GROUNDHOG DOOM

FEATURING THE MEN IN BLACK

BY DAN O'BRIEN
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Sure thing boss... I hate my life.

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Oh relax. Who knows. Maybe it'll be different this year!

Wrong! It's the same boring ritual every year.

Phil and the news crew reach Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. To Phil it is as creepy as always. He bumps into a very weird fan of his TV show who stops him on the street. He discusses his excitement for the ceremony...
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AGENT K AND AGENT J, WHO WERE LISTENING IN ON PHIL'S CONVERSATION, UNLOAD THE WEAPONS FROM THEIR TRUCK AND PLAN FOR TOMORROW'S CEREMONY...

THE NEXT MORNING, PHIL WAKES UP TO HIS HOTEL ALARM

GOOD MORNING PUNXSUTAWNEY AND WELCOME TO A WONDERFUL GROUNDHOG DAY!!!

SHUT UP! I'M AWAKE! PLEASE JUST LET THIS DAY BE OVER!

PHIL, SHOWERS, EATS, AND HEADS OUT TO THE CEREMONY
Good morning everyone. It's your favorite weatherman Phil Collins. For some ungodly reason I have been sent to report from Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, Hickville, USA, homeland of the ritual that is...Groundhog Day! A day when thousands of people freeze their butts off to watch a rat climb out of a hole. Personally, I feel this event perfectly captures just how pathetic the human race can be.

Do you see how close he is to the stage?

He is in perfect position.

The agents find a safe vantage point on a hill above the ceremony...

Alright then. Let's run the flashy thing and get this thing moving.
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Look right here. Thank you.
Phil looks out the window. The people outside are dressed up for Groundhog Day.

Oh my head. Did I drink last night?

Phil, confused and alarmed, goes for a walk.

Wait a second! Did he say Groundhog Day?

I must have heard wrong.

It can't be! It's just can't be. Keep it together Phil.

Phil, Groundhog Day is a cover-up for the largest Alien meeting of the year.

What day is it?!

It's Groundhog Day, Sir!

Phil, you're the only human who can get close enough to the ceremony to stop it.

Phil, the ceremony begins soon. The time is now.

Alright, let's make it official...

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We have reason to believe that this year some aliens are planning to assassinate the groundhog, the alien leader.

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That Groundhog is our ally and the only thing stopping an all-out war against humans.

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Ok. I'll do it on one condition. You make me an agent so that I never have to work as a weatherman again.

Alright, let's make it official...

And get you some glasses.

Nice.
The agents watch a video feed of Phil and wait outside the ceremony.

Ok, guys I'm in.

Let the ceremony begin.

The ritual begins...

The groundhog emerges.

Everything is going smoothly...

The groundhog looks something like this.

The man reads from the scroll.

Phil grabbed the detonator and hit the button. The rebel aliens were destroyed. Phil, managed to save the groundhog, leader of the aliens.

Wait! That's not how the ritual goes! He's reading a different script.

That's all we needed to hear. Detonate the bomb, Phil.

The men in black... save the day again.

And Phil the men in black realized something was wrong when the ritual was changed. Because of this intuition they were able to save the alien leader. They established an alliance with the alien leader and thus protected the human race for many years to come.
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The men in black... and Phil.

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