



THE RAT KING (TALES OF THE INCANDESCENT ILLUMINATION NUMBER
THIRTEEN)

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A crazy old man and a frivolous young boy go on a cartoon-like-
occult adventure in search of a mythological creature of urban
folklore.

EXT. RAINY LONDON CITY STREETS - NIGHT

We see empty streets. There's no cars because it's the early 1700's.

From above, we see an elderly man in a trench coat carrying a lantern, he's ABRAHAM.

We see up closer now and see the person at his side walking with him is a young boy, BRIAN, a ginger, around age 13. He's in a heavy coat as well.

Abraham spits into the rain.

Then we see Brian make a disgusted face about that and then he shivers.

We watch them continue down the rainy street side by side.

ABRAHAM

The legend of the Rat King!

We see Abraham grin through the rain.

Brian looks up at him.

ABRAHAM (CONT'D)

The better part o' me life I've spent on ... perfectin' understandin' of its habits, it's ... likelihoods, even though it has all likelihoods. I know!

BRIAN

You've got it down to an alchemic science!

ABRAHAM

That's right me lad, that's right, your old pal Abraham, and that's it! Nobody else!

BRIAN

But did it have to be in the rain?

ABRAHAM

Yes it had to be in the rain.

BRIAN

Of course it did.

Now we see them from far away, the whole stretch of street in the rain behind them.

Now we're back up with them and we watch Abraham struggle to light a match in the rainy wind. Then it won't light and he notices his cigar is soaked too so he tosses them both into the road bitterly.

Brian rolls his eyes.

EXT. CATHEDRAL - MOMENTS LATER

Abraham and Brian stand outside of the cathedral as the rain pours down on them.

BRIAN
This is it?

ABRAHAM
Uhh ... no not quite. It's a rat so
...

Brian nodding,

INT. SECRET PASSAGE - MOMENTS LATER

Abraham and Brian are climbing down off of a small ladder and drop down into a dark stone stairwell.

They gaze down it.

ABRAHAM
This old church had its own septic system, separate and alone from the rest of the city.

BRIAN
And the Rat King is down here. Well that's great. I love old sewage.

They start walking down the dark tunnel, lit dimly only by Abraham's lantern.

BRIAN (CONT'D)
Is this gonna turn out like that time you tried building a Time Machine?

ABRAHAM
No, it's not, this one's a certain!

BRIAN
Certain to get us laughed at more than usual when we show back up in town soaked in sewage?

ABRAHAM

It won't matter how much sewage we
wanna be soaked in, once we find
the Rat King.

BRIAN

Whys that again? Is it gonna make
me rich so I don't have to grow up
and get a job and stuff?

ABRAHAM

The Rat King ... is said by legend
to form only when a whole
collection of rats end up with
their tails caught in a knot
together!

Brian sighs to himself.

BRIAN

(to himself)

Why do I come with you on these
wild adventures, old man?

ABRAHAM (CONT'D)

All of the separate rats, tug and
struggle, pulling at the center of
the knot, and thus each other ...
like a horrible game of tug of war
against an entire group of others,
where one's own body part is the
rope!

There's silence for a moment.

ABRAHAM (CONT'D)

What's the matter lad, you scared?

BRIAN

No. I'm waiting for you to continue
the story.

ABRAHAM

(clears his throat)

Oh ... right yes ... where was I?

BRIAN

You can't see me rolling my eyes
right now, Abraham kuz it's so dark
down here, but I want you to know
... I'm rollin' em.

ABRAHAM

(clears his throat again
louder)

May I continue? Over time as the rats pull and tug and yank and suffer there together, knotted at the middle hopelessly, their awareness begins to fade, thanks to the application of the deaths of their hopes and egos. Their very individuality dissolves, it slips away but the rats keep moving. Their focus is somewhere else now. They aren't just rats anymore.

BRIAN

Creepy.

ABRAHAM

Their bodies are smaller parts now of something much bigger.

BRIAN

A desire to get un-knotted?

ABRAHAM

Exactly me lad! Haha! See, once the rats lose themselves to the pain of the struggle of the circumstance they're in, their souls and minds and energy doesn't just vanish, lad!

BRIAN

Right, kuz nothing vanishes it just changes right?

ABRAHAM

Right again good lad! That's why I let you tag along with me! Haha!

BRIAN

(to himself)

I thought it was because you were so lonely and despised by everyone else in the city.

ABRAHAM

(rhetorical)

So where does all that energy and consciousness go when the rats' souls give up?

BRIAN
I don't know, where?

ABRAHAM
They swarm around and form
together!

ABRAHAM (CONT'D)
They collect agreeably as a new
hive mind entity above the knot and
assume responsibility for each and
every rat as one, The Rat King! It
sees through the eyes of all the
rats at once!

BRIAN
Again, that's creepy.

ABRAHAM
And according to the legend, once
it reaches a truly adept level of
meditative skill ... well, then it
becomes aware of the eyes of every
rat connected to every Rat King
formation throughout all of time
and space!

BRIAN
That's a lot to wrap your head
around, honestly. And mostly sounds
crazy too, Abraham.

ABRAHAM
Brian me lad you aughta know that
your old pal Abraham knows what
he's talkin' about, when he's
talkin' about it!

BRIAN
I mean, that's a valid statement
for anyone talking about anything,
kinda.

INT. SEWER RAT LAIR - MOMENTS LATER

Abraham and Brian emerge into a sewer.

BRIAN
Yuck!

Abraham sniffs the air like a dog.

ABRAHAM
I can smell it, we're close.

BRIAN
(standing looking
puzzled)
You can ... smell it?

They walk through the sewer-way.

We see RATS scurrying around at Abraham and Brian's feet as they walk.

BRIAN (CONT'D)
I smell it too now. They're everywhere.

ABRAHAM
Sshh, don't let 'em hear your thoughts.

BRIAN
Can they?

ABRAHAM
Everything can one way or another, we don't want any of em conveyin' the point of our little visit to the Rat King.

BRIAN
Would they do that? Do they all serve him or something?

ABRAHAM
No no it's not like that. It's just that he might happen to catch on through them, don't you remember the legend's details lad, keep up!

Brian shrugs. Then he almost steps on a rat's tail but catches his footing and we see him standing on one leg. He blushes and chuckles.

EXT. RAINY LONDON CITY STREETS - NIGHT

We see the city in the rain. Some nice shots.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. THE RAT KING'S LAIR - NIGHT

WE START AT THE KNOT. IT LOOKS LIKE A BIG BRAIN MADE OF HAIRY RAT TAIL FLESH,

THEN WE PAN AROUND UP AND DOWN THE VARIOUS STRANDS OF INTERWOVEN RAT TAILS AND SEE THE VARIOUS RATS' BODIES THAT LAY AROUND IN ZOMBIE-LIKE TRANCE STATE ON THE STONE FLOOR.

BRIAN

It's like a giant net of rats!

ABRAHAM

No, it's the Rat King!

NOW IN THE CENTER OF THE RAT MESH WE SEE THE RAT KING FORM OUT OF MYSTICAL GREEN AND PURPLE SMOKE THAT RISES FROM THE KNOT!

BRIAN

Wooooooww!!

The RAT KING floats in the air before us, translucent, its a giant rat with a goatee and earrings and it has a kings crown on it's head and holds a big translucent scepter with a crystal ball at the end. It sits cross legged hovering above it's tail which snakes down below it into the mesh of tangled tail knot.

ABRAHAM

(looking smug)

Beautiful, ain't she.

RAT KING

I am not a she. I am a they. I am Rat King, and yes I did hear you talking in the sewer before about not letting me know about something.

Abraham looks embarrassed with his mouth hanging open, goes to speak and has nothing but a stutter.

RAT KING (CONT'D)

You see, had you not talked about all that, I never would have known.

Rat King laughs.

RAT KING (CONT'D)

In warning your young friend to keep silent you blabbed and warned me along with him!

Abraham goes to speak again but he's interrupted by the Rat King who starts laughing hysterically, we also see Brian snickering at Abraham.

RAT KING (CONT'D)
Amusing. Very amusing humans. I love it.

RAT KING (CONT'D)
(stern and harsh now)
And what of this intent of your adventure!?

ABRAHAM
I ... I ...

BRIAN
Yeah, Abraham, what was your plan anyway? I never really was sure what finding this thing would exactly do for us?

ABRAHAM
(shrugs and sighs)
Honestly, I didn't believe the legend myself ... you know I'm a crazy old man, Brian ... I never really had a plan exactly umm ... but regardless, we're here now so ...

ABRAHAM (CONT'D)
(pointing a finger now triumphantly at the rat king)
... grant us our wishes!

BRIAN
(palming his own forehead sighing)
Oh my god.

The Rat King laughs hysterically again.

RAT KING
Okay, you silly little humans I have an idea! I will grant your wishes!

ABRAHAM
(clapping giddily)
Eeek I new it!

BRIAN

What does that mean exactly?

ABRAHAM

Yeah, how are you gonna grant our wishes? Your just some ... some ... paranormal rat hive mind entity, after all!

Rat King laughs hysterically yet again.

Then we see him smile devilishly.

BRIAN

I have a bad feeling about that grin of his, Abraham.

Abraham looks back and forth at the Rat King and Brian and stutters some more.

RAT KING

(multi-voiced echo)

Join me!

RAT TAILS COME SWOOPING OUT OF THE RAT TAIL MESH!

Abraham and Brian scream and run for the tunnel they entered the room through but,

The tails catch them and wrap around them and lift them into the air!

They both scream as they're carried through the air by the coiled tails.

Rat King laughs and laughs.

Abraham and Brian are dragged into the nest as they bicker,

BRIAN

I should have listened to my parents when they said not to hang around you, Abraham! This is exactly the kind of thing they told me would end up happening!

ABRAHAM

There is no way that they said anything to you about anything remotely like this and you know it!

We see the Rat King laughing hysterically again.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. 2023 CHICAGO - DAY

We see bustling city streets.

Tall buildings.

And a RAT, looking at its own paws like it's never scene them before, standing amidst a busy sidewalk.

Then the RAT looks around at all the modern features. It's eyes are wide.

ABRAHAM RAT

The future!

A WOMAN screams!

WOMAN

Rat!

And starts stomping around at Abraham!

Abraham starts running and other people join in the stomping!

We watch him run through the crowded Chicago sidewalk, feet chasing him as he dodges along!

He scurries up a gutter and we see him come out the other end and onto the top of an apartment building.

He catches his breath and then his eyes widen as he peers out over the vastness from this new high vantage point.

ABRAHAM RAT

Un ... believable.

Then we see him look back and forth excitedly.

Then he scurries off toward the doorway to the stairwell and under the door crack and we then PAN back slowly to the edge of the building where we see a PEST CONTROL TRUCK pull up.

INT. STAIRWELLS - DAY

Abraham is hopping down each step.

ABRAHAM RAT

I wonder where Brian is. Oh well, I can tell him and everybody else all about this when I get back.

He sees a WOMAN with a bag of groceries and the smell wafts over to him as she's putting her key into her apartment door.

ABRAHAM RAT (CONT'D)
My god what an aroma!

He scurries after her inside. She closes the door.

INT. CAGE IN A PET STORE - DAY

BRIAN RAT wakes up after we watch him snoring.

He looks around and there's other RATS in the cage with him, running on wheels, eating, sleeping, rat stuff.

BRIAN RAT
This ... is ... weird.

He slowly crawls around looking at the other rats. He waves a paw at a few of them. They don't respond. They just look at him, then look back to what they're doing.

BRIAN RAT (CONT'D)
How ... is this granting any wish?!

A RAT nearby who's MUNCHING away on rat food looks at him and says,

RAT MUNCHING
Hey bud, life's short, enjoy the small things, alright?

He goes back to his munching.

Brian looks at the camera and shrugs.

INT. APARTMENT - DAY

Abraham Rat is looking around enjoying taking in the sights of the modern Chicago woman's apartment building. He's staying out of her sight under her kitchen table.

We watch the woman putting her groceries away.

We see Abraham's mouth water and eyes glisten wide.

The woman seems to be making a fuss about hurrying putting things away.

Abraham stays under the table watching.

The woman checks her phone for the time after she puts the last box of cereal in a cabinet.

She seems to rush out the door now.

Abraham smiles ear to ear.

Then we see him on top of the counter.

He climbs up the side of a roll of paper towels and,

Stands on top of it reaching for the cabinet doors and grabs them with his little rat claws and swings them open.

He hangs from the door as it swings.

ABRAHAM RAT

Wooooooh!

The door swings back but does not close all the way, Abraham swings himself up and leaps into the cabinet.

We see him from inside the cabinet smiling ear to ear again with glistening wide eyes.

Then we see him jump down onto the counter with his arms full of snacks.

He walks smiling with them to the side of a toaster and leans up against it and starts eating some chips and cookies.

ABRAHAM RAT (CONT'D)

(mouth full)

Oh my god it's so good! It's so good! Oh my god!

INT. STAIRWELLS - SAME TIME

We see the PEST CONTROL PEOPLE setting up to fumigate.

They set up all over the place. They also knock on all the doors and introduce themselves to let everyone know they're there and to get out.

INT. APARTMENT - DAY

We hear the knock and pest control guy's intro

PEST CONTROL (V.O.)

Fumigators, evacuate if you've yet to do so, than you.

,as we see Abraham still stuffing his face.

Abraham looks at the door but then brushes it off and continues eating.

He munches away.

Then we see as he eats, there's a GREEN SMOG coming from under the front door crack.

Abraham doesn't notice the smog.

He keeps eating,

As the green smog fills the room.

Then as he's chewing,

We see him start to sniff hard and get dizzy.

He looks around the room at the GREEN SMOG that's now filling it. He drops the piece of cheese that's in his hand.

ABRAHAM RAT
What sorcery is this!?

INT. STAIRWELLS - MOMENTS LATER

Abraham Rat is struggling and stumbling down each step. He's breathing heavy and the whole place is filled with the GREEN SMOG!

He collapses on his back! He keeps breathing heavy.

Then he struggles himself up.

He continues on as he was.

Struggling down each step. Panting, stumbling.

ABRAHAM RAT
Dear god!

INT. APARTMENT BUILDING ENTRANCE FLOOR - MOMENTS LATER

A door bursts open and floods the room with the green smog! Then we see Abraham Rat emerge from the shadows of the smog. He is breathing very heavy.

His eyes widen as we see,

The entrance to the building, his exit.

He darts for it like he's completely renewed, smiling and laughing triumphantly.

He gets to the revolving front door glass and enters.

He gets frightened as he gets trapped in it running in circles. It fills with green smog.

EXT. APARTMENT BUILDING ENTRANCE FLOOR - SAME TIME - DAY

We see the front door spewing out green smog as it spins and spins and we hear Abraham yelling.

We see people in the streets looking at the door spin and smog spill out and they point and gasp and take out phones to film it.

Then we see Abraham Rat run out the front door yelling scared as a young man films him with his phone in excited awe.

EXT. 2023 CHICAGO - DAY

Abraham Rat is running down the street again. Then he stops and catches his breath.

ABRAHAM RAT

What ... in god's name ... was that!?

ABRAHAM RAT (CONT'D)

That woman lives there!?

Then he looks up and sees that he's standing by a FAST FOOD RESTAURANT.

He sniffs the air and smiles again.

He climbs up the side of a dumpster and falls in.

As he gets up and shakes his head, he looks around and smiles ear to ear again because the dumpster is full of hamburgers and French fries.

He dives around in the dumpster as he stuffs his face.

Then we see him laying on his back merrily as he continues to stuff his face, eyes closed and grinning as he chews.

THEN WE SEE THE GARBAGE MAN PULL UP.

As Abraham continues eating merrily, the dumpster starts to shake,

Abraham is stirred from his merriment. He sits up.

HE SCREAMS AS WE SEE THE DUMPSTER BEING LIFTED OVER THE BACK OF THE TRUCK AND TILTED OVER, ALL THE GARBAGE AND ABRAHAM RAT ALL POURING INTO THE TRUCK.

The truck sets the dumpster back down.

The truck drives away.

INT. THE GARBAGE TRUCK - DAY

Abraham Rat's dirty head emerges from the garbage pile. He does not look happy. Garbage, bouncing around him as the loud truck's engine hums.

Then we see him climbing to the edge of the truck, paws up first, then lifting his head up. And he's startled when he sees that he's in a large vehicle,

RAPIDLY DRIVING LEAVING THE STREET FAST AND FAR BEHIND US.

Abraham screams again and dives back into the garbage pile.

He's trembling in the garbage.

Then he's jerked upward and forward with a bunch of garbage because,

EXT. GAS STATION - DAY

The truck stops at a gas station.

The DRIVER hops out and spits on the ground and,

Goes inside the gas station.

We see Abraham Rat poke his head out of the back of the garbage truck again now, he smiles and then scuffles himself up, but then looks back at something, reaches down, grabs it, it's a half eaten doughnut, he puts it in his mouth and jumps down out of the truck.

We see Abraham walking away from the truck merrily eating the doughnut.

INT. CAGE IN A PET STORE - DAY

Brian Rat is pressed up against the side of the cage, he's looking around at,

A ROW OF FISH TANKS FULL OF FISH.

BRIAN RAT

What ... on earth ... kind of farm
is this!?

The RAT who spoke to him from before puts his hand on his
shoulder appearing now.

RAT MUNCHING

(but not munching now)

It's not a farm, brother, it's a
pet store.

BRIAN RAT

A ... *pet store*?

RAT MUNCHING

Yeah a pet store. Ya know, it's
where people like, take their kids
to pick out a doggy or a kitty to
take home and wuv and care for and
snuggle in bed at night, ya know?

RAT MUNCHING (CONT'D)

And in the meantime they feed us
and give us toys and we sit around,
livin' the good life.

Brian Rat starts to look like a light bulb went off in his
head.

BRIAN RAT

My wish ... is granted.

EXT. GAS STATION - EVENING

A TAXI DRIVER carrying a box of gas station chili cheese
fries walks out of the gas station.

We see the box up close and Abraham Rat pokes his head out,
he's covered in chili and cheese and grinning and chewing.

The taxi driver gets into his taxi.

INT. TAXI - EVENING

The taxi driver is driving and humming along to the radio.
We see the box of fries in the seat next to him. We see
Abraham Rat inside of it, enjoying the fries.

THEN FROM ABRAHAM'S PERSPECTIVE WE SEE THE DRIVER'S HUGE HAND REACH FOR A HANDFUL OF FRIES AND ALMOST SCOOP UP ABRAHAM WITH IT!

The driver puts the handful of fries in his mouth and chews.

Abraham gets scared and hops out.

We watch him crawl sneakily down the side of the seat, still munching on a fry.

He climbs up onto the backseat, still munching on a fry.

We watch the driver grab another fistful and eat.

ABRAHAM RAT

Man, I wish I was a human in this amazing period of time and not a rat.

Then the car pulls over and,

Abraham hides on the floor, not very well either.

A GIRL, mid twenties with done up nails and makeup, gets into the cab.

We see Abraham looking up thru his fingers with his hands over his head.

The cab takes off and Abraham notices how attractive the young woman is.

He stands up and winks at her.

ABRAHAM RAT (CONT'D)

Ahem ... uh ... hey, baby.

She looks down and sees the rat and screams.

CAB DRIVER

What!? What!? What is it!?

GIRL

A rat! There's a rat in your car!

CAB DRIVER

A rat!? No ... no rat! Could not be rat!

ABRAHAM RAT

(laughing lethargically)
Oh boy, I am indeed a rat.

The cab driver looks down behind the seat to the floor and sees the rat.

GIRL
 (pointing at Abraham)
 See!?! Pull over, you need to get
 your cab freakin' fumigated or
 something before you should be
 driving anyone anywhere!

CAB DRIVER
 That rat talked!

GIRL
 I know I heard it that makes it
 even worse!

CAB DRIVER
 How!?! It's like that Warner
 brothers episode with the singing
 frog! We're gonna be rich and
 famous!

As the girl stomps around trying to kill Abraham and the cab driver sings *'Hello my baby, Hello My honey, hello my ragtime gal!...'*

Abraham runs in circles on the floor screaming.

EXT. 2023 CHICAGO - NIGHT

The cab screeches to a stop and the door swings open. We hear the GIRL still SCREAMING and CAB DRIVER still SINGING as Abraham Rat leaps out of the cab and runs off down the street.

We see him running and panting and looking behind himself.

ABRAHAM RAT
 Note to self, stay away from those
 big mechanical horseless carts!

He continues running and panting down the sidewalk.

INT. CAGE IN A PET STORE - DAY

Brian Rat is sitting with the other rats and stuffing his face.

INT. CAGE IN A PET STORE - DAY

Brian Rat is exercising on the rat wheel.

INT. CAGE IN A PET STORE - DAY

Brian Rat is sleeping and snoring in a pile with the other rats.

INT. CAGE IN A PET STORE - DAY

Brian Rat is stuffing his face again with the other rats.

BRIAN RAT
Yeah ... this is the life.

He shoves another huge bite of rat food into his mouth and grins and chews with his eyes shut merrily.

EXT. 2023 CHICAGO - NIGHT

Abraham Rat is still running and panting. He's dodging people's footsteps on the busy sidewalk.

THEN A DOG RUNS OUT AT HIM FROM AN ALLEYWAY BARKING AND CHASING HIM! HE LOOKS BACK AT IT AND SCREAMS AND RUNS EVEN FASTER.

ABRAHAM RAT
Well I know what that is!

Pedestrians watch the BARKING dog chase the rat down the sidewalk.

INT. CAGE IN A PET STORE - DAY

BRIAN RAT IS EATING WHEN A HUGE SHADOW IN THE SHAPE OF A HAND COVERS HIM!

RAT MUNCHING
(munching again)
Well, looks like it's your time.

Brian Rat looks up at the HAND above them.

BRIAN RAT
(munching and smiling)
To get taken to a kid's house to be a pet and get snuggled in bed?

RAT MUNCHING and another RAT both look at each other then back at Brian Rat and start to chuckle.

BRIAN RAT (CONT'D)
... what? What is it?

EXT. 2023 CHICAGO - NIGHT

Abraham Rat is still running from the barking dog.

ABRAHAM RAT
I hate this! I hate this! I hate
this! I hate this!

The dog is catching up to him!

He looks over his shoulder and sees how close it is and turns back around and screams and puts his head down and tries to sprint harder and faster and then,

The dog's teeth CHOMP directly at the camera as Abraham slips downward out of site!

Then we see the dog looking back and forth confused standing over top of a sewer grate.

The dog barks into the sewer grate.

INT. THE SEWERS OF CHICAGO - NIGHT

Abraham Rat drops down from above screaming and lands with a splash in a rush of flowing sewer water!

We watch him struggle not to get any in his mouth for a moment as he is carried helplessly along splashing about.

We watch him be carried away down the sewer as his screaming grows more and more distant.

FADE TO:

INT. CHICAGO RAT KING'S LAIR - LATER

Abraham Rat is spat out of a pipe flowing forth with sewer water and lands directly in front of the CHICAGO RAT KING who is already laughing hysterically.

Abraham gets up and shakes off sewer water from his soaked fur. Then he looks up at the CHICAGO RAT KING.

CHICAGO RAT KING is in a tie-dye hoodie and has a baseball hat on that says *Chicago*. He wears aviator sunglasses.

CHICAGO RAT KING
Yoooo! You havin' fun, bro?

ABRAHAM RAT
Huh?

CHICAGO RAT KING
Bro, much love, I been watchin'
you! Well, watchin' through you.

ABRAHAM RAT
Are you connected psychically to
the other Rat King from my time
too?

CHICAGO RAT KING
Heeeelllllll yeah! He's my boy! We
tight, like a knot, Literally. Ha!

ABRAHAM RAT
(shyly ringing out his
fur like it was a wet
dress)
Could um ... I um ...

CHICAGO RAT KING
You go home? Yeah I gotchu dog!

ABRAHAM RAT
Dog!?

Chicago Rat King bursts into hysterical laughter again as
Abraham Rat looks around for the dog, scared.

INT. PET STORE - DAY

The HAND is carrying Brian Rat through the pet store.

Brian Rat is looking up at the MAN attached to the hand and
has dewy, hopeful eyes.

BRIAN RAT
Are ... are you my new daddy?

Then we round the corner and see

SNAKE CAGE, LIZARD CAGE, WE'RE IN THE REPTILE SECTION. WE'RE
A FEEDER RAT!

Brian starts screaming and struggling!

BRIAN RAT (CONT'D)
No no no no! What's going on!? No
no no no!

INT. CHICAGO RAT KING'S LAIR - NIGHT

Abraham Rat is meditating and levitating with the Chicago
Rat King.

CHICAGO RAT KING
Nice , right bro?

ABRAHAM RAT
So peaceful, oh my god!

CHICAGO RAT KING
When you open your eyes, you'll be
back home.

ABRAHAM RAT
Thanks so much bro, seriously,
you're so chill.

CHICAGO RAT KING
Hahaha, thanks I know. Oh this is
how time travel really works by the
way, it isn't physical, you can't
be in two places at once, it's just
perceptual.

ABRAHAM RAT
I feel that now, I do. Thanks.
Meditation really helps ya see
clearly. Thanks for that too, man.

CHICAGO RAT KING
Don't forget to set time aside for
yourself everyday to do this kinda
thing, okay bro?

ABRAHAM RAT
I won't, I promise. Thanks for
everything you taught me, Chicago
Rat King of the future.

CHICAGO RAT KING
Anytime, bro, beyond welcomed.

ABRAHAM RAT
Appreciate ya, bro. Much love.

CHICAGO RAT KING
Mood.

They fist bump with their eyes still closed. Then Abraham
opens his eyes and,

INT. THE RAT KING'S LAIR - NIGHT

The Rat King is laughing hysterically.

RAT KING
Well, did you have fun Abraham?

ABRAHAM

You should know. You saw the whole thing, right?

RAT KING

Oh! You've clearly learned a lot!

Abraham looks around with an eyebrow raised,

ABRAHAM

The future was truly amazing, I thank you, uh, again. Um, where is my young friend who was with me?

RAT KING

Don't uh ... don't worry about him, okay?

ABRAHAM

Huuuhhh??

INT. PET STORE - DAY

The HAND dangles Brian Rat over an open, hissing, SNAKE'S MOUTH!

BRIAN RAT

God no god no god no god no god
no!!

WE'RE DROPPED WITH BRIAN RAT INTO THE SNAKE'S GAPING OPEN JAWS!

We watch the STORE ATTENDANT walk away as we see the snake happily chewing inside the cage.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. RAINY LONDON CITY STREETS - NIGHT

We hear the Rat Kings both laughing maniacally as we see the city still empty and rainy.

Then we see old fashioned street lamps flickering as rain continues to fall.

INT. THE RAT KING'S LAIR - NIGHT

Brian wakes up on the floor screaming for his life.

Rat King, Abraham, and Chicago Rat King are all there and turn from their levitating game of Jhenga to look at Brian.

CHICAGO RAT KING

Bro! What is your deal!? Chill!

ABRAHAM

Yeah stop screaming, Brian, you're
gonna make the tower fall down!

Rat King laughs hysterically and the tower falls to pieces
but the pieces continue to levitate around with them.

Then we see Brian, still on the floor but sitting up now,
looks pissed.

END.