

DANNY
Across the hall.

CUT TO:

40 MK&T ORIENTATION ROOM

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A circle of chairs, men and women in their business best.
Standing in the center, JOANNA, blonde, imposing, pants suit.

JOANNA
First, let me tell you what outplacement
is not. We're not an employment agency.
We're here to help you help yourself.

He looks around, sees Conal O'Brien, Diane Lindstrom, a few
others he recognizes. Joanna passes around thick handouts.

JOANNA (cont'd)
You need to make a networking list of all
your friends, business and personal.
Suppliers, competitors, people you sat
next to at a convention, neighbors,
dentists. Anybody and everybody.

Hands a packet to Bobby. Glossy charts, blank forms.

JOANNA (cont'd)
You need a new resume. You're going to
send out hundreds, so make it good.

She turns to the easel, grabs a magic marker, writes. Bobby
tries to hide his growing unease. What's he doing here?

JOANNA (cont'd)
Endings. We're not used to them. Fear,
chaos, anxiety, loss. How many of you
are feeling these things?

Only a few raise their hands. Bobby sneaks a look to Conal
and Diane, Jesus... Joanna writes:

JOANNA (cont'd)
Endings, fear, change, and finally...

Draws a line: "endings" leads to "fear" leads to "change",
leads to "SUCCESS". She taps her marker on --

JOANNA (cont'd)
Success. Stand up everybody. Come on,
we call this "The Tiger". We do it when
we need to get our energy up.

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Some stand quickly, others lag -- Bobby chief among the laggards. She chants a mantra.

JOANNA (cont'd)
I... will... win.
Why? I'll show you why!
Because I have --
Faith! Courage! Enthusiasm!

Bobby stares, motivational aerobics? Only about half the room is standing.

JOANNA (cont'd)
Come on, everybody.

Conal stands reluctantly, Diane.

THE GROUP
I... will... win...

Bobby still sits, staring at his fellow fired. Can't believe it. Yesterday he's canned, today he's trapped in a room with a bunch of unemployed executive Moonies.

CUT TO:

41 GENE'S GTX OUTER OFFICE - MORNING

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Gene arrives, late, pulling off his coat. Karen meets him.

GENE
Bobby Walker call back?

KAREN
Yeah, last night.

GENE
He leave a message?

KAREN
Not one I'd care to repeat.

GENE
See if he can come by for lunch today.

KAREN
Stock's up six. Not bad.
(smiles ruefully)
My 401K is all GTX. This continues I may still get to retire before I'm eighty.

Hands him a stack of thick black binders as he heads into --