RECURRING ORIGINAL CHARACTER SKETCH

INT. DIMLY LIT RESTAURANT

MAN in his forties or fifties on a date with a younger WOMAN.

MAN

I'm glad to finally go out with you.

WOMAN

This is a lovely restaurant. Do you take all your dates here?

MAN

I've never been here before. One of the associates in my office recommended it.

They open their menus.

WOMAN

It's a little dark in here.

MAN

(holding menu at arm's length)

Too dark. I think I need reading glasses.

A caped SUPER-HERO arrives at the table. His tight shirt says "20-19 V. M."

SUPER-HERO

(taking the man's menu)

Let me help you with that!

MAN

Who are you?

SUPER-HERO

I'm...

OTHER PATRONS

Why, it's 20-19 VISION MAN!

Who?

SUPER-HERO

I'm 20-19 Vision Man. My eyesight is slightly better than everyone else's.

(pause)

I can see things that ordinary people can't.

(opens the menu)

Would you like an appetizer?

MAN

I don't know-

SUPER-HERO

They have a lovely octopus salad. That couple over there...

(indicates far across the restaurant)

seems to be enjoying it.

WOMAN

What else, 20-19 Vision Man?

SUPER-HERO

(looks at menu, then across the room)

The tenderloin looks good. Those people

(indicates a far-away

table)

are having it medium-rare. But there might be too much salt on it.

WOMAN

You can see that from here? I can barely see the table.

SUPER-HERO

I can see everything.

A ROBBER bursts through the door. He's holding a machine gun.

ROBBER

(waving around his gun)

Nobody move.

WOMAN

Super-hero, do something!

MAN

He's only 20-19 Vision Man, what could he possibly do?

SUPER-HERO

Excuse me, mister robber. Did you read the owner's manual for that weapon?

ROBBER

Shut up and hand over your wallets!

SUPER-HERO

Well, did you?

ROBBER

No, the print was too small.

SUPER-HERO

If you'd read the manual you'd know that you shouldn't use bullets with aluminum casings. And I can see from here that you've got the wrong ammunition.

As the robber turns his gun sideways and looks at it, 20-19 Vision Man flings a plate of spaghetti at the robber's face.

The robber drops the weapon and other patrons rush to grab him.

WOMAN

(swooning)

20-19 Vision Man, my hero!

FADE.