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JORDAN (V.O.)

Forbes had made me a superstar. Every day dozens of money-crazed kids beat a path to my door with resumes they hadn't even bothered to spellcheck.

Jordan crosses through the packed bullpen, where 150 BROKERS, no older than 22, are crammed elbow to elbow talking into phones. Some have pets, which they tend to while they work -- iguanas, snakes, turtles, even a chimp. Others are getting shoulder rubs by Masseuses or being fitted for suits by a TAILOR. Over the above:

JORDAN (V.O.)

If we hired 'em, they dropped out of college overnight and blew whatever allowance they had on a new suit from our in-house tailor. The median age of our brokerage couldn't get served in the bar down the street.

71 INT. FBI BREAK ROOM - DAY (OCT '91)

PATRICK DENHAM sits sipping coffee as he reads Forbes.

JORDAN (V.O.)

Not this guy though -- what the fuck is he even doing here? He read the Forbes article, too, but he already had a job.

72 INT. STRATTON OAKMONT III - DAY (MAR '92)

> CLOSE ON two BROKERS wrestling while others cheer them on. PULL BACK to reveal the place from the opening. young Brokers and their hot ASSISTANTS work the phones.

> > JORDAN (V.O.)

Within months, we doubled in size, moved to even bigger offices.

Two other Brokers pump themselves up, chest-bumping and screaming like football players.

JORDAN (V.O.)

It was a madhouse, a greed-fest, with equal parts cocaine, testosterone and body fluids.