

G&TS Backgrounder
a guide to homage and trivia

Destiny.

She is stylized based on the character Angelique from All That Jazz (1979), played by Jessica Lange. Similarities in wardrobe, demeanor, bit of a southern accent. There's an analysis of this part at:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rhCGY738I5U&ab_channel=Fandor

The Scientist.

An amalgam of climate deniers who are scientists. They are typically well regarded in their own field, but not recognized as experts in climate. The strategy is to use what they know about science, the scientific method, and the culture of science to provide misleading criticisms of the research. Motivations vary, but all in the service of Big Oil. Good Frontline report on this:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QAAbcNI4Lb8&ab_channel=FRONTLINEPBS%7COfficial

Some details drawn from "Confession of a Climate Denier." Couple of useful points, but so badly written I left it in a hotel room trash bag in Warrensburg, MO.

<https://www.amazon.com/Confessions-Climate-Change-Denier-Stephen/dp/1095237004>

This character has some similarities to the scientist John Clauser (see story). Rather than a Nobel, The Scientist won the prestigious "Boson Award." The Boson is a particle discovered in 2012, big deal.

The Senator.

Joe Manchin. One term Governor West Virginia, two term Senator, Coal and Oil. And a real pain in the ass. See story on Manchin. I'll wager half of the tomatoes from next year's garden that after he squirms out of the No Labels crowd he'll land on K Street. Personally, not a fan:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QVdYrcBx2iM&ab_channel=Dr.Retch

(could be material for the credits!? Might need to cover that bit by Daniel Day Lewis).

The Lobbyist. see:

<https://thred.com/change/how-the-carbon-footprint-originated-as-a-pr-campaign-for-big-oil/>

The Writer. see story: Attenborough

The Five Ds. See paper 5Ds for much more about this than anyone really need to know.

Opening. Using some of my childhood and early adult photos.

p. 4 Adapted from the Raymond Carver quote used at the beginning of Birdman (2014).

DESTINY

Laughs. Did you get what you wanted from this Vita Fila, your life thread?

SCIENTIST

At least I accomplished most of what I wanted to.

DESTINY

And what was that?

SCIENTIST

To know myself as recognized, recognized and respected in this world.

DESTINY

And loved?

SCIENTIST

just stares

p. 6 Fedelman is the PR firm Edelman. See story Edelman.

p. 7 Walruses: see story Attenborough. 11 Days of wine and roses? Prior to Pink Panther, by Blake Edwards (1962) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Days_of_Wine_and_Roses_\(film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Days_of_Wine_and_Roses_(film))

p. 11+ Oscar Wilde. None of the characters are quite that witty.

p. 12 Beltway Times = Washington Times (owned by The Unification Church)

The Morning Mail = The London Daily Mail (see story Attenborough)

More Stately Mansions The Writer studied O'Neill, covered the first performance of this play.

p. 13 See story Michaels, a climate denier, critique of the film The Day After Tomorrow (2004).

This film did appear to affect public opinion, Big Oil did freak out. In his review of the film, Roger Ebert did call it "profoundly silly." See story SHREK2

WRITER

Actually it was the minor in film studies. They needed counter programming to deal with The Long Day After Tomorrow.

DESTINY

Profoundly silly.

WRITER

Ebert, yea, always on the mark. But impactful. Came in second on a long holiday weekend right behind Shreak 2, of all things.

p. 14 RightBart = Breitbart.

p. 18-19 Stewt (Newt was error), Bitt, Mancy, Gingroch, Delosy, Strucker =
Newt Gingrich (Gingroch), Mitt Romney, Nancy Pelosi (Delosy) and Tucker.
See story Newt and Nancy, p. 7, 2008

p. 21 EVs, see story EV

p. 21 Lester Burnham, played by Kevin Spacey in American Beauty (2012) about to spiral into a midlife crisis.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IILK05mtQGA&ab_channel=jof81

DESTINY

Nice to know that you can still surprise yourself.

SENATOR

Watch it. I'm no Lester Burnham.

p. 22 Autobiographical link to VO intro with early photos. Yes I was the prez of the JrHS student council and we did get chocolate milk into the cafeteria, against considerable administrative push-back I might add.

DESTINY

You were president of the junior high school student council.

SCIENTIST

We got chocolate milk onto the cafeteria menu.

p. 25 Flacks <https://matthewsonmarketing.com/marketingspeak-why-are-pr-people-called-flacks/>

p. 26 Gold Bars. See story Menendez

p. 26 Bounded Rationality https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bounded_rationality

p. 30 Spooky action at a distance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mQgA4uftyVo>

SCIENTIST

So, across time and distance.

DESTINY

Like those photons.

SCIENTIST

Einstein called it "spooky action at a distance."

DESTINY

That works.

p. 34 Hemingway House: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ernest_Hemingway_House
Key West Lighthouse (across street from Home): https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Key_West_Lighthouse

p. 34 See story Conveyor (this was also the premise in The Day After Tomorrow)

DESTINY
Time was running out.

SCIENTIST
It had been five years since the North Atlantic current stalled.

DESTINY
Some chaos brewing.

p. 36 Hemingway quote: <https://www.oreilly.com/radar/gradually-then-suddenly>
It's actually "Gradually, then suddenly." I added the & to differentiate (unnecessary) and for typographical design purposes.
Refers to "tipping points" in climate, see story Tipping
Refers to the "doomsday glacier" see story Thwaites

SCIENTIST
The Event.

DESTINY
The Event. It arrived . . .

SCIENTIST
Gradually and then suddenly.

p. 36 Refers to Social Constructionism, which is antithetical to the concept of human nature.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Social_constructionism

SCIENTIST
If it was all inevitable, given human nature.

DESTINY
Oh dear, there is no such thing as human nature. Reality is socially constructed. Humans can make anything of it they so choose. If you just look around, it's obvious.