You decide to go to the theater to take a break, but backstory! You learn that the director was in on the conspiracy! Clue gets delivered, through backstory!

*Hopefully you won’t find this message too disturbing. Some say it is sharp as nails; others would score a ten on the BS scale.*

*QZHIRZ YAZ QD IWIRICM YAIY AZCSN YAPNZ HAP DITTPY AZCS YAZWNZCFZN.*

*112145165112166112157145143165116171142145162141160160162156157101115106104141141115154117123156164143154*

***Who directed the show you’re watching?***

**Solution:**

1. Understand there are two separate parts. The first is a simple substitution cipher, with the hint that NAILS = SHARP. You have to figure out the rest of the mapping. The whole thing decodes to:

*Beware the BC Amarali that helps those who cannot help themselves.*

1. 10 is BS is key to understanding the second part. In ASCII code, backspace (BS) maps to 10 in octal. When all of the text is decoded, you get

*JeuJvJoecuNyberapprnoAMFDaaMlOSntcl*

1. Unscramble this, and get:

*JanFebMarAprMayJunJulSepOctNovDecol*

This is all the months except August, and the extra letters *o* and *l*

1. Put it all together. BC Amarali is a boa constrictor in Brazil, Bolivia and Paraguay. Add an l to boa and get Boal. Also, you’re missing August, add the “o” and get Augusto. Augusto Boal directed the show, and is a somewhat obscure Brazilian theater artist who invented an art form called Theater of the Oppressed.