

C IS FOR C-STAND

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INT. SET - DAY

Kip Katters, wearing a trench coat and fedora, sits on a film set. All of the props have been put up, and he's proud to have just directed his first film.

KIP

(on the phone)

Oh, yes. Everything went fine. The actors are gone and the crew is putting everything up now. No, Muffy is supervising and not a thing's been stolen.

MUFFY

(burst through the door)

The C-Stands have been stolen!

Kip falls over.

KIP

What!?!?

MUFFY

The B team went A-wall with our C-stands!

KIP

Not the B team! Muffy, I trusted you.

MUFFY

Don't blame me? This is all in your name. What are you going to do?

KIP

Kip imagines himself running into his red truck and driving off. Muffy snaps him back into reality.

I don't know! Who would steal a C-stand? Wait, I've got it. Andrew Anderson!

MUFFY

Andrew Anderson? You mean the guy who stops at nothing to sabotage all of your screenplays?

Anderson menacingly enters right behind Kip. Annoyed, Kip looks over his shoulder.

KIP

You're not in this scene.

Anderson exits disappointedly.

KIP (CONT'D)  
Yes, that Andrew Anderson.

MUFFY  
It couldn't have been him. Way too obvious. And if it was, how would you possibly be able to prove it?

KIP  
I've got it!

Room turns black and white.

We'll simply go to his house, ask nicely, and use deduction and reasoning to see if he's lying.

MUFFY  
Fine. But could we have a little more color?

KIP  
I knew you weren't racist.  
(claps hands and color reappears)  
Now for step one: asking nicely.

INT. ANDERSON'S HOUSE - DAY

Kip burst through the door and finds Anderson on the ground.

KIP  
Where are they?

ANDERSON  
Stealing is making a choice.

Kip swings at him.

KIP  
Where are they?

MUFFY  
Boys, stop it.

ANDERSON  
What makes you think that I have the C-stands anyway?

KIP  
Cuz this is a cycle project and they couldn't hire many actors.

Kip pauses, then runs to a closet.

Aha! I knew you'd stolen--  
(pulls out a coat rack)

ANDERSON

Suppose I took your coat rack too?

Kip looks around. Notices kitchen sink.

KIP

Aha! Thought I wouldn't notice it  
under the kitchen sink--  
(pulls out coat rack)

What?

Kip notices a bathroom then rushes to it.

KIP (CONT'D)

Aha! You didn't surmise that I'd  
find it in the toile--  
(pulls out another coat  
rack)

Dude, what the heck? Why do you  
have so many identical coat racks.

ANDERSON

Do I tell you how to live your  
life.

MUFFY

Kip, this is getting a little  
ridiculous. Maybe you should just  
take the L.

ANDERSON

Yes, take the metaphorical L. I'll  
make lemonade if you hang up your  
ugly fedora and call a truce. Heck,  
I'll even make the first step and  
hang it up for you.

KIP

Andy, we missed judged you... Do  
you think they'll make me pay a  
fine?

ANDERSON

Well, it depends. If it's Nelson,  
Torres, or Miller then yes, but...

As he explain's, Anderson hangs Kip's hat on a C-stand.

