

Anybody Care?

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A long time job seeker who has hunted throughout his city while opposing political groups-ala Occupy and the Tea Party-have demonstrated there, seizes a microphone at one of the rallies and tell both sides what he thinks of them, then must escape the near riot he's incited and the police.

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FADE IN

EXT. DOWNTOWN - AFTERNOON

The air is filled with speeches from political rallies and counter rallies.

The JOB HUNTER, a white man, late forties, older than he looks, dressed in a blue suit that has seen better days, white shirt, red tie, and carrying a scabby briefcase and folded Razor scooter, walks out of an office building looking very disappointed. FOLLOW JOB HUNTER.

The Job Hunter sees the bus across the street about to leave the stop and races like hell for the corner to intercept it. The bus passes the corner and the Job Hunter arrives only after he can do no more than stare impotently after it. He almost throws his stuff angrily to the ground but stops himself.

The Job Hunter crosses the street and walks to-

EXT. THE BUS STOP - CONTINUOUS

-to wait for the bus. Behind him may be seen the park in which political demonstrations and counter demonstrations by groups along the lines of Occupy and the TEA Party are taking place. The Job Hunter frowns and grimaces as he listens to the various diatribes boosted by loudspeakers and megaphones until finally he can't bear it anymore and walks to-

EXT. THE PARK ENTRANCE - CONTINUOUS

-where he takes a Guy Fawkes mask from a box of them that is sitting there and puts it on before entering-

EXT. THE PARK - CONTINUOUS

The Job Hunter begins to push through the crowd toward the stage where a speaker is ranting into a microphone at counter demonstrators some of whom have megaphones. (actors free to ad lib) When he gets to the side of the stage, he drops his belongings, gets up onto the stage, and before anyone can stop him, grabs the microphone from the speaker and-

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JOB HUNTER
(bellows into the microphone)
Will you people shut the fuck
uuuuuuupp!!!

Feedback erupts from all the loudspeakers and everyone in the park covers their ears in pain.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)
Hello. I'd tell you who I am but I'd be very surprised if you cared. Now put your goddamn phones down!!! You paid for the fucking ticket, you can damn well watch the fucking movie!! I suppose this is the part where I tell you all how I got to this point. Ah, why not?

BEGIN FLASHBACK

INT. JOB HUNTER'S PARENTS' SECOND CONDO LIVING ROOM - MORNING

The Job Hunter sits in his bed clothes in front of his computer eating cereal and looking like he just climbed out of bed. His hair has grown out and his beard is two months long. The computer has a tube monitor.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')
Good Morning. Welcome to my life. This is how my day begins. No I'm not playing World of Warcraft! I'm doing what every responsible jobless adult with no income does every day, I'm job hunting! Hope you're not bored easily.

He concentrates visibly on the screen.

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)
Let's see! Job serious. First email of the day. Customer service rep for Jarkel. Eh, you take what you can get.

The man clicks his mouse.

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)(CON'T)
Hm. A holding company for insurance and investments, eh? sounds good. More importantly, can I get there on the bus?

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Clicks his mouse again.

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)(CON'T)
Hey, I can. What do you know?
Hokay, email resume, cover letter,
and salary requirements.

He moves his mouse around and clicks intermittently.

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)(CON'T)
There goes another resume I'll
never see again. Neeeeext!

The man clicks his mouse again.

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)(CON'T)
Hm. Half Robert has a customer
service rep position, too. Assuming
it's not the same position. Might
as well let them know I might be
interested.

He moves his mouse around and clicks intermittently.

The man's eyebrows raise.

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)(CON'T)
U-Haul needs a CSR, too? Wonder
what that's like. Let's see where
they are. Hm. Yeah I can get there
on the bus. Let's see about... Aw
an online application. I hate
these. They take so long.

The man begins to type and move his mouse around, again
clicking intermittently.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')

Are we having fun, yet? And this is
just the first three entries of the
first email. I've still got twenty
four more leads to look into on
just this email. Then I've got six
more emails to go through. This is
my life. Don't you wish you were
me? I bet you think I'll be
employed inside of two weeks.
Bullshit!! I've been doing this for
two months now, and that was just
since my last interview. It's been
over a year since my last day of
paid work and I can count the
number of interviews I've had on

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JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT') (cont'd)

one hand. I've got a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from a fairly big name university and this is my life for going on twenty years now. I'm not even one of those people with a drug or alcohol problem. I don't have a prison record or a bankruptcy. There is no huge shameful event in my past which somehow marks me as unemployable, yet here I am. I'll have you know that I haven't even finished filling out the online application, yet. Depending on how much one must look up, an online application can take up to an hour to finish. Old employers, old addresses, old supervisors who probably are no longer there with phone numbers that probably no longer work. I'd put it all in a database or spreadsheet but I have enough trouble staying awake doing this.

The Job Hunter begins entering data.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')

All right, I'll have mercy. Let's fast forward to lunch.

INT. JOB HUNTER'S PARENTS' SECOND CONDO LIVING ROOM - NOON

The Job Hunter is now showered and dressed and has traded in his breakfast dishes for a bowl of soup and a soda. A YouTube video is on the screen. The Job Hunter quietly eats during the next monologue.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')

Yeah, we're back here again. I pretty much spend the day in front of my computer. No place to go when you're broke and unemployed and there's no point in sitting at the kitchen table when there's nobody to sit with. A generation ago, I'd probably have been sitting in front of the TV. Despite appearances, this is not a break. I am out of things to do today other than sit and wait by the phone and hope

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JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT') (cont'd)

someone calls. That's the place every day gets to eventually. Oh, sometimes I have work enough to last all day. Even into the night, but that's rare. It's unpaid data entry that I do every day. I might feel better about it if I got more phone calls. There have been days when I've spent all day sitting by the phone waiting for it to ring. I know what you're thinking: Get a cell phone, moron. Yeah, who's gonna pay for that? You? If I had a cell phone, I suppose I could go to the park or something. Might make it a little easier but my folks have enough of my bills to pay. What? You thought I could live in a place like this with no income. Nope, sorry to disappoint you, but this is my parents second condo. When the housing market went south, my parents sold some stock and bought this place. It was a lot more economical than paying my rent every month when I was out of work and they don't have a basement for me to live in anymore. That's right, I'm the guy who wound up living in his parents' basement after college. You can say they're helping me with rent. You can say I'm staying in their second condo. You can dress it up any way you like, it's still my parents' basement. Every piece of furniture or electronics is either a handmedown or a Christmas gift. A's in high school, B's in college, a computer science degree and I still can't get anyone to employ me. At least, not for any length of time. Every other month or so, I'll get a call from an agency for a one day job at someplace around town. If I can get there on a bus or scrape together cab fare, I'll go and install new software or new computers. It's surprising how many people in businesses are afraid to touch computers or don't want their people touching the computers, but

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JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT') (cont'd)
 still won't hire a computer person.
 Those paychecks are precious money.
 With those, I can go to a
 restaurant or movie or something. I
 never saw 'The Lord of the Rings'
 movies in the theaters. I barely
 get to see anything. YouTube helps
 a lot. You can find all kinds of
 things to watch there. Classic
 movies, audio books, sports
 highlights, music, Broadway shows,
 classic major rock concerts, it's a
 poor man's cable television. It can
 almost make you forget your life is
 passing by and you're not getting
 that time back. I thought I told
you to put down that cell phone!!!
 Yeah, all right, maybe I'm boring
 you.

The Job Hunter finishes eating, turns off his computer, and
 takes his dishes to the kitchen. FOLLOW JOB HUNTER.

INT. JOB HUNTER'S PARENTS' SECOND CONDO KITCHEN - NOON

The man puts his dishes in the sink and turns to leave.
 FOLLOW JOB HUNTER.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')
 Come on. I'll show you some fun.
 We'll do something I only do once a
 week: we'll go...grocery shopping.
 Wheeee.

EXT. THE CONDO FRONT STEP - NOON

The Job Hunter steps through the condo front door with an
 unfolded razor scooter that is rather scabby looking. He
 closes the door behind him and begins to scoot down the
 sidewalk. FOLLOW JOB HUNTER.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')
 What? You were expecting a
 limousine or something. Sorry to
 disappoint but this is the only
 form of transportation I own. In
 case you didn't pick up on the
 clues, I don't own a car. No,
 that's not to save the environment!
 My last car shot craps in 2004 just

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JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT') (cont'd)
when I needed it for a new job. I wound up taking the bus to work to try to sell vacuum cleaners door-to-door. Yes, people still do that in this day and age. Fortunately, the place I was working for at the time sent us out in vans to work small towns around the state so I only had to make it to the office in time to head out. Sales of high end items like those vacuums is not that different from the way job hunting used to feel. You keep thinking, 'Somebody's gonna buy this today. I just know it. I'm gonna make a big commission. It's gonna happen today.' It can take you a whole month of failures before you realize you just don't have the gift. It's the same way with job hunting. You keep saying, 'Look at all these jobs out there. One of them's got to want me. The next job is right around the corner. I just know it.' Sound familiar? It does to me. It was after that job that I had to scrap the car and buy the scooter for thirty bucks at Wal-mart. It used to be the only kind of secondary transport you could take on the bus, too. Last year, they added racks for bicycles to the buses. My dad even gave me one of his old bikes. Too bad somebody stole it when I went to the library to upgrade their software one day.

He reaches the condo parking lot and scoots through it to the sidewalk along the street. FOLLOW JOB HUNTER.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')
The store is within walking distance but the scooter cuts the time consumed in half. I may have all kinds of time on my hands but I have better ways to waste it than walking around town all day, no matter how good it may be for me.

He stops at the corner to wait for the light to change.

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JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')

I suppose this jobless lifestyle without transport does have some...non-disadvantages. I'm probably in better health because I'm getting all this exercise but there's nothing I can do with it.

The light changes and he scoots across the street, then waits at that corner for the other light to change.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')

There can be no girlfriends or boyfriends when you're broke, unemployed, and without transportation. I mean, what are you gonna do? Take them to dinner on the bus? I could probably deal with being jobless if I wasn't also income-less, wife-less, childless, and girlfriend-less. I'm now in my late forties and I am past the point where this lifestyle grates on me.

The light changes and he scoots across the street. FOLLOW JOB HUNTER.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')

I suppose some of you think I should take out a half dozen credit cards under a stolen social security number and just live off them....No...No. I'm not that kind. At least not yet. Maybe I'd break bad if I woke up tomorrow with cancer or something, but now? No. you should only do something if you're good at it and if you know what you're doing. I know nothing of such things and I just spent the better part of the last twenty years staring at walls. I'm trying to get away from that.

The Job Hunter reaches the front doors of-

EXT. THE GROCERY STORE. CONTINUOUS

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')
 I probably could ride the scooter
 through the store. There's no
 posted rule against it, but I'm not
 that rude.

He enters the store leaning on his scooter like a cane.
 FOLLOW JOB HUNTER. He picks up a basket as he enters the
 interior doors.

INT. THE GROCERY STORE SOUP AISLE - CONTINUOUS

The job hunter walks down the aisle pushing his scooter
 beside him putting cans of soup in the basket. He uses his
 foot to keep the scooter from falling over when he must take
 his hand off of it.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')
 Soup is one of the things I live
 on. Like most of the people I know,
 it's usually just chicken noodle or
 it's permutations but I did find a
 good beef and potato soup that's on
 sale once in awhile. Today it's
 just chicken noodle but I'll also
 get some country style and chicken
 and dumplings. Anything to mix it
 up a little.

He crosses to the other side of the aisle.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')
 Speaking of mixing, Hamburger
 Helper's on sale, too. Like most
 college students, I learned how to
 make it in the dorm during all
 nighters and adopted it for
 apartment living. Never thought I'd
 be living on it for twenty years.

He gathers one box each of nine different flavors of
 Hamburger Helper into his basket.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')
 These ten for \$10 sales are a
 godsend. I suppose some of you
 think I should just go on welfare
 or food stamps or something. I
 actually tried to once. You see,
 the thing is, back in the 90s, when
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JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT') (cont'd)
jobs were plentiful, I actually began sticking money away into a retirement account like people are supposed to do. Also, when my grandparents passed away, their estates were disseminated to our whole extended family and my parents and I decided to put my share into the account to live on when and if I retire. It was all a very good idea then, but now I technically have a very large cash asset which disqualifies me from being eligible for welfare or food stamps. I could close the account and use the money now but then I'd lose a bunch of it in taxes. It's the primary reason why my folks are willing to pay for all this.

INT. THE CHECKOUT LINE IN THE GROCERY STORE - LATER

The Job Hunter places his groceries on the conveyor and steps back. The conveyor belt moves forward and the clerk begins to check them out. The Job Hunter digs into his pocket for his wallet and pulls out a credit card.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')
Like everything else in my life, my food is paid for by my parents. When the car crapped out, my parents gave me this credit card to pay for food and bus tickets. The bill goes directly to them not me, so they know if I buy anything outside those parameters.

The Job Hunter pays for his groceries and hangs the full plastic grocery bags off of the handlebars of his scooter and pushes it toward the exit.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')
They sell booze here. I suppose if I were a drinker I could buy a lot of that or at least find out what kinds I like. I may have to think about that.

EXT. THE GROCERY STORE - A BIT LATER

The Job Hunter exits the store and begins to scoot through
The parking lot around moving cars. FOLLOW JOB HUNTER

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')

I once applied to work here and pretty much anyplace I could walk to. Banks, stores, fast-food joints, but never heard a word back. My dad says that it's because I have a college degree. I think he's right. I think that these places got burned too badly in the 80's and 90's when people would come out of college with their shiny new degrees but couldn't find jobs immediately so they would go to work wherever they could and barely get trained before the corporations would snap them up. Now, when all the corporate jobs have moved overseas, we all can't get the lower level jobs because of twenty year old policies. At least, that's how it looks from here.

EXT. THE STORE STREET CORNER - CONTINUOUS

The Job Hunter reaches the street corner and waits for the light to change. One of the plastic grocery bags rips out and cans of soups spill onto the sidewalk.

JOB HUNTER

Goddamnshittinmotherfuckinsonofabitch!!!

He leans his scooter up against the light post, ties a knot in the ripped out bag, and puts the cans back in the bag.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)

Yes I did go to middle school.

The light changes and the Job Hunter scoots across the street, then stops on the other side to wait for the light to change again. FOLLOW JOB HUNTER While he waits, he leans over to see if any of the other bags are ready to rip out.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')

Think I'm having a bad day? Try doing this in the pouring rain or the dead of winter with six inches

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JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT') (cont'd)
of snow or half an inch of ice or
both on the ground.

The light changes and The Job Hunter scoots across the Street.

INT. JOB HUNTER'S PARENTS' SECOND CONDO - LATER

The front door opens and the Job Hunter pushes his scooter with the groceries into the foyer.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')
What do you know? Nobody ran me
over.

He takes the groceries off the handlebars and lets the scooter fall over in the foyer. He leaves it there in the middle of the floor and takes the groceries into-

INT. JOB HUNTER'S PARENTS' SECOND CONDO KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

-FOLLOW JOB HUNTER. In the kitchen, he puts the groceries away in the cupboards.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')
Well the cupboards are no longer
bare. I'll last a little longer in
this place. Wish I didn't always
eat by myself.

The Job Hunter returns to his computer but first leans over a table next to it where an answering machine may be seen.

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)
No messages while I was out. My
resume still isn't getting me phone
calls. May as well turn the
computer back on and see if there
are anymore emails.

The Job Hunter pushes a button on the power strip, activating the computer and all it's peripherals then pushes a switch on the tower causing the computer to begin it's boot sequence. He then sits down in the chair to wait.

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)(CON'T)
There was a buzzword being passed
around the tech community a few
years bac--Convergence. It
basically meant that every device
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JOB HUNTER (V.O.)(CON'T) (cont'd)
put out, be it a desktop, laptop,
tablet, phone, or even a watch,
would have the capability to do
everything that any other device
could do. So where once we needed a
phone to make phone calls, a TV to
watch TV, a radio to hear
broadcasts, and a computer to run
word processing, spreadsheets, and
databases, now we would only need
one device of one kind to take care
of all of that. It would all depend
on how big a device a person would
need to function. I suppose, in
that sense, life has gotten
somewhat cheaper. People don't need
huge stereo setups or televisions
separate from their computers
anymore.

The man's face grows more pensive.

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)(CON'T)
Shoot. Now I wonder how many jobs
that eliminates.

The Job Hunter turns to his computer.

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)(CON'T)
Let's see if there's any new email.

The man begins to type and move his mouse around, again
clicking intermittently.

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)(CON'T)
Hey, a new businessworkforce.com
email. OK. Um, Home Health Aide?
Nope not qualified, RN Case
Manager? Don't think so. Registered
Nurse? No. Registered Nurse Case
Manager? I think I got the wrong
email. PeopleSoft 9.1 ePerformance
Developer? That's more like it.
Pity that's not in my skill set.
In-store Demo-Event Specialist? Oy,
they want people to sell vacuum
cleaners door-to-door again.
Pipefitter? Not qualified. Security
Officer Omaha Seasonal? I don't own
a gun. Sr. Network Engineer? I'm
not at that level yet. Case
Manager? Not qualified. In-store

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JOB HUNTER (V.O.)(CON'T) (cont'd)

Demo-Event Specialist? More vacuum cleaners. Convenience Banking Specialist I - FT? Probably not. Compliance Officer II-Mortgage? Nope. In-store Demo-Event Specialist? Boy they really need vacuum cleaner people. Yardhorse Driver 1st and 2nd Shift? Wonder what a Yardhorse is. Ah, it's in Valley Nebraska. It's too far away. Local OTR Driver? Still Valley NE. Director of Human Resources? Doubt I'm qualified. Distributed Command & Control Node Integrator Job? Nope. That's on the base. Probably requires security clearance. Application Architect - Contract/Contract to Hire? Probably still beyond my skills. In-store Demo-Event Specialist? How badly can they need vacuum cleaner people? Distributed Command & Control Node Engineer Job? At least as bad as the base needs this. CPS Document Release Specialist I? No idea what that is. Receiver? In Greenwood NE. Too far away. Operations Spec, Collections? Hm. Garbage man. In Bennington NE. Too far away. RN Obstetrics FT Labor & Delivery? Not my profession. VR Rehabilitation Specialist. ALSO not my profession. FUCK! Well, that was a bust.

The man looks disgusted.

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)(CON'T)

What's this? MyUsaPack is seeking for Express Couriers who can help the company to provide our transborder package forwarding service.

At the moment we have a part time vacancy (approximately 10-20 hours a week, weekdays only).

Position Duties:

- American citizenship or real permission to work in the USA
- Minimum age 21
- High school degree
- Excellent/Good time

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JOB HUNTER (V.O.)(CON'T) (cont'd)
management/control ability
- Must/Should be self-motivated
- Professional attitude
- Good/Excellent communication
skills
- Basic PC skills
Payment starts from \$14.00 per
hour.
We are an equal opportunity hirer.
To get more information, please get
in touch with our HR Department by
e-mail.

The man looks hurt and disgusted.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)
There are a lot of things which
hurt when you're job hunting.
Rejection letters and emails, being
asked what you've done since your
last job ended, that look the
interviewer gives you when they
know you're not a good fit, being
asked to fill out a job application
when you show up for an interview
and knowing they're judging you by
how long it takes. This is one of
the worst. Scammers and smugglers
send this kind of stuff to take
advantage of the jobless. This is a
smuggler in another country trying
to set up a relay for his packaged
drugs. Someone would have to be
pretty dense not to see it for
that. What's depressing is that I
know there're people desperate
enough to accept it. I'm almost one
of them. These don't hurt quite as
bad as the brochures for fake
classes, though.

The man shakes his head and goes back to work then grimaces

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)(CON'T)
Nothing but spam now. May as well
go back to YouTube

The man clicks his mouse and YouTube comes up and starts
playing Robin Williams-live at the Met. Suddenly the phone
RINGS and he clicks pause and picks up the phone.

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JOB HUNTER

Hello.....Yes, I'm aware of my
appointment in the
morning....yes....Yes. Thank you
for calling.

The man hangs up the phone, takes out his wallet, pulls a card from it, and places it on the desk in front of the monitor.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)

I developed a condition in my forties that requires regular medication. After losing a job some time before my last one, my doctor recommended I get on the state sliding scale program and he filed the paperwork for me. Now I have to keep regular appointments at the downtown city health center to get my prescriptions refilled. Tomorrow is the day. The card on the monitor will remind me. Matter of fact, there's nothing else going on today, I think I'll just open Facebook.

The man types and moves his mouse around, clicking intermittently again.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)

If YouTube is a poor man's cable television, Facebook is a poor man's social life. Here I can keep an eye on everybody I ever knew if they're on the network without having to go out to restaurants or bars. It's mostly a good thing. I enjoy seeing all the children and grandchildren and keeping in touch with my extended family,

The man abruptly slams his hand down on the desk.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')

-but it does have it's dark side. I get so sick and tired of the political and religious crap. When I was a kid, there were religious chain letters. Now, there are religious chain links on Facebook. I get so sick and tired of these compulsive Christians passing along

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JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT') (cont'd)

every single link on the pretense of proclaiming their love of God, though that's no where near as infuriating as the the political crap. The last president, this president, the next president- There's no real political discourse on Facebook, just vicarious cyberbullying. It's hard enough to have to elect these people without having to comb through all these barefaced lies about them every day. I don't mind when there's a shred of truth to them but all this crap about people's sexuality, racial slurs, and conspiracy theories, bug me. When did half the smart kids I went to school with turn into such white trash? Well, I know when this guy here did. It happened when he got divorced from his abusive ex and discovered that the legal system was geared to help his ex constantly hold his children over his head. For this, he hates all liberals and doesn't care who gets hurt when they go down. He doesn't know my situation. I don't think he'd care if he did. By his reasoning I'm just another loser who never learned to try hard enough and should be left to starve with the rest of the losers. I've seen him do it to others in my situation. That's why it's hard to sympathize with his situation. It's hard to feel sorry for somebody who kicks people when they're down. I wonder what he'd think if he knew how much I envy his situation. Even if his ex is as evil as he says, at least he was successful enough to have a marriage for awhile. He has kids which I never will. If she is as bad as he says, the kids will figure that out someday. Then again, I suppose he's in the same position I am, sitting at home when he's not working watching his life ticking away and unable to stop it. I guess it's the age we've reached that's made us this way. This is the part where I need some air.

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The Job Hunter gets up from the computer and heads to the door. FOLLOW JOB HUNTER.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')

I know most of you probably think I should just defriend him, but the truth is we came from one of those old neighborhoods where it's not just a person you know, it's the whole family. I knew his siblings and parents and he knew mine. If any of that family is going to pass away, I rather know about it.

EXT. THE CONDO FRONT STEP - NIGHT

The Job Hunter steps out the door, leans against the side rail and looks up at the stars.

JOB HUNTER

Twinkle Twinkle little star
How I hate all that you are
Up above the world so high
Watching as we live and die

The Job Hunter goes back inside? FOLLOW JOB HUNTER

INT. JOB HUNTER'S PARENTS' SECOND CONDO - SECONDS LATER

The Job Hunter sits Back down and begins to page through his Facebook again, when suddenly he smashes his fist down on the desk again.

BEGIN SUPERIMPOSE

SUPER: a picture of Clint Eastwood scowling with The words "NOBODY OWES YOU ANYTHING. GET OFF YOUR ASS AND EARN IT"

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)

That is it!!

SUPER: the following lines as Facebook post over the screen as the Job hunter types furiously.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')

Yes, Enron proved that nobody owes anybody a pension,

the banks proved that nobody owes anybody a house,
Colleges and schools have proved

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JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT') (cont'd)
 nobody owes anybody an education,
 businesses have proven that nobody
 owes anybody a living wage,
 insurance companies have proven
 that nobody owes anybody health
 care,
 Bernie Madoff proved that nobody
 owes anybody a return on an
 investment,
 Washington has consistently proved
 that nobody owes anybody
 governance,
 There are several courts and
 municipalities throughout the US
 that prove nobody owes anybody
 justice and you're very lucky if
 live in a place where you actually
 get it,
 I know of several local businesses
 where employees are not even owed
 their earnings and...oh wait a
 minute.
 Like · Reply · 3 · Today at 7:30pm
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SUPER: a Caucasian male mouth speaking into a smart phone.

ILIKETALKRADIO(V.O)
 Weak at best!!!
 Like · Reply · Today at 7:32pm

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JOB HUNTER (V.O.)
 Not as weak as that.
 Like · Reply · 1 · Today at 7:35pm

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ILIKETALKRADIO(V.O)
 Nothing is owed to you.....stop
 depending on the man beyond a
 paycheck.
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JOB HUNTER (V.O.)
 You just proved my point. The
 entire American system of
everything has been so badly
 undermined by everything I listed
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JOB HUNTER (V.O.) (cont'd)
above and everything like it that everything I learned about being an American in school is no longer valid. It's easy for Clint Eastwood to say that, (if he did) because it was all there to be earned in his day, just like my Dad and Grandpa's. When was the last time he spent a year sending out resumes and applications every day to get maybe 4 interviews in a year while going without income. That's life on the job hunt mister. Don't know if anybody told you otherwise. And even when we get the job, we can't be sure it'll be there the next day. Nobody knows when the plugs gonna get pulled or over what, so how are we supposed to use whatever earnings we do walk away with to invest in anything long term. Meanwhile our lives go by and our bodies decay and we have no idea what we'll need in health care. We might try to get on the social safety net but if we ever had any money, we probably invested in an IRA and aren't qualified for the SSN unless we cash it out and lose a third of it in taxes if we're lucky. Meanwhile all these wealthy or successful people with careers or wealth come at us with all this advice we've been trying to live by for years at a time and have nothing to show for it. What's your advice and why should I see it as anything other than another get rich quick scheme? You gonna tell me to start a business? I don't know how to do that. Who gonna pay for me to learn? You? Who's gonna make sure the money I spend to learn goes to place that's actually gonna teach me something instead of just making me sit through lectures and handing me a worthless piece of paper at the end? Is that you again? This is not the cry of the liberal, Mr. conservative, this is the cry of the anti-conservative. We have been betrayed by both sides

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JOB HUNTER (V.O.) (cont'd)
 and are sick of the empty promises.
 There is nothing there to be
 earned. We know, we TRIED. And
 we're still trying. And we've
 better things to do than talk to
 people like you while we're doing
 it. Get off my screen. I have
 prepare to earn what little I can
 tomorrow.
 Like · Reply · 2 · Today at 8:08pm

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ILIKETALKRADIO(V.O)
 Job Hunter psssst you came on my
 screen.
 I other the other hope earn as much
 as I possibly can annually and
 continue to make myself marketable
 so I can maximize my income.
 Like · Reply · Today at 8:14pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

SUPER: a African American male mouth speaking into a smart
 phone.

GROUPMOD (V.O)
 ILikeTalkRadio he's on my page.
 And when you pay into a program you
 do owe me my return.
 Like · Reply · Today at 8:18pm

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SUPER: a Caucasian male mouth speaking into a smart phone.

ILIKETALKRADIO(V.O)
 More victims!!!
 Like · Reply · Today at 8:19pm

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)
 And you had nothing like I knew you
 would. Go to bed!
 Like · Reply · 1 · Today at 8:20pm

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ILIKETALKRADIO(V.O)
 I have plenty.....I took the
 opportunity that I earned. Decided
 no victim here.

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ILIKETALKRADIO(V.O) (cont'd)
I guess it's white privilege.
Like · Reply · Today at 8:22pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)
Yes, the usual conservative
response. 'Fuck you, got mine'
Like · Reply · 1 · Today at 8:24pm

SUPER: a Caucasian male mouth speaking into a smart phone.

ILIKETALKRADIO(V.O)
Got mine through hard work. Sorry
if that offends you. You have/had
the same opportunity!
Like · Reply · Today at 8:31pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)
And got taken for a ride by liars
and frauds. If you hit the lottery,
fine for you. The rest of us scrape
for living.
Like · Reply · Today at 8:33pm

SUPER: a Caucasian male mouth speaking into a smart phone.

ILIKETALKRADIO(V.O)
Do something about instead of
whining and playing the victim
card.
Pull your ass up and get back to
work.
Like · Reply · Today at 8:35pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

SUPER: a second Caucasian male mouth speaking into a smart phone.

CONSERVATISMRULES (V.O)
Funny how you cite Enron and make
no mention of big \$\$\$ liberal
Bernie Madoff, or former NJ
Governor and Senator John Corzine
who perpetrated just a huge a fraud
at MF Global... (which the last
President and Attorney General
justice Dept simply refused to
charge him for, despite
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CONSERVATISMRULES (V.O) (cont'd)
 overwhelming evidence, witnesses,
 etc).

After all, Corzine was a high
 ranking party member, and called a
 "friend and mentor" by the Last
 President.

At least Enron resulted in some
 prison sentences. The man who
 defrauded MF Global still walks
 free among us, because he was a
 Democrat politician before his
 stint at MF Global.

Like · Reply · Today at 8:38pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)

I work every day. You don't get to
 know where. Point is, it's a job
 and will never be a career. Just
 like all my college friends who
 graduated the same year with
 useless pieces of paper to say they
 passed their tests and nothing
 else. Perhaps they would be
 interested in your advice, too. And
 I DID mention Madoff. What was it
 people were saying about reading
 and comprehension skills on this
 board?

Like · Reply · 2 · Today at 8:42pm

SUPER: a African American male mouth speaking into a smart
 phone.

GROUPMOD

Job Hunter don't hurt them feelings

Like · Reply · Today at 8:44pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

SUPER: a Caucasian male mouth speaking into a smart phone.

ILIKETALKRADIO(V.O)

Hurt feelings. Lol

The butthurt of the victims is fun
 to see.

Like · Reply · 1 · Today at 8:45pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)

Not as much fun as the victims of
the ACA.

Like · Reply · 2 · Today at 8:46pm

SUPER: a African American male mouth speaking into a smart
phone.

GROUPMOD (V.O)

I still wanna know where the free
phones came from.

Like · Reply · Today at 8:47pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

SUPER: a Caucasian male mouth speaking into a smart phone.

ILIKETALKRADIO(V.O)

Yep the ACA fucked me, I picked up
my ass and moved on and found a way
to move on.

Like · Reply · Today at 8:47pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)

Well, keep doing so. It's what the
conservative expect us all to do.

Like · Reply · Today at 8:48pm

SUPER: a Caucasian male mouth speaking into a smart phone.

ILIKETALKRADIO(V.O)

Job Hunter's idea as well.

Image may contain: text

Like · Reply · Today at 8:53pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)

The conservatives theme song:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ODjDz_6SWik

Scrooge Soundtrack - I Hate People

YOUTUBE.COM

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Today at 8:55pm

MUSIC CUE: Scrooge Soundtrack - I Hate People.

SUPER: a African American male mouth speaking into a smart
phone.

GROUPMOD (V.O)
So ILikeTalkRadio you're playing
the victim?
[U+1F602] [U+1F602] [U+1F602] [U+1F602] [U+1F602]
(translated as: HehHehHehHehHeh)
Like · Reply · Today at 8:58pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

SUPER: a Caucasian male mouth speaking into a smart phone.

ILIKETALKRADIO(V.O)
Nah. I don't hate anyone. Not very
fond of people not working to their
potential and depending on the
government for your prosperity.
Like · Reply · Today at 8:58pm

A finger pushes the send button.

ILIKETALKRADIO(V.O)
GroupMod victim? Nah victims whine
and do nothing to fix their
situation.
Like · Reply · Today at 8:59pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

SUPER: a African American male mouth speaking into a smart
phone.

GROUPMOD (V.O)
You're whinning about the ACA
Like · Reply · Today at 9:00pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

SUPER: a Caucasian male mouth speaking into a smart phone.

ILIKETALKRADIO(V.O)
Whining about the lies? Maybe. More
pissed off that your "hero"
perpetrated the biggest lie in the
world.
Like · Reply · Today at 9:02pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

SUPER: a African American male mouth speaking into a smart
phone.

GROUPMOD (V.O)
ILikeTalkRadio you're a whinning
lil girl.

ILikeTalkRadio=Current President
Like · Reply · Today at 9:07pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

SUPER: a Caucasian male mouth speaking into a smart phone.

ILIKETALKRADIO(V.O)
*whining
At least get it right.
Like · Reply · Today at 9:08pm

A finger pushes the send button.

ILIKETALKRADIO(V.O)
By the way I'm reading the ACA is
over in the House and headed to the
Senate.
Who hold the majority in the Senate
again?
Like · Reply · Today at 9:11pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

SUPER: a African American male mouth speaking into a smart
phone.

GROUPMOD (V.O)
*holds
At least get it right.
Like · Reply · Today at 9:14pm

A finger pushes the send button.

GROUPMOD (V.O)
Grammar Nazi
Like · Reply · Today at 9:14pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

SUPER: a Caucasian male mouth speaking into a smart phone.

ILIKETALKRADIO(V.O)
Regardless your signature
legislation is over!!
Like · Reply · Today at 9:17pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

SUPER: a African American male mouth speaking into a smart phone.

GROUPMOD (V.O)
 ILikeTalkRadio you need a hug?
 [U+1F602] [U+1F602] [U+1F602] [U+1F602] [U+1F602] [U+1F602] [U+1F602] [U+1F602]
 (translated as:
 HehHehHehHehHehHehHehHehHehHehHehHeh)

Like · Reply · Today at 9:29pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

SUPER: a second Caucasian male mouth speaking into a smart phone.

CONSERVATISMRULES (V.O)
 Job Hunter ... I didn't see your
 mention of Madoff. Did you happen
 to mention he was a "respected
 party member?" :)
 Why are you dodging former Gov and
 Senator of NJ John Corzine and MF
 Global though?
 Btw - If you pursued a college
 degree in an area of study that
 wasn't going to provide you the
 means to live the life you want to,
 that's nobody's fault but your own.
 Like · Reply · Today at 10:08pm

A finger pushes the send button.

CONSERVATISMRULES (V.O)
 ILikeTalkRadio 'oh woe is me my
 friends and I got worthless college
 degrees and i won't say what i'm
 doing with mine now.... oh woe is
 me we need more free stuffs and
 free health care and fight for \$15
 for fry cooks!"
 LOL yes, the butthurt is strong
 with that one.
 Like · Reply · Today at 10:09pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

SUPER: a Caucasian male mouth speaking into a smart phone.

ILIKETALKRADIO(V.O)
 ConservatismRules there will be
 more like him when the liberal arts
 majors can't do anything other than
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ILIKETALKRADIO(V.O) (cont'd)
protest.
Like · Reply · Today at 10:10pm

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SUPER: a second Caucasian male mouth speaking into a smart phone.

CONSERVATISMRULES (V.O)
ILikeTalkRadio That's the only
thing they seem capable of now.
What's your degree, Job Hunter? One
of those made up out of thin air
gender/ethnic studies? French Art
History? Medieval Literature?
Like · Reply · Today at 10:13pm

A finger pushes the send button.

CONSERVATISMRULES (V.O)
Btw - What ILikeTalkRadio was
trying to tell you wasn't "fuck
you, got mine" - Only the lazy and
dim witted see it that way.
What he was telling you was "fuck
you, go get yours" - Which is what
everybody who has theirs DID to get
it, and you can to.
If that's too tough for you, don't
blame anybody but yourself.
Like · Reply · Today at 10:14pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

SUPER: a Caucasian male mouth speaking into a smart phone.

ILIKETALKRADIO(V.O)
Maybe he should picked a major
outside of dungeon and dragons.
Like · Reply · 1 · Today at 10:16pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)
Computer Science.
Like · Reply · Today at 10:16pm

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CONSERVATISM RULES (V.O)
 Job Hunter Seriously? ... and you
 can't find productive job that you
 are happy with... why?
 Like · Reply · Today at 10:18pm

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SUPER: a Caucasian male mouth speaking into a smart phone.

ILIKETALKRADIO(V.O)
 Like we said in the military "pick
 your rate, pick your fate".
 Like · Reply · 1 · Today at 10:18pm

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ILIKETALKRADIO(V.O)
 ConservatismRules something seems
 here!!! Computer Science degree and
 can't succeed? Maybe there's a
 spending problem there.
 Like · Reply · Today at 10:19pm

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SUPER: a second Caucasian male mouth speaking into a smart phone.

CONSERVATISM RULES (V.O)
 Job Hunter, I'm going to say one
 thing to you with no snark, no
 nastiness... this is solid advice
 you will profit from enormously if
 you take it: Don't depend on Govt
 to bail you out or save you, and
 don't depend on Govt for free
 stuff, or even to look out for your
 best interest. Only you can do
 that.
 Go out, bust your butt if you have
 to for a few years, make some
 sacrifices, and try to make good
 decisions, and you will get ahead.
 Fail to do those things and you
 won't. Likewise, wait around
 depending on Govt to bail you out
 or save the day, and you'll be in
 the same place you are right now 10
 years from now.
 Like · Reply · Today at 10:20pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)
Maybe if you shut up long enough
for me to answer, you'd find out.
Or should I go away to leave you
two to masturbate each other.
Like · Reply · Today at 10:21pm

SUPER: a African American male mouth speaking into a smart
phone.

GROUPMOD (V.O)
Job Hunter play nice now.
Like · Reply · Today at 10:22pm

A finger pushes the send button.

GROUPMOD (V.O)
Conservatives have thin skin.
Like · Reply · Today at 10:22pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

SUPER: a Caucasian male mouth speaking into a smart phone.

ILIKETALKRADIO(V.O)
Just answer and stop dodging.
Like · Reply · Today at 10:23pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)
I haven't had a chance to dodge
yet.
Like · Reply · Today at 10:23pm

SUPER: a second Caucasian male mouth speaking into a smart
phone.

CONSERVATISMRULES (V.O)
.... waiting?
Like · Reply · Today at 10:25pm

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SUPER: a Caucasian male mouth speaking into a smart phone.

ILIKETALKRADIO(V.O)
Waiting.....
Like · Reply · Today at 10:28pm

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SUPER: a African American male mouth speaking into a smart
phone.

GROUPMOD (V.O)

What y'all waiting for?

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JOB HUNTER (V.O.)

You would have to ask my many employers that.. I have never quit a job in my life. I have been laid off. Fired for manufactured cause. Seen the plant shut down and move overseas. Seen the plant move to another state and been financially unable to move with it. 8-10 dollars an hour doesn't go too far no matter what you're doing for the company. Gotten sick during the winter and had to be terminated for missing too many days. Yes there were a few times when I screwed up big time and got fired for all the reasons they warn you against but that was maybe 5% of the time. My experience is that most of these companies are looking to fire you the minute you walk through the door. I even worked for one that was willing to stomach the unemployment taxes to eliminate my position instead of finding more work for me. Only two companies I have ever worked for were willing to put me through classes to expand my skill set so I could produce for the company. A necessary evil in technology. If the Programmer doesn't know what his next job is going to be, they won't know which language to choose to take in order to produce for the company. I only had enough money for one college degree. You gonna pay for the next one?

Like · Reply · 2 · Today at 10:30pm

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)

PS ConservatismRules your advice is about as useful as the get rich quick schemes that fill my spam folder every day. I busted my butt for twenty years and I'm still where I am and see no way out. And

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JOB HUNTER (V.O.) (cont'd)
 every penny I take in is carefully
 monitored for where it can do the
 most good.
 Like · Reply · Today at 10:34pm ·
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ILIKETALKRADIO(V.O)
 Well I went through a plant closure
 in 2010. Job Hunter guess what I
 did? Packed up and left Michigan to
 work in Louisiana.
 Tons of victim mentality in that
 post.
 Like · Reply · Today at 10:34pm

A finger pushes the send button

ILIKETALKRADIO(V.O)
 Job Hunter tell me why you think
 Government is the answer? Maybe you
 should move to Venezuela, I heard
 they have a lot of government
 control and free shit.
 Like · Reply · Today at 10:35pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)
 So by all means, share a bit more
 of your dime store conservative
 advice for how to turn around my
 life, or go back to whining about
 the ACA
 Like · Reply · 1 · Today at 10:35pm

SUPER: a African American male mouth speaking into a smart phone.

GROUPMOD (V.O)
 ILikeTalkRadio you already showed
 you play the victim all the while
 you claim white privilege.
 Like · Reply · Today at 10:36pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

SUPER: a second Caucasian male mouth speaking into a smart phone.

CONSERVATISMRULES (V.O)
So basically, what's holding back
Job Hunter is.... Job Hunter.
Understood.
Like · Reply · Today at 10:38pm

A finger pushes the send button.

CONSERVATISMRULES (V.O)
But of course it's somebody else's
fault. Of course.
Like · Reply · Today at 10:39pm

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ILIKETALKRADIO(V.O)
Simple advice. Make yourself more
marketable.
Like · Reply · Today at 10:39pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

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phone.

CONSERVATISMRULES (V.O)
Work more. Whine less.
Like · Reply · 1 · Today at 10:39pm

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ILIKETALKRADIO(V.O)
ACA is dead!!!
Like · Reply · Today at 10:39pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

SUPER: a African American male mouth speaking into a smart
phone.

GROUPMOD (V.O)
ILikeTalkRadio if things get too
ruff, hit me up. I should have a
unit open by May. And I'll put you
on my crew. Can you do
construction?
Like · Reply · Today at 10:39pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)

Yeah, who's gonna pay for me to do that? you?
Like · Reply · Today at 10:39pm

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CONSERVATISMRULES (V.O)

GroupMod I do hope you are paying full Union scale and benefits.
Like · Reply · Today at 10:40pm

A finger pushes the send button.

CONSERVATISMRULES (V.O)

Job Hunter YOU, Job Hunter. you.
"Whose gonna pay my way??" is your whole problem.
Like · Reply · Today at 10:40pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

SUPER: a Caucasian male mouth speaking into a smart phone.

ILIKETALKRADIO(V.O)

Job Hunter not a fucking chance.
Like · Reply · Today at 10:40pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

SUPER: a African American male mouth speaking into a smart phone.

GROUPMOD (V.O)

#NOT
Like · Reply · Today at 10:40pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

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CONSERVATISMRULES (V.O)

GroupModSo you're not paying Union scale and benefits? Why not?
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A finger pushes the send button.

CONSERVATISMRULES (V.O)

Btw GroupMod- Why did you offer a job to ILikeTalkRadio and not to
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CONSERVATISMRULES (V.O) (cont'd)
Job Hunter... who apparently needs
one?
Like · Reply · Today at 10:41pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

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phone.

GROUPMOD (V.O)
I don't have to.
It's not a union shop and I have 1
employee. #ME
Like · Reply · Today at 10:42pm

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JOB HUNTER (V.O.)
Exactly, So we live with what we
can get and have neither respect
nor sympathy for those who somehow
have more. You'll excuse me if it
pleases me that you will never get
back what you were made to pay into
the ACA.
Like · Reply · 1 · Today at 10:42pm

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ILIKETALKRADIO(V.O)
ConservatismRules I'm fine. I've
been unemployed for 2 weeks since I
was 14.
Like · Reply · Today at 10:42pm

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JOB HUNTER (V.O.)
It's a conservative attitude.
Like · Reply · Today at 10:42pm

SUPER: a Caucasian male mouth speaking into a smart phone.

ILIKETALKRADIO(V.O)
I don't need a job.
Like · Reply · Today at 10:43pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

SUPER: a second Caucasian male mouth speaking into a smart
phone.

CONSERVATISMRULES (V.O)

ILikeTalkRadio I figured you were fine. i'm wondering why GroupMod offered YOU a job, but didn't offer one to Job Hunter... who is complaining about his employment history.

Also wondering why GroupMod isn't going to pay Union wage and benefits, if he really believes in the left's policies he preaches.
Like · Reply · 1 · Today at 10:43pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

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GROUPMOD (V.O)

ILikeTalkRadio you started working at 14? Must have been a farm job
Like · Reply · Today at 10:43pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

SUPER: a second Caucasian male mouth speaking into a smart phone.

CONSERVATISMRULES

Come on GroupMod Step up... offer Job Hunter a job, and pay full Union scale and benefits.
Like · Reply · Today at 10:44pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)

And who's going to pay for my move to California? You?
Like · Reply · Today at 10:44pm

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ILIKETALKRADIO(V.O)

GroupMod summer time at the local golf course and at the local grocery store the rest of the year.
Like · Reply · Today at 10:44pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

SUPER: a second Caucasian male mouth speaking into a smart phone.

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CONSERVATISMRULES (V.O)
Shouldn't that be part of your
benefits package from GroupMod?
Like · Reply · Today at 10:44pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

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ILIKETALKRADIO
Job Hunter Venezuela is nice all
year round.
Like · Reply · Today at 10:45pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

SUPER: a second Caucasian male mouth speaking into a smart phone.

CONSERVATISMRULES (V.O)
So is Cuba. All of the policies and
theories the modern Leftist party
espouses... in both of those
socialist worker's paradises
Like · Reply · Today at 10:46pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

SUPER: a African American male mouth speaking into a smart phone.

GROUPMOD (V.O)
Job Hunter if you can do
construction, I can find something
for you out your way. What state
you in?
I travel all across the country.
Like · Reply · Today at 10:46pm ·
Edited

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

SUPER: a Caucasian male mouth speaking into a smart phone.

ILIKETALKRADIO(V.O)
GroupMod most good companies pay
for relocation.
Like · Reply · 1 · Today at 10:47pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

SUPER: a second Caucasian male mouth speaking into a smart phone.

CONSERVATISMRULES (V.O)
 GroupMod With Employer provided
 Obamacare compliant health care, I
 hope?
 Like · Reply · 1 · Today at 10:47pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)
 Well I guess I never worked for a
 good company then. And I'm in
 Nebraska.
 Like · Reply · Today at 10:48pm

SUPER: a second Caucasian male mouth speaking into a smart
 phone.

CONSERVATISMRULES (V.O)
 Generally (unless you are amazing
 at what you do) You have to find
 them.
 If you're very highly skilled, they
 find you.
 Like · Reply · Today at 10:49pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

JOB HUNTER
 And for the record, I couldn't get
 a decent paying job or a career
 builder under the last president OR
 the one before that.
 Like · Reply · Today at 11:15pm

SUPER: a second Caucasian male mouth speaking into a smart
 phone.

CONSERVATISMRULES (V.O)
 I have very few kind words for
 either of them too, and would be
 content to see them both "occupy"
 the same cell.
 Like · Reply · Today at 11:16pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)
 (R. Lee. Eremy impression)
 'To me you are all equally
 Worthless!' - Gunnery Sgt. Hardman.
 Like · Reply · Today at 11:16pm ·
 Edited

SUPER: a second Caucasian male mouth speaking into a smart phone.

CONSERVATISMRULES (V.O)

Job Hunter Maybe that's your
option? Ever think about signing up
and serving in the military?
Like · Reply · 1 · Today at 11:17pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

SUPER: a Caucasian male mouth speaking into a smart phone.

ILIKETALKRADIO(V.O)

Job Hunter seems to be a common
denominator here?
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A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

SUPER: a second Caucasian male mouth speaking into a smart phone.

CONSERVATISMRULES (V.O)

I know 4 guys who are completely
self made multi millionaires who
started from nothing... 3 of them
were in the military and that's
what gave them the skills and
discipline to do it.
Like · Reply · 1 · Today at 11:18pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

SUPER: a African American male mouth speaking into a smart phone.

GROUPMOD (V.O)

ConservatismRules who you know
doesn't define you.
I know billionaires.
What that got to do with me?
Like · Reply · Today at 11:21pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

SUPER: a second Caucasian male mouth speaking into a smart phone.

CONSERVATISMRULES (V.O)

Never said it defined me. Project
much, GroupMod?
I pointed out a path i've seen
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CONSERVATISMRULES (V.O) (cont'd)
 others follow that led them to
 prosperity, to a guy who was
 earlier lamenting his lack thereof.
 Like · Reply · Today at 11:23pm

A finger pushes the send button. End SUPER

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)
 I'm too old. I almost got into the
 Navy when I was 34.5 yrs old but
 the age cut off was 35 and they
 couldn't get me through Basic
 before I turned. The cutoff for the
 marines is 28. don't know what the
 army is. My own fault for not
 thinking of it earlier. I wouldn't
 have thought of it at all if I
 hadn't answered an ad for computer
 people.

Long Pause
 The Job Hunter sees there will be no more responses.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)
 I should have asked that jerk who
 paid for his move to Louisiana. Ah,
 coulda woulda shoulda. You know, I
 think I'm done for the day, how
 about we just skip to tomorrow..

INT. JOB HUNTER'S PARENTS' SECOND CONDO LIVING ROOM - THE
 NEXT MORNING

This time the Job Hunter is washed and dressed while sitting
 in front of his computer eating his breakfast and checking
 his email.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')
 Yeah, you been here with me before.
 I'm still checking this morning's
 email. Doesn't look like anything I
 didn't see yesterday. It's getting
 close to time to leave.

The man pulls out a folding paper bus schedule and opens it.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')
 Yep, looks like I gotta be at the
 bus stop in about twenty minutes.

The man finishes his breakfast, shuts down his computer, and takes his dishes to the kitchen. FOLLOW JOB HUNTER. He then goes to the foyer and picks up his scooter.

EXT. THE BUS STOP IN FRONT OF THE GROCERY STORE - DAY

The man scoots up on his scooter and folds it up then pulls out his bus schedules to look at again.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')

These buses run on an near exact schedule. If they're late, there's usually a reason. Getting people in wheelchairs aboard can take some time. The only thing that really gets me mad is when they show up early and I arrive at the stop just in time to watch them rolling away. The only thing I hate more than riding buses is waiting for buses, and the only thing I hate more than waiting for buses is chasing buses, and the only thing I hate more than chasing buses, is missing buses.

The bus rolls up and the man folds up his schedule and boards. FOLLOW JOB HUNTER.

INT. THE BUS - CONTINUOUS

The man pulls out his bus ticket from his wallet and scans it. Then moves back to sit in a seat of the camera right side of the bus.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')

Riding the bus in this town is time consuming.

The Job hunter looks out the window.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')

It can take up to 45 minutes to get someplace on the bus where a car might take only 20 minutes. It depends on the stops and detours the bus has to make.

The bus makes a left turn.

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JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')
 For instance, this bus stops at
 Baptist Memorial Hospital before
 continuing on it's way downtown

The bus stops

BUS DRIVER
 Baptist Memorial Hospital

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')
 Oh yeah. I forgot to mention, the
 driver today is the guy I call the
 town crier. He's one of those old
 school drivers who calls out the
 stops as he makes them. It's
 actually mildly entertaining

Some people get on and some off then the bus starts moving
 again. The Job Hunter begins to look out the window.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')
 When you're job hunting, riding the
 bus can be a tour of old
 interviews.

MUSIC CUE: Jack of All Trades by Bruce Springsteen

A building marked with the Blue Cross/Blue Shield logo pass
 by outside the window.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')
 For example, I interviewed at Blue
 Cross for a data entry position.
 Was a long time ago. Can't remember
 when.

BUS DRIVER
 (Off screen)
 College of St. Agnes. Goooooo
 VIXENS!

The Job Hunter smiles.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')
 This guy cheers for the team of
 every school he drives past. As I
 said, mildly entertaining.

A block of shops maybe 30-40years old passes by the window.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')

I interviewed in one of these buildings too. The two story one in the middle. Can't remember the name of the company though.

A boarded up gas station passes by.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')

Another thing you'll see riding the bus is a lot of dead businesses. Gas stations, fast food, bars, drugstores, store fronts. They just sit there until somebody finds use for the building or the land. Good thing the homeless problem isn't too big in this town.

The bus stops and a strange looking man with a backpack, a safety vest, an unremarkable shirt, and pair of pants obviously cobbled together from scrap cloth boards and sits at the front of the bus.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')

I've seen this guy before. It's the pants that mark him as probably homeless. That cloth was likely originally an industrial drop cloth or the canvas from the back of a dump truck. The man clearly lives by the code of waste not want not. He doesn't smell bad so he must clean himself up at some shelter or another but I never see him wearing different clothes. The shelter's probably also where he gets tickets for the bus. My situation isn't that much better than his. I wish I could make a pair of pants out of my old employee manuals...or the rejection slips I get... Or maybe a pair of shorts out of my degree. That's about how useful it is to me.

BUS DRIVER

(Off screen)

County health center.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)

That's my stop.

The front door opens and several people begin to file on. The Job Hunter picks up his folded scooter and exits through the rear door. FOLLOW JOB HUNTER.

EXT. THE HEALTH CENTER BUS STOP - DAY

A line of people is seen filing onto the bus.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')

This is also a long term care facility for the disabled, mostly former military, and many can't drive or afford a car, so all kinds of people board the bus here.

The Job Hunter unfolds his scooter and scoots through the parking lot to the front entrance, then steps down off the scooter and pushes it through the sliding doors. FOLLOW JOB HUNTER.

INT. THE COUNTY HEALTH CENTER FOYER - CONTINUOUS.

The Job Hunter pushes his scooter to the right to a door labeled 'Outpatient', and enters it. FOLLOW JOB HUNTER.

INT. THE COUNTY HEALTH CENTER OUTPATIENT OFFICE - CONTINUOUS.

The Job Hunter pushes his scooter up to the nurse's window and presents his appointment card to the nurse.

JOB HUNTER

Hi. I'm here to see Rachel.

NURSE

Yes, OK. I'll let her know you're here.

The Job Hunter pushes his scooter to a chair, sits down, and picks up a magazine while a TV plays in the background. There a few other patients in the room.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)

Rachel is a nurse practitioner who acts as medication supervisor for everyone with a chronic condition who is on the sliding scale. She's more than good enough about these things and it makes sense to not tie up actual doctors with people

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JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.) (cont'd)
whose diagnoses aren't going to
change much, but looking around
this office, it's fairly obvious
that most people here don't have
jobs or income either.

The nurse practitioner, RACHEL, comes through the interior
door, and the Job Hunter flags her down

RACHEL
Hello, how are you today?

The Job Hunter gets up, shakes her hand, and both exit
through the interior door. The Job Hunter is still pushing
his scooter.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)
I'll spare you the boring details.
It's mostly just her making sure
I'm not having any bad reactions to
the meds. How am I sleeping. How am
I eating. Is there anything
terrible happening in my life. That
sort of thing.

TIME CUT TO LATER

INT. THE COUNTY HEALTH CENTER OUTPATIENT OFFICE -
CONTINUOUS.

Rachel and the Job Hunter enter through the interior door.

RACHEL
See you again in three months?

JOB HUNTER
That'll be fine.

Rachel goes back through the interior door and the Job
Hunter goes to the nurse's window.

JOB HUNTER(CONT')
The next appointment in three
months please.

NURSE
All right.

The nurse types on her keyboard

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NURSE (CON'T)
Thursday the 18th at 2:40?

The Job Hunter checks his bus schedule.

JOB HUNTER
That'll be fine.

The nurse hands him an appointment card.

NURSE
We'll see you then.

JOB HUNTER
Yeah, see you.

The Job Hunter takes the card and pushes his scooter out the office door. FOLLOW JOB HUNTER

INT. THE COUNTY HEALTH CENTER FOYER - CONTINUOUS.

He turns to the right and walks to a window labeled Accounts Receivable

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)
Being on the state sliding scale in this state means that I have to drop some money into my account every time I come down here. I usually just give whatever change I have in my pockets.

He leans against the window. The woman on the other side is elderly with very little hair. Likely a cancer survivor.

JOB HUNTER
I'd like to put some money on my account.

CASHIER
(Handing him a card)
Fill out the card.

The man begins filling out the card.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)
The state sliding scale doesn't mean I don't pay for anything. It just means they let the charges go into an account and build up until I can pay them. It was a good idea when they first did it. It let
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JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.) (cont'd)
people put off the medical expenses
until they could get another job
-when there were jobs to be had.
These days, you can go years
between jobs and the account will
build up to thousands of dollars.

The Job Hunter hands over the card and his money and the woman begins to fill out a receipt.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')
The last statement I got from them
had my total up to six thousand
some dollars and if I don't make
regular deposits, however small, it
goes to a collection agency. I
don't even wanna get started on
what that would be like.

The man takes his receipt and heads for the door.

EXT. THE HEALTH CENTER FRONT DOOR - CONTINUOUS

The Job Hunter scoots out the door and through the parking lot to the street.

EXT. THE STREET IN FRONT OF THE HEALTH CENTER - CONTINUOUS

The man stands waiting at the side of the street while all kinds of traffic drives past.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')
The worst part of coming down here
is trying to get across this street
to the other bus stop.

He sees the bus coming and steps into the street forcing traffic to slow and stop.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')
As soon as I see that bus coming, I
stop being polite and safe. I'll
scoot out into traffic and they can
all slow down and stop for the
crazy guy on the scooter.

The Job Hunter scoots across the street and the bus stops as he scoots in front of it. The front of the bus looms over him as he scoots around it to the bus's door which opens to let him in. FOLLOW JOB HUNTER to-

INT. THE BUS - CONTINUOUS

The Job Hunter lets his ticket scan then lifts his scooter up to fold it while he walks back to his seat.

EXT. THE BUS STOP - LATER

The Job Hunter gets off the bus at a stop across a vacant lot from his condo, unfolds his scooter and scoots around the lot to his condo.

INT. JOB HUNTER'S PARENTS' SECOND CONDO LIVING ROOM - LATER

The Job Hunter pushes his scooter through the front door and closes it behind him, then walks over to his computer and notices his answering machine is blinking.

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)

Hey, I got a message.

The Job Hunter pushes the play button.

ANSWERING MACHINE

Hi, My name is Brad at Umbrella.
We're looking to expand our
operation in this area and I saw
your resume online. Contact me at
402-325-3562 if you are still
looking and you have some time to
talk go over some details.

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)

Hey, I've got a callback.

The Job Hunter grabs the phone, plays the message again, and dials the number as the machine recites it. He turns on his computer while waiting for the connection.

JOB HUNTER

Yes, hello, this is he. I
understand you wanted to talk to
me.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)

The guy spoke my name the minute he
answered the phone. Must've read it
off caller ID.

JOB HUNTER

Yes. I'm still looking...Well, I've
mostly been looking for an IT

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JOB HUNTER (cont'd)
position but I'm open to other
kinds of work...I see...Well sure I
can meet with you to discuss it.
When's a good time for you?...Sure,
I can be there tomorrow...Well, all
right then....

The Job Hunter clicks his mouse to bring something up.

JOB HUNTER (CON'T)
(Typing as he speaks)
Ok, let me get this down...
Tomorrow, at 11:00, at the Apollo's
at 14th and Harney. Look for Brad
from Umbrella. Hokay Brad, I'll
look forward to talking to you
tomorrow. You need me to bring
anything?...All right then, I'll
talk to you tomorrow. Right. Bye
now.

He hangs up the phone.

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)
Well, what do you know? I actually
have an interview. Now I have to go
get a haircut and remember to shave
all this beard off tomorrow
morning.

The Job Hunter pulls out his bus schedule and reads it.

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)
Looks like I'll have to go now if I
wanna get my hair cut before close.

He clicks his mouse to shut down the computer and gets up to
leave.

MONTAGE - VARIOUS

A) EXT. THE FRONT OF A SUPERCUTS HAIR SALON - AFTERNOON

The Job Hunter exits the salon with his hair cut short.

B) INT. A FED-EX STORE PUBLIC COMPUTER ROOM - DAY

He sits down at a public computer, swipes his debit card to activate it and plugs in a flash drive.

CUT TO the printer. The Job Hunter pulls freshly printed resumes off the printer and puts them in his briefcase.

C) INT. JOB HUNTER'S PARENTS' SECOND CONDO BEDROOM - EVENING

He pulls his blue suit out of the closet and runs a lint roller over it.

D) INT. JOB HUNTER'S PARENTS' SECOND CONDO LIVING ROOM-
EVENING

The Job Hunter irons his white shirt.

E) INT. JOB HUNTER'S PARENTS' SECOND CONDO BATHROOM -
EVENING

He hangs his suit, tie, and shirt in the bathroom.

F) INT. JOB HUNTER'S PARENTS' SECOND CONDO KITCHEN - EVENING

The Job Hunter sets his alarm for the next morning.

G) INT. JOB HUNTER'S PARENTS' SECOND CONDO BEDROOM - NIGHT

The Job Hunter goes to bed.

END OF MONTAGE

INT. JOB HUNTER'S PARENTS' SECOND CONDO BATHROOM - MORNING

The Job Hunter begins to shave off two months worth of beard with his electric shaver.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)

Long time job hunters like me will use all kinds of techniques to give ourselves an edge in an interview. For instance, I'll let my hair and beard grow out between job interviews so that when I get called in for one, I feel cleaner after having my hair cut and

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JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.) (cont'd)
shaving when I haven't for a long
period of time.

TIME CUT TO LATER

The Job Hunter is now shaved, showered, groomed, and dressed in his shirt and suit. His collar is still open at the top and he threads his tie through it before looking down at his watch.

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)
Aw man! Is that the time. God!! How
do I keep doing this to myself!!

He grabs his tie clasp and lapel pin and sticks them in his vest pocket while racing out the door. FOLLOW JOB HUNTER.

INT. JOB HUNTER'S PARENTS' SECOND CONDO FOYER - CONTINUOUS

The Job Hunter swiftly puts on his formal shoes without taking the time to tie them, sticks the laces in his sock, grabs his unfolded scooter and briefcase while racing out the door.

EXT. THE FRONT DOOR OF THE CONDO - CONTINUOUS

The Job Hunter charges out the door and scoots at top speed down the sidewalk to the corner with the briefcase hanging off the handlebar. FOLLOW JOB HUNTER.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)
As you can tell this has happened to me a few times. I once ripped the back of these pants out scooting after the bus. Luckily, my mother is old school and knows how to sew up damaged clothing. I don't think there's any kind of clothing she hasn't fixed at one time or another.

The Job Hunter reaches the corner and looks up the street. The bus is as far away as it can be and still be visible but is on the way. To board, he will have to cross the street which currently has the green light. He turns and scoots across the street with the red light and pushes the button on the light post. Luck is with him and the light changes before the bus crosses the intersection. The Job Hunter scoots across the street and up to-

EXT. THE BUS STOP IN FRONT OF THE GROCERY STORE - CONTINUOUS

The Job Hunter pulls out his wallet and gets out his bus ticket just as the bus pulls up. He boards the bus. FOLLOW JOB HUNTER.

INT. THE BUS - CONTINUOUS

The Job Hunter lets his ticket scan then pushes his scooter back to an empty seat, sets it and the briefcase there, then turns to his reflection to finish dressing himself.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')
Well that was close. I hate when
that happens.

He struggles to button the top button of his shirt.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')
As rare as these job interviews
are, getting off to a bad start can
disrupt your whole state of mind.

The Job Hunter looks briefly stricken, then shakes it off and begins to tie his necktie.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')
I have to refuse to give credence
to things like luck and jinxes and
foreboding and renew my
determination to succeed.

The Job Hunter finishes tying his necktie.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')
I once dropped my tie in the street
racing to a bus stop. Didn't
realize it until I was on the bus.
Had to do the interview without it.
Found it in the street on the way
home that afternoon. It's still
hanging in my closet with a big
skid mark on it. I don't know what
to do with it.

The man pulls his tie clasp and lapel pin from his vest pocket. He uses the clasp to clip his tie to his shirt.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')
The tie clasp is one of many things
I inherited from my grandfather
when he passed away. I wear it for
luck.

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He pins the pin to his lapel.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')
The pin I got from my first long
term corporate job for being a so
called key player. Wish I hadn't
lost my eagle scout pin.

The Job Hunter plants one foot on the seat and ties his
shoe, then the other, then straightens up and checks his
reflection, then straightens his suit a bit.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)(CONT')
I am as ready as I ever get for an
interview and I have another half
hour to get into my zone before we
reach downtown.

He sits down in his seat and places his hands on the
handlebars of his scooter like it was a cane and looks
professional.

EXT. THE DOWNTOWN AREA - DAY

The bus rolls down the street unremarkably past a series of
street corners some with collections of protesters on them.
Inside-

INT. THE BUS - SIMULTANEOUS

- The Job Hunter reaches up and pulls the cord to signal the
bus to stop. Outside-

EXT. THE BUS STOP - SECONDS LATER

-the bus rolls to a stop. The Job Hunter gets off and walks
down the street past more groups of protesters to a coffee
shop labeled 'Apollo's' which he enters.

INT. APOLLO'S COFFEE SHOP - SECONDS LATER

The Job Hunter walks up to the counter.

JOB HUNTER
Hello. I'm here to meet with Brad
from Umbrella.

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BARISTA

In the corner by the window.

JOB HUNTER

Thank you.

The Job Hunter walks to the table indicated and meets BRAD, a short bearded man about his own height wearing a blue denim collared shirt, brown leather jacket, black pants, and loafers.

JOB HUNTER

Brad?

Brad stands up and extends his hand to shake which the Job Hunter takes.

BRAD

Nice to meet you-

A waitress passes in front of them and a random restaurant noise drowns out the sound of the Job Hunter's name.

BRAD (CON'T)

Sit on down, have some coffee, and let's talk.

The Job Hunter sits down and Brad pours him a cup of coffee.

JOB HUNTER

So, what's this job you might have for me?

BRAD

Umbrella is an insurance company that is on the cutting edge of the industry. We are the premier company for business and property insurance in the country. Now the position we're hiring for is one of our local sales agents. These people work from home and what they do is call everyone they know and try to interest them in the insurance we offer. Now everyone owns a vehicle and everyone owns a house, right? And because of that, everyone needs insurance for these properties. Now we've discovered that the best way to get people to consider our product is to have somebody they know try to interest them in it. So say you're still in

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BRAD (cont'd)

touch with the people you went to high school with. If you can sell even one out of ten of those people on our insurance, our profits and your commission are more than enough to be worth your while. One of our most successful agents was a high school teacher who sold to all his fellow faculty. He made enough to retire from teaching early. Now, when a new agent starts out, it's best to work with people they're in regular contact with, like close family and friends they hang out with a lot. This allows them to perfect their technique before moving out into people they might not have spoken to in awhile. Now, if you...(actor free to ad lib)

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)

I can't believe this guy wasted my time like this.

BRAD

...now, do you have any questions?

JOB HUNTER

Would I be paid a salary or would my pay be all commission-based?

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)

Hey, I'm not too proud to try it for awhile if they're paying me.

BRAD

All compensation is commission based but once you build your customer base...(actor free to ad lib)

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)

In short, I'm expected to build their business for them and they cut me in for a negligible share.

JOB HUNTER

What kind of training is there for new agents?

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JOB HUNTER (V.O.)

Maybe I can get some money out of this if I just get trained.

BRAD

We issue a manual to all new agents and then coach them until they're up to standards.

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)

Thought so. I'm supposed to jump in feet first and hit the ground running, even though they know this isn't in my skill set.

BRAD

Does this sound like something you could do?

JOB HUNTER

I'm sorry, Brad, it doesn't. I tried selling vacuum cleaners door to door once and that was all the sales I could stand. I don't even apply for phone sale positions. Thank you for the coffee and the meeting and everything but I'm gonna have to say no.

The Job Hunter picks up his things and stands up.

BRAD

Are you sure? A lot of people think they can't do this until they try, then they find out they can.

JOB HUNTER

I've been down this road before. I'm sorry but the only thing this will do is distract from the hunt for paying work.

Brad stands up and offers his hand to shake.

BRAD

Well, I'm sorry if I wasted your time.

The Job Hunter shifts all his stuff to one hand and shakes Brad's hand with the other.

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JOB HUNTER

Ah, it's OK. It got me out of the house.

BRAD

Well, good luck finding work.

JOB HUNTER

Yeah, and good luck filling this position.

The Job Hunter takes his coffee and leaves. FOLLOW JOB HUNTER. As the Job Hunter is leaving the cafe, he throws his coffee into the trash.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)

I hate coffee.

The Job Hunter exits the cafe.

EXT. DOWNTOWN - AFTERNOON

The air is filled with speeches from political rallies and counter rallies.

The Job Hunter sees the bus across the street about to leave the stop and races like hell for the corner to intercept it. The bus passes the corner and the Job Hunter arrives only after he can do no more than stare impotently after it. He almost throws his stuff angrily to the ground but stops himself.

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)

(yells)

Goddammit!! I hate missing buses!!

The Job Hunter crosses the street and walks to-

EXT. THE BUS STOP - CONTINUOUS

-to wait for the bus. Behind him may be seen the park in which political demonstrations and counter demonstrations by groups along the lines of Occupy and the TEA Party are taking place. The Job Hunter frowns and grimaces as he listens to the various diatribes (actors free to ad lib) boosted by loudspeakers and megaphones until finally he hears the word 'lazy' and can't bear it anymore. He walks to-

EXT. THE PARK ENTRANCE - CONTINUOUS

-where he takes a Guy Fawkes mask from a box of them that is sitting there and puts it on before entering-

EXT. THE PARK - CONTINUOUS

The Job Hunter begins to push through the crowd toward the stage where a speaker is ranting into a microphone at counter demonstrators some of whom have megaphones. (actors free to ad lib) When he gets to the side of the stage, he drops his belongings, gets up onto the stage, and before anyone can stop him, grabs the microphone from the speaker and-

JOB HUNTER
(bellows into the microphone)
Will you people shut the fuck
uuuuuuupp!!!

Feedback erupts from all the loudspeakers and everyone in the park covers their ears in pain.

JOB HUNTER NARRATING(V.O.)
Hey, isn't this where you all came in? Well if you're still here, you might as well hear what I had to say.

JOB HUNTER
(yells)
Before I start, I'd like to know if anybody here can hook me up with a job as a paid protester...ok just raise your hand and I'll come talk to you!!(hears laughter) I'm not laughing!!! (feedback again) You think I'm here to make **think I'm here to make you** laugh?!(turns to his right)Will you put away those goddamn phones!!! (more feedback) Did you kids even work for the money to buy those?!! Has it occurred to you that one day you're going to have to?! I'd get used to finding ways to make the technology you have now last as long as you can! It won't be that long before you have to stretch that phone as far as it goes! (turns to his left) Aw shut up!!! (more feedback) Fuck you and the aborted fetuses you

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JOB HUNTER (cont'd)

never gave a shit about in the first place!!! I got a an old work buddy who goes down to children's town every weekend to coach football for the unaborted fetuses who live there and he never sees any of you!! But then they're God's responsibility once they're born, aren't they?!! The most you need to do is pray for them, right? Forget about them getting homes and jobs and families, you can't be bothered to give them a bit of your time!! You don't have to adopt them, but you just could be a part of their lives, if it wouldn't take time out of your busy schedule of coming to events like this to listen to yourselves shout!! (to his right) You kids shut up, too!! (more feedback) Has it occurred to any of you that the tax dollars they cry about all the time are food out of their kids mouths and dollars they can't put toward their own children's education?!! Who's going to put their kids through college?!! I'll tell ya who: you are!! In ten to twenty years when you're where they are and they're where your parents are!!! (to the left) And you people!! (more feedback) How is it they should not be demanding jobs or even careers?!! Isn't that supposed to be the point of going to college in the first place?!! I came out of a big name college twenty years ago with a computer science degree and haven't been able to get a job programming for the last ten!! I have no prison record, drug or alcohol history, bankruptcy, political activism, or anything else that would mark me as unhireable!! You people seem to have all the answers. When did the American dream become the American fantasy?!! Can you tell me why i fill out applications and send out resumes every day and get maybe three interviews in a year?!! I

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JOB HUNTER (cont'd)
 even lowered my standards in 2001
 to take phone work!! It's still
 just three interviews a year, if
that!!! Don't hand me that crap
 about the last president!!! It was
 just as bad under the one before!!!
 Hell it was worse!!! (more
 feedback) If you actually got a job
 the company would move overseas and
 the facility would close!!! What's
 a college degree worth really?!! To
 anyone?!! People tell me I should
 start a business!! I don't know how
 to run a business!! Why don't
 colleges teach that to students in
 addition to everything else?!! You
 people are all bellyaching about
 taxes and presidents while people
 like me are sitting at home
 watching our lives go by and our
 skills decay while somebody else
 pays our bills!! You all drove here
 didn't you?!! There isn't single
 person here who doesn't own a car,
 is there?!! Oh, some of you may
 know what it's like to do without a
 car while it gets fixed or tried to
 get two people to work with one
 car, but you still had a car!!!
 You've never tried to get by on the
 bus for years at a time. You've
 never tried it for a month!!! But
 then that's my issue isn't it?!!
 (points into the crowd) That's the
 way it works isn't it, Dave?!! Yeah
 I see you there!! That's what you
 posted on facebook and you know
 it!!! It's what I saw you post!!!
 It's the kind of guy you are and
 always were!!!

ON THE CROWD

A visibly furious man leaves the TEA party-like crowd and
 begins to shove his way through the crowd until a cop stops
 him.

ON THE JOB HUNTER

JOB HUNTER (CON'T)
 (to the right) And you people!! (more
 feedback) Take a good long look at
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JOB HUNTER (CON'T) (cont'd)
 me kids cause here's where you're going to end!! Especially if those people have anything to do with it!! (points to left) This is the same suit my parents gave me when I graduated twenty years ago!! There're holes in the cuffs now, (he shows these)a rip up the back of the pant leg,(he points to his ankle)and a hole worn in the tie (he tears at his tie)Where every job interviewer can notice them!!! The designer shirt and belt weathered a little better but the shoes ripped out years ago!! How am I supposed to finance another \$500 suit without an income?!! Your parents sent you to college because they thought it would get you a better life than they had or at least one just as good!! Instead it just gave you a \$40,000 piece of paper to hang on your wall!! You girls should learn how to swing from poles wearing bikinis cause that's the only growth industry left in this town that I've seen!! Not sure what you guys could do now!! We all could have learned to deal drugs or steal identities or cars or something else less than legal, but no, we had to try it the honest way!! The way our parents would have wanted us to!! They tell us no one owes us anything so I guess that means no one owes those homeless disabled vets that I see down at the county health center anything either!! (to the left)
That's another place I never see any of you!!!(more feedback)

ON THE CROWD

A line of uniformed police officers begin to move in on the stage. The Job Hunter turns to the right and sees another one moving in from that direction. The same from the left. A girl approaches the Job Hunter from behind and grabs the arm which holds the mic, making him turn to look at her. Their conversation is picked up by the mic.

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GIRL

You better get outa here. It sounds
you can't afford bail.

The Job Hunter surrenders the mic and the stand.

JOB HUNTER

Guess not. Still it's three squares
a day, free clothes, and bed.

The Job Hunter withdraws to the side of the stage where he left his belongings while the girl launches into a fresh tirade (actress free to ad lib) and members of the crowd around the stage link arms to prevent the police from advancing. The Job Hunter drops to the ground, gathers his belongings, and peers through the crowd looking for the easiest way out. He sees the police line getting closer and ducks beneath the skirt of the stage.

INT. UNDER THE STAGE - CONTINUOUS

The Job Hunter peels off the mask and looks around. He leaves the mask and crawls around the supports to the rear of the stage and peeks out between the curtains. He sees the line of linked demonstrators some of whom are in suits with Guy Fawkes masks preparing for the approaching police. The Job Hunter crawls out from under the stage-

EXT. BEHIND THE STAGE -CONTINUOUS

-and crouch-walks behind the line trying to find his way out, until he walks straight into a female protesters chest. He looks up and sees it belongs to a very beautiful Caucasian girl in her mid-twenties wearing a unzipped hoody. She kneels down next to of him.

PROTESTER GIRL

(whispers)

Keep low. I'll get you out of here.

She straightens his tie and shirt, then pulls out a comb and runs it through his hair.

PROTESTER GIRL(CON'T)

(whispers)

Take off your jacket and give it to
me.

He does so. She folds it in half, places it on his right shoulder and places his right hand on it, then places his briefcase in his left hand and takes his folded scooter,

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then takes off her hoodie, turns it inside out, puts it back on, zips it up to cover her protest shirt, then picks up the scooter.

PROTESTER GIRL(CON'T)
(whispers)
Keep low and follow me.

They crouch-walk along the line until they hear a ruckus on the other side of the park

EXT. ACROSS THE PARK - CONTINUOUS

A protester pushes through the police line.

PROTESTER
Where the fuck's that fucking baby
killing pussy who-(actor free to ad
lib)

EXT. BEHIND THE STAGE -CONTINUOUS

Taking advantage of the cops all looking the other way, The Protester Girl pushes through the protest line and pulls the Job Hunter behind her. As soon as she's clear of the police line, she looks around and, once she's sure no one is looking, turns and hugs him.

PROTESTER GIRL
Hi Honey.

Before he can stop her, she kisses him fiercely.

PROTESTER GIRL(CON'T)
The show's just about over here. I was hoping you'd find me. How was your interview.

The Job Hunter looks stricken.

JOB HUNTER
I'd rather not talk about it.

PROTESTER GIRL
Aw, c'mon. You know you got the job.

JOB HUNTER
Can we not talk about this here?

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PROTESTER GIRL
Sure, let's get some coffee
instead.

She drags him by the hand to Apollo's coffee shop and
through the front door to-

INT. APOLLO'S COFFEE SHOP - CONTINUOUS

They hurry through the front door, walk to the back of the
shop, and the Job Hunter leans his back against a wall. He
is visibly stressed. He sets his things down on a vacant
table and opens his briefcase, which is full of old
employment manuals and other papers. He takes off his suit
coat, folds it, then puts it in the briefcase. It is quickly
followed by his tie and tie clasp. He quickly closes his
case when he hears a police siren WOOP-WOOP outside the
shop. He unbuttons his shirt down to his belt, picks up his
things, then turns to the girl, to see her walking up with
coffee for both of them.

PROTESTER GIRL
Here, you look like a chocolate
coffee guy.

The Job Hunter accepts the coffee and takes a drink.

JOB HUNTER
Hey...Hey that's actually pretty
good. And I hate coffee. Thanks.
Thanks for ...everything.

She smiles but He turns away.

PROTESTER GIRL
Hey, where are you going?

JOB HUNTER
Out the back.

PROTESTER GIRL
(following him)
This place has a back?

They exit through the back door.

INT. THE OLD MALL -CONTINUOUS

The Job Hunter hurries forward but stops and ducks behind a pillar when he sees police cars passing in front of the malls big picture windows, then he looks around.

PROTESTER GIRL

What is this place?

JOB HUNTER

An old mall. It used to be a corporate headquarters until the company moved down by the river. This place was sold for mall and office space before the economy tanked.

He looks around.

JOB HUNTER (CON'T)

Weird. Now it has it's own unique form of quiet. Empty stores and food places all together in one place.

The Job Hunter begins to walk around.

JOB HUNTER (CONT')

Most of the doors are locked but you can still push your way out. They leave that door to the coffee shop open so prospective renters can have a look at the property when they want. I came downtown for an interview once in the winter and went into the coffee shop to warm up. The barista told me this was the easiest way to get to the bus stop. It sure beat waiting in the cold.

PROTESTER GIRL

Did you use to hang out here.

JOB HUNTER

No. Way out of my way, but I always knew it was here. Now it's just another place where people use to work and don't anymore. The whole city's full of them. That used to be a flagship department store across the street. Now, it's all luxury condos.

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PROTESTER GIRL

Is that why you came to the protest?

JOB HUNTER

I didn't come to the protest. I came downtown for an interview, or so I thought. It turned out the guy wanted me to call anyone I'd ever known and try to sell his insurance to them. I tried commission based sales before. A couple of times. Unless you're actually good at it, it's a waste of everybody's time. I only got up on that stage because of what those people were saying about being lazy! (yells) What do they know about working hard?!! For nothing?!!! For years?!!! Decades!!!!

The last word echos back from the empty mall and The Job Hunter stops though he's still breathing heavily through clenched teeth. The Protester girl steps up behind him.

JOB HUNTER (CON'T)

(hisses)

They think they get to call us losers! Because we didn't get the same results they did when we started adulthood! (stops hissing) sorry.

He turns to her.

JOB HUNTER (CON'T)

It's just been twenty-five years since I graduated college and I'm still competing for entry level positions.

(Looks her over)

How old are you?

PROTESTER GIRL

Huh?

JOB HUNTER

How old are you?

PROTESTER GIRL

(Shrugs)

23.

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JOB HUNTER

See, you hadn't even been born when I graduated college. I got friends from high school who have kids your age. Some of them even have grandchildren. And I just had my first kiss right out there in the street.

PROTESTER GIRL

(Shocked)

Your first kiss!

JOB HUNTER

Is that so strange? In college, I was too busy trying to succeed to do much more than talk to people in the cafeteria, then I was always broke and unemployed, then my car shot craps in 2004 and I had to get everywhere on the bus. What was I supposed to do? Take a date to dinner on the bus-

She cuts him off with another fierce ambush kiss. When they break, the Job Hunter sits wearily down on a bench behind him. She sits down next to him. They both set down their coffee.

JOB HUNTER

You're very nice, you know? So very nice about... things.

The girl places her hand on his crotch.

PROTESTER GIRL

We could do more than kiss, you know.

The Job Hunter moves her hand.

JOB HUNTER

No... No I'd never feel right about it. It could lead to a child, and I'd never forgive myself if I put you in that position. My parents would get involved and they're already paying all of my bills-

She cuts him off with a kiss again.

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PROTESTER GIRL
(Soothingly)
Hey...it's OK. Besides-

A zipper is heard UNZIPPING

PROTESTER GIRL(CON'T)
(Devilishly)
There's other things men and women
can do together.

She lowers her head to his lap and he GROANS as she begins.

TIME CUT TO LATER

There is a ZIP sound as they finish. She grins up at him
from between his knees.

PROTESTER GIRL
Don't worry. I didn't mess up your
good pants.

The Job Hunter smiles lovingly down at her and strokes her
hair.

JOB HUNTER
I wish we could just stay here
forever. I wish there was no world
out there that we somehow had to
succeed in.

PROTESTER GIRL
Especially with those people out
there.

JOB HUNTER
Yeah. Worst thing is, those are the
people you're gonna have to deal
with in the workplace. The sexists,
the racists, the homophobes, the
harassers, they do it just because
they can...and get away with it.

PROTESTER GIRL
Can't people just file complaints?

JOB HUNTER
Well, they can, but it doesn't do
much good from what I've seen. Most
of these guys are really smart
about things. They'll choose people
they know that aren't as productive
as they are or don't have as much

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JOB HUNTER (cont'd)
 seniority. Sometimes, they'll even
 hire them into positions
 specifically for that purpose.
 They're like most predators. They
 know how to pick prey. These days
 they just need people more
 desperate for work than dignity.

PROTESTER GIRL
 Who did that to you?

JOB HUNTER
 Gratefully nobody, but my friends
 weren't so lucky.

She pulls out her phone and presses a button then looks at
 him, almost shocked.

PROTESTER GIRL
 You don't have phone, do you.

JOB HUNTER
 Who would pay for it?

PROTESTER GIRL
 Usually, when I meet somebody I
 want to stay in touch with, I scan
 their phone to get their number.

JOB HUNTER
 (holding out hand)
 Here.

She hands him the phone and he enters his information before
 handing it back.

PROTESTER GIRL
 Will I see you again?

pause

JOB HUNTER
 I'd like to, but I'm old enough to
 be your father. You should be with
 someone your own age...who's gonna
 go through all the same changes you
 are, at the same time you are. I've
 never heard of a relationship with
 an age gap like ours working out.
 Never heard of one period really.
 Unless you count Donald Trump.

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PROTESTER GIRL
(Grimaces)

Ew!

He smiles.

JOB HUNTER
(laughs)
Bad example, really.

They LAUGH together.

pause

She climbs up onto his lap.

PROTESTER GIRL
I still want us to try being
together. Are you on Facebook?

JOB HUNTER
I am, actually.

PROTESTER GIRL
Good. I'm going to send you
invitations and we're going to meet
again, someplace.

JOB HUNTER
Do you have a job?

PROTESTER GIRL
What's that got to do with
anything?

JOB HUNTER
One of us should have a job, or at
least some form of income. Do you
have a car?

PROTESTER GIRL
Yes.

JOB HUNTER
I don't. I have to get to places on
the bus. If we're going to meet at
places, you'll have to remember
that. We also don't get to do
things we can't pay for. How do you
pay for gas?

PROTESTER GIRL
How is that any of your-

She slaps both her hands on both his shoulders.

PROTESTER GIRL(CON'T)
(angrily)
I can't believe I blew you!

JOB HUNTER
Yeah, that surprised me, too. My
first kiss, my first sexual
experience, and my first breakup in
the space of an hour.

PROTESTER GIRL
I didn't say we were breaking up.
That's if we're even together.

JOB HUNTER
Lover's spat, then?

PROTESTER GIRL
Maybe. Look, just try to sound a
little less like my parents, OK?

JOB HUNTER
Given our age difference, I don't
know as that's going to happen.

Pause.

JOB HUNTER(CONT')

I'm sorry.

PROTESTER GIRL
It's OK, and hey, don't worry about
it. We'll find things we can do
together.

JOB HUNTER
Maybe, but one of us should have a
job. Take it from me kid, you don't
wanna live under your parents roof
for any longer than you have to.

PROTESTER GIRL
But what about all those people you
were talking about? You know,
the...workplace predators?

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JOB HUNTER

That doesn't give us an excuse to give up. We don't get to do that, honey. We don't get to just stop trying. The day we do that is the day everything those people out there said is true. The American system works in this way, sweetie: you go to school, get good grades, get into college, get marketable skills, graduate, get a job-no, get a career, and have an income. The problem now is that there's a disconnect in that system someplace that destroying the lives of half my generation and probably all of yours. I-

She interrupts him with a kiss again.

PROTESTER GIRL

I really wanna keep knowing you.
You're so woke.

JOB HUNTER

Woke?

She GIGGLES.

PROTESTER GIRL

You have such a...grasp of things.

JOB HUNTER

Oh. Well, it comes from having a lot of time to stare at them.

She smiles and another police siren WOOP-WOOP is heard outside.

JOB HUNTER

We should get out of here before we're discovered.

She kisses him and gets up.

PROTESTER GIRL

I meant what I said. I wanna talk to you tonight on Facebook.

JOB HUNTER

I'll like that.

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They look at each other fondly and she picks up her coffee and takes a drink from it as she walks back toward the coffee shop. He picks up his coffee and drains it, then tosses the cup in a garbage can as he heads the other direction.

The Job Hunter steps behind a pillar near some exterior double doors to avoid being seen by police cars passing by outside. He suddenly looks to his right. FOLLOW JOB HUNTERS GAZE. Through the exterior window may be seen a parked modest red SUV with a black man in shades dressed business casual, MARK, in the drivers seat. The man points to the Job Hunter and gestures for him to come. The Job Hunter leaves without hesitation.

EXT. THE STREET OUTSIDE THE OLD MALL -DAY

The Job Hunter leans over and looks in the red SUV's open window.

JOB HUNTER

Mark?

MARK

Just get in the dam car!

The Job Hunter gets into the vehicle.

INT. MARK'S SUV - DAY.

The Job Hunter is in the passenger seat.

MARK

Duck down and stay down. I'll let you know when it's safe.

Mark puts on a baseball cap with the logo of a local college football team on it and a pair of shades.

JOB HUNTER

What are you doing?

MARK

Nobody pulls over a Harvester fan in this town.

Mark starts driving. FOLLOW SUV

EXT. THE DOWNTOWN AREA - SECONDS LATER

Mark's SUV pulls into an alley and quietly slides up a hill to come out the other end. It then enters a parking garage and goes up and down the ramps. It is about to go out the exit when a cop car is seen outside and it just goes around again.

INT. MARK'S SUV - SIMULTANEOUS

JOB HUNTER
What are we doing?

MARK
Just stay down.

JOB HUNTER
They didn't see my face.

MARK
You don't know what they saw. Stay down.

The Job Hunter stays down.

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)
Mark is my best friend from college and the most streetwise person I know. He's exactly the kind of person I'd want to get me out of a situation like this.

EXT. THE DOWNTOWN AREA - DAY

The SUV exits the parking garage. FOLLOW SUV. It heads up a hill and past a cop car who's occupants watch it drive by as Mark scrupulously keeps his eye's on the road. The SUV drives down the hill, onto a bridge over the interstate, and takes a left onto an onramp.

INT. MARK'S SUV - SIMULTANEOUS

MARK
You can sit up now.

The Job Hunter sits up and looks at Mark, who takes off the cap and throws it contemptuously into the back.

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JOB HUNTER

How'd you know?

MARK

That rally's all over the Internet. You're all over the Internet. You've gone viral. I been talking on the phone with you since college, but I knew it was you when you started talking about the suit. I thought I was gonna have to come down here and bail you out of jail. I just lucked across you at the old mall. Since when do you attend rallies? You were never that kind of political.

JOB HUNTER

I didn't attend. I just went to what I thought was gonna be a job interview, then missed the bus home, then one of those people called job hunters lazy, and I just...

MARK

...went boom?

JOB HUNTER

Yeah.

MARK

I'll never say you got no spine again.

pause.

JOB HUNTER

You off work today?

MARK

Hell, no. I was supposed to be planning the store in Valley today. I have to- (Actor free to ad lib)

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)

A few years ago, Mark was in the same boat I was, then he got hired to set up computer systems in convenience stores in this part of the state. It'd be great for him if the company wasn't run by a bunch of racist, right wingnut, fake news

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JOB HUNTER (V.O.) (cont'd)
junkies who have to swallow hard
every day to admit that they need
the help of a non-Caucasian to run
their business.

MARK
-I'll just tell them I got caught
in the rally traffic.

JOB HUNTER
Yeah. Thanks for coming out for me
man.

MARK
Sure.

JOB HUNTER
I take it it's gotten no easier
with those people?

MARK
You mean, 'do I still think they'll
hang me from a tree the day they
think they can get away with it?',
Hell yeah, but I'll take their
money if it means Mama keeps
getting her treatments.

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)
Mark stayed on this job for the
benefits so his mother won't die
without her treatments. He's even
been attacked on the job. There are
supposed to be laws in place to
allow people to sue such employers
for creating hostile working
conditions, but those who want to
keep working know better. Nobody
hires a whistleblower of any kind.
Just because blacklisting's illegal
doesn't mean it isn't practiced.
Guys like us can't afford lawyers,
so my buddy has to sacrifice his
dignity for his family.

Suddenly flashing lights are seen in the window behind them.

MARK
Aw shit!

JOB HUNTER
Aw shit!

EXT. AN OVERPASS ON THE INTERSTATE - DAY

MUSIC CUE: 41 shots by Bruce Springsteen

Mark pulls his car over on the overpass and the police car pulls up behind him.

INT. MARK'S SUV - DAY.

Mark places his hands on steering wheel.

MARK
Put your hands on the dash
board...now.

The Job Hunter does this.

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)
Mark knows I think he's a little
paranoid about things, but I do
what I can to set his mind at ease
while riding with him.

The police officer walks up to the window and Mark rolls it down.

COP
Afternoon, sir. You know why I
pulled you over today?

MARK
(nervously)
Um...actually no sir.

COP
Well, you pulled that lane change
too quick back there and you failed
to signal it. Now where you headed
today?

MARK
(still nervously)
W-what can I do for you?

COP
I asked you a question. I asked you
where you're going to today!

MARK
You need my license?

Mark doesn't move. The cop moves his hand to his gun.

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COP

Did I ask you for anything else?
When I ask for it, I'll ask for
your driver's license, your
registration, and your proof of
insurance! What I didn't ask for is
an attitude.

MARK

(worried now)

OK.

COP

Why don't you hand me your
information. Who does the vehicle
belong to?

pause.

COP (CON'T)

Who does the vehicle belong to?

MARK

It's a company car. My supervisor
sent me to Valley NE today to set
up a shop and I picked up my buddy
here from a job interview downtown
on my way back.

JOB HUNTER

There's a business card in my
briefcase if you need to verify the
interview, sir.

COP

When I want to hear from you sir,
I'll address you.

The Job Hunter looks away looking like he hopes he hasn't
made things worse.

COP (CON'T)

So the company gave you permission
to operate the vehicle?

MARK

Yes.

COP

Do you have the registration for
this vehicle and proof of
insurance?

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MARK

I can check the glove box.

COP

This information needs to be readily available. You got any drugs in the car?

MARK

(louder than he intends)

No! Sir.

COP

(Attempting to reassure)

Ok. Ok. Any weapon.

MARK

(more controlled)

No.

The officer reaches in and unbuckles Mark's seat belt.

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)

The Hell?

COP

Let's get you out of there and give this car a search.

He grabs ahold of Mark.

MARK

Hey, wait a minute!

COP

Stop resisting!

The cop pulls Mark from the car. Looking determined, the Job Hunter unbuckles his seat belt, opens the car door, and steps out of the car.

EXT. AN OVERPASS ON THE INTERSTATE - DAY

The cop almost has Mark cuffed when he notices the Job Hunter walk up to the overpass splashboard, step over it, and turn around to face them with the traffic passing beneath him at his back.

COP

Hey, what do you think you're doing?!

The Job Hunter points at the cop.

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JOB HUNTER

(Loud enough to be heard over
the traffic)

You're not from here!! I've been pulled over five or six times when I had a car and I've never even heard of a cop as bad as you! You got kicked out of last department and maybe the one before that and came here to show the hick local cops how to do things right, didn't you! Well, I've spent the last twenty years applying for jobs and wishing I could find something worth dieing for so I wouldn't have to anymore, and I think making sure someone like you never wears a badge again fits the bill.

COP

(loud enough to be heard over
the traffic)

You know, everything we do and say is being recorded, don't you?

JOB HUNTER

(loud enough to be heard over
the traffic)

Oh, I was hoping so. Now both his family and mine will know exactly what was said and done by you. Unless, of course you made sure cameras were malfunctioning, then they'd have to take your word for what happens here. The law says so, but I know our families. They wouldn't take your word for shit. They're decent, sober, quiet living, church going, folks whose lives will be shattered by what you intend to do today and my mother at least knows just how to make sure everybody knows it.

The cop pushes the button on his shoulder radio and nods toward it.

JOB HUNTER(CON'T)

Oh by all means, call for backup, just make sure you let them know, I'm not coming in til you leave. I don't trust you not to cause an accident otherwise. I like the idea

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JOB HUNTER(CON'T) (cont'd)

that when you've killed us both,
you will have to tell this story a
million times over and people still
won't believe you. You ready for
your fifteen minutes of fame?
Cause, I'm ready to make sure you
get them!

COP

(Interrupts)

All right!! All right! I guess I
can let you boys off with a
warning. Just be more careful...and
I better not catch you two again.

He takes the cuffs off Mark, walks back to his cruiser, gets in, and drives off. Neither Mark nor the Job Hunter move a muscle until the cruiser has disappeared from sight, then they get in the car and drive away.

INT. MARK'S SUV - A MINUTE LATER

MARK

I'm so screwed. He's gonna call the
business and they're gonna fire me
just because they can.

JOB HUNTER

They already rehired you once
because they needed you to set up
all the towns, remember?

MARK

Well, he's gonna do it anyway just
to cause trouble...and they'll
probably fire me again, then rehire
me again, just to mess with me.

JOB HUNTER

That sounds like something they'd
do. You think we should get off the
street?

MARK

Yeah.

EXT. AN OFFRAMP ON THE INTERSTATE - SECONDS LATER.

The SUV pulls off the interstate and stops at a stoplight.

INT. MARK'S SUV - SECONDS LATER.

JOB HUNTER

I got an idea. Let's park the car behind the Holiday Inn, then take the bus back to my place, then you can get a cab or an Über from there back to work and drive back in your own car with someone else to retrieve the car. You can say you had car trouble.

MARK

That's actually a good idea.
(smiles)
You been paying attention.

He fake hits the Job Hunter.

JOB HUNTER

(smiles.)
I had a good teacher.

EXT. THE BUS STOP OUTSIDE THE HOLIDAY INN - SOME TIME LATER

The two men board the bus.

INT. THE BUS - CONTINUOUS

The Job Hunter scans his ticket twice for both of them and the two men sit down. The Job Hunter opens his briefcase and pulls out a bus schedule.

JOB HUNTER(CONT')

This bus turns onto Central and goes right by my place. We can get off there and you can call a cab or an Über to get you the rest of the way.

MARK

No need. If I'm reading that right, it goes all the way up Central to the Riverside Hospital. That's right past the office. I'll get somebody to ride back with me to get the truck.

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pause.

MARK (CON'T)

You know that cop would've shot you
if you had been black, right?

JOB HUNTER

Hm. Probably would've tried to make
me blow him if I'd been a woman,
too.

MARK

Yeah. Thanks for saving my ass,
homes.

JOB HUNTER

I just hope you didn't lose your
job.

INT. JOB HUNTER'S PARENTS' SECOND CONDO - LATER

The front door opens and The Job Hunter leaves his unfolded scooter by the door, tosses his mail on the chair in front of his computer, opens his briefcase, pulls out his folded clothes, and goes directly to-

INT. JOB HUNTER'S PARENTS' SECOND CONDO BATHROOM - SECONDS LATER.

He puts his shirt on a hanger and hangs his tie around it, then hangs his suit coat on his suit hanger, pulls off his dress shoes, then his suit pants which he hangs on the suit hanger with his suit coat. He then gathers all his good clothes and carries them in his underwear to-

INT. JOB HUNTER'S PARENTS' SECOND CONDO BEDROOM - SECONDS LATER.

The Job Hunter hangs up his good clothes, pulls on yesterday's pants, and goes back out to-

INT. JOB HUNTER'S PARENTS' SECOND CONDO LIVING ROOM - SECONDS LATER

The Job Hunter, picks up his mail, turns on his computer and flops down in front of it, looking exhausted.

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JOB HUNTER (V.O.)
I think I should take nap.

He looks at his phone.

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)
I wonder if I should call-

He visibly remembers something that angers him.

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)
Aw man! I never got her phone
number.

He pounds harshly on the arm of the chair.

JOB HUNTER
Damn!

He opens his mail while the computer boots up. The first envelope is from the electric company. He examines it.

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)
Looks like it's time for the folks
to pay the bills again.

He opens the next envelope.

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)(CON'T)
I'm up to \$6300 owed to the state
now.

He notices the computer is up now and brings up YouTube.

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)
Good god, I really did go viral.

He opens the video and let's it play in the background.

VIDEO
Will you people shut the fuck
uuuuuuupp!!!

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)
Shit, there are people from Fox
news, CNN, PBS, MSNBC, everybody's
got something to say about this.

His face grows bitter.

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)(CON'T)
Plenty to say, nothing to know.
Tens, maybe hundreds of millions of
(MORE)

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JOB HUNTER (V.O.)(CON'T) (cont'd)
 us out here with no prospects and
 no future. No doubt they're gonna
 feed us all the answers with all
 their seven figure salaries and
 thousand dollar suits and-

The phone RINGS.

JOB HUNTER (V.O.)(CON'T)
 That could be her!

He answers the phone.

JOB HUNTER
 Hello?

INT. JOB HUNTER'S PARENTS' SECOND CONDO LIVING ROOM AND
 EMPLOYER'S OFFICE.

SPLIT SCREEN. The Job Hunter is on the right and the
 caucasian male EMPLOYER is on the left.

EMPLOYER
 Howdy. I'ma calling from Svenson
 Convenience Management. I found
 your resume on Job Serious. You
 still looking for work.

JOB HUNTER
 (Enthusiastically)
 Yes!

EMPLOYER
 Good. Have you ever set up
 computers systems before?

JOB HUNTER
 Several.

EMPLOYER
 Good. I'm looking to replace one of
 my guys. I'm gonna be honest here,
 he's Jewish and I didn't know that
 when I hired him. I swore I'd never
 have a Jew in this company. I don't
 trust 'em. I don't want 'em. I need
 him for now but it's time to hire
 his replacement. Now what I need-
 (actor free to ad lib)

The Job Hunter looks directly into the camera with a look
 that says 'What am I supposed to do now? I need a job but-'

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SMASH TO BLACK

MUSIC CUE: Death to my Hometown by Bruce Springsteen

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