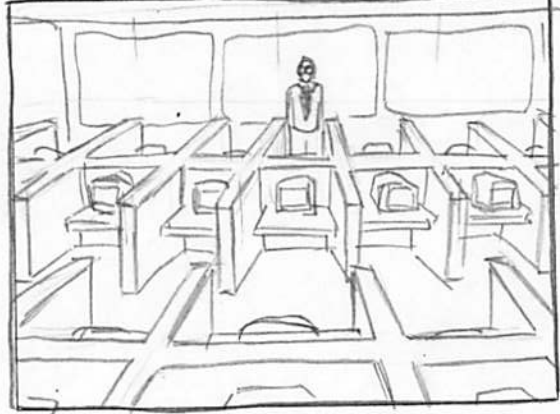


RESTRUCTURING MICHAEL SWIFT.

OFFICE MASTER SHOT OFFICE-1



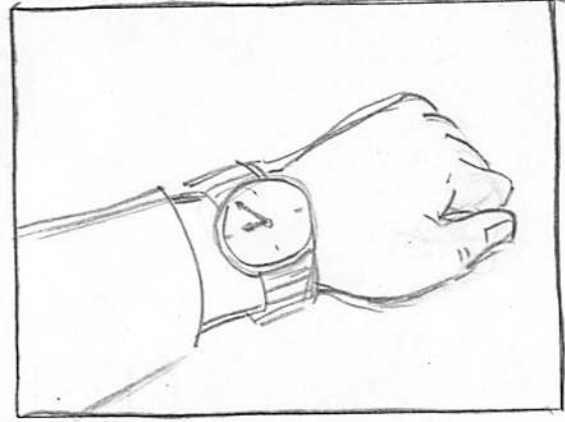
"MICHAEL SWIFT IS PART OF CORPORATE AMERICA"

CUBE-1



"A HARD WORKING, DEDICATED EMPLOYEE."

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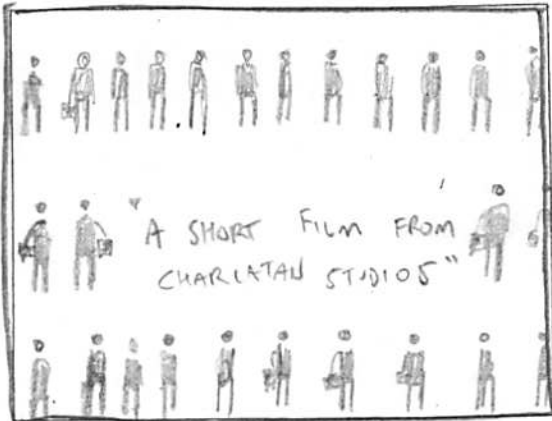
"HE ARRIVES 5 MINUTES EARLY EVERY DAY"

CUBE-1



COWORKERS ARRIVE BEHIND HIM
MICHAEL TAKES A SEAT BELOW FRAME

TITLE CARD



FIRST SHOT - OPENING CREDIT

B



ADJUSTS MONITOR

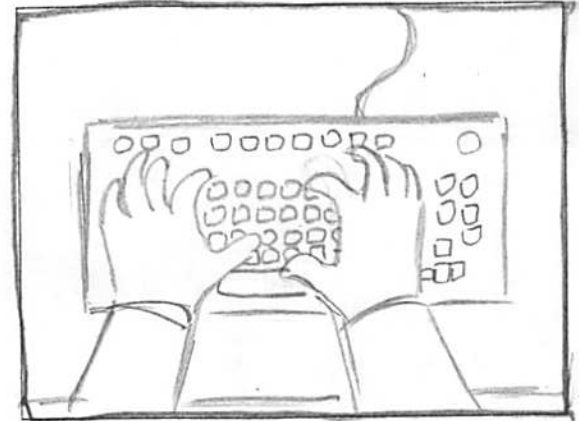
* ALWAYS SHOT SLIGHTLY ABOVE EYE LEVEL WITH TABLE HEAD SPACE

CUBE-2



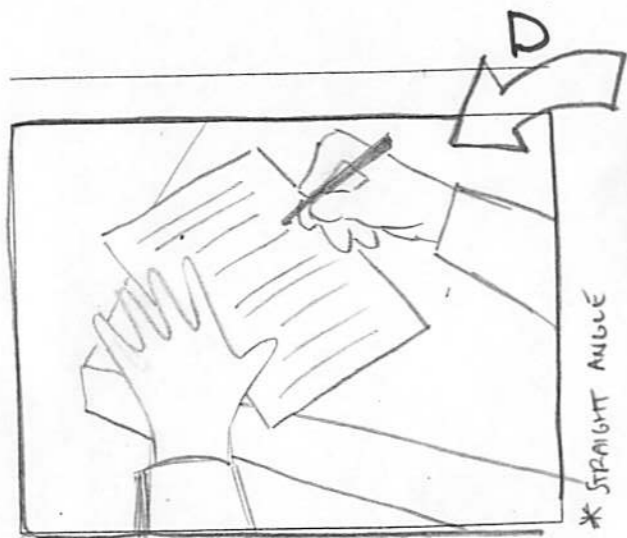
WAVES TO COWORKER

C



QUICKLY TYPING
TRUE TO HIS NAMESAKE, HE IS FAST, PRECISE AND EFFICIENT."

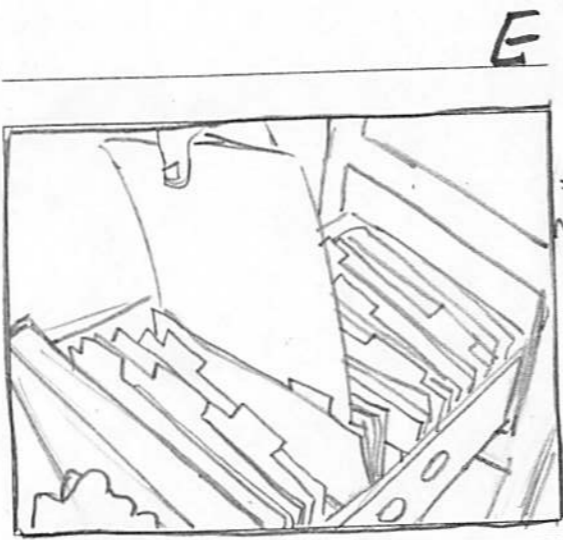
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* STRAIGHT ANGLE

SWEEPS FORM ONTO TABLE AND QUICKLY FILLS OUT BLANKS



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* MAKE STRAIGHT ANGLE

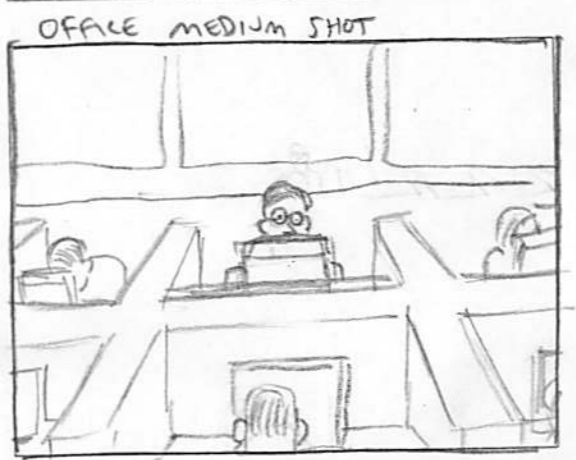
THUMBS THROUGH FILE AND PLACES DOCUMENT IN ITS PLACE

CUBE-2



INSIDE CUBE MASTER
 "TOSSES PEN AND CARRIES IT... HAPPY
 WITH TEN YEARS OF GRATEFUL SERVICE, MICHAEL IS PROUD OF HIS JOB..."

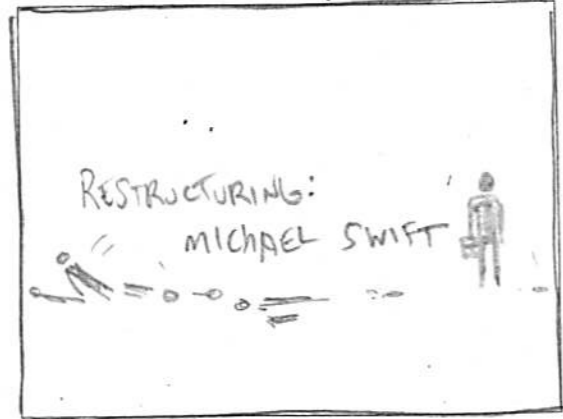
OFFICE-2 (2)



OFFICE MEDIUM SHOT
 "THEN CAME THE LAY-OFFS"
 (MICHAEL LOOKS UP WITH TREPIDATION)

FILM 3 TIMES FAST, EACH A LITTLE TIGHTER.

TITLE CARD



MAIN TITLE
 (ALL WORKER GRAPHICS FALL AWAY, LEAVING ONE)

WATER COOLER MASTER BREAK-1



"WHEN THE EAST COAST DIVISION WAS CUT BY TWO THIRDS, THE RUMORS HIT IMMEDIATELY, SOME SAID THE END OF THE PAY CYCLE, OTHERS FEARED THE COMING FRIDAY..."

INSIDE CUBE MASTER CUBE-3



"THEY DIDNT CALL IT LAYOFFS, OF COURSE, THE COMPANY WAS SIMPLY RESTRUCTURING. REDUCING OVERHEAD. MICHAEL WAS SHOCKED, BETRAYED! HOW COULD THEY BE SO HEARTLESS?"

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"MICHAEL WOULDN'T HAVE IT"

F



"CLIENT PROFILES,
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS,"

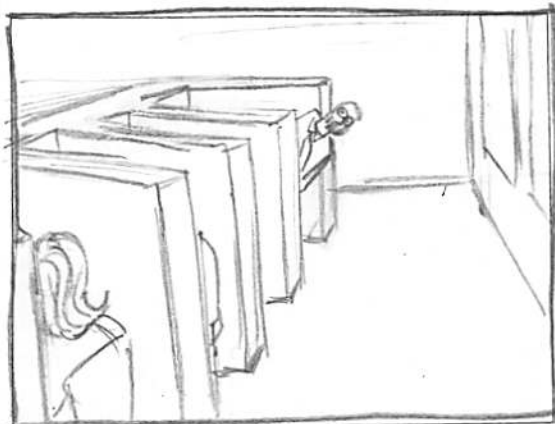
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*MORE CENTER

"THE COMPANY MASTER CARD,"

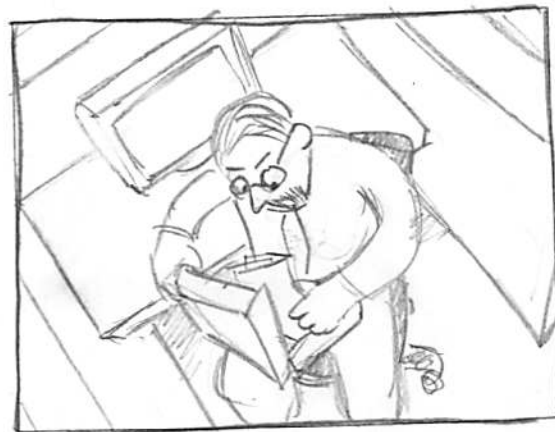
SIDE-1



(POKES HEAD OUT)

"MICHAEL TOOK ALL OF IT"

H (3)



STUFFS PAPERS IN
BRIEF CASE

"IF THE COMPANY COULD TURN
ITS BACK ON HIM, THEN HE'D
DO THE SAME."

HALL-1



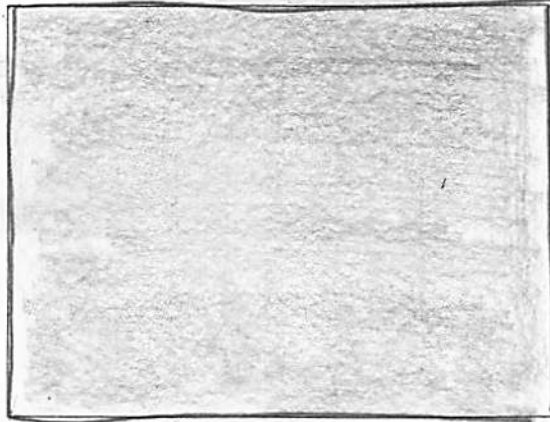
"SABOTAGE! BLACKMAIL!
RETALIATION! REVENGE!"

HALL-2

OUTSIDE CUBE MASTER



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"BUT, WHEN FRIDAY
CAME AROUND,"

AND THE AX CAME
DOWN..."

HALL-3

OUTSIDE CUBE MASTER



"MICHAEL STILL REMAINED"
(COWORKERS FILE OUT, PASSING MICHAEL)

"MICHAEL ABSORBED THEIR WORK,
AND LIFE WENT ON"

BREAK-2

CUBE-4

CUBE-4

WATER COOLER MASTER



"THREE MONTHS PASSED AND THE RUMORS RETURNED. A SPY IN HUMAN RESOURCES SAID 15 PEOPLE. ANOTHER INSIDER SAID 20."

INSIDE CUBE MASTER

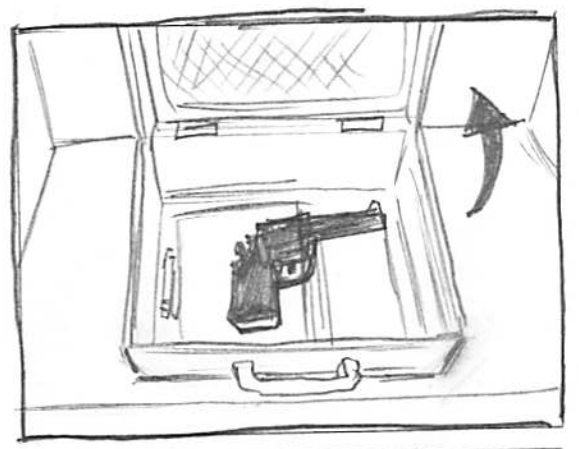


"ANOTHER ROUND OF CUTS. MICHAEL KNEW HIS TIME HAD COME."

INSIDE CUBE MASTER



"HIS FORMER COWORKERS STILL OUT OF WORK, UNEMPLOYMENT SEEMED SO HOPELESS... SO DEPRESSING..."



CUBE-4

CUBE-4

SIDE-2

HALL-4

INSIDE CUBE MASTER

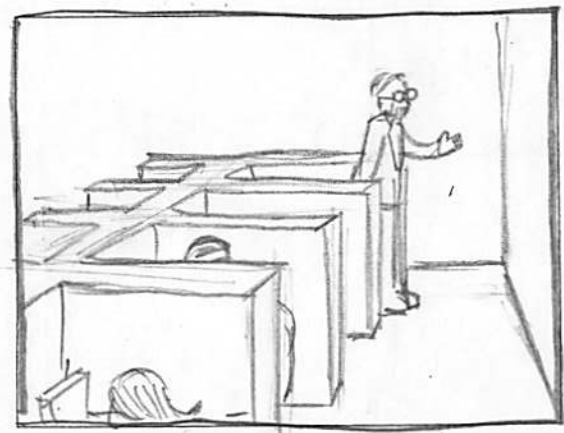


"MICHAEL WAS PREPARED TO END IT ALL."

INSIDE CUBE MASTER



"HE'D WALK INTO



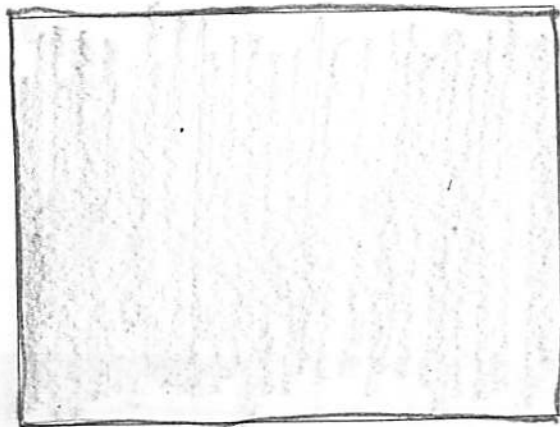
(PRACTICING DELIVERY)
THE BOSS' OFFICE, RELIEVE HIS SEVERANCE PAPERS, PULL OUT A GUN, AND PUT A BULLET IN HIS HEAD"

OUTSIDE CUBE MASTER



TAKES A SEAT AND PUTS THE GUN BACK IN THE BRIEFCASE"

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"BUT, COME FRIDAY, WHEN THE AX CAME DOWN..."

HALL-5

OUTSIDE CUBE MASTER



"... MICHAEL STILL REMAINED"

(OFFICE WORKS HUGGING & BEING ESCORTED OUT)

CUBE-5

INSIDE CUBE MASTER



(PUTS GUN IN DRAWER WHILE BOXS ARE STACKED OUTSIDE ON HIS CUBE)

"ABSORBING MORE WORK, LIFE WENT ON..."

* BOX FALLS TOWARD END

BREAK-3

5

WATER COOLER MASTER



"THREE MONTHS LATER, RUMORS AGAIN, THEY'D CLOSE THE DEPARTMENT FOR GOOD. OUTSOURCE OPERATIONS,

SELL THE COMPANY TO A TAIWANESE MANAGING COMPANY !!

HALL-6

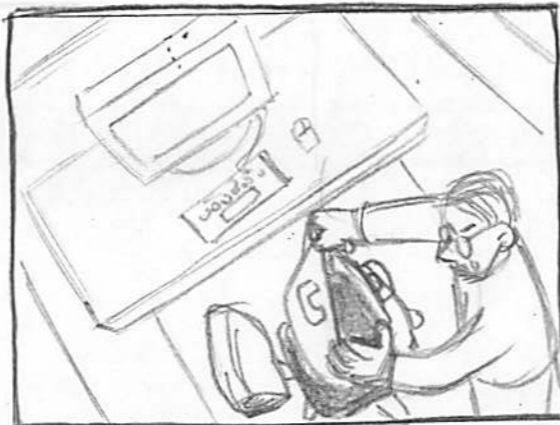
OUTSIDE CUBE MASTER



MICHAEL WAS MAD. FURIOUS. IF ANYONE WAS GOING TO TAKE OUT THE COMPANY, IT WAS GOING TO BE HIM."

(THROWS MOUSE)

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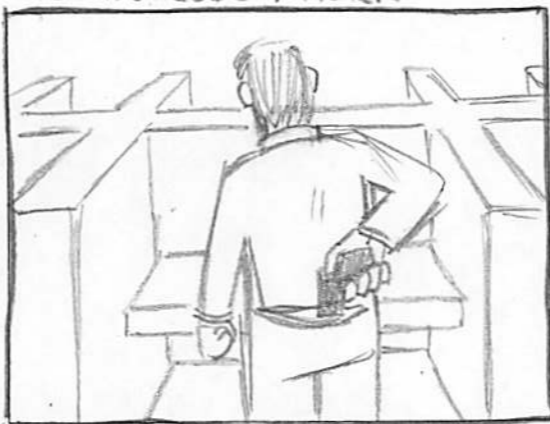


(THROWS DUFFLE BAG ON CHAIR AND REMOVES AX-47)

"HE WASN'T ABOUT TO PASSIVELY SURRENDER HIS LIFE WITHOUT A FIGHT. LAY-OFF AFTER LAY-OFF AFTER LAY-OFF..."

HALL-7

OUTSIDE CUBE MASTER



"THIS WAS ALL OUT WAR."

CUBE-6

INSIDE CUBE MASTER



HALL-7

OUTSIDE CUBE MASTER

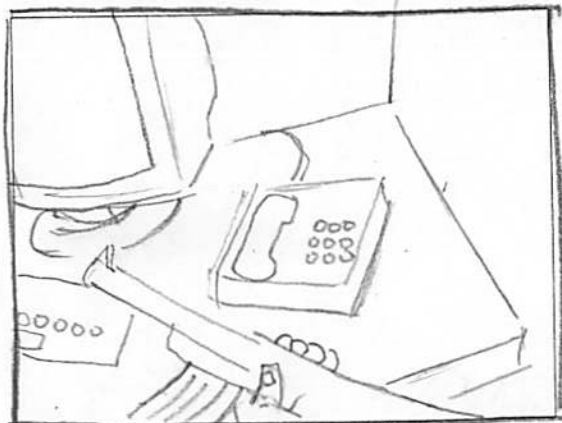


TURNS AROUND AND RIPS OPEN SHIRT

HALL-7

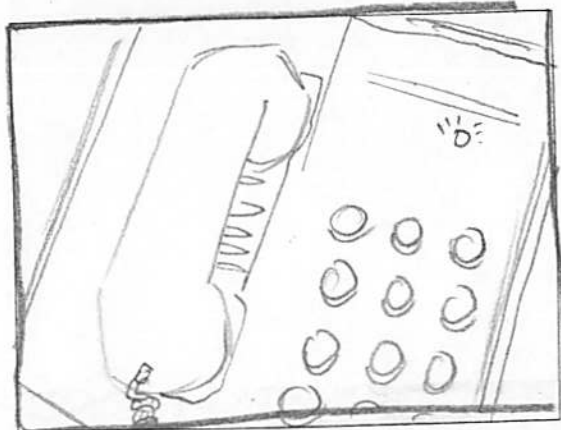


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"MICHAEL WAITED FOR THE PHONE CALL..."

L (6)



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"But..."
"COME FRIDAY"

HALL-8

OUTSIDE CUBE MASTER



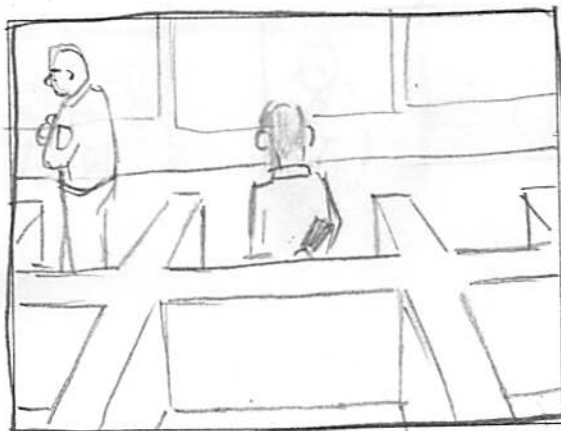
"MICHAEL STILL REMAINED"

CUBE-7

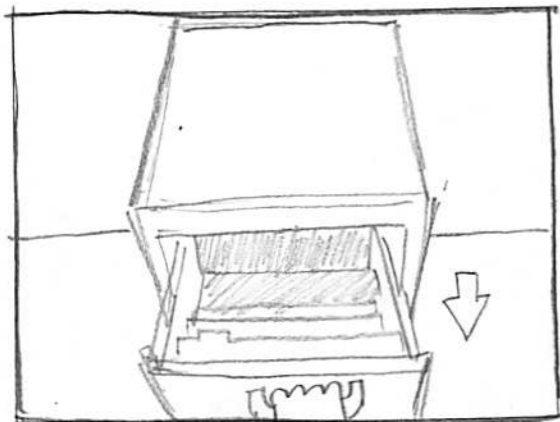
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OFFICE-3

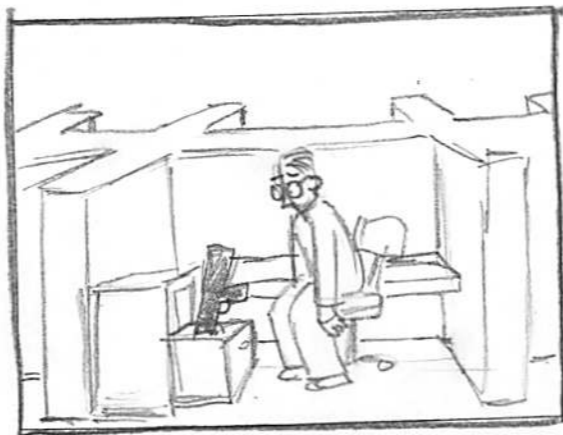


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(OPENS FILING CABINET)

HALL-9



(UNABLE TO FIT BOX IN FILING CABINET)

~~HALL-9~~



(MORE BOXES ARE WHEELED UP)

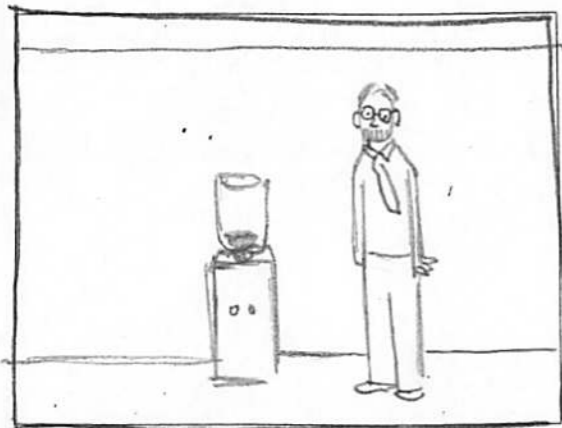
"MICHAEL ABSORBED MORE WORK, AND DAYS PASSED INTO WEEKS"

OFFICE-4 (7)



(WORKING ALONE, IN THE DARK)

BREAK-4



* HAVE SOMEONE WHEEL AWAY WATER COOLER?

"NO ONE WAS LEFT TO SPREAD THE RUMORS. IT COULD BE ANY WEEK... ANY DAY... THERE WAS JUST NO TELLING"

HALL-10



(LOOKS BEHIND HIM, PARANOID)

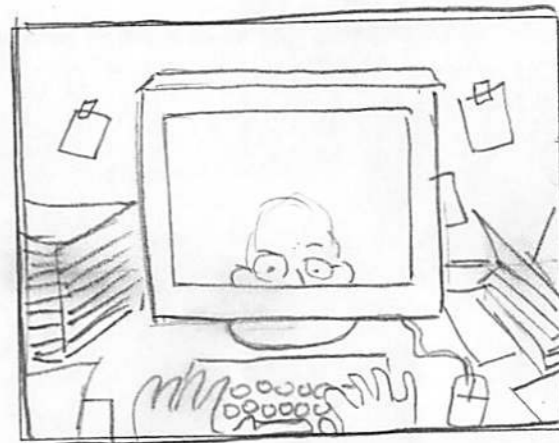
"MICHAEL FOUND HIMSELF SPENDING MORE AND MORE TIME SUSPICIOUS... LOOKING FOR CLUES"

CUBE-8



"CROSS REFERENCING HR'S SCHEDULE WITH CONFERENCE ROOM BOOKINGS"

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"WATCHING THE COMPANY STOCK FOR INSIDER TRADING"

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(DOOR SUDDENLY OPENS & MICHAEL JUMPS AWAY)

"EASE DROPPING ON CLOSED DOORS"

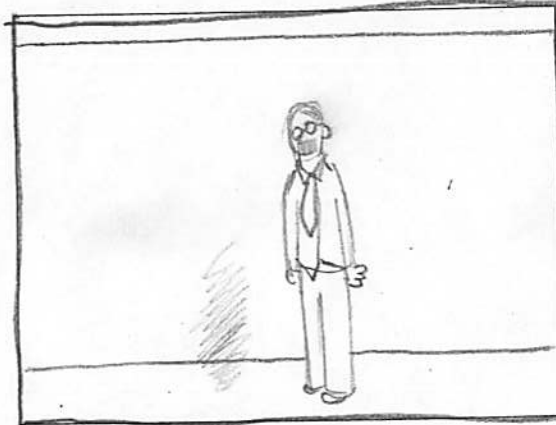
CUBE-9



PHONE RINGS AND MICHAEL JUMPS FOR COVER

"HE WAS PARANOID OF PHONE CALLS"

BREAK-5



"MICHAEL COULDN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE, THIS WORRYING, LIKE A WOUNDED TORTURED ANIMAL, WAITING TO BE PUT OUT OF ITS MISERY"

BREAK-5 (8)



"HE WANTED TO BE LAID OFF, MICHAEL HAD ENOUGH. IF HE WASN'T LAID OFF, HE'D GO ON A KILLING RAMPAGE, SLAUGHTERING EVERYONE, EVEN THE GUYS IN SHIPPING, BURN DOWN THE BUILDING, AND WHEN THE COPS ARRIVED, PUT A BULLET."

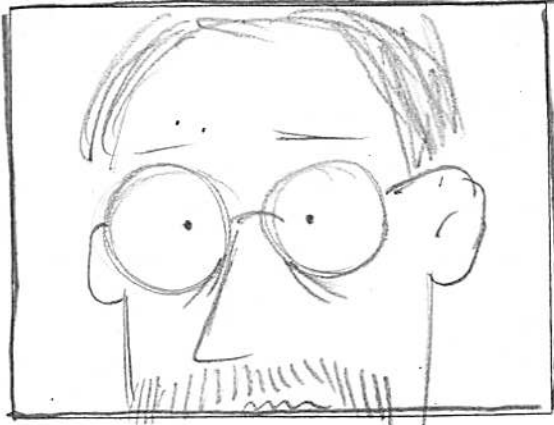


BREAK-5

HALL-11

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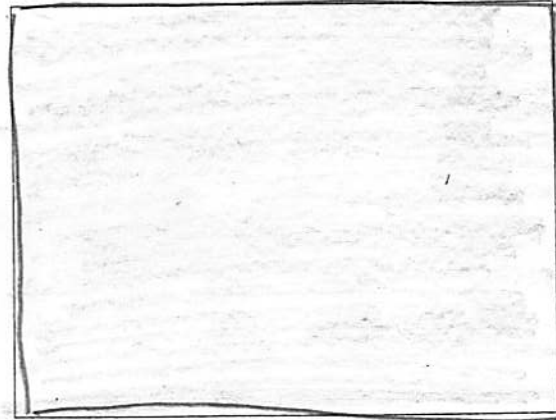
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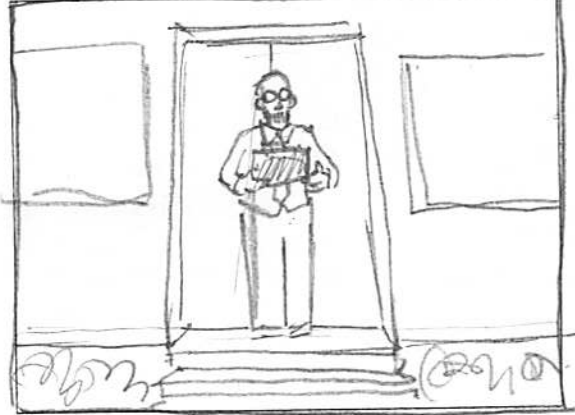
"IN HIMSELF TOO, IF HE WASN'T LAID OFF..."



"MICHAEL SWIFT JUST MIGHT SNAP."



BUT, COME FRIDAY, MICHAEL SWIFT..."



"WAS LET GO..."

"THIS, HE DIDN'T HAVE A PLAN FOR."