

INVEST ATTENTION

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FADE IN (SLOWLY):

INT. INFIRMARY — AFTERNOON? MORNING?

DUTCH ANGLE, P.O.V. & BLURRY FROM A HOSPITAL BED.

2:30 MINS

SPEECH = 60FPS VIDEO RECORDING (40%)

“MIGRATION FLOWS”

“The first world steals from the second and third world, the second world steals from the third world and the third world either bows down and is "humble" in the face of the cultural bullying implemented in this world until it has power to be relevant and change a small fraction, or explode, sometimes on the "superiors" and consequently sacrificed by the media generating racism and xenophobia before the ill-educated "owners of reason", but we are supposed to believe in God even if it is just a disguised social hierarchy liberating us from great responsibilities.

I lived part of these flows when I emigrated to England and felt what many outsiders still feel or felt here in the country and I also felt the reason for some of the anger of my Mozambican mother who is not even black, but still picked up a lot of "trash", from a lot of "trash". I've seen people get married so they can have better conditions, I've also seen people stay married because they've developed their love after the deal was done. I have met and lived amongst a lot of Brazilian, Angolan, Cape Verdean, Venezuelan, Turkish, Kurdish, Russian, Lithuanian, Latvian, Polish, Indian, Chinese, etc. and after some time of adaptation we are all the same and work for a community, but of course for a better life. The truth of human migration is the pursuance of ambition, whatever it may be, aspiration of knowledge, studies, love, but the most recurrent is certainly the search for a better life, because the way this society is structured is to take away from afar to accommodate the close, rather than license intellect, and if that still occurs, then in earlier ages, oh boy...

As political ambition changes, the conformism of the locals and their unfair imports change. We already have most of the books digitized and even audio books but there are many people who have no sex education and continue to procreate unconscious from the environmental state and then we have to take away to accommodate close once again, of course each country has its ideologies and is very complex but at least we already have the internet to spread knowledge (and ignorance...). The rich go to poor territories for a better yield on their capital, the local goes to the capital to change life, the capitalist goes to a more developed country to be richer and then it's probably going to where the capital yields most, according to their discernment afterwards, it is a vicious cycle that will only slow down when it is ... “

FADE OUT (SLOWLY):

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INT. INFIRMARY — DAY

DUTCH ANGLE, P.O.V. SLIGHT VIGNETTE, HOSPITAL BED. UNBLURRING THE FOCUS.

A high-status man in a suit speaks to the camera. JAK VALENTINE.

JAK VALENTINE

Did you know apples are more effective in
waking you up in the morning than
coffee?

MAX KNIGHT

Wow I'm stiff...

How long have I been here?

JAK VALENTINE

About seven months, bud...

MAX KNIGHT

...

Aren't you supposed to be in the office???

What the fuck are you doing here???

What the fuck am I! doing here???

What about my... job...?

JAK VALENTINE

Sorry bud...

I had to get someone to fill in for you...

We did not know when you were going to
come out of it...

It was so long...

And the doctors cannot really give
assurances when it comes to comas.

But we are at it, strong! ...

Soared in the polls. Surely would have
cleared at light speed if you were with us...
but I guess... you trained me well.

...

Oh, do not worry about expenses, I got
you bro, I have made arrangements here
at the hospital, as you can see, you're in
an upper-level room, but if you want to go
home, we can have it all set up for you
there.

MAX KNIGHT

Nah... I'm good. I'll sort it out here, don't want my house to look like a hospital, at least, ten years after I retire...

Well... what are you doing here then?

JAK VALENTINE

Ah! Don't worry, it's not all selfless I'll admit.

I use this time to think...

I come here, play a bit a' ass grabbing with the nurses... you know the deal... meditate... you know.

Think things through...

PAN RIGHT:

EXT. CAFÉ/RESTAURANT — DAY

N.T.I. / P.O.I. BEAT – DAM RIGHT

...Enjoying the music while waiting for JAK VALENTINE to park his car nearby...

MAX

Mr. Valentine...

I have not seen you sir, since...

...since the hospital. Since last time you were at the hospital...

JAK VALENTINE

Where have you been today? What have you been up to?

MAX

You wouldn't believe me if I told you...

JAK VALENTINE

I'm a big believer in people Max, you know that... specially if I know where you've been...! I'm sure that if the stories match, I'll believe you.

MAX

You had me followed...?!

JAK VALENTINE

Of course! You're my friend! I would not leave you unchecked after such an accident Max.

MAX

Still... you have no right!

The doctors cleared me, Valentine.

VALENTINE

So, you're just going to pursue this lifestyle as a midlife crisis?

MAX

Well, you "can't" give me my job back...

...Yeah, I guess I am...

VALENTINE

What the hell is wrong with you!

Parties and... and... film studios...?!

MAX

Valli... Valli Valentino don't be such a bambino...

Get ya panties, off the bunch...!

I'm not in the industry, if that's what you're thinking.

...I did have some good times though...

...A bad one... A very bad one too...

But that had nothing to do with the industry...

...

I'm not even close to pondering being in this industry Valentine, rest assured.

Can't say I won't go to another party... ...

MAX (CONT'D)

(MUMBLES) ...When I've forgotten enough
of that ones' ending...

VALENTINE

What are people going to think?!

Worst! What are people going to say!?

MAX

Who cares?! Relax a bit...

I know you can't relax as much as I've
been relaxing, but you could relax much
more than you currently do.

VALENTINE

(LOWERS HIS VOLUME) Someone told
someone to tell me that you were spotted
at a "porn star party"...!

MAX

What are people going to say when you
have to tell them your mother gave birth
to a vagina...?!

To a cunt... I mean...

Bless the vagina...!

Kisses fingertips and sends kiss to the air, the spirits.

VALENTINE

Is that who you really are!?

...

MAX

Well... I wanted to change the present, but
it seems I'm also a present, for the
future...

CAR driving by on the road playing loud music.

BOOM BANG BOUNCE – DAM RIGHT

Big booty hottie passes by on their other side.

VALENTINE LOOKS at the CAR. MAX LOOKS at the KABOOZE.

SHE LOOKS BACK AT MAX AND SMILES. VALENTINE CONTINUES.

VALENTINE

Get yourself together my friend...!

We see MAX's face. Then CAR DOOR CLOSING.

WHIP PAN RIGHT:

EXT. STREET — DAY

TWO DISTINGUISHED DOGS BARKING/HOWLING ARE HEARD OFF CAMERA, INTO CAMERA. Turns out one of them was ACE BARKING/HOWLING, INTERACTING with a DOG in the STREET. ACE'S WEARING A PULP FICTION MR. WOLF HOODIE WITH "I'M HERE TO HELP, IF MY HELP'S NOT APPRECIATED, LOTSA LUCK GENTLEMAN" TEXT ON IT. As if they were chatting. They seem to be friends. They have pissed off a NEIGHBOR.

NEIGHBOR

WILL YOU STOP LEADING HIM ON?!

ACE

Sorry miss... but he's the one leading this
chorus... I'm just a follower in this realm...
he's too much a free spirit so much it
ensnares my senses...

THEY START BARKING/HOWLING AT HER.

NEIGHBOR THROWS A TANTRUM AT THEM.

ACE IMMEDIATELY PUSHES THE DOG FORWARDS AWAY FROM HIM WITH THE SOLE OF HIS SHOE, PUSHING THEM BOTH OUT THE IMAGINARY FOULNESS HITTING SPOT.

NEIGHBOR IS LOOKING MADDY AS HELL.

ACE

OH MY DOG!

Bitches be crazy...!

I'll see you later Boss, she is maddy, we
better split...!

A HIGH-END SEDAN parks near ACE. Window slides down.

DRIVER

Hey! You! Are you Ace?

Ace a' Hearts?

...

ACE

That'll depend on the heart that's asking
good sir.

DRIVER

Talk to the back, cuz the front is exiting.

Window shuts up. DRIVER exits the HIGH-END CAR and goes for a coffee nearby. Back
door opens and JAK VALENTINE exits the car.

VALENTINE

Mr. Hearts...! Nice to meet you, I'm...

ACE

I know who you are. Jak Valentine.

Anyone in the surroundings with half a
brain, knows who you are...

VALENTINE

If only...

ACE

My parents are big fans of you too, if I'm
not mistaken...

Am I right...?

VALENTINE

Yes, they were big supporters of my
campaign, and still great counselors...

ACE

You don't say... (HUMPF...)

VALENTINE

But I'm not here for them or on their
behalf...

ACE

Good... cuz the last muscle they sent... was sent home with their tail in between their legs...

Plus, I don't think you could outrun me in all that expensive attire...

VALENTINE

Looks can be deceiving you know...?

ACE

You should know...!

VALENTINE

Ah! Cheeky...!

Also, my driver used to do very well in the Olympic sports section...

...

Anyways... I'm here to talk about Max...

ACE

Ah...! Miss ya bestie...?

Sorry can't have him...

I've grown fond of the nutjob...!

VALENTINE

I really do I'm not denying that... but he was in similar conditions to yours... and for an indefinite amount of time... so I had to replace him, and I could not get him a suitable job for his qualifications without getting rid of someone as qualified...

ACE

That just warms up my heart...

Not only did my beauty sleep allowed me to miss all that...

But I woke up with a new friend...

Ain't life great...?

ACE (CONT'D)

Sorry... Back to your dilemma...

VALENTINE

...Just because I could not get him a suitable job that doesn't mean he should go to the other end of the spectrum and hang around pornographers! That is my dilemma...!

ACE

Is it though...?!

VALENTINE

Look I'm just trying to reason with you here... he has not done anything else other than working with me so we can better this community, he does not know better...!

ACE

And you do, do you...?!

He had a stick up his ass most of his life... while I smoked, drank, and banged all these types of dopes through my body...

Yet we ended up in the same place...

He had a car crash and went into a coma...

I go on a booze bender... and we become roommates...

VALENTINE

Why don't you go and sue InBev then ya fucking junkie!?

ACE

Well, why don't ya go sue the government for giving shit loads a' money to sell outs while guys like you that try to better the world get raped by both media and other corporations, since ya can't step out a' line an inch...?!

ACE (CONT'D)

I too would like to be wearing my Roger
Dubuis and driving my kick-ass Bentley...
With a bunch of operation centers spread
throughout the World, after winnin' my
P.E.N.G.O.T.

But here we are...

Cuz... all I really need is an Oulm watch, a
Scirocco on the driveway of my three-
bedroom, three-bathroom nicely detached
house.

Yeah no one's in line to take the piss now
are they...?

Y'all high and might with ya Ivy League
vocab... you know...

I studied too...!

I studied football until I busted my knee...

And I mean football not that American
rugby that some call football but barely
touch with their feet in the ball...

Who the fuck came up with that...?!

I've studied Music, Writing, Society, Life...

And what...? Because I'm not
institutionalized with a pamphlet and a
propeller hat ya think I'm ignorant?!

Well, guess what, I am!

I have actually studied enough to know
that... unlike most that are afraid of the
word... pussies!

What the fuck do you know...?

Ya probably went from ya parents' house
to some ivy league school, to a fucking
office building...

What do you know of being weak and
manipulated by a system that keeps
fucking you in the ass and calls it law!?

WORST JOBS IMAGE BLEND.

ACE (V.O.)

What do you know of having to get high or
drunk just so you can bear to live with...

SHOW SOMETHING OF A MEAT FACTORY SCENE. BLEND.

... the fact that ya kill thousands of
vertebrates a day so that all the unaware
fucks can abuse the neglectful and
reckless consumption of meat?

What the fuck do you know?!

ACE

Hashtag... WHATTHEFUCKDOYOUKNOW
Bitch?!

#W.T.F. DO U. KNOW...

What the fuck do you know of being in
industries that consume your soul until
you hate the products or services you
offer?!

SHOW PEOPLE HATING THEIR JOBS. BLEND.

Actually... ya might know something about
that, since you're a politician

PROGRESSION – SYNKRO? (Or something of the sorts)

I could've been a lawyer or a politician
too... but I couldn't bear the
bureaucracy...!

So, since ya got elected why don't you try
shifting towards less prosecuting and
more towards targeting the root of the
problems... try...

VALENTINE

I still don't have that power...

ACE

NEVER...! Stop... an improvising artist ya
fucking cunt...! Or I'll bend ya over the

ACE (CONT'D)

knee and amber ya butt, till ya stop, being
a runt...!

We see VALENTINE reaching in his pocket, take out his PHONE and start RECORDING
THE CONVERSATION.

Here's an idea I developed just by
watching Shark Tank...

Create some legislation to brick wall the
margins of companies, that way you won't
have leeches that found a gap in an always
changing, always evolving system... and
I'm not talking mom & pop shops either
I'm talking over a million net profit or so...
so then they'll have three choices only if
they overdo it...

One - Give it to charity. Always a good
investment...!

Two - Spread it on their companies'
employees since they're a part of the
ensemble...

Three - Let the government do their job
and send them the extras that were
miscalculated...

If you don't trust them to do that job...
you'll have the previous options to take
matters into your own hands.

Maybe that'll fix the GDP's balance on a
resource basis... and if it doesn't, have a
look into what could be done there...

...the other day I saw a documentary of
some American kids that went to live like
Guatemalans for a couple a' months...

And do you know whose fault it is that
they're hungry and in poverty...?!

The first world and their rapid expansion
with no vision or calculation for
consequence...

ACE (CONT'D)

They have extremely rich lands that have been lawfully made to grow sugar and other crap in mass production and they're "Living on One Dollar" a day... it's fucking disgusting...!

Every country... or state, in the case of big ass countries like Brazil, China, U.S., etc. Every country should grow, locally as much as they can on foods like corn, oats, wheat, beans, rice, spinach, broccoli, bananas, apples, oranges, and such... This should be available for all of civilization, that, and water...

There shouldn't be any inflation on first world countries at this point... it's not a fucking race... it's an endurance! The inflation should be returned, or diverted into the thirsty and hungry that don't have a chance of dying of Alzheimer's while the greedy wasteful empires hunt for eternal life... especially since the answer they're looking for... might just be in the mind of one of those poor souls...

So, try to structure international trade laws to give back to the real suppliers, in form of infrastructure if ya have to.

VALENTINE

You mean deflation...

ACE

Potato... Tamales...

You're the one with a degree in population administration... ya got the point didn't ya...?

Structure proper and fair value on trades instead of using bargaining power to suppress and implement lawful dictatorship for the pre-powerful ones, and this way it won't disturb the current economy.

VALENTINE

Are you done...?

ACE

Nowhere near that... since you're investing attention.

Obviously unless you're a little girl ditching school for the environment you won't get a meeting at the U.N. so here's some more for ya.

If every product has in the front on one of the top corners', factual information of its origins, like a flag and if it's made of several things, has a few smaller ones...

VALENTINE

Do you really think people care...?

ACE

One – you'll have the aware ones that will see it as an economic turn.

Two – you'll have the chest pounding patriots that'll buy it outta pride or spite...

"Would you look at that! It even tastes better than the others!"

Whatever reason floats your boat...

It's viable.

And since we talkin' about logistics now...

How about we narrow down... I mean way down...! On the transportations like commercial airflights and non-intercontinental flights and start diverting funds usage towards more economical long distance transportation modes such as trains n' cargo ships.

At least until we've found more viable ways...

AT THIS POINT WE SEE IMAGES OF VALENTINE WITH A HAND OVER ACES' SHOULDER AT THE ENTRANCE OF ONE OF THE U.N.'S HEADQUARTERS.

ACE (CONT'D)

Do you know that the world's average yearly salary is twenty grand...?!

But here's the punchline... no one "in their right mind" should be happy with that... not at least in the "first world countries" where you have to sell, sell, sell... where people don't get high on their own supply... bitch if don't consume it, I'm not selling it...

That's my motto...!

But this happens for a variety of aspects such as, your money getting stuck in a tool named "bank", for weeks instead of getting transactions and remunerations done quickly... in England they have their salaries paid weekly as a standard procedure... and you know what... for me that's the main "secret" of their economy... specially on lower wages such as minimum wage where people devote their money in a faster pace... (Which could be a bigger problem due to the current environment instability...) anyways...

MAX calls ACEs' phone, he rejects the call.

this would give a fighting chance to the minions...

Fighting chance...

Fighting chance...

Fighting chance...

Talking about a fighting chance... why do married people get so many tax cuts and the single pay more... So, not only are we unmarried and maybe loveless, but we also have to pay more... no wonder there's so many sham weddings... I understand green card marriages... and if there's kids involved it's one thing... but tax cutting

ACE (CONT'D)

weddings...? It's like your being raped,
legally raped...!

...That just might be the title of my next
song...

Yeah...! It's bad ass for the "Julius
Caesar's" of the world to host orgies, but
all the minions are sinners if they ain't
monogamous throughout their life...
otherwise they're whores...

Bitch! What the fuck do you know?

WHIP PAN RIGHT:

INT. AQUARIUM — DAY

KITTY and MAX are having a nice conversation.

MAX

...Hey if they're not doing it in the
education system, I think parents should...
I'm just saying that some people know
more outside the system and others know
more within it...

KITTY

Yes, we assume that people have been
educated in some aspects of life and for
numerous reasons they might not have...

So, what would you like your children to
learn Miles...?

MAX

Okay... lets list these then...

Basics...

Housekeeping... that's something people
are supposed to know from home right...?
What if they didn't have a home... what if
they had problems at home... this should
be thought at school am telling you, plus,
we might learn something we didn't know
or some technological advances from the
kids...

KITTY

Ok, what else...?

They start walking.

MAX

Nutrition and cooking should also be thought at school... I don't remember most things I learned in chemistry class cuz I didn't go towards an industry that needed those, yet I cook most days... where's the chemistry there...?

... (CHUCKLES AT THE IRONY) ...

Law and Taxes too... I mean obviously those are very complex and maybe they could ease off on that aspect, but if we at least learned how to research and tackle the biggest crimes and issues around our law maybe... just maybe life would be easier...

KITTY

I don't know but I think I'm using your babysitter cuz I'm dropping my kids in your crib. (GIGGLES)

MAX

There are others that should also be essential like... fitness... self-defense...! I mean, how many kids don't like P.E.? There's a fair share to think about remodeling or make them know they don't need to be social to have fit bodies... I think it's fair game on sports, I like them, but some kids just aren't like that...

KITTY

I think paramedic lessons should be a good one too you know... you don't need to be a full-on doctor but having a good grasp on medicine is certainly something I'd like to do...

MAX

Yes. Exactly!

Also... cybersecurity... even if you know IT, you're not out a dodge... but those that don't... man...! All it takes is a root kit for your hard work to be someone else's...

And there's more... someone could use your own income to keep you "humble".

We learn I.T. in school but unaware of the digital realm...

Multi-verse is more like it...

KITTY

And maybe some field trips, when they're teenagers already, of course, to slaughterhouses...

MAX

What?! Are you crazy...?!

KITTY

Oi! Mind your language Mr.

MAX

I mean... why...? Just... why...?!

KITTY

So they can be aware of how this world really works... the slaughtering behind curtains, out of love, is not healthy... for anyone...

MAX

I understand babe... but that one's not solving anything... maybe in adults it would work but the kids will be learning so many things that at some point their focus will go elsewhere and become as negligent as the rest of us...

WHIP PAN RIGHT:

EXT. STREET — DAY

Back to ACE and VALENTINE.

VALENTINE

Are you... OK...?

ACE

Sorry if I'm ranting...

Being in a coma... I think parts of my brain went into forced labor to account for the lack of movement I guess, I must sound like a raging lunatic...

VALENTINE

Maybe... but I too know enough to know I'm ignorant... and you sound a lot less of that, than most people I deal with... so go ahead...

I'm investing my attention.

ACE

Wanna know how a Nobel prize winner pays fifty percent tax, but Coca-Cola and other big companies only pay twenty percent of the supposed still low in comparison thirty-five...? How fucked up is that...?! We as a civilization have structured it to pay more to fuck ourselves than to get out of the holes, we dig in...

And I don't want to live in a world without Coca-Cola, but the allowance for alluringness, is appalling...

Oh, and just fucking legalize it... Why is weed illegal...? Cuz it relaxes people? Cuz it's one of the most economically viable commodities in this planet? Or should we keep berserking as the working bees we are? Are those the government beliefs? They need everyone to work harder n' harder? In order to achieve environmental decline... wait... didn't we get there already...?!

ACE (CONT'D)

Next...!

And some people can't even get a coffee without Xanax in their sugar, so how are we supposed to grow our own...?

Like everything else it's safer for sanity's sake to just buy fresh produce when needed...

Cuz that don't make people crazy...

Crazy people make people crazy...!

...

Do you know Change.org...?

These guys should have advertisement schemes funded by the government as a reminder that we can all pitch in...

And you know how we have TV shows that people can text or call...

How about we do a TV voting system show for governance...? Shit we could do channels of that... that way people won't be able to fill in my hears with what the politicians should or shouldn't do... get a move on then bitch...!

And Ideas Centers...! Like an intellectual property office with a customer service system like with discussion forums and CCTV around the clock so there's on the fly registration of said intellect... I know I'd probably go there a few times. Cuz to me there's a slight chance that Einstein took a few ideas under his name on his job, but that might be just me...

Do you want a better economy and a more peaceful country?

Well try these on for size and see if it fits.

And maybe... if we can change the nations that rule the media, just maybe, it'll rub off on the others.

ACE (CONT'D)

Oh, and all these ideas ya just heard didn't
came from a junkie.

They came from a recreational drug user,
but if ya believe every piece of
information vibrating through the air or
pixelated on ya screen...

I guess ya must be the junkie then,
addicted to the nectar and unable to put a
break on it...

VALENTINE

...Are you done?

ACE

No... but I gotta save some for the next
video clip...

...

VALENTINE turns off the recording.