

STRANGER ON THE PLATFORM

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EXT. TRAIN STATION BENCH- DAY

A young woman, Chloe Fineman, smartly dressed in a chic wool coat and hat, sits alone on a train bench. She pulls out her journal and begins to write.

CHLOE (V.O.)

Dear diary, I'm settling nicely into my life in the big city. As I sit this wintry Saturday at the train, I can't help but notice what interesting and exciting people live in this bustling metropolis. Take that stranger across the tracks.

CUT TO:

EXT. TRAIN STATION PLATFORM

On the other side of the platform we see her subject: Mystery Man (probably the host). He is a man dressed in a clean suit. Handsome. He stands stoic waiting for his train. He carries a big black shiny suitcase.

CHLOE (V.O.)

Handsome, well-dressed, also waiting for the 2 pm train. It makes you wonder where this man of mystery could be going...

CUT TO:

INT. ARBY'S BATHROOM- 2 HOURS LATER

The Mystery Man is changing out of his suit into a brightly colored clown costume in an Arby's bathroom. He's got a roast beef sandwich in his mouth while he does this.

BACK TO:

EXT. TRAIN STATION BENCH- DAY

Chloe continues writing and fantasizing.

CHLOE (V.O.)

Somewhere glamorous?

BACK TO:

INT. ARBY'S BATHROOM- 2 HOURS LATER

The Mystery Man is almost dressed. A loud knocking accompanied by kids screaming and crying.

ASHLEY (O.S.)
Hurry up man, my kids about to piss
his frickin' pants

MYSTERY MAN
I said just a minute!

ASHLEY (O.S.)
Fine I'm gonna let him piss right
here on the floor then!

BACK TO:

EXT. TRAIN STATION PLATFORM- DAY

Mystery Man straightens his clothes.

CHLOE (V.O.)
Is he alone?

CUT TO:

INT. SUBURBAN HOME- 2 HOURS LATER

Mystery Man in clown outfit with the suitcase at the doorway talks to Mikey as a dad inside of a nice suburban home.

MIKEY
So... (checks his phone for the
name) Mr. Wackles... the party is
out in the backyard. The set up is
all done and Kyler and his friends
are outside so you can head out
that back door.

MYSTERY MAN
Sweet man.

MIKEY
Ooooo, we are a no shoes household,
so if you want to walk straight
through you'll need to take them
off.

Mystery Man looks at his giant clown shoes and sighs.

BACK TO:

EXT. TRAIN STATION PLATFORM

The Mystery Man taps his foot anxiously and sways a bit back and forth.

CHLOE (V.O.)
 He seems nervous. I wonder why and
 what for? And what's in that
 case...

CUT TO:

EXT. BACKYARD BIRTHDAY PARTY- 2 HOURS LATER

The Mystery Man opens the suitcase and dumps out a bunch of dumb props. He begins to blow up a balloon animal in front of a crowd of impatient children wearing party hats.

MYSTERY MAN
 Alright, now let's make this dog--

The balloon pops.

KID
 Booooooo

MYSTERY MAN
 Turn that frown upside down, let's
 make another

KID
 Do a flip!

MYSTERY MAN
 I can't do a flip.

KIDS
 Flip Flip Flip Flip!

MYSTERY MAN
 I'm a clown not a stupid acrobat
 whaddya want from me?!

KID
 Daaaad this guy sucks!

MYSTERY MAN
 Oh BROTHER.

BACK TO:

EXT. TRAIN STATION PLATFORM- DAY

Chloe giddily journals.

CHLOE (V.O)
But I can tell he always keeps his
cool.

BACK TO:

EXT. BACKYARD BIRTHDAY PARTY- 2 HOURS LATER

The Dad is now up onstage arguing with Mystery Man. The kids
are getting rowdier.

DAD
My kid wants to see the flip, just
do the flip man.

MYSTERY MAN
I'm not doing a flip.

DAD
Come on, you're here to perform
just get over yourself and do it
for the kid!

MYSTERY MAN
Oh your kid wants to see a flip?
Why don't you do a flip then you
a**hole

Cursing is bleeped out.

DAD
What did you just call me?

KID
Yeah!

MYSTERY MAN
Oh don't get me started on you, you
mini a**hole!

KID
You can't call me that!

MYSTERY MAN
What are you going to do? Fight me?
Your balls haven't even dropped
motherf****r!

BACK TO:

EXT. TRAIN STATION PLATFORM- DAY

Chloe twirls her pencil.

CHLOE (V.O.)
For all I know, he may be going on
to have the best day of his life.

BACK TO:

EXT. BACKYARD BIRTHDAY PARTY- 2 HOURS LATER

Mystery Man is being forcefully dragged out of the party by
two cops. He is fighting back as the dad and son watch

MYSTERY MAN
And Kyler is a stupid name for a
kid! Kyle or Tyler, pick one you
pretentious douchebag

BACK TO:

EXT. TRAIN STATION PLATFORM

The Mystery Man stands on the platform and we hear the train
approaching.

CHLOE (V.O.)
But for now he's just a stranger on
the platform. A mystery man to me
never to be seen again.

The train arrives and the man steps in, we can still see him
through the train car window. The train begins to depart.

BACK TO:

EXT. TRAIN STATION PLATFORM

Chloe closes her journal and walks down the platform

CHLOE (V.O.)
And maybe that's exactly how it's
supposed to be

CUT TO:

INT. COUNTY JAIL CELL

Mystery Man sits disheveled in the cell and honks his nose.

THE END