

# Solution to No Brains Required

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- Each grouping of facts references the same actor in the following order:
  - George Clooney
    1. Real life reference (had disease for one year in middle school)
    2. South Park
    3. O Brother Where Art Thou
    4. ER
    5. Three Kings
    6. The Perfect Storm
    7. Ocean's 11
  - Val Kilmer
    1. Top Gun
    2. Real Genius
    3. Knight Rider (2008 series)
    4. Tombstone
    5. The Prince of Egypt
    6. Real life reference (Bacchus is a parading Krewe in New Orleans)
  - Christian Bale
    1. Newsies
    2. Real life reference (rant from Terminator set)
    3. Equilibrium
    4. The Prestige
  - Michael Keaton
    1. Beetlejuice
    2. Mr. Mom
    3. Multiplicity
    4. First Daughter
    5. Toy Story 3
    6. Real life reference
  - Adam West
    1. Family Guy
    2. Real life reference (his real name is William Anderson)
    3. The Detectives
    4. The Outlaws is Coming
- The number of clues for each actor is equal to the number of letters in the actor's last name.
- These actors each played the role of the superhero Batman/Bruce Wayne. The flavor text hints that for superheroes their real life personas are important. Thinking of it as the actor vs. a character, we notice that each actor has one clue that represents his real life and not a character he played.
- Using the real life fact as the index into each actor's last name gets:
  - CLOONEY
  - KILMER
  - BALE
  - KEATON
  - WEST
- Along with Selina Kyle (Catwoman), CRANE is the real name of a villain from the Batman comics (and movies). Dr. Jonathan Crane is the **SCARECROW**.