

SPLIT DECISION

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FADE IN:

INT. OFFICE - MORNING

in the office, the inhabitants, and the layout, someone walking over to an office, alligator shoes, double-breasted suit with a gold tie clip. and invite themselves in.

In the office is TERRANCE (33) who loves anime and is brolic, and the person who barged in is his boss RIC (37). Terrance is blasting a motivational, empowerment podcast.

MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER (V.O.)

You are in control of your destiny,
you must take action when you are
called to action. No one has
control over your life but you. Be
the man you have always envisioned

RIC

Terrance, What are you listening
to?

TERRANCE

uhh, It's a podcast about uplifting
ones self, releasing ones cowardice
and being a superior man---

RIC

---OHH cool, anyway have you
crunched the numbers like I asked
you?

TERRANCE

Yes, sir, but there's some
discrepancies here: \$550,000 for a
printer? \$800,000 for new flooring?
We didn't get a new floor--

RIC

terr

TERRANCE

Yes Mister Ric?

MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER(BACKGROUND)

--When you are tested, demonstrate
ultimate masculinity.

RIC

What do I pay you for?

Terrance confused, what an odd question

TERRANCE
what?

RIC
What is your job here

TERRANCE
Financial Manager

Ric steps closer and closer to Terrance, building the tension.

RIC
Oh really, because the way your
talking it sounds like your the
CEO.

MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER(BACKGROUND)
Respect is not handed out, It is
demanded.

RIC
Are you the CEO?

TERRANCE
No sir

RIC
Whose the CEO?

TERRANCE
umm, you sir

RIC
That's right. Do I pay you for your
opinion?

TERRANCE
--no, I guess not.

Ric is right on top of Terrance now, asserting his dominance.

RIC
so instead of giving me your
opinions, how bout you do as i
asked and crunch those numbers huh?

TERRANCE
(sigh) yes sir

Ric looks around taekwondo trophies and anime posters all over, he throws a fake punch at him and Terrance, and almost falls out of his chair; he is so startled.

Ric scoffs and walks out kind of cool. Terrance is embarrassed and ashamed.

Stand on your word and be a real Ni---

ITN/EXT. OFFICE/PARKING LOT- MOMENTS LATER

Terrance need a break , he takes his backpack and goes to his car, opens the pack, pulls out a Nintendo switch and starts playing smash-bros.

preoccupied by his game, a windowless white van pulls up in front of the office, 9 men dressed in all black get out the car with flower boxes.

ACE(MUFFLED)

Find Ric

They make their way to the office and they cause mayhem, we see a chair thrown out of a window, muffled cry's for help, gun shot out of one window and a body falling out right after.

We go back into the office and see the mess they've made, desks turned over, people beaten almost to death, some shot to death. 6 employees plus Ric are on their knees, in a line side by side. One of the gunmen has a gun to an employee's head

ACE (CONT'D)

Why do you keep fucking me Richard?

RIC

Its just so hard to launder money these days, The IRS is so advanced..

ACE

I think you used that one already

RIC

Huh?

ACE

That excuse

HENCHMAN2

He said that the first time boss

ACE

No, that time his wifi was down. Then he said he needed to " learn the ropes"

RIC

That was a good one wasn't it?

Henchman 1 starts to laugh freakishly, then 2, then ric awkwardly.

ACE

You thought i was so dumb!

Still laughing

Henman2 hands henman1 the gun and shoots Ric in calf.

RIC

AHHH FUCK!!

ACE

You're funny, like clown, or dying fish. Why don't you have my money now funny man

RIC

Its not my fault!

ACE

Then who?

Ric's silent, Hnman1 cocks gun, puts barrel to Rics head.

RIC

Terrance!

Employees look at him with disgust

ACE

Who?

RIC

The head accountant. He's been helping me from day one. He's the thief. I told him to stop, but he's greedy and doesn't listen to reason.

ACE

Why am I just hearing about him?

RIC

I was having trouble with the math, so I asked him for help. But he started getting greedy.

ACE

Where is he?

RIC
I don't know.

He brings the gun back up

RIC (CONT'D)
AHHH he's probably outside! He takes a break in the middle of the day to go play video games in the car!

ACE
You allow that? My guys have been asking for a game room at head quarters. But i don't want them to get lazy. This Terrance, is he lazy?

RIC
The opposite, since he started playing his games he's been the best, very productive. Like he enjoys coming to work everyday.

ACE
Wow, well boys, looks like you're getting the game room

Henchmen cheer and high five

ACE (CONT'D)
These guys, their a headache, but they're my heart.

Henchman1 gestures to Henchman2 to go outside and find him.

ACE (CONT'D)
You, Find Terrence and take him for a "drive"

Terrance is in the drivers seat playing his game, so engulfed in the game that nothing else matters to him.

We hear a faint door closing, but it doesn't phase Terra at all. His face lighting up from the game play, then slowly, a knife is brought to his throat, he doesn't notice the knife until it is right up against his throat

TERRANCE
WHAT THE FUCK IS--

HENCHMAN2
(whispers) Drive

TERRANCE
NIGGA!

EXT. ON THE ROAD- CONTINUOUS

Terrance has been driving for a while, they are on a scenic road, Forrest barricades them.

Terrance, still confused, decides to finally figure out what is going on

TERRANCE
So, why... why are you doing this
to me?

Silence, henchmen2 is quiet

TERRANCE (CONT'D)
Is is the illegal anime?

TERRANCE (CONT'D)
Ill stop i swear . They look
realistic... Give me a week and
ill--

HENCHMAN2
Make a right here in here.

Turns into the only opening in the wall of trees; why is this here? Was it made for this purpose?

Terr pulls over, fear fills his eyes like water droplets.

HENCHMAN2 (CONT'D)
Turn the car off and get out with
your hand on your head!

Terr complies. Henchman2 uses rope and ties his hands together.

HENCHMAN2 (CONT'D)
keep walking until i tell you stop.

They walk for a mile and some change.

HENCHMAN2 (CONT'D)
Stop here, and turn around.

HENCHMAN2 (CONT'D)
Any last words?

TERRANCE
WHAT DID I DO? IM NOT A BAD MAN!!

HENCHMAN2
Give it up, you boss told us
everything.

TERRANCE
What? What are you talking about?

HENCHMAN2
(scoffs) you're about to
die, I'll play along.

HENCHMAN2(CONT'D) (CONT'D)
You boss--

TERRANCE
Ric?

HENCHMAN2
yeah, that guy. He gave you up,
quickly, told us you're the one
thats been stealing our bosses
money you were supposed to launder.
Now you're fucked pal, he even--

Terrance is putting everything together, the fake funds
spent, the hostility Ric showed towards him, the podcast's
empowering words.

Terrance knows that it's now or never; he must decide how
he will get out of this.

HENCHMAN2 (CONT'D)
Nothing else to say, finally, makes
this much easier

Terr has his head down, angry, silent, in his head, he say
nothing

HENCHMAN2 (CONT'D)
good, makes it easier.

Henchman pulls the trigger, gun jams.

Terr looks up, they stare eye to eye, Terrance has seconds
to react, delivers long-range Yeop chagi (punch kick) to
assailant's chest, knocks him off his feet, three deadly
strikes to the head and throat.

He makes sure he is subdued, runs back to car, heads to
office.

I/E. ON THE ROAD/OFFICE - DAY

Terr drifts into the office parking lot, hops out whip, makes way inside. wide shot of the front of the building, there are gunshots, people being thrown out of windows, screaming, crying, someone screams the sponge-bob (my leg)

We go into the building and see Terr walk up the stairs to the top floor where Henchman1 and co-workers are still lined up.

All the henchmen and co-workers look at him

ACE
 Hmm, Impressive. WHY ARE YOU ALL
 STANDING THERE??!! KIILLL HIMMM!!

They begin running towards him with swords, bats with nails, and other melee weapons.

Terrance beats them up; all views are on the co-worker's faces. They are shocked, happy, disgusted.

A splash of blood goes across one of their faces.

All assailants are down

All the employees get up and hug him, clap for him, and praise him. -

The Ric crawls towards Terrance.

RIC
 Terr my boy, i knew you'd be ok, you
 know i believed in you the whole
 time, they came after you because
 Jullie in marketing lied on you, I
 could believe the bitch, ypu know
 she never liked you since you
 snubbed her white santa gift...

Ace opens his eyes, there is a gun within reach. Shimmies over to it while Ric is yapping.

CO-WORKER1
 TERRANCE LOOK OUT!!

All slo-mo. Terrance turns head, Ace pulls trigger, as finger hits the hammer. Big **BANG**.

MATCH CUT TO:

Rics hand **banging** the glass

RIC
TERRENCE, TERRENCE!! WAKE YOUR ASS
UP!!

It was a dream, he fell asleep in the car.

RIC (CONT'D)
I don't pay you to sleep!

TERRANCE
Sorry...

Terrance walks back in the building

Behind him a white van comes to a screeching halt in front
of the building.

CUT TO BLACK:

FIN

(CONT'D)