

Husband (Daniel?, John?, Parker?)- normal guy, clean cut, witty but soft spoken, humble, decent... works as manager of a store though he just got his bachelors in business and is being pressured by his new wife to seek a higher paying job. He plans to get a better job but he likes the working at the store because he has friends there and it's subconsciously a symbol of his bachelor-hood he's hesitant to abandon. Just starting out in life but has a promising future... Loves his new wife though he's finding her a bit more irritating now that they're together all the time. Has small doubts about whether or not he's ready to settle into a domesticated role at this point in his life. This is a reason why he doesn't care that much about retrieving the couch. Though he's not as sure about the marriage as his wife is, he's a good guy so he'll do his best to preserve the marriage and keep her happy... loves rap music though you wouldn't guess it by looking at him. Listens to rap to get pumped up for a day at work or a city wide couch search as the case may be... Likes Twinkies...

Wife (Megan?, Jen?, Courtney?)- Very happy to finally be married. The kind of girl that has been fantasizing about marriage since she was a little girl. She's extraordinary in the sack but she only slept with husband once before marriage. Used sex as engagement motivator... She's a sweet girl but very emotional and irrational at times. She is book smart though and is studying to be a teacher? Veterinarian? Loves kids and hopes to have one soon herself even though in reality she's not emotionally mature enough for such a responsibility... Comes from wealthier family and gets annoyed that her husband seems so satisfied with such an economically simple life style.

Factory

Need research...I don't really know what happens in a couch factory, but perhaps some assembly line shots. Maybe once the couch is assembled factory workers spend their breaks relaxing on the couches or eating lunch.

Showroom

Couch arrives at department store and is moved into the showroom. Time passes in fast forward showing all the people walking around it, testing it, relaxing on it, and playing on it. During fast forward sequence key characters are randomly thrown in but easy to miss. Fast forward stops on a typical five member family expressing interest in the couch. The family consists of business man father, house wife mother, 10-year-old son, 8-year-old daughter, and infant (exact ages of children don't matter). The family has decided that the couch would be perfect for their new rec room, but the somewhat sleazy salesman is trying to sell them on a more expensive model with... features? (research) Family remains unmoved by his attempts.

- Family represents wholesome American ideal thus their affection for the couch elevates it to the same status in their eyes. The salesman as an unsavory character represents the corruption of traditional values in his attempts to sell the family on a newer more expensive model. To him the couch is just a piece of furniture that has the potential to put money in his pocket. It's not an expensive couch so he'd rather sell a nicer one.

Family

Quick montage of scenes portraying what generally happens around the couch while with the family. Kids jumping and playing on it (food stains? muddy feet stains?), family watching a movie, husband and wife enjoying romantic evening. At end of montage family is welcoming a new dog to the family when the dog decides to take a big piss on the couch. Decision is made to get rid of couch.

- The scenes with the family are comical in how cliché they are.

Scuzzy/Country Guy (I was thinking maybe a crazy man Bob kind of guy. Bob lived across the street from Slauson and had all sorts of crazy stuff laying around in his yard. He also barbecued fish every day for breakfast...the guy was just crazy)

Family has organized a yard sale. Amongst the items being sold is the couch which is priced at \$50. Bob is admiring the couch when a couple college kids come over to examine it too. Bob starts feeling threatened by their interest and lashes out at the kids verbally and physically. A ruckus ensues but in the end the father of the family is able to

calm Bob down and offers to sell the couch to him for \$5 just to get rid of him. Bob only has \$3.84 but the family just wants him to leave so the deal is made. Bob's truck is parked a ways down the street so he has to drag the couch quite a distance. Bob finally gets the couch to his house and finds a spot for it outside amongst all the other crazy shit he has in his yard. A few weeks pass and then Bob is dragged off by the police for doing something crazy (the real Bob was in trouble with the law for refusing to pay taxes, selling lumber illegally, and murdering neighborhood cats.) Bob is off to prison so his possessions are cleaned up and sold at auction. Couch is purchased by a second-hand furniture store.

- Before the couch is liberated from Bob it's pretty grimy from being kept outside for so long. The couch is cleaned before being put on display at the store but some of the stains still remain.

each description

→ rip → flashes to a time when two guys get into a fight,
or break fight comes crashing into the couch where it
either rips or breaks

voice starts from main guy's childhood?

→ bullet hole → flashes to one of the final scenes

→ narrator jumps back to ^{middle} beginning of movie

→ record narrates (friend) jumps in and rewinds it further

Movie Notes -

start with monologue

describe coach's history

↳ ~~beer spill~~ beer stains → fraternity party

crack melted

rip

~~the~~

→ could come into play when pimp is delivering drugs → police try
catches on due to crack spot on couch

↳ friends get coach

pimp then has prostitute beat him up and lies
to boss saying the hip stole the dope

↳ enters a new character (hit man)

↳ a pair of them, act smooth but are
really inexperienced

story line

comes into play as on
of the friends is describing
his data

describe couch → introduce characters → introduce pimp/prostitute

prostitute career point → couch is stolen → pimp persecute gods to

boss → doesn't want it in throw in street → friends begin

quest for couch (and other items?) → pimp does drug run → gets

sniff out couch → pimp gets word from drugs → finds first
couch w/ drugs (didn't know it yet) → get taken in by police → pimp
gets himself beat by prostitute, lies to boss → hitman are
called → drug deal is made →

it ends in his money → decides to rethink the couch → but cars
are stolen

Man and woman with children buy couch
↳ child spills juice and couch is put in a garage sale
↳ two women

↳ 1 is in a furniture store
↳ 1 in family home

Garage sale scene

↳ bought by old lady? → her dog could do something

↳ is left on curb for pickup

↳ picks up guy gives it to his college student son

↳ scene in fraternity → beer is spilled on it

first drunk out truck? given to goddard → poor guy buys it

↳ gets crease stains on it

show eviction scene

↳ newlywed couple buy it at a government auction

Scene ideas - factory (opening credits)

furniture store (salesman, family)

family room (family kids, wedding present)

street scene (pickup guys, co-workers)

fraternity house (pickup guy's son, party people / a fine woman)

goddard store (poor people → fight over couch)

co druggie house (poor guy, druggie friends → government agent)

government auction (offer government official, newlyweds)

newly wed apartment → then to titles?

↳ then immediately submerge into story line

↳ maybe final couch scene could be the couple having sex on the couch to finalize the couple's new home

poor guy scenes →

fraying fish

some kid could mess with him

character description →

misaligned couple

wife has wealthy family

↳ doesn't need to work but is very into some hobby

↳ the hobby generates a lot of money

Arnold is the bestest in the westest

man feels alienated by this but he accepts it

↳ is pretty bright but not dedicated to one particular thing

↳ always in search of a better job

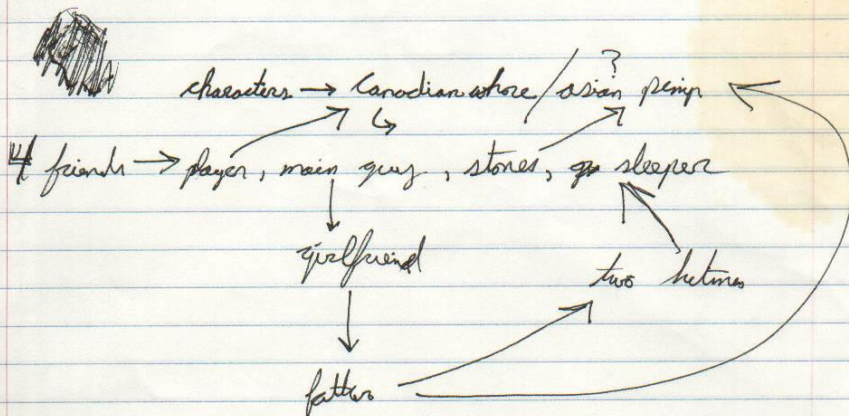
even though woman has higher economic status, is still prone to male dominance

↳ yet man can still not help but feel dominance threatened

possible jobs for man →

possible hobbies for woman →

The most powerful tool of them all is a pen and paper....



starts off w/ couch's being manufactured by the hundred
↳ show how one couch really means selling

Our couch was one of the most beautiful things I
have ever known....

couch description →

maybe do a tie around

have people investigating the couch

↳ a bullet shot say (this do a quick flash
to the moment it
happened)

↳ beer stain → flash to a huge party

with lots of drinking → guys always → but glasses and the
beer spills (maybe do a slow in shot with slow motion
of the beer falling onto the couch)

crack melt spotted → flash to a ~~party~~ ^{drugs} party → melting people
smoking weed and hyper people smoking crack → a guy
does a huge take of crack, yells, and then drops the crack
pipe onto the couch