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INT. NEWSPAPER OFFICE - BREAK ROOM - DAY

DR. BLACK, 30, black vest and thick beard enters. He sits down around a circle of chairs. In the circle sit VERGIL, 20, dreadlocks, wearing a red striped tie. DAVE, 26, glasses and greasy hair. STACEY, 24, wearing high heels and lip gloss. MAGGIE, 23, heavy set with curly hair and headband stands at the vending machines behind them.

DR. BLACK

Morning everyone. Your editor Mr. Crackle has hired me to come in while he's on vacation in response to the last outburst. Let's dive right in. Who shall start us off?

Dave raises his hand.

DR. BLACK (CONT'D)

Yes, Dave, go right ahead.

DAVE

Well I feel unappreciated.

DR. BLACK

Unappreciated? Can you expand on the matter?

DAVE

Every day I make sure all the staplers are fully stocked. But does anyone acknowledge it? No.

DR. BLACK

I see, you wish for fulfilment amongst your peers.

A heavy foot taps against the floor. Vergil, speaks out.

VERGIL

Really, Dave? Staples? That's what's important to you instead of printing these articles out and meeting deadlines?

Dave grabs a stapler.

DAVE

Staples are an important task! Files and prints stay together because of me!

Dave opens up the stapler and adds staples.

DR. BLACK  
What you do here and everyone else  
keeps the paper hitting doorsteps.

Vergil stares at Dave.

VERGIL  
He needs to do more than staples.

DR. BLACK  
It seems you have some opinions  
about your colleagues?

A CLICK comes from Dave as he adds staples.

VERGIL  
I have? some things to say--

The vending machine THUMPS. A candy bar is stuck on the  
glass. Maggie, heavy set, SLAPS the machine.

VERGIL (CONT'D)  
Maggie! Can it wait?

DR. BLACK  
Please join us, Maggie.

MAGGIE  
I will. I just haven't eaten and  
I'm so hungry.

Stacey, POPS her bubble gum.

STACEY  
Haven't eaten the last ten seconds?  
I would be starving, too, If I  
downed ten donuts and a hash brown.

DAVE  
You leave her alone!

STACEY  
We all know you like her, Dave.

DAVE  
I do not!

STACEY  
Yes, you do.

DAVE  
I do not!

Stacey POPS her bubble gum. Maggie SLAPS the machine. Dave CLICKS the stapler.

DR. BLACK  
Everybody, let's settle down.

Sweat builds on Vergil's face. The lights flicker.

VERGIL  
That's it! I'm done. Doc, sign my sheet please. I got deadlines to make and articles to print.

DR. BLACK  
Not until you all have made connections. Besides I think you need the most help. The water jug incident Vergil, sounds like a cry for help.

VERGIL  
That was a misunderstanding!

Dave stands up.

DAVE  
I don't like her!

STACEY  
(singing)  
Dave and Maggie sitting in a tree.

Dave runs out the room.

DR. BLACK  
Dave come back!

Vergil stands up and walks to the door.

DR. BLACK (CONT'D)  
Where are you going?

VERGIL  
Bathroom. I need a break from these people.

DR. BLACK  
Fine, but come back with Dave.

VERGIL  
Whatever.

Maggie sits down in a chair with candy bar in hand.

MAGGIE  
What I miss?

INT. NEWSPAPER OFFICE - BATHROOM - DAY

Vergil enters.

VERGIL  
These people! If only I could quit!  
Dave, that spineless punk. He  
should staple his eyes and mouth  
shut!

Vergil walks over to the urinal. The lights flicker.

VERGIL (CONT'D)  
And Maggie, freaking whale. For a  
second put down the damn food. Her  
guts are going to blow out her ass.

Vergil goes to the sink he washes his hands then heads for  
the door. He slips and falls to the ground.

VERGIL (CONT'D)  
My back!

Vergil stands up. The floor has a blood trail that leads to  
the far stall.

Vergil opens the stall. Dave leaps out at Vergil.

VERGIL (CONT'D)  
Fuck! Dave!

Dave's face bleeds from multiple staples from his eyes and  
mouth. Dave MUMBLES. Vergil pushes Dave aside.

GHOST  
Looks like he got the wrong end of  
a stapler.

Dave runs into the mirror. His head SHATTERS the glass. Dave  
falls backward dead.

GHOST (CONT'D)  
Ouch, with a haircut like that I'd  
kill myself, too.

VERGIL  
Dave! Please don't die!

Vergil kneels over Dave.

GHOST

Too late, he is gone to the great barber in the sky.

VERGIL

Who's there? Show yourself!

GHOST

I would, master. But being a poltergeist and all it's not going to happen.

VERGIL

What? I got to go get help.

Vergil runs to the bathroom door.

VERGIL (CONT'D)

But if the paper is shut down then I'll be out on the streets.

GHOST

What are you going to do, boss?

VERGIL

Shut up! This is crazy! This can't be real!

GHOST

Crazy? You are talking to a poltergeist. Well on to my next customer.

The lights flicker.

VERGIL

Think!

Vergil runs out of the bathroom. He goes to the supply closet and takes the caution tape. He spreads the yellow banner across the men's room.

INT. NEWSPAPER OFFICE - BREAK ROOM - DAY

Vergil enters. Stacey, Maggie, and Dr. Black sit at the chair circle.

DR. BLACK

Vergil. What took so long and where is Dave?

VERGIL

I didn't see him. No one go to the  
east bathroom! It's flooded.

Dr. Black grabs a stapler. He CLICKS his papers together.

DR. BLACK

You sure you didn't see him?

Dr. Black continues to CLICK his papers.

VERGIL

Hey, there is something bad going  
on here. We need to leave!

Dr. Black stands up and walks over to Vergil. He touches  
Vergil's shoulder.

DR. BLACK

Listen, we all need help. That's a  
fact of life. We have to make  
connections. Please, Dave, have a  
seat.

STACEY

Dr. Black, do you give private  
therapy? I think I need some  
special help.

Stacey uncrosses her legs widening her stance. She POPS her  
bubble gum. Vergil's face turns red.

VERGIL

You are not listening!

The lights flicker.

MAGGIE

What is going on?

VERGIL

We have to leave!

MAGGIE

Anyone feel a chill?

The lights black out.

VERGIL

Oh no!

The lights turn on. Maggie is gone.

DR. BLACK  
Is everyone okay? It was a simple  
black out. Vergil please have a  
seat. We can work this out.

VERGIL  
Enough!

Vergil punches Dr. Black in the face. Dr. Black slams into  
the chairs.

VERGIL (CONT'D)  
Oh my god! I'm so sorry.

Dr. Black stands up and kicks a chair.

DR. BLACK  
This is hopeless! I tried to be  
reasonable with you all. But this  
is a waste of my god damn time. I  
quit!

Dr. Black storms out the break room.

STACEY  
Smooth move, Rambo. Wait 'till  
Jensen hears about this.

VERGIL  
If we make it out alive.

Vergil looks around the room.

VERGIL (CONT'D)  
Hey where is Maggie?

STACEY  
She was just here.

Vergil grabs Stacey by the wrist and pulls her as they run  
out the door.

VERGIL  
We have to move people are dying!

Stacey slaps Vergil's arm away.

STACEY  
Back off! I can get you for sexual  
harassment.

Stacey walks away.



VERGIL

Look, you need to come with me and  
we need Maggie too.

STACEY

Oh, look who is all over Maggie  
now.

VERGIL

Head to the exit and I'll meet you  
there! I'm getting Maggie.

STACEY

Piss off.

Vergil runs down the hall to the human resources office.

INT. HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE - DAY

Vergil enters.

VERGIL

Maggie, you here?

A sharp THUMP comes the office closet. Vergil opens the door.  
The light reveals Maggie sitting on top of a printer.

Sheets of paper fall into a mound of organs.

VERGIL (CONT'D)

Oh my god, Maggie!

Vergil pukes on the ground. The lights flicker.

GHOST

There she blows!

VERGIL

You monster!

GHOST

Hey you wanted this, remember?

Vergil exits the printer closet.

VERGIL

What the hell are you talking  
about? I didn't want to kill  
anybody!

GHOST

Wrong! You summoned me. The ritual  
you performed last night called me.

(MORE)

GHOST (CONT'D)

Your dark side here to make you happy. I iced them mediocre pencil pushers and boom, here we are.

VERGIL

What? That was supposed to be a healing charm.

GHOST

Looks like you got your voodoo mixed up. Well I'm here to stay, master. Whether you like it or not.

INT. CUBICLE - DAY

Stacey surfs the internet on the desk computer. The lights flicker then all electronics turn off.

STACEY

What the hell?

GHOST

Stacey.

STACEY

Who's there? This is a bad joke!

GHOST

A friend of Vergil's.

STACEY

Vergil's?

GHOST

I want to play.

Stacey shivers.

STACEY

Oh my god? It's cold!

INT. HALLWAY - DAY

Stacey SCREAMS. Vergil races down the hallway.

VERGIL

Stacey, hold on!

INT. CUBICLE - DAY

Vergil enters. Stacey is floating in the air.

VERGIL

Stacey!

STACEY

Do something!

VERGIL

Think! All spirits have a weakness  
as a reflection of the master or  
host. What am I afraid of?

STACEY

Don't stand there!

Stacey is hurled around in the air.

VERGIL

Water! I can't swim!.

Vergil runs too the fire alarm. He pulls the fire alarm  
latch. Water fills the area and Stacey falls to the floor.

STACEY

What the fuck is going on?

Vergil picks Stacey up from off the ground.

VERGIL

We must get out of here! There is  
no time. Hey you hear me out there  
leave us alone!

The lights flicker.

GHOST

You can't get rid of me! Besides  
I'm now strong enough to do what I  
want and I want to play.

The lights shut off.

EXT. OFFICE BUILDING - NIGHT

Vergil and Stacey approach the front doors.

The lights turn on. Dr. Black stands in front of Vergil and  
Stacey. Dr. Black's eye are red as blood seeps through his  
smile.

DR. BLACK

Let's play.

The End.