

waving your arms trying to warn me. You were so scared, but it comforted me to know you loved me so much. Gosh, that was such an adrenalin rush. This is just a big wave we've got to get on top of before it crashes on us.

DR STOCKMAN

That adrenalin rush probably empowered Petra in utero.

*(DOG barks)*

DR STOCKMAN

Shit. *(He goes to the back door exit)*

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CAPTAIN

*(Calling out off stage from the backyard)*

*(Speaks like he is petting the dog)* There, there, Thor it's just me buddy. Hey, just me. Thor ... just me.

*(DOG stops barking and Captain enters)*

DR STOCKMAN

*(Greets Captain and shows him in)* Oh man. You scared me.

CAPTAIN

I came this way cause your kids are out front throwing rubber ducks. I didn't want to get pummeled.

DR STOCKMAN

They shouldn't be playing out there.

CAPTAIN

I just wanted to make sure you were all okay.

MRS STOCKMAN

My God, thank you. I don't know how we would have escaped if it weren't for you. It was like something out of a movie. I can't believe it.

DR STOCKMAN

Yeah, a real American show. Maybe, Cap can take us away with him on his deep-sea adventure.

CAPTAIN

Well, I wish I could, but I won't be going anywhere. I've been let go.

DR STOCKMAN

What the hell?

CAPTAIN

I've been accused of being under the influence at the helm. Allegations sayin' that I'm a drunk and smoke pot. Supposedly, they have eyewitness accounts.

MRS STOCKMAN

Eyewitness accounts? Oh, that is so false, you can't smoke because of your lung. You would never ... in all the years ... I have never seen you ... oh, they just don't know you. Oh, they are lying.

CAPTAIN

Walker apologized. But ... it's his reputation. He knows it's a lie. But he said that allegations are like a stain that you can't get rid of. Even though they may be wiped away, you can still see a hint. And as my consolation prize ... no formal action and we will see in a few months how things are.

DR STOCKMAN

Bullshit! Lies, the true enemy of the people! It's tyranny of the majority! It's the "Illusory Truth Effect." Just a statement said over and over again makes it seem plausible. Everyone believes I'm a quack because Peter keeps saying it and his followers amplify it. Cap, look ... look what some coward did. *(He shows CAPTAIN his laptop computer)* They think that's funny and clever. I'm a duck that needs to be silenced, to be shot! Look ... look at the gun ... it's not even a sporting rifle. They want to make sure that I'm scared. Well, I will quack no more. I'll be silent. They don't want to know about the danger. Let um' be poisoned. We're leaving.

MRS STOCKMAN

We're going to leave, but we're not going to be silent.

DR STOCKMAN

Yes, well, I still have a voice. I will sing the truth if I have to.

CAPTAIN

I'm with you. I have sea legs. I can sing and stand in a storm.

*(PETRA and EILIF run in laughing with a load of yellow rubber duckies.)*

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