

# VILLAINS ANONYMOUS

A Supervillain Story

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## Cast:

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**ELAINA VON VILLAINY (VON VILL):** A conflicted villain of selfish deeds and goals. Believes herself to be one of the greatest villains of her time. (Late 20's to mid 30's)

**ALEXANDRIA HAM-BELL (ALEXANDRIA):** The professor at The Super Villain Reform School. (In her 50s or 60s)

**INDESTRUCTO-CAPE MAN (INDESTRUCTO):** A highly spoken of superhero with an indestructible cape. (In his late 20's)

**CAPTAIN MUSTARDGUN (CAPTAIN M):** A not-so-highly spoken of superhero, who is the side kick to Indestructo-Cape man (In their early 20's)

**CAPTAIN ABUMICA (ABUMICA):** A parody character based off of Captain America. The leader of "The Mighty Buffoons". (In his mid-20's)

**JUDGE:** The Judge who is assigned to "The Von Vill" case. (In his/her 50's or 60's)

**VON VILL'S LAWYER (VV LAWYER):** Von Vill's disloyal lawyer. (In his 20's)

**PLAINTIFF:** The man running the case to imprison Von Vill. (In his/her 20's)

**DUKE:** A famous villain trapped in "The Super Villain Reform School" (In his 20's)

**ANIA:** A famous villain trapped in "The Super Villain Reform School" (In her late 20's)

**THE UNDERTAKER:** A famous villain trapped in "The Super Villain Reform School" (In his late 20's to mid 30's)

**POLICE CHIEF:** The chief of police for act one. (In her 30's to 40's)

**PLUTO & WHITNESS:** A famous villain duo trapped in "The Super Villain Reform School" (In their Mid-20's)

**BROCK:** A famous villain trapped in "The Super Villain Reform School" (In his late 30's)

(Other small roles such as: 9 JURY MEMBERS, INMATES 1&2, POLICE OFFICER 1 &2, BULLY, AGILITY MAN, MOM, PROFESSOR HOWARD HILL

OPT. DOUBLING: Pluto & Witness/Inmate 1 &2

**Synopsis:**

Super Hero City is one of the largest cities in the world, and is home to heroes and villains of all sorts. One of those villains is the infamous Elaina Von Villainy, who is in the prime of her villainous career. Foiled for what would seem to be her last time, she is forced to go to a reform school for villains as result of a rigged trial. By doing so Von Vill is surrounded by the greatest villains of her time. People who make her look like an amateur at what she does best. Though born and raised like any villain, she finds herself conflicted when she discovers what true villainy is. However outside of the reform school, heroes start to uncover the truth of Von Vill's unfair trail and justice comes face to face in conflict with justice.

➤ **ACT 1: SCENE 1: The Rooftop**

*(Top of a Building) (VON VILL stands with her back facing us, fumbling with a box that contains donuts. She wears a cheesy supervillain costume and mask. She turns facing us and is holding a cellphone in hand livestreaming.)*

*(She laughs maniacally.)*

ELAINA VON VILLIANY (VON VILL):

*(Holding the cellphone in the air in a way one would when taking a selfie :) (Into the phone :) Hello world! We are live, and it looks like... there are, oh goodness, billions of you on here. A better turn out than I expected. Well, the more the merrier! You are all here to witness my newest dastardly evil scheme! I have created the most heinous weapon known to mankind. Behold; nuclear donuts! If I drop this box of donuts off this building, they will explode causing a nuclear explosion, so powerful, that it will radiate half of the world's population. (She laughs maniacally) However, you can stop this from happening... if you send thirty billion dollars to my Cashapp account right now. My Cashtag is in my bio. So? What will it be world? The dough, or the donuts! (She sets down the phone and wallows in her pure genius). (To herself :) I'm sure to get verified on Villains R Us this time. (Thinking out loud :) "The dough or the donuts" hm. Maybe I should've flipped it to "the donuts or the dough". It's a bit catchier.*

*(INDESTRUCTO jumps into the scene as if he is landing on top of the building from flight. He also, wears a cheesy super costume, but his comes with a cape)*

INDESTRUCTO-CAPE MAN (INDESTRUCTO):

*(Epicly :) Elaina Von Villainy... My greatest foe.*

VON VILL:

Indestructo-Cape Man! You're too late! I'm already streaming live with over 3 billion people who are sending money to my Cashapp as we speak. ...And all at the price of me not dropping my nuclear donuts on the world.

INDESTRUCTO:

No! You're wrong! You can never be too late for justice. Your days of dastardly destroying domains, doing so with destructive donuts, are done.

VON VILL:

Surely, YOU don't plan on stopping me, Indestructo-Cape Man. Why don't you go fetch forth a, ferociously, far more formidable foe.

CAPTAIN MUSTARDGUN (CAPTAIN M):

*(From offstage :) You mean like...*

*(They jumps into the scene wearing an equally cheesy costume but they hold a gun that shoots mustard)*

Captain Mustard Gun!?

VON VILL:

Oh brother. Not **this** noob.

CAPTAIN M:

Drop the nuclear donuts, Elaina Von Villainy, or I'll mask your menacing mug into a melancholy mustard molasses.

VON VILL:

Never! My Notorious nutmeg nutrition donuts will annihilate North America, in no less than, nine hundred, nine thousand, and ninety nine nanoseconds.

CAPTAIN M:

They're nutmeg flavored?

VON VILL:

Yea. Actually I also have some other flavors too, if you wanted to-

INDESTRUCTO:

Enough of this! The police are on their way up, right now. Just put down the donuts and maybe we'll be able to get you off with a life sentence.

VON VILL:

I'll never back down. Either, Indestructo-Cape Man and Captain Mustard Gun die today, or the great Elaina Von Villainy meets her maker.

*(OFFICER 1 and POLICE CHIEF burst through the door on the roof of the building)*

POLICE CHIEF (CHIEF):

Drop the donuts, Elaina Von Villainy!

OFFICER 1:

Yeah, and not off the building!

CHIEF:

Yeah!

VON VILL:

*(She pulls out a donut from the box)*

No body move!! Or I'll blow us all to smithereens and take half the world with us!

CAPTAIN M:

Holy cream filled glaze, Indestructo-Cape Man!!

INDESTRUCTO:

You wouldn't dare...

VON VILL:

Oh Wouldn't I?

*(She goes to the edge of the building with a donut, threatening the throw it off the edge)*

Try me, cape boy!

INDESTRUCTO:

It's "Indestructo-Cape Man".

VON VILL:

I know what your name is. It's an insult.

CHIEF:

Don't do it, Von Villainy!

OFFICER 1:

Yeah. You've got a whole life sentence ahead of you.

VON VILL:

Encouraging.

CAPTAIN M:

What are we going to do, Indestructo-Cape Man?

INDESTRUCTO:

The only thing we can do, Captain Mustard Gun. You see, when evil reaches its childish hands the cookie jar of society to steal its sweets, the child abuse of justice must-

VON VILL:

Blah Blah Blah, justice, something about good versus evil. Look, I'm done playing *word games and catch phrases* with you. I'm going to give you an ultimatum. If you don't get off of this building in 30 seconds, I'll start dropping these donuts one by one, starting with the nutmeg ones.

CAPTAIN M:

Not the nutmeg!

VON VILL:

Oh yeah, the nutmeg!

*(A light suddenly hits VON VILL as the sound of a helicopter is heard)*

HELICOPTER VOICE:

Elaina Von Villainy, drop the donuts! And not off of the building! We've got you surrounded!

VON VILL:

This is even better than I expected! *(To CHIEF :)* I'll take the helicopter too!

CHIEF:

What??

VON VILL:

That's right! You walk off this roof top, and tell your boys to land the helicopter, and turn it over to me.

INDESTRUCTO:

I don't think so, Elaina Von Villainy. This little charade is over!

*(INDESTRUCTO starts walking towards VON VILL)*

VON VILL:

Hey! What're you doing? Stay back or I'll- I'll drop it! Believe me I'll drop it!

INDESTRUCTO:

Go ahead.

VON VILL:

What?

*(INDESTRUCTO snatches the donut from her hand and takes a bite from it)*

INDESTRUCTO:

The only damage those donuts can do is a cavity.

VON VILL:

What?? How did you know??

INDESTRUCTO:

I didn't. But I was right.

VON VILL:

This isn't over yet!

*(They burst into a fight that doesn't last long. INDESTRUCTO subdues VON VILL shortly after)*

INDESTRUCTO:

Let's see who's really behind the mask of Elaina Von Villainy.

*(He removes VON VILL's mask and everyone collectively gasps)*

It's Elaina Von Vill, the Supervisory Associate at the IRS!!

CAPTAIN M:

So she was already a villain...

OFFICER 1:

Well, who would've guessed it...?

VON VILL:

That's right! It's me! Elaina Von Vill! The donuts were fake, the whole scheme was a huge bluff ...And I would've gotten away with it too if it weren't for you meddling heroes.



CAPTAIN M:

It's all over now Von Vill. You're going to prison for good.

VON VILL:

Ha! No prison can hold me.

INDESTRUCTO:

Oh yeah? How about, The Impenetrable, Pinnacle of Prisons, Perfectly Pinpointed, Palace of Penitentiaries, for Super Powered Phonies?

VON VILL:

Could you say that again?

INDESTRUCTO:

I don't so...

CHIEF:

*(To INDESTRUCTO :)* We'll give you a call and let you know when the court date is going to be. We'll try to make it as soon as possible.

INDESTRUCTO:

Thank you, Chief.

CAPTAIN M:

You know how to contact us. Just give us a call on the blue phone.

*(INDESTRUCTO and CAPTAIN MUSTARD exit)*

CHIEF:

Well... this is it "Elaina Von Villainy". I'm sorry it had to end this way.

OFFICER 1:

Knowing your track record, you're not going to be out for a long time.

VON VILL:

Ha! You really think you'll get me into a court room? I'll escape before you even get the chance! I'm Elaina Von Villainy!

*(She laughs maniacally)*

➤ **SCENE 2: The Trial of Von Vill**

*(Court Room) (Nearing the end of Elaina Von Vill's trial)*

PLAINTIFF:

Your honor, I would like to call forth my final witness.

JUDGE:

Proceed.

PLAINTIFF:

I would like to call forth... Indestructo-Cape Man.

*(INDESTRUCTO enters the court room. The Jury cheers at his entrance)*

VON VILL:

*(To VV LAWYER :)* Heroes can't testify! This is outrageous!

VON VILL'S LAWYER (VV LAWYER):

Don't worry; I'll take care of this. *(To JUDGE :)* Your honor... objection.

JUDGE:

Overruled.

VV LAWYER:

You didn't even hear my objection. According to our county state law, "Super Heroes are not permitted to testify on the stand".

PLAINTIFF:

I'm sorry, but isn't this case targeted towards a super-villain? Is not a super on trial here?

VV LAWYER:

Elaina Von Vill is a mortal woman. We are not placing "Elaina Von Villainy" on trial. May I remind you that this case is truly against "Elaina Von Vill", for her criminally villainous, heinous, and upmost diabolically evil, and by far the most intolerable acts of brutal crimes committed in a court of law to this date.

VON VILL:

You're still on my side, right?

VV LAWYER:

I think so.

PLAINTIFF:

Your honor, Indestructo-cape man is a key witness to this case. He has witnessed several of Elaina Von Vill's crimes first hand.

JUDGE:

Very well. The hero will testify.

*(The jury cheers)*

VON VILL:

What!?! *(To VV LAWYER :)* Did you see that? The jury cheered!

VV LAWYER:

What're you talking about?

VON VILL:

You didn't just see the jury cheer??

JUDGE:

Indestructo-cape man, please take the stand.

*(The Jury cheers again)*

VON VILL:

They just did it again!

*(INDESTRUCTO takes the stand)*

JUDGE:

Order in the court.

PLAINTIFF:

Now, Indestructo-cape man-

VON VILL:

You didn't even swear him in?!

JUDGE:

He's a super hero. They never lie.

VON VILL:

You're kidding...

PLAINTIFF:

Indestructo-cape man; you have-

VV LAWYER:

OBJECTION!! She's/He's leading the witness!

PLAINTIFF:

I haven't even started yet.

JUDGE:

Overruled.

*(Enraged, VV LAWYER kicks over a chair)*

VV LAWYER:

Dammit!

PLAINTIFF:

Now where was I? Ah yes... Indestructo-cape man; you have an indestructible cape, do you not?

INDESTRUCTO:

Yes I do.

PLAINTIFF:

Therefore, using that evidence I say that Von Vill is guilty!

VON VILL:

That's not evidence!

PLAINTIFF:

You want evidence?

VON VILL:

Isn't that, the point?

VV LAWYER:

You're hanging yourself.

PLAINTIFF:

Very well. Indestructo-cape man, did you or did you not witness Von Vill threaten to radiate half the world with nuclear donuts if she was not paid thirty billion dollars to her Cashapp?

INDESTRUCTO:

I did.

PLAINTIFF:

And was not the entire jury watching on her Facebook live stream? This counts as not only a national threat to the country; but an international threat to the world as we know it.

VV LAWYER:

Objection. The donuts in which my client was threatening to destroy the world with were cream filled.

JUDGE:

Sustained.

PLAINTIFF:

Oh, so you lied? You bluffed? Your honor I would like to accuse Elaina Von Vill of bluffing...

JURY MEMBER:

*(Bursting into tears :)* No! God No!

PLAINTIFF:

...in the third degree.

*(The jury all gasp in unison) (A JURY MEMBER jumps over the counter and makes for VON VILL but is subdued by the officers present)*

JURY:

Get him/her out of here!

JURY MEMBER:

*(While being dragged offstage :)* Bluffing!?!? I'll kill her! I'll kill her!! Let me go! I'll kill her!!

*(While being removed JURY MEMBER drops a card by VON VILL's table)*

VON VILL:

*(Picking up and reading the card :)* "Award-Winning Actor/Actress Jordyn Tyler. For bookings check the number on the back"... This case is rigged!

JUDGE:

Order in the court. *(To PLAINTIFF :)* Proceed...

VV LAWYER:

Elaina, you just need to calm down.

VON VILL:

Calm down!?

JUDGE:

Order in the court!

PLAINTIFF:

Now back to my witness. Indestructo-cape man, you have witnessed many of Von Vill's crimes?

INDESTRUCTO:

Yes I have.

VON VILL:

I can't believe this...

PLAINTIFF:

Can you name some of them?

INDESTRUCTO:

Yes of course. Let's see... There was the time she used a device she invented, called the "hypnodisk" to hypnotize the super hero blue jay. While he was under her control she forced him to fly around the world over and over again in hopes to rewind time...

VON VILL:

*(Laughing :)* That was a good one.

INDESTRUCTO:

It didn't work.

VON VILL:

That's not the point.

JUDGE:

Order in the court!

INDESTRUCTO:

Then there was the time she tried to kill Insect Woman with a can of bug spray. That didn't work. And there was this other time she tried to drain Justice Man's powers with a red rock called "Bloodonite." This as usual; didn't work.

VON VILL:

Alright nobody asked for the details of if they worked or not.

INDESTRUCTO:

And just recently; tried to blow me up by throwing a cream filled donut at me.

VON VILL:

I didn't throw anything! You grabbed it!

VV LAWYER:

So as you can see, my client never achieved any of her villainous goals. Surely you cannot condemn a woman who has committed no wrong. Besides she's not even verified on Villains-R-Us.com. Surely she isn't a true villain unless she is verified.

PLAINTIFF:

But how long until she is? Then will we look back and regret that we did not arrest this heinous criminal when the time was right?



VV LAWYER:

But this is Elaina Von Vill. She truly has never killed anyone and never could. Her schemes are pointless and garbage. Elaina Von Vill is just as damaging as the donut she threw at Indestructo-cape man.

VON VILL:

I didn't throw it!!

VV LAWYER:

She's a good person!

INDESTRUCTO:

She works at the IRS...

VV LAWYER:

Touché.

JUDGE:

We will now have a brief recess for the jury to reach a verdict.

*(The Jury walks offstage and then reenters seconds later and sit down)*

JUROR:

We have reached a verdict your honor...

VON VILL:

That quick?

JUROR 1:

Guilty.

JUDGE:

The Jury has spoken. Guilty! Elaina Von Vill I sentence you to-

VON VILL:

Hold on, you're going to sentence me now?

JUDGE:

Yes. To life in prison due to your criminally villainous, heinous, and upmost diabolically evil, and by far the most intolerable acts of brutal crimes committed in a court of law to this date.

VON VILL:

Wait a minute... *(To VV LAWYER :)* Those were your EXACT words! I thought you were on my side!

*(VON VILL grabs VV LAWYER by the shirt but the police grab her and start dragging her away)*

No! You'll never keep me in prison! Nooooooooooooo!

*(VON VILL is fully removed from the stage)*

INDESTRUCTO:

Hopefully that'll be the last we see of Elaina Von Villainy.

PLAINTIFF:

I hope so...

VV LAWYER:

What a lousy villain.

➤ **SCENE 3: Prison Time**

*(Prison) (POLICE OFFICER 1 escorts VON VILL to her cell)(INMATE 1 is also in the same cell and next to their cell is INMATE 2's)*

VON VILL:

Don't I get a free phone call or something?

POLICE OFFICER 1:

Super villains don't get that right. Maybe you should've weighed the pros and cons before making your career choice.

VON VILL:

Wow, what a surprise! A corrupt judge, a corru-

INMATE 1:

Hey, you're a super villain? That's awesome! Which one?

VON VILL:

Just give me a second buddy, I was working on making a quip-like response. *(To POLICE OFFICER 1 :)* Wow, what a surprise! A corrupt judge, a corrupt lawyer, a rigged jury, and now I'm being stripped of my rights... Add a national animal and you guys could start your own government.

*(Beat)*

It's not the same, is it?

POLICE OFFICER 1:

No, your friend kind of ruined it.

*(POLICE OFFICER 1 exits)*

INMATE 1:

So which super villain are you?

VON VILL:

I'm Elaina Von Villainy.

INMATE 1:

Whoa! You're Elaina Von Villainy? Like THE Elaina Von Villainy? *(To INMATE 2 in the neighboring cell :)* Hey, she's Elaina Von Villainy!

INMATE 2:

Really!?

INMATE 1:

Yeah!!

INMATE 2:

Who's Elaina Von Villainy?

INMATE 1:

*(To VON VILL :)* Who's Elaina Von Villainy?

VON VILL:

Only one of the greatest villains of all time. "Hypnotizer of Blue Jay", "Attempted Murderer of Heroes". Genius of Evil Master's degree from The Super Villain University of Pittsburg, Chicago.

INMATE 2:

There's no Pittsburg in Chicago.

VON VILL:

Ah, what do you know? What are you boys in for?

INMATE 1:

Armed Robbery.

INMATE 2:

Grand Larson.

VON VILL:

What?? This can't be happening. They put me in here with the losers?! The low life pickpocket criminals!? I deserve constant surveillance; The National Guard; Solitary confinement!

*(POLICE OFFICER 2 goes walking by)*

What are you looking at!?

POLICE OFFICER 2:

You.

*(POLICE OFFICER 2 continues offstage)*

VON VILL:

I'll get into solitary confinement if I have to beat both of you half to death. *(To INMATE 2 :)*  
Why don't we start with you?

*(INMATE 2 stands up revealing him/herself to be abnormally taller than VON VILL)*

Maybe there's another way.

*(POLICE OFFICER 2 enters)*

Back for more, eh?

POLICE OFFICER 2:

Your lawyer is here to see you.

VON VILL:

Tell him to go kick rocks, or defend OJ.

*(VV LAWYER enters)*

VV LAWYER:

Have they been treating you right? Have they violated you? What's the relative minor of E flat major? Can we sue them?

VON VILL:

No, yes, C minor, and shouldn't I be asking **you** that?

POLICE OFFICER 2:

You've got 5 minutes. *(She exits)*

VON VILL:

This place is terrible you've got to get me out of here! If you ask me this whole situation is a set up! A corrupt judge, a corrupt lawyer, a rigged jury, and now I'm being stripped of my rights... Add a national animal and they could start their own government.

VV LAWYER:

That was a pretty good one.

VON VILL:

Thanks, it works when you're not interrupted.

VV LAWYER:

Von Vill, listen up. Now I've found a way to get you out of prison, however there's a catch.

VON VILL:

This sounds like a set up. The great Elaina Von Villainy doesn't settle for a catch.

VV LAWYER:

I could get you out of prison in 90 days.

VON VILL:

90 days? Hot dog.

INMATE 1:

Where??

VON VILL:

There isn't an actual hotdog, you idiot. It's an outdated figure of speech.

INMATE 1:

Well then don't yell it out next time. How would you like it if I just yelled "Hamburgers!"?

INMATE 2:

Where??

INMATE 1:

See? She/He gets it.

INMATE 2:

Are you kidding? I haven't gotten any in weeks.

VON VILL:

So what do I have to do?

VV LAWYER:

Reform.

VON VILL:

What?

VV LAWYER:

Turn good and leave your evil ways in the past. There's a program, called the Super Villain Reform School, where imprisoned villains go to turn their lives around. It's like a college prison and-

VON VILL:

Hey, hey. Slow down. Whoa! Halt the horse. Stop the train. What do I look like to you? You think I'm just going to up and abandon my old ways so that I can jump at the first opportunity to get out of jail? I didn't spend six years at The Super Villain University of Pittsburg, Chicago for this.

VV LAWYER:

There's no Pittsburg in Chicago. Von Vill, you have to weigh your options. Reform, and get out of jail in 90 days, or stick around here in this 1960's styled jail cell with these two for the rest of your life. And that's not an expression. You will be here for the rest of your life.

INMATE 2:

Knock knock...

INMATE 1:

Who's there?

INMATE 2:

Cindy Loo...

INMATE 1:

Cindy Loo Who?

*(Beat) (They both burst into laughter)*

VON VILL:

90 days?

VV LAWYER:

90 days.

VON VILL:

Alright, but no guarantees that I'm actually reforming.

VV LAWYER:

*(To offstage :) Officer!*

*(POLICE OFFICER 2 enters)*

Please release my client, *(He pulls out a document)* she is being transferred.

*(She looks over the paper and then unlocks Von Vill's cell)*

POLICE OFFICER 2:

Check out at the main desk.

VON VILL:

Not so tough now that there isn't a jail cell in-between us.

*(VON VILL gets in her face trying to intimidate her but she isn't moved)*

Just checking...

*(She exits)*

What a coward. Say, why don't I just escape now?

VV LAWYER:

Because then I could end up in prison, and I don't have a lawyer.

VON VILL:

That's ironic, but that's also the way the cookie crumbles sometimes.

*(She goes to exit)*

VV LAWYER:

And if I'm in prison, you won't have a lawyer either.

VON VILL:



*(Stopping herself :)* I see your point.

INMATE 2:

Are you guys going to leave yet? You're starting to annoy me.

VON VILL:

Oh, we're starting to annoy you?

*(VV LAWYER attaches hand cuffs to him and VON VILL)*

VV LAWYER:

Okay, let's go. I've got a police escort outside.

VON VILL:

Ooh, did you get an armored truck? I'm sure there's millions who are itchy to assassinate me.

VV LAWYER:

It's a motorcycle.

VON VILL:

Hey, I'm a symbol of power. I inspire villains to be great. There's no way that I'm going to ride on the back of a motorcycle with two men. Von Villainy deserves like a bulletproof Lamborghini with motorcycles next to it.

*(VV LAWYER just stares at VON VILL)*

Ok fine, but at least to be sitting at the front of the motorcycle.

*(They exit)*

➤ **SCENE 4: The Super Villain Reform School**

*(The Super Villain Reform School) (Class room) (ALEXANDRIA HAM-BELL sits at her desk waiting) (The bell rings) (DUKE, BROCK, AGILITY MAN, ANIA, THE UNDERTAKER, HOWARD and MOM rush in and take their seats)*

ALEXANDRIA HAM-BELL (ALEXANDRIA):

Tsk, tsk, tsk... I am ashamed of you super villains. You've been here so long, yet you still can't get to class on time? This is a reform school, and if you can't even arrive on time, who's to say you'll ever reform. Remember... If you don't reform, you don't...

CLASS:

Graduate.

ALEXANDRIA:

Exactly.

AGILITY MAN:

*(Sarcastically :)* We're terribly sorry.

ALEXANDRIA:

Right. Let's do a villains roll call... Duke, The Fiendish Fraud...

DUKE:

Here.

ALEXANDRIA:

Charles Brock, The Mechanical Menace...

BROCK:

Here.

ALEXANDRIA:

The Stage Manager...

*(No one responds)*

Oh well, the show must go on. Master of Mischief AKA M.O.M...

MOM:

Actually, I'm having my name changed to Dastardly Alchemist Dude AKA D.A.D. I just feel like D.A.D. strikes more fear into the hearts of my enemies more than M.O.M.

ALEXANDRIA:

You and I clearly had different kinds of mothers. Professor Howard Hill, Salesman...

HOWARD:

Here.

ALEXANDRIA

Well, I'm proud that we have most of the family here. Now, if you could please get out your citizens styled grammar books, and turn to section five.

*(VON VILL enters with a back pack)*

Ah, you must be here to empty the trash cans.

VON VILL:

Ha! Elaina Von Villainy would never perform such a feeble task meant for those of lower-

ALEXANDRIA:

Ah, you are definitely here for the class. You said your name was Elaine?

VON VILL:

Elaina Von Villainy.

ALEXANDRIA:

Oh, yes. The one with the nuclear donuts. I was watching your live stream when it all happened. I'm the head professor here. My name is Alexandria Ham-bell

VON VILL:

Are you related to the Graham Bells?

ALEXANDRIA:

Distant cousins. Please take a seat by Agility Man. Agility Man, raise your hand so Von Villainy knows who you are.

*(AGILITY MAN raises his hand)*

VON VILL:

Oh there's no need for that. I know who you are Agility Man. You faced off with the great hero Captain Abumica, and defeated him.

*(She sits next to AGILITY MAN)*

I actually know quite a few of you villains. Hey, Brock. M.O.M... *(Looking at HOWARD :)* I'm sorry, I, don't know you...

HOWARD:

I'm Professor Howard Hill. Graduate of the Conservatory of Music in Gary Indiana, class of aught-five.

DUKE:

We don't talk to him. He's not a real supervillain.

BROCK:

Yeah, they picked him up in Iowa trying to sell band instruments.

ALEXANDRIA:

So shall we continue, or are you still making friends, Von Villainy? I assume you have been provided with the necessary requirements for this class such as the text book.

VON VILL:

It's all in the backpack.

ALEXANDRIA:

Good, then do make your way to opening your citizens styled grammar book and join us on page ten. Master of Mischief, could you please read question one?

MOM:

"You are walking down the street, and a normal mild-mannered citizen, bumps into you on a crowded sidewalk... do you... A) Apologize... B) Say, excuse me? C) Ignore it... or D) Fill in a catchy villainous phrase that would somehow consist of "How dare you lay your filthy mortal hands upon me".

*(UNDERTAKER raises his hand)*

ALEXANDRIA:

Yes, The Undertaker?

UNDERTAKER:

Is this a trick question?

ALEXANDRIA:

No.

UNDERTAKER:

Well then the answer is obviously “D”. Make up a catchy villainous phrase.

*(The class chuckles)*

ALEXANDRIA:

Hilarious, Undertaker.

UNDERTAKER:

THE Undertaker, if you don’t mind.

ALEXANDRIA:

Would anyone else like to try?

VON VILL:

The answer is B.

*(Beat)*

ALEXANDRIA:

Justify your answer.

VON VILL:

“A” would be incorrect to apologize for what is not your fault. It would be a completely abnormal response for an average person, because most people in this city have worst manners than animals. “C” wouldn’t be a bad response but could still potentially draw unwanted attention to you, though I could be over thinking it. However “D”, would of course be incorrect due to a number of reasons therefore only leaving “B” to be the plausible answer. To respond with “Excuse me” because it could be taken, as if to say, “my bad”, as well as a confrontational phrase.

ALEXANDRIA:

*(Taken back :)* I would've accepted B or C, so yes. B would be one of two possible answers to that. Does anyone have any questions?

*(All the classmates stare in disgust)*

HOWARD:

*(To VON VILL :)* What's your problem...?

ALEXANDRIA:

Class, why don't we take a bathroom break?

UNDERTAKER:

No one has to use the bathroom.

ALEXANDRIA:

Go to the bathroom anyways.

*(The class starts to exit) (As they leave... :)*

Von Villainy...

VON VILL:

Yes?

ALEXANDRIA:

Could I speak with you for a moment?

VON VILL:

Sure.

ALEXANDRIA:

I assume you are aware of the reasoning as to why no one in the class gave an answer except The Undertaker, who answered clearly incorrectly?

VON VILL:

Yeah.

ALEXANDRIA:

He answered incorrectly because he's stubborn, because he doesn't want to reform. However, you answered without hesitation.

VON VILL:

I didn't like school when I was a kid, and I still don't like it now. Why should I stall getting out? The sooner I'm out of here, the sooner I'm back out on the streets terrorizing my enemies again.

ALEXANDRIA:

And that's all you really care about? That's all you want from life? To terrorize innocent people and ruin people's lives?

VON VILL:

Look, it's been rough week and I really don't have the patience for this right now. You don't know me, and you don't know my story.

ALEXANDRIA:

You're right. I'll only ever see what you decide I'll see. I'll only know you, as much as you let me.

VON VILL:

Yeah whatever, "Guru Grammar Teacher".

ALEXANDRIA:

No one has ever answered a question correctly in class for 3 years. Never. Not once. Not twice. Never. These villains do it because it's their way of winning. Their refusal to comply is their pride, and that pride is keeping them from even *playing the game* that could potentially lead to their freedom.

VON VILL:

Sounds like their all dumber than I thought they were.

ALEXANDRIA:

Well, let's just say I can tell when people are faking or not, and they know it. So they've given up on trying to *play the game* because they know it doesn't work on me.

VON VILL:

And you're saying all of this because...?

ALEXANDRIA:

I can pass you... Or you can stay here for years just like the rest of them. It's my decision, but the person who will decide that for me will be you. So you can try to *play the game*, like the rest of them, or you can actually decide to get yourself together and be a good person.

VON VILL:

You don't know me. I was born to be evil.

*(VON VILL gets up and starts to leave but she is stopped by the rest of the class returning)*

UNDERTAKER:

Where did you think you were going, Viagra?

VON VILL:

It's Von Villainy. That's not even clever.

UNDERTAKER:

Sorry. The quips get a little rusty when you're out of practice.

ALEXANDRIA:

Alright class, let's move on to question two.

UNDERTAKER:

*(Stopping VON VILL from sitting down :)* If you think you can just stroll in here and play goody-two-shoes then you've got another thing coming. That act isn't gonna fly around here. She knows if you're faking it or not. She always knows. So if you're planning on **actually** reforming just know that we will make your life a literally living hell until your last day. And I don't mean your last day here. I mean your last day.

ALEXANDRIA:

Von Villainy; The Undertaker, have a seat.

UNDERTAKER:

You start looking too good; you start looking like a hero... and we'll tear you apart.



➤ **SCENE 5: Secretes and Trust Issues**

*(Police Station) (POLICE CHIEF sits at her desk talking to VV LAWYER, JUDGE, and PLAINTIFF)*

CHIEF:

I'm glad you all could be of service. It was a truly valorous act, no matter what your conscious may tell you.

*(She pulls three envelopes out and hands one to each of them)*

PLAINTIFF:

*(Counting the money :)* Only part of my pay is here...

JUDGE:

Yeah, same here!

VV LAWYER:

What's going on, Chief?

CHIEF:

What seems to be the problem?

JUDGE:

You promised us fifty thousand dollars. I only have sixteen thousand six hundred and sixty six dollars... and sixty six cents.

CHIEF:

I promised you all fifty thousand. As a whole, you all have fifty thousand dollars. There isn't a problem with that, is there?

JUDGE:

Don't think you can just push us around! We rigged a court case for you.

PLAINTIFF:

We let a superhero testify!

VV LAWYER:

Paid off the jury and everything and-

CHIEF:

...And I'm grateful to you all. I truly am.

VV LAWYER:

Then pay us in full!

INDESTRUCTO:

*(Offstage :)* You should count yourselves lucky that you are not in prison at this very moment...  
*(He walks onstage :)* for the criminal acts you performed in that court room.

PLAINTIFF:

Indestructo-cape Man...

INDESTRUCTO:

My dear friends, fate gave us an opportunity. The opportunity to put a dangerous woman behind bars for good. But we did even better... we sent her to The Super Villain Reform School. A place where no villain can escape, that none have ever graduated from. Now what I happened to overhear... well, what it sounded like to me was that you fine upstanding citizens are not content with the pay you have been so graciously provided with. This money you have been given, was earned by illegal acts that you committed for the greater good. Well personally I find it quite selfish that you aren't happy with your pay... In fact it almost hurts my heart. You see gentlemen, I am a hero... and being a hero I get a certain feeling of happiness and satisfaction when I, so much as, commit an act of heroism, whether it been legal or illegal. It's why I don't need to be paid to do what's right. So the fact that you, who have done something I consider to be on the same level of heroism, are ungrateful for getting paid at all, just kind of hits me right where it hurts. In fact it just kind of brings out the bad side of me. And I don't think you'd particularly enjoy seeing that side of me.

*(Beat)*

So are we satisfied with our pay? Or do we need to be reminded how to be grateful?

PLAINTIFF/JURY/VV LAWYER:

Oh yeah! Of course! *(Ad lib etc.)*

INDESTRUCTO:

Good.

CHIEF:

Well, if you are all finished complaining I have nothing further to say to you. Please exit through the main doors; I have some business with Indestructo-cape Man.

*(PLAINTIFF, JUDGE, and VV LAWYER exit)*

There will be consequences if this thing goes public.

INDESTRUCTO:

Our secrete is safe with them.

CHIEF:

They aren't my biggest concern...

INDESTRUCTO:

Then what is?

*(CHIEF glares at INDESTRUCTO)*

Me?

CHIEF:

With all due respect, you heroes claim you can't lie, but I believe that is a lie.

INDERSTRUCTO:

You don't trust me

CHIEF:

It's nothing personal. I really don't trust anyone. However if I had to choose anyone to trust less, it would be the person who outspokenly claims to the public that they are the most trustworthy.

INDESTRUCTO:

I'm not the bad guy here.

CHIEF:

As far as I'm concerned the "bad guy" is stuck in reform school and I intend to keep it that way. However the government won't see our little "illegal act for the greater good" situation the way we see it. In the sight of justice a get-a-way driver is just as guilty as the murderer, albeit for different charges.

INDESTRUCTO:

Justice is relative, and sometimes exists outside the boundaries of government based laws.

CHIEF:

You can plead that in court if it ever comes to it. For the time being what it is, our job is to make sure this never surfaces to the public eye or ear.

INDESTRUCTO:

If you're assuming that I'm going to talk-

CHIEF:

I never assume anything, Indestructo-cape Man. I just prepare for the worst. I'll get all the legal documentation and records in regard to the trial transferred over to our south precinct side of the city. Once the transfer is complete I'll need to burn the place to the ground. Any that coughs its way out of the fire you can leave to me.

INDESTRUCTO:

Why can't we just dispose of them now? Every second of their existence works against us. If you were truly prepared for the worst they would already be no more.

CHIEF:

You know you're great at being hero, but you know nothing about anything else. Just leave it all to me.

INDESTRUCTO:

Did you forget the secretary?

CHIEF:

The judge offered to pay her off from part of his/her cut.

INDESTRUCTO:

Do you think that statement still holds weight after you underpaid him/her?

CHIEF:

If you detest my methods of business or are rethinking this partnership, please let me know.

INDESTRUCTO:

*(Sarcastically :)* I'm just trying to protect you.

CHIEF:

*(Returning sarcasm :)* That warms my heart.

INDESTRUCTO:

Well, I'm glad to hear it.

CHIEF:

Mark my words, Indestructo-cape man. If I go down there will be no way for you to squeeze your heroic cape out of this. You will go down with me.

INDESTRUCTO:

Mind your tone. Let us not forget who under paid three government employees with enough support and money to flip all the blame on you. And if by chance they just happened to actually pursue such an endeavor, I'm certain they would have the moral support of one very highly recognized and spoken of superhero. Keep me updated on the documents.

*(He exits)*

➤ **SCENE 6: Food and Fist Fights**

*(The Cafeteria) (All the supervillains are sitting at tables eating) (At one table, ANIA sits eating alone)(DUKE enters with a tray of food sitting next to her)*

DUKE:

Hey, Ania.

ANIA:

Sup, Duke?

DUKE:

So how about that spectacle in class?

ANIA:

What?

DUKE:

The new girl...?

ANIA:

Oh, Von Villainy?

DUKE:

Yeah, what do you think of her?

*(UNDERTAKER enters with a lunch tray)*

ANIA:

I don't know yet, she's kind of-

UNDERTAKER:

*(Sitting next to them :)* I don't like her.

ANIA:

So glad he asked you instead of me...

UNDERTAKER:

She acts like she's better than the rest of us. Anyone of us could've answered that question in class. Everyone knew the answer was "A".

ANIA:

The answer was "B".

*(VON VILL enters with a lunch tray)*

UNDERTAKER:

I'm just saying she seemed a little too sincere to me. Like she wants to reform.

ANIA:

You could tell all of that from her answering one question?

UNDERTAKER:

We had a brief conversation. She doesn't give off a very villainy-

VON VILL:

Is this seat taken?

UNDERTAKER:

Yes.

*(VON VILL sits next to UNDERTAKER anyway)*

ANIA:

*(To DUKE :)* Acts like a villain to me. *(To VON VILL :)* Hey, I'm Ania.

VON VILL:

Elaina Von Villainy.

ANIA:

What was up with answering that question in class?

VON VILL:

I'm just trying to get the hell out of here as fast as possible. Every day I'm here, is another person who forgets the infamous name of Elaina Von Villainy. I refuse to page in history, and long to be a chapter.

ANIA:

I dig it.

UNDERTAKER:

It ain't that easy.

VON VILL:

Immortalization isn't supposed to be easy.

UNDERTAKER:

I'm talking about getting out here. Trust me, if it was easy no one would still be here.

ANIA:

Yeah. It's like Ham-bell can read your mind.

VON VILL:

Maybe she can.

BULLY:

Hey! You! You're in my seat!

UNDERTAKER:

Well would you look at that. I tried to tell you the seat was taken.

BULLY:

Move.

VON VILL:

It's a big cafeteria... find somewhere else to sit for the day.

BULLY:

Maybe you don't know who I am.

VON VILL:

That's right I don't, and I don't care to know either. Now move along.

*(A security guard walks by)*



GUARD:

Having any trouble here?

BULLY:

No, we're good. *(To VON VILL :)* You better not be sitting there the next time I decide to come to lunch.

*(BULLY and GUARD exit)*

VON VILL:

Obviously he didn't know who I was.

UNDERTAKER:

Right...

VON VILL:

So Ania, what're you in for?

ANIA:

Trying to confiscate a deadly gun of mass destruction and attempting to take over North America.

VON VILL:

Now this is more like it! Some real villains! What's your name?

DUKE:

Duke.

VON VILL:

Did you do anything cool?

ANIA:

Ever heard of 'The Buffoons'?

VON VILL:

*(Shocked :)* You don't mean...?

*(DUKE, ANIA, and UNDERTAKER all nod)*

You're THE Duke? The one who went toe to toe with the buffoons?

DUKE:

All six of them... In my own personal 'Mecha-suit of Power'.

VON VILL:

They're the most powerful super team in the U.S., The Fantastic Fools are a close second, but still...

DUKE:

Some people say that the buffoons were my rise to fame, but really I was theirs.

VON VILL:

Well I can tell already that this place is going to be so much better than that prison cell.

*(They continue eating)*

UNDERTAKER:

Don't you want to know who I am?

VON VILL:

I already know who you are.

UNDERTAKER:

You do?

VON VILL:

Yeah, you're Professor Howard Hill, right?

*(DUKE and ANIA laugh) (UNDERTAKER gets up and sits at a different table)*

ANIA:

That's Undertaker.

UNDERTAKER:

THE Undertaker...

DUKE:

He's a bit of a freak, but still a good villain, so we respect him.

VON VILL:

What is he in for?

ANIA:

Stealing a candy bar.

VON VILL:

Really?

DUKE:

Yeah, but once the cops arrested him they pulled up his criminal background and his profile on 'Villains R Us' came up too. So they arrested him.

VON VILL:

What does he actually do?

DUKE:

Weird stuff. He works with dead bodies on some Frankenstein type stuff.

VON VILL:

Well, that explains the name 'The Undertaker'.

*(All of a sudden :) (A huge fight breaks out in the cafeteria between two students)  
(Guards rush in, take down the villains, arrest them, and escort them away)*

VON VILL:

God I love this place. It just screams villainy.

ANIA:

Yeah, don't get too used to it. You'll end up like those two.

VON VILL:

What's wrong with a little fight every now and then?

DUKE:

If you get in a fight, they send you to ‘The Impenetrable, Pinnacle of Prisons, Perfectly Pinpointed Palace of Penitentiaries for Super Powered Phonies’.

VON VILL:

Oh yeah, I think Captain Mustard Gun told me about that...

DUKE/ANIA:

Mustard Gun!?

ANIA:

You got brought in by Captain Mustard Gun?

DUKE:

They’re like one of the weakest heroes.

VON VILL:

It wasn’t just them! They were with Indestructo-cape Man.

ANIA:

What exactly are you in for?

VON VILL:

I was going to destroy half the world with nuclear bombs if I wasn’t payed in billions.

ANIA:

Hmm. Ok. Not too bad. You almost lost me there, but you might fit in here. We’ve been looking for somebody with your level of expertise.

VON VILL:

Elaina Von Villainy fits in where she pleases.

DUKE:

I hope that’s true, because other villains around here might not be as friendly as us.

ANIA:

One second you’re hanging with a friend, and the next second you’re hanging with a friend. Except you’re the one hanging, if you know what I mean.

VON VILL:

How pleasant...

DUKE:

Don't sweat it. It sounds like you might be a very valuable asset to us.

VON VILL:

What do you mean?

ANIA:

Well, we don't want to speak to soon for the rest of the group, but we some big plans from the near future. And you may be able to play a part in it, if you're as cunning as you say you are.

VON VILL:

Even more so.

DUKE:

Good to hear.

ANIA:

Very good to hear.

*(DUKE and ANIA cackle)(End of ACT I)*

➤ **ACT 2: SCENE 1: Leech**

*(Classroom) (Class is in session)(ALEXANDRIA lectures as DUKE passes a note across the class to VON VILL)*

ALEXANDRIA:

...And it was in 2015 when the efforts of Omez and The Masters of Villainy were thwarted by the West Coast Buffoons. The battle was a one hour long confrontation with law enforcements staking out the perimeter of- *(She sees VON VILL reading the note)* I'm sorry is there something you'd like to share with the class, Von Villainy?

VON VILL:

What?

ALEXANDRIA:

The note... Would you like me to read it out loud to the rest of the class?

VON VILL:

No I don't think that will be necessary. This is a reform institution, not middle school.

ALEXANDRIA:

Von Villainy, this is not a school at all. This is a prison that requires you to earn my favor in order to get out. If you would like to earn my favor you will have to pay attention during class, and passing notes in class is not paying attention. To reiterate, if you continue to pass notes, Duke... then passing notes will be the only passing you do.

UNDERTAKER:

Yes, we're so frightened.

ALEXANDRIA:

Where was I?

DUKE:

The police staking out a perimeter around the battle of Omez and The West Coast Buffoons.

ALEXANDRIA:

Thank you...

*(The bell rings) (As the villains exit :)*

Don't forget the reading assignment on chapters five and six.

*(As the classroom scenery changes, BROCK, PLUTO, & WHITNESS, enter the bathroom followed, seconds later, by DUKE, UNDERTAKER and ANIA)*

BROCK:

Is this everybody?

UNDERTAKER:

Yeah.

ANIA:

No, we invited a new girl. Elaina Von Villainy.

UNDERTAKER:

Why was no one else informed about this?

DUKE:

You just were.

WHITNESS:

As long as she's a good villain and trustworthy, I don't care who you invite.

*(Enter VON VILL)*

VON VILL:

*(Holding up the note :)* I got your message.

DUKE:

Finally... What took you so long?

ANIA:

Elaina Von Villainy, I'd like to introduce you to... "Leech"

*(VON VILL goes over to BROCK shaking his hand)*

VON VILL:

It's a pleasure to meet you, Leech.

BROCK:

Wait, what?

ANIA:

No, no, no, Von Villainy. That's all of us. "Leech" is the name of our team.

VON VILL:

Wouldn't "The Leeches", plural, make more sense?

*(PLUTO smacks WHITNESS on the back of the head)*

PLUTO:

*(To WHITNESS :)* I told you so...

DUKE:

Von Villainy, this is Pluto...

PLUTO:

Hello.

DUKE:

...and Whitmess.

WHITNESS:

I know my name sounds like I'm a snitch... but I'm not.

PLUTO:

We're more commonly known by the name "The Two Play Terrorist".

BROCK:

And I'm Brock. I invent stuff. Like dangerous stuff.

ANIA:

We want you on our team.

UNDERTAKER:



They want you on our team. I'm still not convinced you're the right material.

ANIA:

And of course you've already met-

UNDERTAKER:

The Undertaker. I bring dead bodies back to life.

VON VILL:

So I've heard.

UNDERTAKER:

And I'm perfectly content with killing you and using your remains for the job rather than you.  
You like zombies?

VON VILL:

No.

UNDERTAKER:

I do. Want to know why?

VON VILL:

No.

UNDERTAKER:

The thing about zombies is...

ANIA:

Here we go...

UNDERTAKER:

...They're predictable. They will always do the same thing every time because you know what they want and you know what they'll do to get it. But you're the opposite, and that's why I don't like you.

VON VILL:

Because I'm not dead?

UNDERTAKER:

In a sense... yeah.

DUKE:

Well, if we're all done with pleasantries, let's get to business.

UNDERTAKER:

Let's.

BROCK:

We have a goal, Von Villainy.

PLUTO:

Yeah, we're busting out this place.

WHITNESS:

Returning to the world and wreaking some havoc.

VON VILL:

So what do you need from me?

ANIA:

You said you almost blew up half the world with explosives. We could use your expertise.

VON VILL:

OH. The nuclear donuts thingy? You didn't think those donuts were actually loaded with explosives, did you?

*(She notices everyone making straight bland faces at her)*

...Because they were.

*(They all make sounds of relief)*

WHITNESS:

You had us there for a second.

ANIA:

*(Laughing :)* Yeah, we almost thought you were a waste.

DUKE:

Yeah, because then we would've told you our big plan and everything, and would've had to kill you.

*(They all burst into laughter but VON VILL's laughter breaks down into an uncomfortable concern)*

BROCK:

Alright, Von Villainy, we'll let you know when we've worked out the plan.

PLUTO:

Yeah, see ya around.

VON VILL:

I'm late for class anyways.

*(VON VILL exits)*

WHITNESS:

You think she'll deliver?

BROCK:

He better...

UNDERTAKER:

I don't trust her.

ANIA:

Yeah, yeah, we know.

UNDERTAKER:

No, you don't know. You assume that I'm judging her without giving her a chance, but I know people. It's what I do. I study people. Alive ones. Dead ones.

DUKE:

I think she's a great asset. She may be conflicted, but we all were at some point. It's called growth.

BROCK:

We'll have Pluto and Whitress keep a close eye on her. If she starts slipping up, or showing signs of breaking, then it might be in our best interest to take her out after we get out of here.

PLUTO:

Agreed.

