

Lights, Camera, Action!

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FADE IN

EXT. OFFICE BUILDING - MORNING

A grey office building comprised of 10 floors is shown as traffic horns blow and cars pass by the street; A concrete sign to the left of the entrance doors reads "Final Mix Productions".

INT. MEETING ROOM - MORNING

The room has a long conference table, a whiteboard, and 6 people conversing amongst one another. The boss calls everyone to attention so their meeting can begin.

BOSS

Alright everyone, we're doing great so far. Zombies in Space 5 has been our biggest movie release yet, but we reached a dead end. So now it's time to think of fresh ideas; Any takers?

The room lays in silence for a few seconds, until EMPLOYEE 1 speaks up.

EMPLOYEE 1

I got it. We will make it action and sci-fi.

EMPLOYEE 2

Go on, I'll write that down.

Employee 2 gets up, walks to the whiteboard at the end of the room, and starts writing down ideas.

BOSS

It's a start.

EMPLOYEE 1

It will star a little girl and her mom. They have an average ordinary life when tragedy strikes.

BOSS

What happened?

EMPLOYEE 1

The mom gets assassinated.

BOSS

Oh that's terrible, but it makes for a

good ori-

EMPLOYEE 1
By a monkey.

EMPLOYEE 3
YES.

BOSS
Wait, what?

EMPLOYEE 1
With a gun.

EMPLOYEE 2
Amazing.

EMPLOYEE 3
That shoots black holes.

EMPLOYEE 1
Write that down, write that down!

The boss crosses his arms in confusion and awe.

BOSS
Oh my god.

EMPLOYEE 2
Any thoughts, boss?

BOSS
Well, how and why did-

EMPLOYEE 1
To stop the aliens!

EMPLOYEE 3
Which the girl's family is part of!

EMPLOYEE 4
And they want all of Earth's magic to
rule the Milky Way Galaxy!

The conference room erupts in unison and agreement as they start to become pleased with the brainstorming session. The boss stands there in awe again and proceeds to clear this throat.

BOSS
Well good enough for me, I guess.

Still, we could use a couple of sponsors.

EMPLOYEE 5

I got some ideas. We could contact Nike, Cisco, Publix, Sam's Club, Subway, Capital One...

Employee 5 keeps naming companies while everyone pays attention in unison.

BOSS

Are they going to be a while?

EMPLOYEE 3

Most likely.

BOSS

Carry on. How about actors?

EMPLOYEE 3

Bobby Brown for the little girl.

BOSS

The singer?

EMPLOYEE 2

Her first name is Millie, Einstein.

EMPLOYEE 3

At least I got the rest of it right, Sherlock.

EMPLOYEE 5

...Costco, Toyota, Sephora, Sony...

BOSS

And the rest of the cast?

EMPLOYEE 4

The Rock as the villain, Jason Statham as the monkey, and we'll get a couple of guys from Game of Thrones. They'll get the ball rolling.

The room once again makes commotion as they are nearing completing the draft for the next movie idea. The boss still had some loose ends to work on, or so he thought.

BOSS

This is good and all but the movie

itself is still bare bones. We have work on the next 2 acts.

EMPLOYEE 1

I got it. So we have the whole plot with Earth's magic being taken and the aliens wanting it right?

BOSS

Yes. What about it?

EMPLOYEE 1

Well, they could fight over it while time travelers from 3000 years in the future try to stop everything.

BOSS

It's interesting, but-

EMPLOYEE 2

What about having the time travelers be robot dinosaurs too?

BOSS

I mean-

EMPLOYEE 3

Yes yes yes.

BOSS

(under breath)

How did we get here?

EMPLOYEE 3

So, thoughts boss?

The boss scratches his head and wipes his eyes while processing the storyline thus far.

BOSS

It's something, I'll give you that. What about the final part?

EMPLOYEE 5

...Sony, Microsoft, Pepsi, WalMart...

EMPLOYEE 4

I have something, and I think it's going to make this movie THE magnum opus of magnum opuses.

BOSS

I honestly doubt this can be topped,
but hit me.

EMPLOYEE 4

Alright so get this... Every one of
these factions comes together to make
peace and share Earth's magic.

The boss is surprised by the proposition with widened eyes
and a refreshed focus.

BOSS

Wow... That's not what I was
expecting.

The room is silenced for a time and everyone pays attention,
except for employee 5.

BOSS

We could actually work with this and
make the ending a breather moment for
all this action. I thought there was
going to be some ludicrous-

EMPLOYEE 4

To FIGHT GOD.

BOSS

There it is.

EMPLOYEE 2

And Satan!

The room erupts with joy.

BOSS

Okay, how and why?

EMPLOYEE 4

Well maybe God thought he should erase
everything and everyone because of how
things have gotten out of control, so
there will be a rebellion between the
universe and God.

EMPLOYEE 2

Add in the forces of heaven, hell, and
Satan to fight the mortals for the
finale. All in favor say I.

EMPLOYEES

I!

BOSS

I don't even know how we got here, but I guess that settles it; we got our movie.

EMPLOYEE 5

...BMW, Ford, Pizza Hut, and Krispy Kreme. Also, yes this is going to be great.

The boss gets up from his seat and prepares to announce something until he noticed EMPLOYEE 6 has been silent and has not said a word. He sports a curious expression.

BOSS

Hey, how come you haven't chimed in the whole time?

EMPLOYEE 6

Well, it's just that, I had an idea that doesn't really mesh well with everything else.

Everybody focuses their attention on Employee 6.

BOSS

Well, we won't really know until you lay it out for us. Share it.

EMPLOYEE 6

Okay. Well... maybe we could...

Everyone is holding their breath and the boss is waiting in suspense.

EMPLOYEE 6

...Remaster Zombies in Space 1?

Everyone looks at each other in confusion and wonderment. They whisper amongst themselves and decide. The boss walks up to employee 6 and puts his hand on their shoulder.

BOSS

You... are... a... genius!

EMPLOYEE 1

It's smart.

EMPLOYEE 2
Nice decision.

EMPLOYEE 3
It could be a good move.

EMPLOYEE 4
Pretty solid strategy.

EMPLOYEE 5
Cool.

Employee 6 smiles and looks at the boss.

BOSS
I'm giving you a raise. Scrap
everything, meeting dismissed!

Employee 2 erases everything as everybody gets up out of
their office chairs and leaves the office.

CUT TO BLACK

THE END