

(SCENE 6) Let's be Frank© by Alan Moore

EXT. Golf Course -- DAY

On the fifteenth hole, RODERICK lines up for the long putt. It's 20-25 feet to the cup. His Caddie, 13 year-old FRANK, squats behind him sizing up the line. The ball rolls and then...*plinks* into the cup. Roderick celebrates.

RODERICK

Finally!

FRANK

Well, if that ain't that the whipped cream on a pile of poop.

RODERICK

Excuse me? That was a long putt. I *sank* that for par!

FRANK

It's a double bogey. Off the tee you splashed down in the water hazard, took the penalty drop and whiffed one in the sand trap. That's seven. Write down par if you want, but it's a double bogey.

FRANK, the 13 year-old caddie, plops the flag into the hole as they exit the gree. Frank carries the clubs for RODERICK, a crap golfer who has no business on the course but there he is lining up to tee off... duffing his way miserably through 18 holes. Frank is quick-witted and scathing in his criticism. Roderick swings wildly, tops the ball. It lands four feet away.

RODERICK

Ugh. Mulligan.

Roderick pulls another ball out of his pocket, places it on the tee. He warms up for a re-do, slowly lining the club to the ball. He swings. The situation isn't much better.

FRANK

It's all in your head, you know.

Roderick hands the driving club to Frank, who slides it in the bag over his shoulder. He notices the cheap make of the clubs.

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RODERICK

Thanks. You do understand that
golf is a mental game?

FRANK

Yeah. You're just thinking too
much. At least you don't believe
expensive clubs are the answer to
your problem. These are pawn shop
specials. Right?

RODERICK

My problem? Ok Caddie, what's my
problem?

Frank carries the bag as they walk toward the ball to set up for
the second shot.

FRANK

Your problem is you're standing
too close to the ball.

Roderick nods and accepts the tip as a valid point then... as he
walks ahead.

FRANK

That is... you're too close *after*
you hit the ball.

RODERICK

What?

FRANK

It's just a Caddie joke. Look,
you're swimming around in your
noggin too much.

Roderick lines up to the ball on the edge of the fairway and he
takes a slow wind up...

RODERICK

Swimming around? I've been playing
golf since before you were
swimming in your Daddy's --

...and then a big *SWING*. The ball goes hard and to the right.

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RODERICK (CONT)

Ok that's not true. I'm learning
golf. I suck at it.

FRANK

You know what they call it when
the ball goes hard right like
that?

To left is called a hook. To the
right is usually called a slice.
Except what you did is not just a
slice, more like the whole cake.

Roderick storms off to search for his ball in the weeds.

FRANK (CONT)

But if you make the ball go
straight down the fairway, that's
called --

RODERICK

(he is not amused)

A miracle. *Ha-ha*. Can you say
anything nice or constructive?

The two of them are searching for the proverbial needle in the
haystack - the ball hopelessly lost in the weeds.

RODERICK (CONT)

Can you say anything nice or
constructive?

FRANK

It takes a lot balls to play golf
like you do.

FADE TO BLACK