

SHARKS

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INT. BAR - NIGHT

Packed. Chatter. Music. BEN KLEIN (20s), shortish, suited waves a tenner trying to get a drink. To staff he's the invisible man.

FREEZE FRAME - TITLE: BEN

FREEZE FRAME breaks. ROBIN WHITE (20s) grabs the cash.

ROBIN  
Donut! Couldn't get served on a  
tennis court.

Fingers in her mouth she unleashes a piercing WHISTLE.

FREEZE FRAME - TITLE - ROBIN

FREEZE FRAME breaks. FLASH-CUTS: Money is passed. Drinks received.

Ben turns from the bar. SMACKS straight into the tall, handsome DANNY BLACKWATER (20s). Liquid goes everywhere!

DANNY  
You clumsy mother--

FREEZE FRAME - TITLE: DANNY

FREEZE FRAME breaks.

DANNY  
Look at me. I'm soaked!

Danny grabs Bobby. Robin steps in between them.

ROBIN  
It was an accident.

BEN  
Danny!? It's Ben!

DANNY  
Ben? Benny-boy! Fancy bumping into  
you.

Mood changes. They bear-hug enthusiastically.

ROBIN  
You know each other?

DANNY  
Too right! Old school pals. This  
calls for a celebration!

FLASHCUT: Champagne cork POPS.

INT. BAR - NIGHT

Trio now seated. Danny pours the champagne.

DANNY  
How long's it been mate? Ten years?

ROBIN  
If you guys need time to catch up?

DANNY  
Don't be silly. I've imposed on  
your date. I should be off.

BEN  
(fast/Rainmanesque)  
It's not a date. We work together.  
Co-colleagues. Friends. Robin's my  
supervisor. Not a date. No. Date.

Danny and Robin just stare at him. Ben downs his champagne.

BEN (CONT.)  
Another round-my round-you  
wannanotherone. My round!

DISSOLVE. Table fills with empty glasses and bottles.

INT. BAR - LATER

Danny's drunk. Arm around Robin. She tries to edge away but  
Danny brings her back.

DANNY  
Wonderful life out there. Oz.

ROBIN  
Why did you come back?

DANNY  
Sharks.

BEN  
Sharks?!

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DANNY

That's right. Sharks. Mazing fish the shark. You read about shark attacks. In the paper. They're like winning the lottery. Always happens to someone else. Now, usually your average shark hunts as a singular predatory force. Not this time. There was two of them. She didn't stand a chance. I was sunbathing. She was swimming. Waving. Happy. Laughing. Fourteen! Fourteen! They flanked her. Bang! Her hand disappeared into the blue. Last I saw of my sister. That was six months ago. I couldn't stay in Oz. Not after that. Every time I looked at the sea all I could hear was screams. All I could see was blood. Janey's blood.

Robin's hand presses into Danny's. Ben SEES this.

ROBIN

I'm so sorry.

Danny hugs Robin. SOBS! Ben's hands squeeze into fists.

BEN

I need a cigarette.

ROBIN

I thought you'd given up

DANNY

I'll join you mate.

INT. TOILET - NIGHT

Robin washes her hands. Window ajar. HEARS familiar VOICES outside.

EXT. SMOKING AREA - BAR - SAME

Ben's agitated. Pacing back and forth. Finger-pointing Danny.

BEN

What's this sharks story?

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DANNY  
Good innit? And the performance.

BEN  
You haven't even got a sister?

DANNY  
I felt like Robert Shaw

BEN (TO HIMSELF)  
Why didn't I just ask her out?

DANNY  
Always gotta have a story, mate

BEN  
But now she likes you more than me.

DANNY  
Never fear. Danny's here. Trust me.

INT. TOILET - NIGHT

Robin LISTENS intently.

INT. BAR - NIGHT

Robin re-joins the Boys. Kisses Danny on the cheek. Holds his hand.

ROBIN  
How you feeling?

DANNY  
Better, thanks. We were thinking about having a nightcap.

BEN  
(eyes on Robin's/Danny's hand)  
Were we?

Danny KICKS Ben under the table.

BEN  
We were!

DANNY  
What do you say darlin?

ANGLE ON: Robin as she ponders. Smiles.

FLASHCUTS: Key enters door/CD enters player/Ice hits glass/Jack Daniels flows.

INT. LIVING ROOM - BOBBY'S FLAT - NIGHT

Danny and Robin are dancing. Close. He whispers something in her ear. She LAUGHS. THEN: silence. Music is turned off.

They SEE: Bobby. Seething. He SLAMS the drinks down.

DANNY

Hey! We were--

BEN

Robin. I've got a confession.

DANNY

No. Stick to the. . . Plan.

ROBIN

Plan? What plan?

BEN

He was going to try it on with you. You'd say "no!" I was going to step in. Smack him. You'd fall for me. Hero. Spend the night. Sex. With me. I like you, Robin.

ROBIN

Why didn't you just ask me out?

DANNY

Cos he's a fucking donut!

ROBIN

So this was all a trap to get me into bed?

Danny stares at the ceiling. Ben stares at the floor. A few beats follow.

ROBIN

Okay. Let's do it.

BEN/DANNY

What?!

ROBIN

I'll have sex with you?

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BEN/DANNY

WHO!?

ROBIN

Both of you.

DANNY

That's what I'm talking about.

BEN

This wasn't meant to happen.

DANNY

(stripping his clothes off)

Last one in the bedroom's a queer!

Danny bolts out. Ben stands there. Paralysed. Confused. Robin WHISPERS in Ben's ear. Starts unbuttoning his shirt.

ROBIN

Come on lover-boy. You know you want to.

INT. BOBBY'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Danny and Ben lay in the bed. Naked. Waiting.

DANNY

Told you. Never fear-Danny's here.

ROBIN (OFF)

You naked boys?

DANNY

As the day we were born!

A naked leg appears from around the door.

ROBIN (OFF)

Because I'm ready.

Suddenly Robin appears with her phone camera. CLICK! CLICK CLICK!

Freeze frame of Ben and Danny naked in bed.

FADE OUT

OVER THE CREDITS - photocopier WHIRS - spits out copies of the 'incriminating' photos.