



2-PERSON SCENES

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Will You Be My Nemesis? by Kathryn Funkhouser

2 any
Comedy

(Captain Battle is a superhero who feels uninspired, so they're looking for a nemesis in order to get excited about the superhero game again.)

5. Captain Battle vs. Logan the Thief

(A bank vault. Maybe there are cartoonish bags and stacks of money or gold bars. LOGAN, a masked thief, is just regaining consciousness. They've got handcuffs or rope around their wrists. CAPTAIN BATTLE has been waiting.)

CAPTAIN BATTLE: Hello there. Glad to meet you.

LOGAN THE THIEF: What... What happened? I was in the vault...

CAPTAIN BATTLE: Hi, I'm Captain Battle. *(Pulls LOGAN's mask off.)* I just foiled your bank robbery.

LOGAN THE THIEF: Oh that's right! Someone hit me on the head with a bag full of money.

CAPTAIN BATTLE: *(Holding up a bag with a dollar sign on it.)* Bingo. My sidekick's been listening to the police scanner and said I ought to come and see what you're up to.

LOGAN THE THIEF: So, I guess I'm arrested, huh. I thought I had a good thing going this time.

CAPTAIN BATTLE: Well, not so fast. Skirmish was right. I was really impressed with your technique and I was wondering, do you have a nemesis?

LOGAN THE THIEF: Uh, I don't think so?

CAPTAIN BATTLE: Then let's get to know each other. See if we make sense as mortal enemies.

LOGAN THE THIEF: ...Okay. I mean, sure.

CAPTAIN BATTLE: So you're a criminal. What do they call you?

LOGAN THE THIEF: Logan. Logan Applebaum.

CAPTAIN BATTLE: Who?!

LOGAN THE THIEF: Logan Applebaum? I tried to get people to call me "Ace" but it never caught on.

CAPTAIN BATTLE: You don't have a professional villain name? Or...okay, fine. What are your origins?

LOGAN THE THIEF: Um... Delaware?

CAPTAIN BATTLE: Your origin story is "Delaware." Come on, you gotta give me something here. Why were you robbing the bank?

LOGAN THE THIEF: For...for money?

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CAPTAIN BATTLE: That's IT?! That's so depressing.

LOGAN THE THIEF: Well, if you really want to get into it... Lately I've realized I make a lot of really bad decisions. On one hand it's the lack of support system in our modern society but you know what? There's also a deep hole in my heart I'm trying to fill. I was thinking it might be a good idea to go to therapy and explore that more.

CAPTAIN BATTLE: Well THAT'S no fun for ME! Usually people have an accident with acid or they're an evil alien or something.

LOGAN THE THIEF: No, I think I just have some issues I need to work out.

(CAPTAIN BATTLE hands them back their mask.)

CAPTAIN BATTLE: Sorry, I don't know if there's a match here. It just doesn't sound right. "Well, well, if it isn't my old nemesis, Logan Applebaum!" "Go back to Delaware, you fiend!"

LOGAN THE THIEF: I kind of like Delaware.

CAPTAIN BATTLE: See, a nemesis can't say stuff like that.

LOGAN THE THIEF: No, I get it. *(Puts the mask back on sadly.)* Just another thing I've messed up, I guess.

CAPTAIN BATTLE: No, it's not you, it's me!

LOGAN THE THIEF: You don't have to spare my feelings.

CAPTAIN BATTLE: Look, Applebaum. If, *in theory* you were somehow to escape... *(Unties/uncuffs them.)* ...Do you think you could promise me to go to therapy and not rob any more banks?

LOGAN THE THIEF: Does that include houses too, or...?

CAPTAIN BATTLE: No! No more crime.

LOGAN THE THIEF: Aw. Okay, fair enough.

CAPTAIN BATTLE: Good luck with your issues, Ace.

LOGAN THE THIEF: *(Gasps.)* You called me Ace!

(Blackout.)

End of Scene

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Length: 35-40 minutes **Cast Size:** 5-30 actors (suggested casting: 10 any) **Genre:** Comedy

Synopsis: It's hard to find your perfect match, someone you really connect with; someone who will dedicate their life to destroying you at all costs. Yes, sometimes it feels like you'll NEVER meet your nemesis. But Captain Battle and Dr. Nightmare are willing to try out every hero and villain in town to find the enemy of their dreams. Of course, you're going to meet a few weirdos along the way... An ultra-flexible, quickfire comedy sure to capture your heart and lower it slowly into a volcano.

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