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!
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.