# SMITH& JONES

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### **CAST AND CREW**

#### **EXECUTIVE PRODUCER HOWARD PHILLIPS**

XAVIER...as THE SUPERINTENDENT
DAN...as SMITH
DAMIAN...as JONES

DIRECTED BY...**THE GLORY BOYZ**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR...**JOE**FIRST CAMERA...**KEVIN**SOUND ENGINEER...**XAVIER**COSTUME...**DAMIAN** 

#### **CHARACTERS**

**The Superintendent**- had no direct contact with either person

**Agent Jones**- mid level, not too bright, a bit over stressed

**Agent Smith**- quite brainy, a bit unstable

#### CONFLICT

Agent Jones is always on top of Agent Smith. Having these weird, creepy conversations.

Agent Smith takes things into his own hands- it's the only thing he can do. Now he's just hoping to keep his skin intact.

















### cinematic references

Jack Torrance The Shining, 1980

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Lieutenant Castillo Miami Vice, 1984

Cigarette Smoking Man
The X Files, 1993

### SCENE 1 THE SUPER

### SHOT LIST

Superintendent Medium CU

Superintendent Tight CU

Clean Single Jones NOT TALKNG

Superintendent CU

Wide Smith & Jones

Superintendent CU

Superintendent OTS Jones

Attack Lock Off

Superintendent Tight Close Up

Superintendent Medium Close Up



### **SCRIPT**

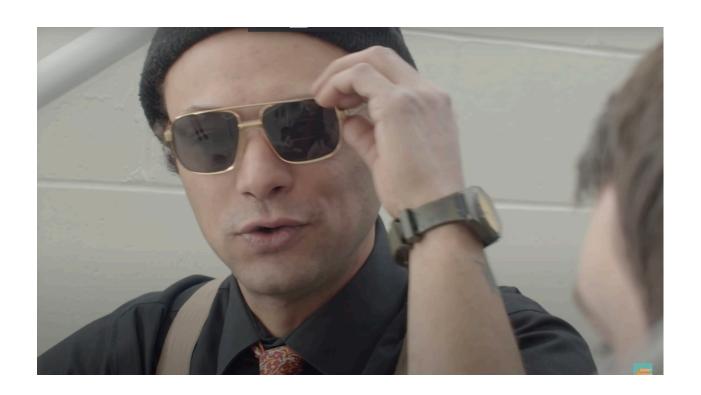
The situation with Smith and Jones was really just a minor incident at the Agency. As Chief Superintendent, I had no direct contact with either person. I do know that both individuals were a bit of a concern to their superiors.

Agent Jones was mid-level, not too brght, a bit over-stressed. The last review hinted at being close to "burn out". So they took Jones off active duty to work with trainees. The incident with Smith was Jones' last official duty. Smith on the other hand, seems to have been quite brainy, but a bit unstable. Somehow Smith got paranoid, or some such nonse.

### SCENE 2 JONES

### SHOT LIST

Jones Medium CU
Jones Tight CU
Jones Enters Master
Jones Dirty Single
Smith OTS Jones
Closer Master
Push in to Jones
Dolly Back on Jones
Jones Medium CU
Jones Tight CU



### **SCRIPT**

For years, I was a top field agent, reporting directly to the chief superintendent. My involvment started when this flaky math whiz, thats smith, started bugging out. The agency needed someone clever to make sure smith stayed with the program. Smith knew too much already.

I actually took a liking to Smith and I got the feeling Smith really looked up to me, and wanted my guidance. We had good talks, not like work, more like family. But I could snse Smith was starting to frreak out. I just didn't realize how far it would go.

You see, in this business, danger is a very real companion. I should have known Smith would try to get the drop on me. Well, i took a frew stiches but I;ve had worse. Smith'll get it. But not from me. I'm retired and I'm loving it.

### SCENE 3 SMITH

### SHOT LIST

Smith Medium CU

Smith Tight CU

Jones Enters Master

Jones OTS Single

Smith dirty Single

Jones OTS Single

Smith CU

Cross Cutting Coverage

Smith Med CU



#### **SCRIPT**

I got out of Caltech before I was 19. The Agenct heavily recruited me, taking me out, treating me like royalty. Superintendent personally tole me I'd be tops in code work, after thet raining period. They neglected to tell me that once I was in, I couldn't leave. Heard some bad stories of trainees having nasty "accidents" if they tried.

They had this idiot, Agent Jones, always on top of me. We had these weird, creepy converstations. These nut-cases take their games pretty seriously. So I started thinking it was time to clear out, any way possible. I admit it, I was scared, really scared. So i took thinks into my own hands. Only thing I could do. Now I'm just hoping to keep my skin intact. As for the Agency, well, I hope they burn the joint down.

## SCENE 4 ATTACK

### SHOT LIST

SHOT 1: STATIC FRAME (LOCK OFF)
SHIFTING BALANCE
PICTORAL SPACE
SUBJECT MOVEMENT
OMNISCENT VIEW

SHOT 2: MOVING FRAME
INTENTIONALLY UNBALANCED
PHYSICALLLIZED SPACE
CAMERA MOVEMENT
PARTIALLY CONSTRAINED VIEW

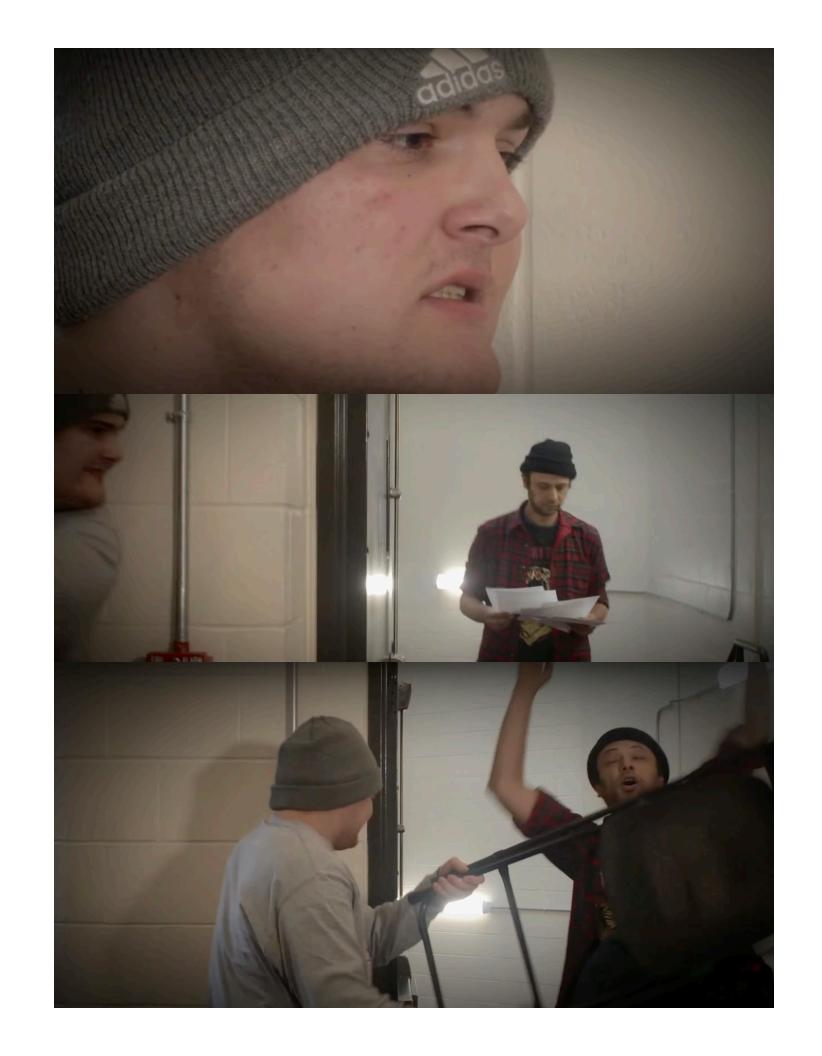
COMPLEX MOVING FRAMES

CONTINUOUS RE BALANCING

AMBIGIOUS SPACE AND TIME

MOVES AND COUNTER MOVES

CONSTRAINED VIEWS



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