

INT. STUDIO - SET PIECE

Music. Title: Behind Virtual Memory with Chappy Duckfeet

Chappy steps to camera.

CHAPPY

Ghengis Kahn. Abraham Lincoln.
Moses. These are the men of
history. But are the history books
complete? Hello, I'm Chappy
Duckfeet, and welcome to *Great Men
of History*. Join us as we go
behind Virtual Memory with host
Jamie Alexander, a legend in the
making.

Montage: Snappy VM footage, mixed with flashy, over-
indulged stills of Jamie's life outside of VM: throngs of
people, Magazine covers, awards ceremonies, a massive
gorilla (?!).

Interviews: The birth and history of a "crazy" idea.

STAFF

No one said we could do it. But we
did it. This is it.

INT. STUDIO

Chappy sits with Jamie.

CHAPPY

The timeless question of "what
makes a legend" remains, but could
the answer be sitting with me
here, at this very table, at this
very moment?

He turns to Jamie.

CHAPPY (CONT'D)

Jamie Alexander, possible legend,
it is good to have you on the
show.

Jamie has a giant, orange wig on his head.

JAMIE

Thank you, Chappy.

Chappy freezes. He looks again--Jamie's hair is normal.

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CHAPPY

Now, I'm just going to jump right in. Virtual Memory. 10 years. Over 400 episodes--

JAMIE

Yes.

CHAPPY

Recipient of the semi-prestigious "Beedman Gameshow Award" for 'Best Effort, Despite Circumstances."

INSERT: *Beedman Award.*

CHAPPY (CONT'D)

And beloved by audiences around the world.

INSERT: *Throngs of fans.*

CHAPPY (CONT'D)

What's going through your mind?

JAMIE

Whew. A lot. 10 years is a long time for anything, especially a tv show. It's great that the fans still love it, it's hard to believe.

CHAPPY

Opening a show requires a certain pizzazz, a certain hook for the audience.

JAMIE

Yeah, studies have proven that if you don't hook the audience in the first four seconds, they'll never watch the show again. Ever. And that's just sad.

CHAPPY

And so you implemented the "Jamie's on fire" gag. For the show.

JAMIE

That's right. Again, studies have shown that people respond to gameshow hosts on fire.

INSERT: *Jamie on fire on the set of VM.*

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JAMIE (CONT'D)

We've been very fortunate to have such high ratings with audiences around the world. It's been a great run.

CHAPPY

A great run, indeed. But it's not over, rather, just beginning.

JAMIE

Yeah. We've hit a transition point. We're giving the show a face-lift, new set, we're re-vamping the gameplay. Everything. It'll be like a new show.

CHAPPY

And yet, strangely familiar. Like an old friend.

Chappy turns to camera.

CHAPPY (CONT'D)

And now, with the stage set, Ladies and Gentlemen, boys and girls, we bring you *Virtual Memory*, episode one.

MONTAGE: *Clips of Virtual Memory's Episode 1.*

JAMIE

Wow.

CHAPPY

And as a tribute to the creative power of VM, you've filmed 400 episodes, without a single repeated opening. What's your secret?

JAMIE

No secret, really. You pull from life. Watch, I'll do one right now.

CHAPPY

Please.

JAMIE

Okay, give me the intro.

CHAPPY

The intro--

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Jamie starts the beat off for the introduction. Chappy follows.

JAMIE

Good! Just gotta get pumped--

Jamie starts his pre-show warm-up routine.

JAMIE (CONT'D)

Gettin' pumped! Do the words--

CHAPPY

And now for Jamie--

JAMIE

And now the man of a thousand faces--

CHAPPY

And now the man of a thousand faces, Jamie Alexander.

JAMIE

Yes! Yes--now do the crowd.

CHAPPY

Heyyyyyyy, yeah...

JAMIE

Hey, guys. Welcome to Virtual Memory, I'm Jamie Alexander, and this is my impression of the invisible man.

Jamie ducks behind the desk.

Chappy waits.

INSERT: *Opening monologue montage.*

CHAPPY

400 episodes, and counting. Has it been stressful?

JAMIE

It's been rough. Coming up with new ideas is a lot of pressure. I mean, with the grueling rehearsal schedule and the endless wardrobe and hair details, writing so much new material for every show was very hard.

CHAPPY

You needed room to create.

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JAMIE

That's exactly what I needed. And, I've had a lot of help.

CHAPPY

And so begins the story of Bernie, the TBN gorilla.

JAMIE

Yes, Bernie the Gorilla. He was a life-saver.

INSERT: *Pictures/footage of Bernie stalking around the office.*

CHAPPY

But, he is a wild ape.

JAMIE

That's right. A very helpful wild ape.

CHAPPY

Where did Bernie the gorilla come from?

JAMIE

I think he was transferred from our Dallas branch.

CUT TO:

Interviews.

STAFF

Yeah, at first he was just kind of hanging around the office. Didn't talk to anyone, kept to himself. He was a quiet gorilla.

INSERT: *Bernie picks lice from a receptionist's hair.*

STAFF (CONT'D)

Eventually, he just became part of the family. He's a very talented gorilla, great with cameras, great with lighting and audio. He's actually one of the best mixers we have. We're currently training him to be one of our floor-directors.

Inside a control room, Bernie throws his headset off, exasperated.

BACK TO:

INT. STUDIO

CHAPPY

The writing is done. The show is prepped, what's next?

JAMIE

The kids. They're the whole show. And we have some talented kids. They sing, they dance, they play guitars, they flip over the stage, everything. And they're excited about the Bible. That's the best part.

INSERT: Kid talent: dancing, singing. Tearing up the game with awesome bible knowledge. Closing celebrations.

CHAPPY

The thrill of victory was almost palpable. Was it the funky-fresh execution of their rap songs?

Jamie shakes his head.

CHAPPY (CONT'D)

Then, why the celebrations?

JAMIE

Well, aside from getting excited about the Lord's word, we have strong incentives.

CHAPPY

Incentives?

JAMIE

For doing such a good job on the show, all of our contestants receive some great prizes.

CHAPPY

Little blessings.

JAMIE

That's right.

CHAPPY

And for the winners?

JAMIE

The winners? Let's just say that Mike McGregor takes good care of the winners.

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They look to the monitors.

INSERT: *Mike skits.*

CHAPPY

Resident genius--

JAMIE

Mike McGregor.

CHAPPY

Mike McGregor. He wasn't given a lot of money to work with--

JAMIE

There were budget cuts, yes.

CHAPPY

But gold. Frankincense. Myrrh. Gifts fit for a king. Budget cuts never left the contestants in want, did it?

JAMIE

No. The prizes were one thing we didn't skimp on. We wanted to tell our contestants how much we appreciated them. So we made a point to ensure that their gifts were fit for kings.

CHAPPY

Ah, resort getaways?

JAMIE

Well--

CHAPPY

Jet rides?

JAMIE

Um--

CHAPPY

Air boats?

JAMIE

No--

CHAPPY

Cash prizes. Sky diving gift certificates. An all-expense paid weekend to the Falkland Islands. Ponies for the little girls. Race cars? Smart phones? The Iphone.

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CHAPPY (CONT'D)

Tickets to the Broadway musical
Cats? Phantom of the Opera.

JAMIE

Not quite. But close.

CHAPPY

What else could a teenager
possibly want?

JAMIE

All of those prizes are...good.
However, we needed to give them
something that said: yes, I was on
Virtual Memory. And, yes I won it.

INSERT: *Worst prizes ever.*

Chappy stares at the monitors.

CHAPPY

Prizes are at the ready. The opens
are written with the Contestants
in place. There's only one more
detail to take care of.

JAMIE

Yes.

CHAPPY

Jamie Alexander.

JAMIE

That's right.

CHAPPY

Let's take some time and get to
know the *real* man behind the
screen.

Chappy glances at his notes.

CHAPPY (CONT'D)

You love picture books. You think
that silly words are fun to say at
dinner parties, and you've
referred to yourself as the
Winston Churchill of your
generation.

JAMIE

Yes.

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CHAPPY

Implying you identify with
overcoming difficulties in leading
a great nation through wartime and
generating a meteoric rise in
English Parliament.

JAMIE

I feel like we went through a lot
of the same things, he and I. When
you're the King--

CHAPPY

Prime Minister--

JAMIE

...of England, it's very similar
to being a gameshow host.

CHAPPY

Historians might disagree.

JAMIE

Probably not.

CHAPPY

Most regarded as a statesman,
orator, soldier and historian,
Churchill dedicated his life of
service down for his countrymen.
Can you say the same?

JAMIE

For Virtual Memory?

CHAPPY

Of course.

JAMIE

I can. I find striking
similarities in the sacrifices
we've made in our respective
fields.

CHAPPY

Leading to your first
autobiography entitled: *Oh, Snap!
I Just Hosted this Gameshow Like
Winston Churchill.*

INSERT: *Oh, Snap! I Just Hosted This Gameshow Like
Winston Churchill* book.

CHAPPY (CONT'D)

A catchy title.

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JAMIE

Thank you. I wanted to bring the world through an average day on set of Virtual Memory.

CHAPPY

In a word, describe the average day on Virtual Memory.

INSERT: *Jamie Dances in front of a sign : SuperKule!*

JAMIE

In a word? Funky-fresh.

CHAPPY

And was your new book funky-fresh?

JAMIE

Well, the New York Times Bestseller's list don't lie--which it didn't make it on. But it did sell moderately well at second-hand bookshops. And, by second hand bookshops, I mean my parents.

CHAPPY

And yet, the semi-moderate success of your autobiography afforded you the opportunity to pursue a long-awaited dream.

JAMIE

Yes.

CHAPPY

What was that dream?

JAMIE

A long time ago, I had a vision for a company that specializes in super-cold ice.

CHAPPY

Super-cold ice?

JAMIE

I call it Icy-Ice.

CHAPPY

And this Icy-Ice, what does it do?

JAMIE

Well, it stays colder for longer.

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CHAPPY

I see.

JAMIE

But I had to ask myself, how do you make ice colder than ice? Antarctica.

CHAPPY

Antarctica.

JAMIE

In my research, I found that the coldest ice was found in Antarctica. So, naturally, I went out there and brought some back. Like 800 tons of it.

INSERT: Stills of Jamie's Antarctic Ice trip. Bernie pulls a sled.

JAMIE (CONT'D)

It was heavy.

CHAPPY

And you've brought some of it here?

JAMIE

I have. Right here in this cup.

Jamie sets a cup onto the table filled with water.

CHAPPY

That looks like a cup of water.

JAMIE

Ah. Try it.

Chappy does.

CHAPPY

Yes. Room-temperature water.

JAMIE

Well, it was ice before we started to the show, but then it melted, I think.

CHAPPY

Is it possible that ice in Antarctica is just as cold as, say, ice that comes out of the refrigerator?

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JAMIE

No. Not according to my research.

CHAPPY

And your Icy-ice is available in stores?

JAMIE

Everywhere ice is sold, yes. Well, there isn't much left. Actually most of it melted on the plane on the way over.

CUT TO:

INT. TBN OFFICES

Interviews. The staff talks about their reactions to Jamie's Super-Ice.

INSERT: *Bernie sends some faxes, answers phones.*

BACK TO:

INT. STUDIO

CHAPPY

After launching your Icy-Ice, you decided it was time to go back to what you loved. Creating.

JAMIE

That's right. I mean, I was so excited about what was going on in every aspect of my life, I just needed to sing about it.

CHAPPY

Sparking your new hit single entitled: I Love My Socks.

They look to the monitors.

INSERT: *Jamie dancing to his #1 hit single: I love my socks.*

CHAPPY (CONT'D)

And your recent success in the recording world earned you an invitation into the world's most premiere rapping supergroup.

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JAMIE

That's right. *The Galloping Goats*.

CHAPPY

The Galloping Goats. A catchy name.

JAMIE

It is.

CHAPPY

But even more catchy is the runaway-smash hit, *Jilly Bean*.

They look to the monitors.

INSERT: *Jilly Bean*.

JAMIE

It's a love song.

CHAPPY

With robots.

JAMIE

Right.

CHAPPY

Jamie Alexander, host, author, CEO, and pop star. You've come a long way.

JAMIE

Thank you--

CHAPPY

But it came with a heavy price.

JAMIE

With so many things on the table, so many things you have to pay attention to, something is bound to give way, and fall apart.

CHAPPY

You're referring to your fashion. Your style.

JAMIE

Yes. I had a fashion disaster.

CHAPPY

And you're still recovering?

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JAMIE

It's a long process. You never think it will happen to you, but I was actually arrested by International Style Law Enforcement.

INSERT: Jamie's mug shots. He's a complete toolbox.

CHAPPY

The Fashion Police? Because of the parachute jeans--

INSERT: Footage/stills of hosting in terrible clothing. Error signs ring over the pictures.

CHAPPY (V.O.) (CONT'D)

...the puka shell necklace, baggy shirts, the short-sleeved button-ups, and the pointed sideburns that say "Listen up, ladies, I'm in charge here."

JAMIE

I was incarcerated on Fashion Island for a weekend where I was forced into manual labor.

CHAPPY

Purchasing clothes that fit.

JAMIE

That's right.

CHAPPY

And this train-wreck of fashion led to your first clothing line: Unity Apparel.

Montage: Unity Apparel. Music pounds over splashes of runway stills and fashion mags.

JAMIE

I wanted to transcend fashion by creating something that would never go out of style.

CHAPPY

And how did it sell?

JAMIE

It was well received.

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INSERT: Dictionary entry, under *Unity*: Picture of Unity Clothing. Heading reads: Definition removed. Please see Fig. 1.

CHAPPY

But the run at poor style didn't stop at just clothing, did it?

JAMIE

No. It was the hair, as well.

INSERT: An "old" mullet-headed snapshot.

CHAPPY

You needed flare, panache.

JAMIE

Yes.

CHAPPY

Where did you go?

JAMIE

I went to Bernie.

CHAPPY

The TBN gorilla?

INSERT: *Pictures/footage of the gorilla stalking around the office.*

JAMIE (V.O.)

Yeah. One day, I said, Bernie! I need a haircut right now. We're filming in 15 minutes, what can you do?

CHAPPY

And Bernie went to work.

JAMIE

He went to work--

INSERT: *Still of Bernie cutting Jamie's hair.*

JAMIE (CONT'D)

His style was innovative and edgy, and it fit exactly what I needed for the show.

Montage: *Hair cuts.*

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CHAPPY

Now, with your new wardrobe, your new haircuts, and a pocket full of juicy Nielsen Ratings, it seemed the sky was the limit.

JAMIE

Life was very good for the show.

CHAPPY

But, it wasn't all puppies and candy, was it?

JAMIE

No.

CHAPPY

In the summer of 2005, terror struck the studio.

Montage: Tabloids, news feeds: Jamie Alexander: stolen! Abduction! File photos, police reports. Virus mug shots. The (Bigfoot?) Ape.

Interviews: TBN workers recounting the horror. Bernie answers the phones in the background.

CHAPPY (CONT'D)

Step back in time. How did that feel?

JAMIE

Scary.

CHAPPY

Abduction. Chaos. A dark hour. But there was hope, wasn't there? A guardian angel, so to speak.

JAMIE

His name was Megabyte Man.

CHAPPY

Megabyte Man. And where did this paragon of Virtual Memory come from?

JAMIE

I'm not entirely sure. Some people say he was just a figment of my imagination, but regardless, I'm thankful, otherwise I'd be **thbbth!* in trouble.

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CHAPPY

But some say that you actually weren't in trouble but, in fact, hiding in a broom closet, pretending to be kidnapped. Your thoughts.

JAMIE

No, I got stolen. We have documented footage to prove it.

MONTAGE: *MB Man fighting his way to justice.*

CHAPPY

And, when will he return?

JAMIE

I don't know. I mean, he's a superhero, so he's always watching, waiting to be called to action.

CHAPPY

A superhero, indeed. Which led to your most recent landmark, a four-volume *History In Consumer Protection Legislation and My Favorite Flavors of Yogurt.*

INSERT: *Book A History...*

JAMIE

That's right.

CHAPPY

But the books, in fact, had nothing to do with Consumer Protection Legislation--

JAMIE

No they did not.

CHAPPY

Just lists of yogurt flavors, and almost all of them not even real yogurt flavors at all.

CUT TO:

INT. GREAT ROOM

Jamie reads his books in a public forum.

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JAMIE

I enjoy the taste of blueberry, raspberry and huckleberry, although Pickle can tickle my fancy. I also enjoy some garage yogurt with just a spoonful of Thursday mixed in.

Jamie closes the book and opens another.

JAMIE (CONT'D)

Volume 3 of History in Consumer--

BACK TO:

INT. STUDIO

CHAPPY

A lengthy expose on yogurt. One might say, too lengthy.

JAMIE

It didn't seem to bother my editors much.

INSERT: *Bernie the gorilla paws around the trash for food.*

CHAPPY

Do you feel the audience was misled?

JAMIE

By the yogurt? Yeah, I think they misunderstood. I mean, imagine how you'd feel if you were looking for Consumer Protection Legislation and all you got was yogurt.

CHAPPY

It would be upsetting.

JAMIE

Anyway, the book just missed the tweeny market completely.

CHAPPY

Ah. The kids, your target market.

JAMIE

Yeah. Missed it! But I learned my lesson.

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Jamie pulls some retarded faces and then farts into his hands. Chappy watches, stunned. After a seeming eternity, Jamie stops farting.

JAMIE (CONT'D)

That was for the kids.

INSERT: *Bloopers.*

CUT TO:

INT. TBN OFFICES

Interviews. People talk about their opinions of Jamie and his books.

STAFF

I'm just hoping that his movies are a bit better than his books.

BACK TO:

CHAPPY

Two authored titles, a raging hit single, a band touring around the country, a budding ice company, but there's one thing we haven't yet talked about. Feature films.

Jamie smiles.

CHAPPY (CONT'D)

Now a-days, they're all the rage, and Jamie Alexander is on the hunt.

JAMIE

That's right. I've really wanted to broaden my horizons and stretch myself as an actor.

CHAPPY

Leading you to your first effort in a dazzling medieval musical entitled *The Tale of Sir Bobalot.*

INSERT: *Sir Bobalot.*

CHAPPY (CONT'D)

Overlooked by the Academy. Why?

JAMIE

I don't think the world was ready.

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CHAPPY

Ready for what?

JAMIE

Singing fairies.

CHAPPY

But that didn't stop you.

JAMIE

No.

CHAPPY

Your next filmic adventure led you to your pet project, Kaptain Keb's Fantastical Floating Contraption.

INSERT: *Kaptain Keb's movie poster.*

CHAPPY (CONT'D)

What can you tell us?

JAMIE

Well, Kaptain Keb is a hardened shipping captain, and he's commissioned by a wealthy business man to rescue his daughter. It's the story of love, really. And chasing your dreams in a giant, floating boat.

INSERT: *Production stills of Captain Keb and his boat.*

CHAPPY

And did Kaptain Keb ever reach his dreams?

JAMIE

I guess you'll just have to wait and find out.

CHAPPY

Well, let's hope the world is ready for a giant, flying boat. All the best.

JAMIE

Thank you, Chappy.

CHAPPY

Jamie Alexander, it's been an honor and a pleasure, as we look forward to another decade of Virtual Mem--

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Chappy freezes. Jamie's seat is empty.

Suddenly, from under the table, Jamie pops up.

JAMIE

Gotcha.

CHAPPY

Ah. The invisible man. Priceless.

JAMIE

Seriously, though. It's been great celebrating the show here with you and the great fans of Virtual Mem--

Suddenly, Bernie the Ape tackles Jamie off his chair. Chappy turns to camera.

CHAPPY

What makes a legend?

CUT TO:

INT. STUDIO - SET PIECE

Chappy walks to camera.

CHAPPY

Is it the fancy shoes, the carefully-coifed hair, or the enigma of something much deeper; a gift unseen? We may never know. But one thing is certain: Jamie Alexander is here to stay. I'm Chappy Duckfeet. Goodnight.

CREDITS ROLL:

INT. STUDIO

Chappy sits with Jamie.

CHAPPY

Now, I'm going to say a name, and I want you to say the first thing that comes to mind when I say that name.

JAMIE

Alright.

CHAPPY

Paul Crouch Jr.

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JAMIE

Great mustache. Strong build.

CHAPPY

Dave Grippenwaldt.

JAMIE

The show's nothing without him.
Brilliant on the harpsichord.

CHAPPY

Paul Brubacher.

JAMIE

Best guy for the job. Loves
driving heavy construction
equipment. Give him a raise.

CHAPPY

Bob Fopma.

JAMIE

Gruff, commanding voice. Plays a
mean game of squash.

CHAPPY

Tandi Byrne.

JAMIE

Best gal for the job. Also loves
driving heavy construction
equipment. Give her a raise.

CHAPPY

Jeanette Shelton.

JAMIE

An enigma.

CHAPPY

Tim Romero.

JAMIE

Talent embodied. Loves pizza and
apple cider.

CHAPPY

Jenna Gillen.

JAMIE

She's like a mysterious cat.

CHAPPY

Omar Perich.

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JAMIE

A tiger. Rawwwrr...

Chappy stares at the camera.

CUT TO:

EXT. SHIP YARD - TOWER DOCK - DUSK

Kaptain Keb stands, gazing at his flying contraption.

DR. FINNIGAN (O.S.)

Kaptain Keb--

The Kaptain turns to a heaving Dr. Finnigan.

DR. FINNIGAN (CONT'D)

And just where do you think you're going, sir?

KAPTAIN KEB

The Princess is out there, Finnigan. Somewhere.

DR. FINNIGAN

It's a suicide mission, man! Don't be a fool. You'll never make it through the Fortress of the Sky Pirates.

KAPTAIN KEB

Then I'd rather die, fighting as a man, than stand on this dock whimpering like a dog.

DR. FINNIGAN

Then, this is goodbye.

KAPTAIN KEB

So 'tis.

Keb turns and steps onto his rig.

DR. FINNIGAN

Kaptain--

Keb turns as the Doctor tosses him a sheathed blade.

DR. FINNIGAN (CONT'D)

The Princess, sir. Bring her back. For all of us.

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KAPTAIN KEB

Aye, Doctor. I'll bring her back.
Even the jaws of the six headed
beast be no match for me and Big
Bertha. She's as nimble as a
stork, and right as rain.

DR. FINNIGAN

What will I tell them? The others?

KAPTAIN KEB

Tell'em...I did it for love.

The Kaptain breaks the blade from its sheath and chops
the hull tie. Flying rig pulls away from the dock.

Keb turns his face to the sun.

Dr. Finnigan removes his hat, watching the flying boat
pull into the sunset.

DR. FINNIGAN

By Peter, it's beautiful.

KAPTAIN KEB

Hoist the Jibbits, set the keels
and press on to heaven.

DR. FINNIGAN

God speed, Kaptain Keb, wherever
your journey may take you.

KAPTAIN KEB

To the horizon, sir. Where dreams
come true.

Big Bertha puttters into the setting sun.