

(pause)  
Over there.

Sherman points out the window at a woman walking with a bag of groceries. She trips and drops the bag. Everything spills on the ground. Captain Continuum opens his door.

SHERMAN (CONT'D)

Wait.

A young man walks up and helps her pick up the bag and groceries.

Sherman is back looking at his computer.

CAPT. CONTINUUM

She didn't need me.

SHERMAN

(sarcastically)  
See? Ooblahdee, oohblahdah, life goes on. Spinning wheels got to go round. You know the drill.  
(pause)  
Over there.

Sherman points out the window at man with a broken leg on crutches unsuccessfully trying to get his newspaper off the ground. Captain Continuum gets up.

SHERMAN (CONT'D)

Get back in here. You can't help him.

Captain Continuum gets back in. A boy walks up, picks up the newspaper and hands it to the man. The man rubs the boy's hair.

SHERMAN (CONT'D)

Freakin' "Boy Wonder" I guess.

CAPT. CONTINUUM

You mean I'm not special.

Sherman sees Captain Continuum is now dressed in street clothes.

SHERMAN

Don't you get it? You're all superheroes. Everytime you feed a hungry person or help a kid with his homework or even just spend time with an elderly person, you're a superhero. While you were here, you helped people. Now your time is up. Maybe you're needed somewhere else.

Captain Continuum is back in uniform.

CAPT. CONTINUUM  
 Things seem to be handled here. I  
 think you mentioned there was a rocket  
 I need to get on.

SHERMAN  
 It's not a rocket ship. It's a...  
 (pause)  
 Actually, I guess it will be.

Sherman starts the car and they drive off.

EXT. DRIVEWAY -- DAY

The car pulls up in a driveway. There is a rocket in the  
 backyard. In front of the gate is a muscular man, HUGH SIMON.  
 They get out and walk up to Hugh. Captain Continuum sets up  
 the fan on the driveway so it is blowing his hair and cape.

HUGH  
 Everything in order?

SHERMAN  
 Hugh. It's me Sherm.

HUGH  
 I know. That's why I asked.

SHERMAN  
 Check for yourself.

Sherman hands the clipboard to Hugh.

CAPT. CONTINUUM  
 Who is this? St. Peter?

SHERMAN  
 Do these look like pearly gates?  
 It's Hugh Simon. He's the bouncer.

HUGH  
 I make sure no one gets through who  
 isn't supposed to.

SHERMAN  
 Like I'd make a mistake.

HUGH  
 Shawn Zawodni?

CAPT. CONTINUUM  
 If you must.

HUGH  
 Shawn G. Zawodni? Of Forest Lane?

CAPT. CONTINUUM

No.

SHERMAN

What? Give me that.

Sherman takes the clipboard and looks at it.

SHERMAN (CONT'D)

Jesus Christ.

Sherman gets vaporized by a pillar of fire.

CAPT. CONTINUUM

That seems kind of harsh.

HUGH

How would you like it if poeple were using your name in vain? He'll be back.

CAPT. CONTINUUM

So what now?

HUGH

You don't have to go home, but you can't stay here. Four hundred millenium and that line still isn't old. The down side is you won't remember this.

CAPT. CONTINUUM

Like I could tell anyone about it anyway.

HUGH

Nice to finally meet you Captain Continuum.

Captain Continuum and his fan disappear.

EXT. PARKING LOT -- DAY

The Homeless Man suddenly wakes up. He looks down at the Homeless Woman sleeping with her head on the cement. He reaches into his bag of stuff. He pulls out the electric fan, but it is old and worn. He sets it up and it blows his hair. He pulls out some newspaper, lifts her head and puts the newspaper under it so it is not on the cement.

HOMELESS MAN

(quietly)

Captain Continuum to the rescue.

He falls back asleep.

FADE OUT