

INT. BUFFALO STREET BOOKS - READING ROOM - STORMY NIGHT

Several ASPIRING SCREENWRITERS sit around a table in a cozy bookstore.

NAOMI, 29, leans forward and beckons for the other writers to do the same.

NAOMI

(whispering)

What I'm about to tell you is the most important thing you'll ever need to know about writing. This one thing will change your lives forever...

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The Aspiring Screenwriters lie passed out on the floor.

NAOMI

Of course, it takes a gifted individual to hang on to their corporeal existence once they've been imparted with such wisdom.

I/E. ITHACA CITY STREETS - POLICE CAR - NIGHT - RAIN

OFFICER MICK, 50's, sits in his car watching *The Girls Next Door* on his smart phone.

WALKIE TALKIE

(female voice)

Calling all officers in the vicinity of Buffalo and Cayuga. There has been a code 42. Repeat a code 42. Extreme caution advised.

Officer Mick tosses his phone onto the passenger seat and picks up the walkie-talkie.

OFFICER MICK

Copy that. This is Officer Mick Cox responding.

Officer Mick hangs up.

Beat.

OFFICER MICK (CONT'D)

Who knew that knowledge could kill?

EXT. BUFFALO STREET BOOKS - NIGHT

Officer Mick leads a handcuffed Naomi to his police car.

NAOMI

But I only elevated them into a  
state of writer's nirvana.

OFFICER MICK

Watch your head.

Officer Mick helps Naomi into the car and closes the door.