

CALLING CAPTAIN CRAYON

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INT.CLASSROOM- DAY

PENN, a middle schooler, sits bound to a chair. The evil villain, MR. MICROBIUM, stands in front of Penn, pointing a yard stick at a whiteboard, force-feeding the young Penn with biology terms. Flagellum! Cell wall! Pilus!

PENN (V.O.)

An innocent middle schooler has been captured by the evil Mr. Microbium and is being subjected to cruel and unusual punishment. Oh, the humanity! Who can he turn to in this time of crisis?

EXT. BLACK SCREEN

"HELP!" typed in a comic book style action bubble

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Penn continues to squirm as MR. MICROBIUM laughs maniacally at his pain.

PENN (V.O.)

And just when the Boy had lost all hope, here comes Captain Crayon to save the day!

CAPTAIN CRAYON arm emerges beside Mr. Microbium through a crayon portal. He taps the evil teacher on the shoulder. Mr. Microbium turns. Pow! Captain Crayon punches him in the face

PENN (V.O.)

He defeats Mr. Microbium with a single punch and rescues the boy from his misery, whisking him into a world of adventure

Captain Crayon enlarges the portal, and steps through it, revealing himself to Penn. He blows his crayon as it smokes like a recently fired handgun.

Penn looks on, astonished.

Captain Crayon gives him a cheeky wink and smile.

EXT. BLACK SCREEN

PENN (V.O.)
 But not all worlds are fair and
 just

INT. CLASSROOM- DAY

Penn's crayon doodling of the Adventures of Captain Crayon are interrupted by a graded test slamming down on his desk. At the top of the exam, it reads, "D+ : see me". At the end of class, PENN sits across from the teacher in a conference-like setting. Penn stares blankly as he receives a lecture from a concerned teacher (Mr. Microbium with non slicked hair). Mr. Microbium gestures to the cartoons and closes Penn's notebook.

PENN (V.O.)
 They say that I have potential...
 If only I learned how to
 prioritize.

INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

PENN (V.O.)
 But what if, in trying my best, I
 continue to fall short?

Penn sits at his desk studying by lamp light. His notebook of drawings sits, half opened, disregarded in a corner to the left. He takes a sip from his mug, wincing at the sharp taste of black coffee.

INT. CLASSROOM- DAY

Penn sits at a desk, drumming his fingers on the desk and looking up at the whiteboard, waiting. When the test is placed on his table, Penn releases a large sigh

PENN (V.O.)
 What if my best isn't good enough?
 Where can I go from here? And how
 do I begin?

At the top of the test is a C-

INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

Penn now sits at his desk at home, staring blankly down at the test in front of him.

He falls backward in his chair staring ahead of him. His head does not slam on the floor. Rather, we remain on a close up of Penn as the background setting shifts around him (through the use of green screen effects). The background cycles through a black background, to a shower, to the halls of the school a number of times before settling on the hallway background

INT. HALLWAY - DAY

Penn shifts his gaze for the first time since he received his poor grade. His eyes settle on a tutoring flyer with only one contact attachment left.

PENN (V.O.)
So I called for help

INT. CLASSROOM- DAY

Penn walks into a classroom, holding the contact slip he'd ripped off of the ad. Sitting at the desk is DR. NOYARC, Captain Crayon disguised as a mild mannered tutor. Penn shakes the man's hand and takes a seat, pulling out his Biology notebook. The man reaches into his bag, too, retrieving a piece of paper and two crayons. He hands one to Penn and begins to draw. Penn looks up at his new tutor and smiles

INT. CRAYON REALM - DAY

Penn and Dr. Noyrac, who is now dressed as Captain Crayon, are face to face with a massive cell-like creature. Within the creature, there is a battery-looking object. Dr. Noyrac points to this object.

EXT. BLACK SCREEN

"Mitochondria is the _____"

INT. CLASSROOM- DAY

Dr. Noyrac and Penn remain seated at the desk. The tutor looks to Penn, waiting for him to fill in the blank. Meanwhile, Penn holds the crayon to his chin, with a squinted brow. We cut back to the Crayon Realm

INT. CRAYON REALM - DAY

Penn holds the crayon to his chin. Then he figures it out! Penn goes to the cell creature and punches it right in the battery-like mitochondria.

INT. CLASSROOM- DAY

Penn finishes writing "Mitochondria is the powerhouse of the cell" on the sheet of paper, and looks up with a wide smile.

The next day, Penn walks in with his test. He stands in front of Dr. Noyarc and reveals his B+ . Dr. Noyarc performs Captain Crayon's signature "mustache twirl and wink" as a wide grinned Penn takes a seat.

THE END