

1 EXT. DIRECTOR'S OFFICE - DAY

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DIRECTOR, 40s is sitting on an armchair, reading a newspaper out loud. There's a phone, a cup, and a water jar on the side table next to him. A visitor's chair is on the other side of the stage.

DIRECTOR

Formula 3... Formula 3, a worldwide threat and potential weapon. When a person takes this drug, symptoms such as mental dissociation and hallucination occur immediately. The motives of the drug distributor and distribution mechanism are still unknown. People are shocked at this sudden outbreak, and scientists are urging to study the detoxification of this drug. Some of the testimonies remark that it could potentially be life-threatening. Watch out for people who have had Formula 3... you can distinguish them by a red spot behind their ears..." What a mess. The world's going bonkers.

The door suddenly opens and MR. HAPHEPHOBIA, 30s walks in.

MR. HAPHEPHOBIA

Help! Is this the Bureau of Consumer Protection? A person who has taken Formula 3 is driving me crazy!

DIRECTOR

Yes. You've found the right place. I'm the Director. Please take a seat right here.

Director reaches out. Mr. Haphephobia shrieks. Director's shocked and tries to stand back.

MR. HAPHEPHOBIA

I have a phobia of being touched! I just can't stand it when someone comes into contact with me. Please be careful!

DIRECTOR

Hmm okay. So.. what brings you here again?

MR. HAPHEPHOBIA

I know someone who has taken Formula 3.

DIRECTOR

Here we go. Formula 3 again! Oh, please go on!

MR. HAPHEPHOBIA

My stupid bum of a neighbor's been infected. Ugh.. just thinking about it makes me nauseous.

Director directs Mr. Haphephobia to sit on a nearby chair.

MR. HAPHEPHOBIA

Because of my symptoms, I live in an exclusive unit apartment where I don't need to bump into people very often. Living like this is can be so precarious, you know... Like in the restaurants for example... even though there's a lot of other empty tables, they make you seat right next to other customers! You should always plan your day to lessen the chance of bumping into other people. Elevators... ohh.. for the elevators, I've analyzed the time of the day where people are less likely to use the elevator. 10 AM to 11 AM... 4 PM to 5 PM... Best chance to be as unoccupied as possible!

DIRECTOR

I ... imagine that to be quite..um.. precarious...

MR. HAPHEPHOBIA

But today... I was in the elevator with that guy. The thing is.. you know... when you get on an elevator. Space is tight so the chances of contact go up. That's why I'm always hypervigilant. I squeezed in the corner as much as possible just waiting for the door to open. But then...

DIRECTOR

Yes..?

MR. HAPHEPHOBIA