

LAST MAN STANDING
"Q ANON"

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INT. OUTDOOR MAN - DAY

KRISTIN BAXTER organizes a bunch of kids, including **BOYD** in the lobby of the Outdoor Man. Kristin hands out a Scavenger Hunt list to each child.

KRISTIN

Ok everyone! Gather around to get your scavenger hunt list!

MIKE BAXTER approaches the group and stands next to Kristin.

MIKE

Hey sweetie, handing out instructions on how to field dress a deer?

KRISTIN

No, dad, I'm organizing a scavenger hunt for all the kids around our neighborhood.

MIKE

Huh, I think it's a tragedy to call something a "hunt" that doesn't end in a 14-point buck.

Laugh track.

KRISTIN

Well, you'll be thrilled to know it was Ryan's idea.

RYAN VOGELSON slides "Risky Business" style into frame.

RYAN

Finally, a "hunt" that doesn't end in a 14-point buck!

Bigger laugh track. Mike takes a beat and a breath.

MIKE

YOU LIBERAL CUCK!

The biggest applause break and a "hell yeah" from one audience member.

RYAN

Come on Mike, I was just trying to compromise.

MIKE

Yeah, well trying to "compromise" is why DACA isn't dead yet.

A Republican Whoop is heard.

KRISTIN

Come on, Dad! Why don't you take a list and spend the day with Boyd? It'll be a fun grandpa-grandson bonding time!

RYAN

Yeah, and it's for kids, so it should be pretty hard for you.

Laugh track.

KYLE and the actress playing **MANDY** enter.

KYLE

Hey Mr. B! Whatcha got there?

MIKE

I'm going to go on a scavenger hunt with Boyd-

(in Ryan's face)

-To prove that it's not difficult and it's dumb and I'm not a child!

Mike sticks his tongue out at Ryan. Laugh track.

MIKE (CONT'D)

Kyle, Mandy, you want to come with?

KYLE

Oh no, scavenger hunts are way too hard for me. Last time I went on one, they had to create a separate scavenger hunt to find *me*.

Laugh track. The actress who plays Mandy looks with fear into Tim's eyes, she tries to form the line that Tim has written for her.

MANDY

H-ha ha, oh Kyle!

(as if reading at a third-grade level)

Scavenging sounds like what the Democrats do when they lose control of the House!

The actress playing Mandy looks for approval from Tim. Tim silently nods in agreement. The sitcom can resume.

MIKE

Yeah Kyle, you're a moron!

Laugh track. Mike takes a list from Kristin.

MIKE (CONT'D)
 Let's just see what kind of stuff
 we're "hunting" for today, Boyd...

Mike looks down at his list and takes it in. HE HAS SEEN THE TRUE MESSAGE OF Q (**Fig. 1**). Mike's eyes go wide with shock and wonderment.

KRISTIN
 Dad, are you ok?

MIKE
 I've never seen anything more
 clearly. Come on, Boyd! We have to
 go right now, there's no time!

BOYD
 Ok!

The two run off, Mike leading while gripping a struggling-to-keep up Boyd.

KRISTIN
 Wow, I've never seen Dad so
 passionate about one of your ideas,
 Ryan.

RYAN
 I told ya he would love it if I
 just put the word "hunt" in it!

Laugh track.

CUT TO:

INT. MIKE'S FORD ESCAPE SUV

Mike hurdles down the highway with Boyd in the passenger seat.

MIKE
 Alright, what's the first clue?

BOYD
 Number One: find some Patriots old
 and new. Help them to get to clue
 number two!

MIKE
 What?? That's not what my list
 says!

(MORE)

MIKE (CONT'D)

I must've gotten the only true message. It's similar, but different. "Eyes on Patriots". Okay, think Boyd! Where can you see Patriots?

Boyd glances out his window just in time to see the VFW Local #234 with a sign that says "old and new are welcome".

BOYD

Grandpa, the VFW building!

MIKE

OF COURSE! Excellent thinking Boyd!

Mike makes a hard turn left, drifting his SUV to turn right into the VFW Hall. Boyd screams in the turn.

BOYD

Grandpa! Grandpa!

CUT TO:

INT. VFW LOCAL #234 - CONTINUOUS

A peaceful scene of old veterans dancing with their wives to romantic '70s ballads. They softly sway in the noon sun as the ancient DJ bobs his head to The Carpenters' "We've Only Just Begun".

Mike flings open the double doors to the entrance and immediately accosts a dancing couple and throws the old woman to the floor.

MIKE

What do you know about Q??? Come on, answer me, ya old bag! What does Amazon and Jeff Bezos have to do with the President? Tell me!

Boyd slips away to **SALLY**, elderly woman smiling in the corner.

BOYD

Excuse me, but I'm on a scavenger hunt. Do you know where clue number two is?

SALLY

Oh yes, someone told me some children would be coming by to help out with preparing dinner for the guests! Follow me.

Boyd and Sally exit to the kitchen.

Meanwhile, Mike is throttling an Air Force **CAPTAIN** for information. The Captain is calmly answering questions in a state of dementia.

MIKE

What is the false flag operation??

CAPTAIN

I was in the Korean War.

MIKE

Is that the country? North Korea?
Tell me! What is five by five? WHAT
IS FIVE BY FIVE?

CAPTAIN

Five by Five means everything's A-
ok!

MIKE

Everything's ok...but aerals are
missing...it means they've hijacked
a plane!

CAPTAIN

Who's they?

MIKE

THEY! The DEEP STATE!

CAPTAIN

Oh, I'm from Iowa, but it's pretty
flat, not very deep.

Laugh track.

MIKE

Where We Go One We Go All, you son
of a bitch!

Mike clocks his lights out.

CUT TO:

INT. VFW LOCAL #234 - KITCHEN

Boyd helps roll dumplings in the kitchen with Sally.

SALLY

...And the dough gets folded into a pocket. Now, we add a little surprise-

Sally dishes a meat paste out of a separate bowl into the pocket.

SALLY (CONT'D)

-And then we fold the dough over!

BOYD

It's kind of like concealing what lies just below the surface. A secret. Something the general public doesn't know.

SALLY

Well yes, I suppose you could say that, but it's a delightful surprise waiting inside!

BOYD

Secrets are rarely that. At least that's what my grandpa tells me.

SALLY

Yes, let's go check on your grandpa. I think you've helped enough to earn the second clue!

Sally grabs a piece of paper off the counter and exits the kitchen with Boyd.

CUT TO:

INT. VFW LOCAL #234 - CONTINUOUS

Sally and Boyd walk in on the brutalization of the elderly at the hands of Mike Baxter. Mike is giving the old ten fist-kisses to the head of the DJ. Each time a punch is landed, the DJ's hand scratches the record, and The Carpenters' "We've Only Just Begun" resets.

Sally hands the paper to Boyd, not breaking eye contact with Mike.

SALLY

Here you go, you little monster.
Now take your deranged Grandpa and
get the hell out of here.

Boyd grabs the paper and runs to Mike.

BOYD

Grandpa, Grandpa! I got the second
clue!

MIKE

Great job, Boyd! I bled all these
turkeys for information, but there
wasn't much blood to drain, if you
get me.

Laugh track. Mike and Boyd rush out the double doors. Sally
stands, surveying the carnage.

CUT TO:

INT. MIKE'S FORD ESCAPE SUV - CONTINUOUS

Mike and Boyd are speeding down the road again.

MIKE

Alright, open up that clue, let's
see what we've got.

BOYD

"Take a look in a place where
there's lots of books. Have your
card ready and hold your hand
steady...you'll be pleased when you
get A TICKET TO CHUCK-E-CHEESE???"
Grandpa, it's the library, it's got
to be!

MIKE

No, doesn't fall in line with the
true message. Chuck-E-Cheese is a
false flag, we saw what happened at
Pizzagate.

BOYD

But Grandpa, I wanna go to Chuck-E-
Cheese!

MIKE

Boyd, the security of our nation is
in jeopardy!

(MORE)

MIKE (CONT'D)

Now I have an idea, but I need your help. Can you help me? Or are you a globalist elite?

BOYD

I'll help you...I guess.

MIKE

Good.

CUT TO:

INT. AMBIGUOUS WAREHOUSE

Scattered debris litter the ground. A single wall is illuminated by an office lamp. On that wall, a giant string-theory map featuring a picture of Jeff Bezos, a picture of a stealth fighter, a picture of CNN's Jim Acosta and a picture of Jake Bernstein's "SECRECY WORLD".

Mike ties the final red string to a picture Chuck-E-Cheese.

MIKE

So, we know that Amazon is involved and that Jeff Bezos is planning to steal a plane to destroy the Panama Papers. But the press is going to leak the story before President Trump can finally catch Bezos because he set up the false flag operation.

BOYD

Ugh, can we go to Chuck-E-Cheese now?

MIKE

Soon Boyd, soon. But I need you to help Grandpa plug into the Internet.

Mike throws a tarp up to reveal a Lawnmower Man gyroscope and suicide helmet.

MIKE (CONT'D)

Plug me in, Boyd.

Mike gets into the gyroscope. Boyd affixes the helmet to Mike and walks toward a table with what looks like a car battery with two lead lines hooked up to the helmet.

BOYD

I don't think you know how the internet works, grandpa.

MIKE

No one does, Boyd. Now jack me!

Laugh track. Boyd connects the final alligator clip to the battery, causing sparks to plume out of Mike's head. Mike shakes with the power of a Die Hard.

MIKE (CONT'D)

IT'S TOOL TIME!

CUT TO:

INT. THE INTERNET HUB - CONTINUOUS

In a shitty 3D CGI space, straight out of Lawnmower Man. Mike's face is plastered on a CGI body that constantly turns hexagonal tubes with words like "Deep State", "Q Anon", "Lock Her Up", "Sessions Recusal", "Mueller File", and "McConnell Dick Pics". Mike's avatar flips through tens of tubes before stopping at the mecca that just says "Q". Blinding white light flashes through.

MIKE

(digitized voice)

I KNOW ALL!

The white light overtakes the scene.

BACK TO:

INT. AMBIGUOUS WAREHOUSE

Mike sizzles in the gyroscope, smoke coming out of the suicide helmet. Boyd inches closer.

BOYD

G-Grandpa?

Mike's eyes open to reveal the pure white light, much like Raiden from Mortal Kombat.

MIKE

(in a godlike voice)

Yes Boyd?

BOYD

Can we go to Chuck-E-Cheese now?

MIKE

Yes Boyd. I cannot wait to tell everyone.

(a pause, then out to the camera)

This will be Pizzagate 2.0.

CUT TO:

INT. CHUCK-E-CHEESE PLAYPLACE

All the other children from the scavenger hunt are mulling about, eating pizza and whatnot. Kristin, Ryan, Kyle, Mandy, and **VANESSA** stand looking to the entrance for Mike and Boyd.

KRISTIN

I don't get it, Dad and Boyd should be here by now. There were only two clues to that scavenger hunt!

VANESSA

Believe me, anything that keeps your father out of my hair can't last long enough.

Laugh track. Boyd enters, shuffling his feet. Kristin goes to greet him.

KRISTIN

Boyd honey, what took you so long? We were all waiting for you!

BOYD

It was Grandpa.

KRISTIN

Well where is Grandpa?

BOYD

Ugh, right here.

Mike enters, floating half an inch above the floor. Lightning strikes all around him (from the Die Hard car battery). His eyes glow white.

MIKE

Thank you all for coming here, I am here to tell you the secrets of Q. The scavenger hunt was a ruse to fool the simple minds, but I have found the ULTIMATE TRUTH.

KRISTIN

No, the scavenger hunt was to take all the kids out to pizza at Chuck-E-Cheese.

Mike immediately loses all his power and looks confused.

MIKE

Wait, what?

KRISTIN

Yeah, you were supposed to go to the VFW hall to help with their social, then go to the library to get the Chuck-E-Cheese tickets. By the way, someone kicked the shit out of all the veterans and police are looking for him.

MIKE

(rubbing his forehead)

Yeah, I don't know anything about that. But wait!

(Transforms into Raiden again)

WHO WROTE THE MESSAGE?

ED comes shambling in from behind the ball pit.

ED

Oh, that was me, Mike. I was printing off the scavenger hunt lists for the kids upstairs in the office, but I was ordering something off of Amazon and forgot to change the printer driver back to PostScript. It printed out all these wacky characters that only a true maniac of a madman could make sense of.

Laugh track.

MIKE

Yeah, someone must've been really crazy to believe all those hidden messages in there about the deep state...and Trump recalibrating his base...

VANESSA

Mike, if Trump recalibrated his base, this world would be much, much safer.

MIKE

Ah you're right, he's never going to do that.

Nervous laugh track at the reality.

MIKE (CONT'D)

You know, I guess anything can start to make sense the longer you try to make it make sense. But sometimes, it's just plain wrong. I know that now. But hey! Let's eat some pizza!

The actress playing Mandy steps forward. She hasn't eaten in days, and set food is the only real food to her.

MANDY

Uhhmm, meeee?

Tim casts an icy gaze to the actress. She backs away slowly into Kyle's dumb, loving arm that is inedible.

The whole family laughs and plays with the other children.

CUT TO:

POST BUMP: INT. BAXTER LIVING ROOM

Mike, Vanessa, Kristin, Boyd, Mandy and Kyle are in the living room watching TV.

VANESSA

You really worked yourself up over that scavenger hunt, huh Mike?

MIKE

What can I say? Sometimes ignorance is bliss. Right, Kyle?

KYLE

I do have to say, I'm pretty blissful all the time, Mr. B!

Laugh track. The doorbell rings.

KRISTIN

Who could that be?

Mike leaps up from his chair.

MIKE

Oh, that must be for me! I ordered something on Amazon!

Mike answers the door to the **UPS GUY**.

UPS GUY

Package for Mike Baxter?

MIKE

That's me!

A coffin-sized Amazon box slides into the entrance. Mike grabs it and begins hauling it to the garage.

MIKE (CONT'D)

(struggling)

I'm just gonna put this in the garage!

The actress playing Mandy quickens her breathing, letting out a subtle whimper. Nothing good can come from the garage.

CUT TO:

INT. BAXTER GARAGE - CONTINUOUS

Mike slides the box upright in between his spaceship and torture rack where he reprogrammed Molly McCook. We switch to the POV of the box being opened, packing peanuts swept away from the view. Mike looks directly into the package.

MIKE

Man, Amazon will ship anything these days. Isn't that right...Jonathan Taylor Thomas?

BLACKOUT.