

MOUNTVIEW SHORT FILM SCREENPLAYS

SHARKS - (DRAFT 2)

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INT. BAR - NIGHT

Packed. Chatter. Music. BEN KLEIN (20s), shortish, suited waves a tenner trying to get a drink. To staff he's the invisible man.

FREEZE FRAME - TITLE: BEN

FREEZE FRAME breaks. ROBIN WHITE (20s) grabs the cash.

ROBIN

Donut. You couldn't get served on a tennis court.

Fingers in her mouth she unleashes a piercing WHISTLE.

FREEZE FRAME - TITLE - ROBIN

FREEZE FRAME breaks. FLASH-CUTS: Money is passed. Drinks received. Ben turns from the bar. SMACKS straight into the tall, handsome DANNY BLACKWATER (20s). Liquid goes everywhere!

DANNY

You clumsy. . . !

FREEZE FRAME - TITLE: DANNY

FREEZE FRAME breaks. Danny grabs Bobby. Robin steps in between them.

ROBIN

It was an accident.

DANNY

I don't care! I'm soaked.

BEN

Danny?!? It's Ben.

DANNY

Ben?!? Benny-boy? Fancy bumping into you!

Mood changes. They bear-hug enthusiastically.

ROBIN

You know each other?

DANNY

Do we!!! Old school pals. This calls for a celebration!

INTERCUT: Champagne cork POPS.

INT. BAR - NIGHT

Trio now seated. Danny pours the champagne.

DANNY

How long's it been, Ben. Twelve years?

ROBIN

Look, if you guys need time to catch up.

DANNY

Don't be silly. I've interrupted
your date. I should go.

BEN

(fast/nervy/Rainmanesque)

It's not a date. We work together.
Co-colleagues. Friends. Robin's my
supervisor. Not a date. No. Date.

Danny and Robin just stare at him. Ben downs his champagne.

BEN

Another round-my round-you
want-another-one?

INT. BAR - LATER

Table's full with empty glasses. Danny's drunk. Arm around Robin.
She edges away. He brings her back.

DANNY

Wonderful life out there. Fantastic.

ROBIN

Why d'you come home?

DANNY

In a word. Sharks.

BEN

Sharks?!

DANNY

That's right. Sharks. Mazing fish the
shark. You read about shark attacks. In the
paper. They're like winning the lottery.
Always happen to someone else. Don't
they? Now, usually your average shark
hunts as a singular predatory force.
Not this time. There was two of them.
She didn't stand a chance. I was
sunbathing. She was swimming. Waving. Happy.
Laughing. Fourteen! Fourteen! They flanked
her. Bang! Her hand disappeared into the
blue. Last I saw of my sister. That was
six months ago. I couldn't stay in Oz.
Not after that. Every time I looked at the
sea all I could hear was screams. All I
could see was blood. Janey's blood.

Robin's hand presses into Danny's. Ben SEES this.

ROBIN
I'm so sorry.

Danny hugs Robin. SOBS! Ben's hands squeeze into fists.

BEN
I need a cigarette.

ROBIN
I thought you'd given up?

DANNY
I'll join you.

INT. TOILET - NIGHT

Robin washes her hands. Window ajar. HEARS familiar VOICES outside.

EXT. SMOKING AREA - BAR - NIGHT

Ben's agitated. Pacing back and forth. Finger-pointing Danny.

BEN
What's this shark's story?

DANNY
Good innit? And the performance!

BEN
You haven't even got a sister.

DANNY
I felt like De Niro.

BEN (to himself)
Why didn't I just ask her out?

DANNY
Always gotta have a story, mate.

BEN
But now she likes you more than me!

DANNY
Never fear - Danny's here! Trust me.

INT. TOILET - NIGHT

Robin LISTENS intently.

INT. BAR - NIGHT

Robin re-joins them. Kisses Danny on the cheek. Takes his hand.

ROBIN
How're you feeling?

DANNY
Better. Thanks. We were thinking
about having a nightcap.

BEN
(eyes on Robin's/Danny's hand)
Were we?

Danny KICKS Ben under the table.

BEN
We were!!

DANNY
What do you say, darling?

ANGLE ON: Robin as she ponders. Smiles. FLASHCUTS: Key enters
door/CD enters player/Ice hits glass/Jack Daniels flows.

INT. LIVING ROOM - BOBBY'S FLAT - NIGHT

Danny and Robin are dancing. Close. He whispers something in her
ear. She LAUGHS. THEN: silence. Music is turned off. They SEE:
Bobby. Seething. He SLAMS the drinks down.

DANNY
Hey! Hey! We were --

BEN
Robin. I've got a confession.

DANNY
No. Stick to the. . . Plan.

ROBIN
Plan? What plan?

BEN
He was meant to try it on. I'd step in.
Smack him. You'd fall for me. Hero. Spend
the night. Sex. With me. I like you, Robin.

ROBIN
Why didn't you just ask me out then?

DANNY
Cos he's a donut!

ROBIN

So, this was all a trap to get me
into bed?

Danny looks up. Ben bores holes in the floor. Several beats.

ROBIN

Okay. Let's do it.

BEN/DANNY

What?!?

ROBIN

I'll have sex with you.

BEN/DANNY

Who?!?

ROBIN

Both of you.

DANNY

That's what I'm talking about.

BEN

No. This wasn't meant to happen.

DANNY

Last one in the bedroom's a queer.

Danny dashes from the room. Ben stands there. Paralysed. Confused.
Robin WHISPERS in Ben's ear. Starts unbuttoning his shirt.

ROBIN

Come on lover-boy.

INT. BOBBY'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Danny and Bobby lay in the bed. Naked. Waiting.

DANNY

Told you. Never fear Danny's here!

ROBIN (off)

You naked boys?

DANNY

Hell yeah.

A naked leg appears from around the door.

ROBIN (off)
Because I am ready.

Suddenly Robin appears with her phone camera. CLICK! CLICK CLICK!

Freeze frame after freeze frame of compromising photos of Bobby and Danny naked in bed together.

HOLD ON one final shot. Robin's LAUGHTER echoes across the screen!

INT. OFFICE - DAY

The photo-copier whirs as the copies of Danny and Bobby in bed together looking shocked churn out.

FADE OUT: