

SOMEBODY OR NOBODY
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(Inspired by the Abbot and Costello "Who's on First" Skit)
(Still a work in progress)

"Man, would you look at this, Nobody cleaned this up."
"You mean somebody, look at it, how could it look the way it does, if nobody did it?"
"Nobody did do it, look, you can tell."
"Nobody does anything around here; Somebody must have done this I tell you."
"Somebody can't think for himself to do like this, Nobody had to have done it, it wouldn't look like this if Somebody did it. Trust me."
"Well fine, if Nobody did it, Somebody had to have seen it."
"Somebody wasn't even here, that's why Nobody got away with it."
"So if Somebody was here, Nobody wouldn't have done this?"
"Nobody wouldn't have been here if Somebody was here."
"So you are thinking, if Somebody was here, Nobody would have been stopped?"
"No, if Somebody took pride in their work, Nobody wouldn't be behind this."
"I still say Somebody is behind this."
"Well, I still say Nobody's at fault."
"I say Somebody has to pay the price, this can't go ignored."
"Agreed, but why should Somebody pay if it's Nobody's fault?"
"Mistakes just don't happen on their own, Somebody must pay for this."
"But if Nobody was here, then why should Somebody take the fall? We just established Nobody was present?"
"Cause I told you, if Somebody was here, it is next to impossible for Nobody to be here."
He took another look at the mess they were arguing over "This does look like Nobody's mistake though. Hmm, maybe it was Nobody. At second glance, this does look like Nobody can be behind it. Where was Somebody when it happened then?"
"Ok, we finally agree, but how come Somebody didn't say something when it happened if Nobody was behind it?"
"Beats me, I wasn't here, why don't you go ask Somebody."
"Why would I ask Somebody if Nobody did it? Are you saying Somebody..."
"No, but Somebody's here today and maybe remembers."
"Well I tell ya, Somebody better know what Nobody did last night. I want answers."
"Agreed, but you know, whenever you ask Somebody who did something wrong, Somebody always blames Nobody. Do you notice that, Somebody always puts the blame on Nobody."
"Hmm, maybe Nobody screws everything up and Somebody didn't actually do it. Nobody makes all the mistakes, is that what you're getting at?"
"I guess, so Nobody gets away with murder."
"I thought Somebody always gets caught though."
"Hmm, ok, give me a minute, I'll check out some sources." Minutes passed before he returns to share what he has recently learned, "Ok, I know now, Somebody did it. But Nobody's confessed."
"Well, if Nobody confessed, why would you say Somebody did it?"
"Well my source says he knew Somebody was here last night while Nobody was home."
"Ok, but Nobody confessed to Somebody's mistake. Why would Nobody do that?"

"Nobody steps up and takes the blame while Somebody gets away with the crime."

"We'll tell Nobody we know Somebody did it, and hopefully apply pressure to Somebody to come out and confess, with Nobody out of the picture, Somebody will have to come out."

"That won't work, Nobody won't fall for that, Nobody will know what we're up to and inform Somebody."

"Well, I give up then, get Nobody and Somebody together now for a meeting, we'll settle this once and for all. Wait, who is your source?"

"Oh, it's Anybody."

"Anybody saw Somebody there?"

"No, Anybody can vouch for Nobody's whereabouts."

"But Anybody could know if Somebody was there right?"

"Somebody was here, not Anybody."

"I know, but I was thinking since Anybody knew about Nobody, maybe Anybody saw Somebody do this."

"Ok, let's sort this out, to clarify things. Somebody was here, that's a fact, Nobody was to be seen and Anybody can vouch for that."

"Did it ever pass your mind that maybe Anybody is setting up Somebody and Nobody's the real culprit."

"Hey, don't bring Anybody into this. Anybody's the source to this dilemma. Somebody did this ok. No whereabouts of Nobody and Anybody was positive on that. In fact, instead of asking Anybody, you should get Everybody in on this."

"Everybody, why? Does Everybody know what's going on?"

"Should, it was Everybody that saw Somebody here last night."

"Alright then, get Somebody in here now."

"I haven't seen Somebody all day. Who would know where Somebody is?"

"Hmm, heck, just ask Everybody. I think I saw Everybody just walking around."

"I'll ask over the com." He pulled out the radio and spoke into it, "Has Everybody seen Somebody, repeat, has Everybody seen Somebody?"

"Hmm, no luck, try again."

"Ok," he spoke into the com again, "has Everybody seen Somebody around? Repeat, has Everybody seen Somebody or hell, even Anybody for that matter?"

Voice over the radio, "I think Nobody knows sir."

"Thanks, over." He put the radio away, "ok, so, Nobody knows if Anybody's seen Somebody."

"Well, that clears everything up. So let's call Nobody and get some answers, do you know the number?"

"Yeah, I'll call, hold on."

"Well, nobodies home."

"Good, what's Nobody saying?"

"No, no, nobodies home."

"Yes, I gathered that, what's Nobody saying? Did Nobody know about Anybody?"

"Nobody was home."

"Exactly where we thought Nobody was, and?"

"Nothing."

"What do you mean nothing, Nobody doesn't know?"

"I told you nobody was home."

“Ok, Nobody was home, and what did you find out?”
“You’re not getting it, let me make myself clear for you, nobody was home.”
“I’m hearing you crystal clear, Nobody was home, now, answer my question, what did you find out about Anybody?”
“I couldn’t find anything out about Anybody cause nobody was home.”
“How could you get nothing about Anybody if Nobody was home. I want to talk to Nobody personally. Give me the phone.”
“You can’t talk to Nobody about this.”
“Sure I can, Nobody’s going to tell me what happened here.”
“You’re absolutely right, Nobody would tell you what happened if Nobody was home, but nobodies at home right now.”
“How can I not talk to Nobody if Nobody’s home? We need to find out what happened to Anybody and if Nobody’s home, I would like to know what Nobody has to say.”
“But nobodies home, so we’ll have to try later.”
“Why would we try later if Nobody’s home now, maybe Nobody will go out and we won’t be able to find out about Anybody until it’s too late?”
“Listen to me, nobody is home right now. So forget that idea ok.”
“Ok fine, forget it, let’s get back to the source for now, so, who all knows what happened here?”
“Everybody and Anybody sir.”
“So Everybody knows Somebody was here, and Anybody knows about Nobody’s whereabouts?”
“Yes, but Everybody suspects that Nobody was behind this somehow.”
“So Everybody’s against Nobody, what’s Anybody saying about this?”
“Anybody was with Nobody at the time apparently, so Everybody’s a liar or didn’t see Somebody here and is making it all up.”
“Why would Everybody be against Nobody, doesn’t make sense.”
“Well, why would Anybody be with Nobody, and how does Somebody fit into this?”
“Maybe this is Everybody’s fault, and is trying to pin it on Somebody, but Nobody got in the way. And Anybody is just backing up Nobody.”
“Ok, I think we solved it, Everybody did it, but Somebody was planning to blame Nobody while Anybody could have taken the fall.”

THE END

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