

# Level XVII

Characters: Jones - An overworked janitor.  
Mr Crank - Jones' mean and angry boss.  
Bob - Another janitor but only slightly overworked.  
Chimp - A mystical alien being?

Scene 1, Mr. Crank's Office

[Crank is sitting behind a big desk with a big chair, he is smoking a fat cigar]  
[enter Jones with tattered clothes and bleeding from many cuts]

Crank: Do you know why you are here Jones?  
Jones: Ah, because I was late.  
Crank: And pray tell, why are you late?  
Jones: Um, I was mauled by a dog.  
Crank: A DOG!  
Jones: Yes, it was really big and vicious, I think it had rabies  
Crank: Rabies man, don't be ridiculous, you insane pretzel head!  
I will let you off this time, but mark my words, the next  
time you are late, you are fired, and I don't care if you  
got eaten by wild spider monkeys or abducted by aliens,  
do you here?  
Jones: Yes Mr. Crank.  
Crank: Now go down to level 17 and clean up that mess!  
Jones: Yes Mr. Crank.

[exit Jones and crank]

Scene 2, Jones' Janitorial closet

[Jones is collecting his janitorial equipment as Bob, a second janitor enters]

Jones: Oh hey Bob, how's it going?  
Bob: Indubitably fine my good chap. Old Cranky got you cleaning  
old floor 17 again eh?  
Jones: Yeah, I don't know why they keep that floor, they really should  
tear it down, well at least it gives a home to the spider  
monkeys. I'd hate to think what would happen if they  
ever got loose.  
Bob: Probably all be eaten and torn to bits I suppose.  
Jones: Damn, the monkeys, why, why do I have to clean up level 17?  
Bob: You know, they say that when a janitor goes to clean up  
level 17, his soul is taken to the underworld by the  
spider monkeys and he is never seen again, but I wouldn't  
let that bother you, probably just an old janitors' tale.  
Jones: Oh, yes well I've got my trusty broom, Broomopolis to protect me.  
[picks up a broom and waves it in the air]  
Bob: Watch out, you could put someone's nose in with that! You know,  
I really don't know why you call it Broomopolis, it's just  
A broom.  
Jones: Just a broom, JUST A BROOM, well Broomopolis is twice the broom  
you ever were, aren't you broomopolis?[looks expectantly at the broom  
and nothing happens], well he's just in a quiet mood, that's all

Bob: Oh ok, right, haha

[enter crank]

Crank: Jones, what are you still doing here, I thought I told you..

Jones: [cuts crank off] No, I tell you, I am never going down to Level 17, never, do you here!!!!

Crank: [crank picks up broomopolis and hits Jones over the head with it]

Aha, that'll learn ya, you insolent dog! Now Back to work!

[as crank starts to walk away Jones puts a bucket on his head, Crank and

Bob do not seem to notice]

Jones [to Bob]: Communist!

Crank: WHAT did you say?

Jones: Ah, Romulus?

Crank: Oh ok, I like star trek to.

[exit Crank]

Bob: Well, old chap, he just gets more stupid every time I see him!

Jones: Hey Bob, I can fit a bucket on my head!

Bob: Yes, but can you take it off again?

Jones: Ah, no

Bob: Oh well, I'll get the tin snips.[cuts a slit in the bucket So that Jones can see]

Jones: Oh well, I'm off to certain death on level 17!

Bob: Well, don't forget you're lunch!

[exit Jones]

Bob[aside]:What a freaking' idiot!

[exit bob]

Scene 3, Level 17

[mist swirls around for a bit]

[enter Jones wearing a bucket on his head with a slit cut in it]

Jones: What is this place?

[enter chimp in a swirl of mist]

Chimp: Hello, my child.

Jones: Wh, who are you?

Chimp: I am The Chimp, the creator and the destroyer, the bringer of light and the harbinger of darkness, the one who is many, the single being, the eternal eternaliser the life insurance salesman of the cosmos, the...[he is interrupted by the sound of Jones snoring] HEY YOU!

Jones: Huh? Oh, sorry, you were saying?

Chimp: Why do you have a bucket on your head?

Jones: Oh, this [pointing to the bucket]? They're terribly Comfortable and well, I sell them.

Chimp: Buckets?

Jones: Yes, they go on your head.

Chimp: Well I can see that, but why?

Jones: They have a slit so you can see!

Chimp: Why are you selling them!

Jones: Why does anyone sell anything.

Chimp: You can't take it off can you.

Jones: Of course I can, oh what's the use [bursts into  
Hysterical sobbing]

Chimp: There, there it will be ok, I'm sure somebody likes  
A bucket head freak like yourself, I mean it cant be all bad, can it?  
Hello, bucket head freak, you here me, hello, oh great, a big  
Sobbing baby bucket head freak. Look just shut up ok! [Jones stops  
sobbing]

Jones: Ok Chimpo, whatever you say. Now where is this mess I have  
to clean up, you know, for my job 'n' stuff.

Chimp: Mess, what mess, we live here on level 17 as we have  
always lived, alive and free, free from the tyranny of man,  
alive, bwahahahahahaha!

Jones: Always lived? This building has only been built for 20 years.

Chimp: Really, is that so. What if I were to tell you that we  
Aren't really in a building, that this building that was supposedly  
Built 20 years ago was not really built, but landed! You my  
Dear Jonesy are on an alien spaceship, a ship that landed 20 years  
Ago and has been studying earth and it's people for that long  
And that you are an experiment, yes, an experiment of ours to  
See if we could make a sufficiently fooling human clone as to  
Not be discernable between a real human and one of our strong  
Alien minions. And now that we have collected the results and  
The apparatus, we are going home!!! Bwahahahahaha, Bwahahaha [Chimp laughs  
A very evil supervillan laugh which echos alot]

Jones: Oh no, I'm an alien what am I going to do. Oh who cares, so what  
Have you guys got to eat, I'm starved!

Chimp: What, you don't even care.

Jones: Doesn't bother me, because I know that you're not really and  
Alien chimp but just Crazy Stevens who lives in the old mill!  
[goes to pull chimps face off like it was a mask, it comes off and  
underneath is an old man with a gray beard] So why did you do it  
Stevens?

Stevens: I just wanted attention and I wanted you people to pay for  
What you did to me, and I would have got away with it to,  
If it hadn't of been for you meddling kids, oh I mean you  
Meddling janitor guy!

Jones: Well, you didn't get away with it, and you're going away  
For a long time!

Stevens: But I didn't actually commit a crime!

Jones: Oh, ok then you can go, seeya later crazy Stevens.

Stevens: Bye Jones, have fun janitorizing. [exit Stevens]

Jones: Hmm, I wonder what I'm going to do now?  
[exit Jones]

The end

## Rational

I chose to do this type of script because i like writing about things that could never actually happen in real life. Things that when people read these things they laugh because of the sheer absurdism and ludicrousness of the things. An example of this is where Mr Crank doesn't believe that Jones has been mauled by a dog even though he clearly has, given the state his clothes are in and the fact that he is bleeding. I chose to do a script rather than an article because i find it easier to write this way because i visualise the story in my head and then i write about it on the page, rather than actually trying to come up with a structured article.

I have included many different types of comedy into this script, there is an example of irony when Mr Crank tells Jones that he would fire him even if he was abducted by aliens and this happened. There is also absurdism, all through the script but mainly when Jones is talking to an Alien chimp and when he puts a bucket on his head and people think nothing of it. Parody is also included, all of my script is mainly low comedy and not high comedy, there are many elements of farce and other elements of low comedy.

I endeavoured to make this script as funny as possible and I enjoyed writing it, in some parts however, to some people it might seem to silly, however i feel that this is not the case at all. I chose this theme for my script because i like science fiction and wanted to have aliens in it and i also think that janitors are funny, so i did both, a janitor with aliens. That is why i chose this for my major and that is what comedic elements are included in my script.