

Lights, Camera, Action!

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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 six people conversing. 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 is silent 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 become pleased with the brainstorming
session. The boss stands there in awe again and
proceeds to clear his throat.

BOSS

Well good enough for me I guess.
Still, we could use a couple of
sponsors.

EMPLOYEE 5

I have 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 makes a commotion as they are nearing completion of 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 to 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 work with this and make
the ending a breathing 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 notices 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 mesh well with
everything else.

Everybody focuses their attention on Employee 6.

BOSS

Well, we won't 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 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.

THE END