

The Man Who Would be King

In this short story by Rudyard Kipling two British adventurers (Peachy Carnehan and Daniel Dravot), had planned to travel to Kafiristan and become kings of the region. This was done by finding rulers and helping them defeat their enemies. Once that is done, they will take over for themselves. Their schemes were dashed, however, when Dravot (against the advice of Carnehan) decided to marry a Kafir girl. Kingship going to his head, he decided he needed a Queen and then royal children. Terrified at marrying a god, the girl bit Dravot when he tried to kiss her during the wedding ceremony. Seeing him bleed, the priests cried that he was "Neither God nor Devil but a man!" Most of the Kafirs turned against Dravot and Carnehan. A few of his men remained loyal, but the army defected and the two kings were captured. Dravot, wearing his crown, stood on a rope bridge over a gorge while the Kafirs cut the ropes, and he fell to his death.



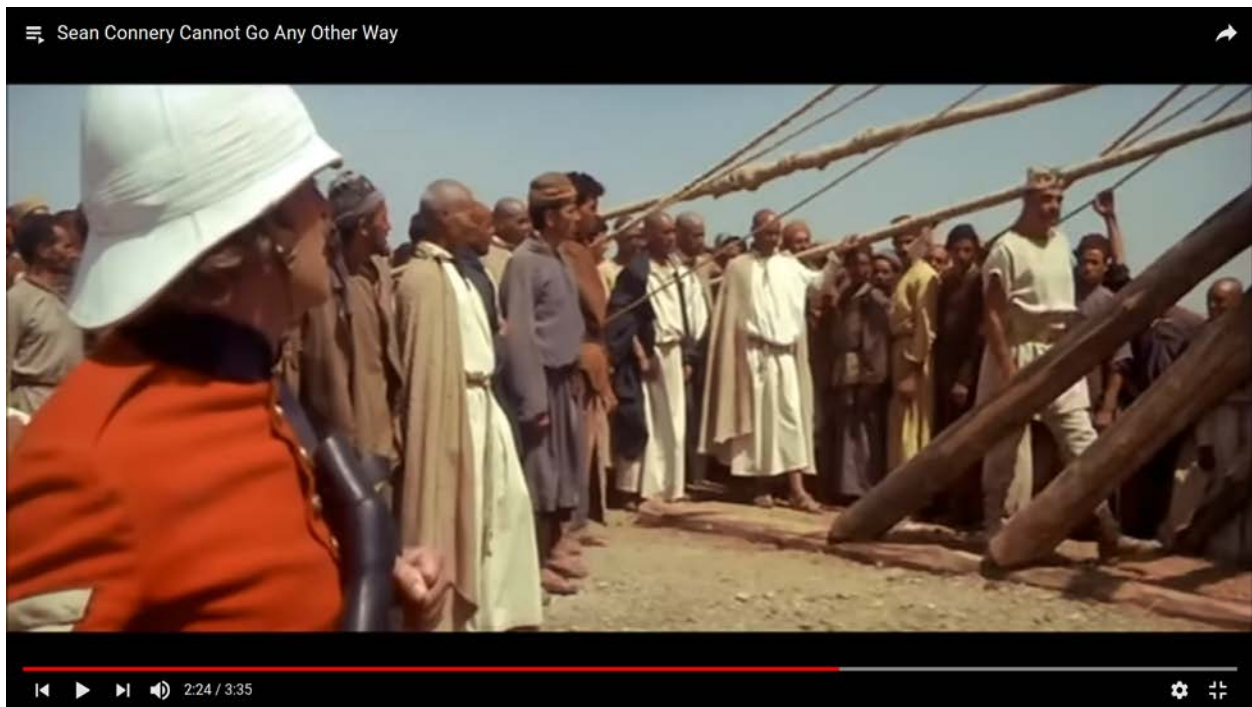
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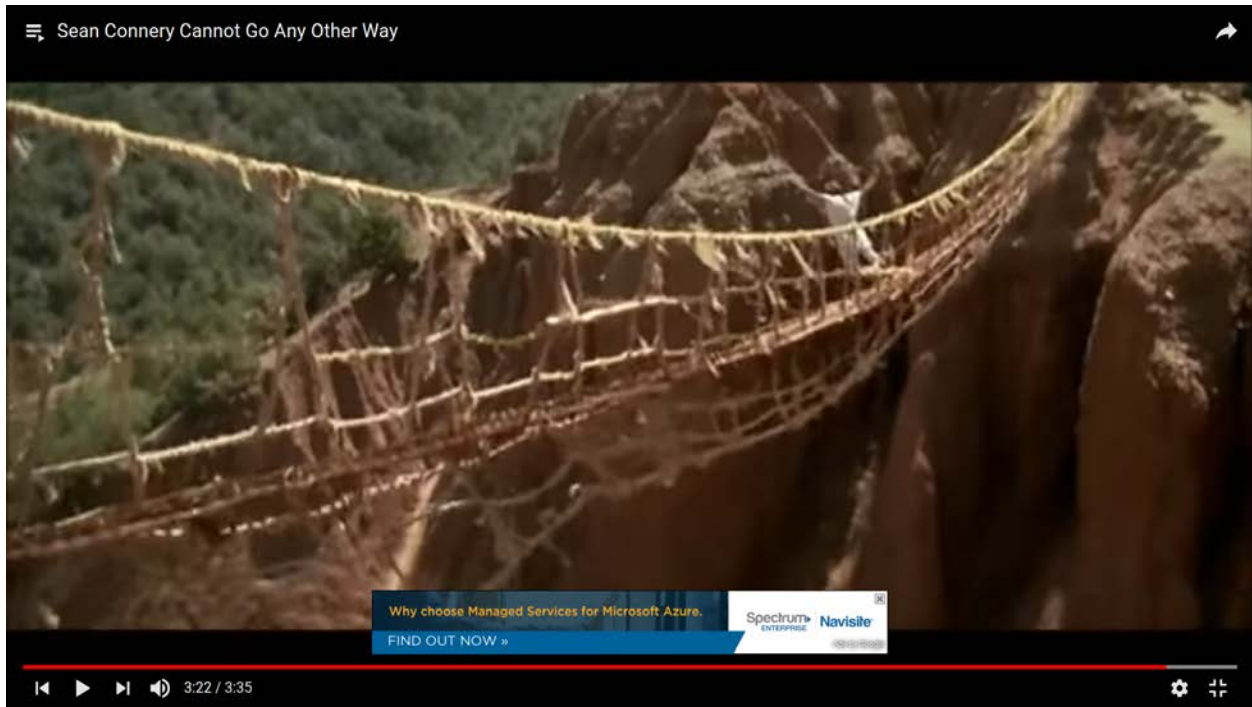
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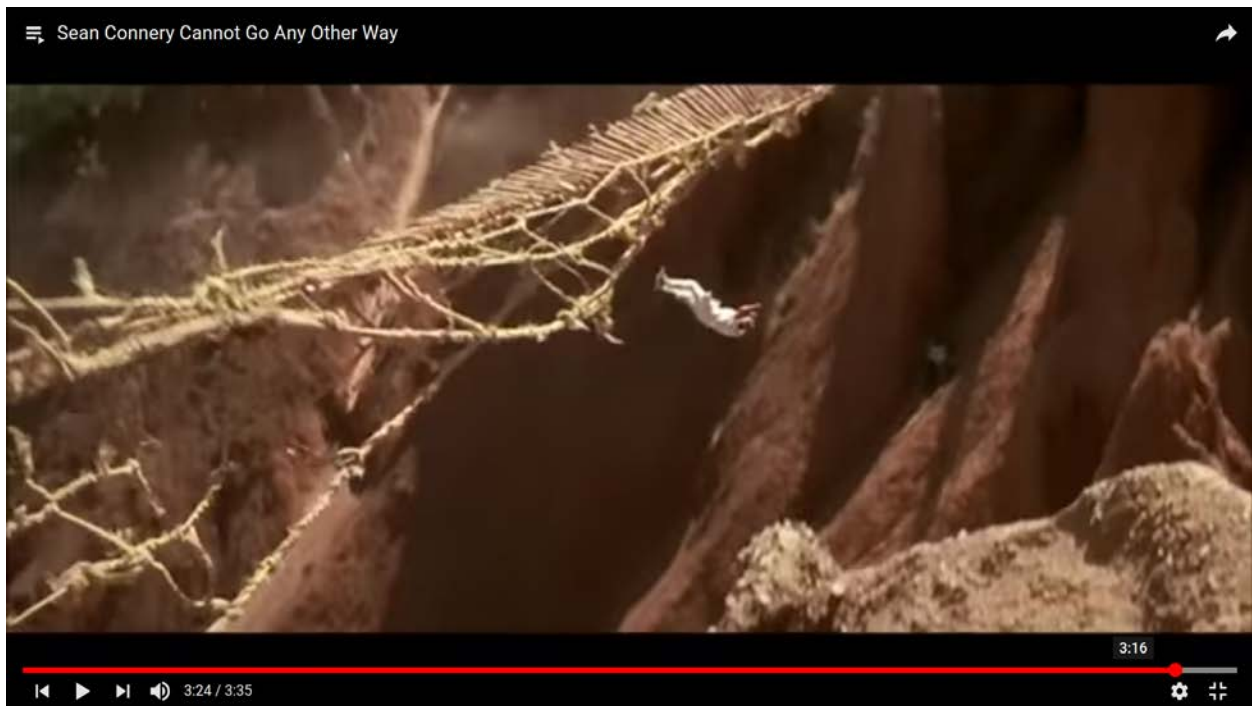
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