

7 INT. NORTH CATV OFFICE TRAINING CENTER DAY

CLOSE on NICK and MIKE deep in conversation at a TABLE
the CLASSROOM.

MIKE

I'm tellin you Tim's right we've
got to be focused if we're gonna
be serious

NICK

Ya well I don't know I just hope
he doesn't start gettin religious
on us or something..thats all
bullshit.

MIKE

Maybe it's not.....you know?
He seems like a pretty intelligent
dude

NICK

Yea well I have to see it or at
least feel it to believe it....
Now my girl...her I can believe
in...I can feel her...she's real

LARRY

Ok could I have everyones attention
please...first of all I want to
congratulate everyone, you all made
it

We hear everyone APPLAUDE

FRANK

(whispers to Vinney)

I tried that new Cyberchannel last
nite....it's great.

LARRY

These are your assignments....
Frank and Vinney you got your
choice, aurora. Just be careful
it's rough out there

FRANK

(jumps up and twirls

around)

Yes, oh thank you...Aurora..
home for lunch..yes..there is
a God

Just then we CUT to NICK and MIKE look at each other

LARRY
Relax Mr. Martinez the new system
tells corporate how long your
truck is at each job...including
lunch

VINNY
(whispers to frank)
So much for afternoon Cyber-delite

LARRY
Becky, you'll be going to the west
office, you'll get to use your
ladder all the time

BECKY
(looking around at the
guys)
Hey I'm getting pretty good with
that thing but I prefer to climb
anyway thank you

LARRY
(nodding with approval)
Good choice...Now Mike and Nick
you two will be going out west as
well...You'll be reporting to a
Mr. Hashasaki
(then sarcastically)
Great guy you'll love him. So
let's get out there and see how
many homes we can get into...
And hey you guys we're great

MS of everyone shaking Larry's hand and leaving.

CUT to WEST OFFICE where HASH and CHUCK are CONVERSING.
HASH is JAPANESE CHUCK is WHITE both SHORT and BUFFED.

HASH
I used all mine you got any left

CHUCK
I think I've got a little dinabol
left we can share it

HASH
Hey the new meat is on it's way
out here and I hear one's a girl

CHUCK
Right on and we know what that
means
(together they say)
Mental men whipping!!!

CUT to MIKE and NICK standing at ATTENTION in front of
HASH and CHUCK

CHUCK

Excuse me...I'll go tend to the
lady
(he says while leaving)

HASH

So you want to be cable men...
well let me just say this...
first off kiss your weekends and
holidays goodbye..and remember..
(leaning forward)
For the next ninety days your on
probation and until that time is
up.....I own you!

CUT to TV SCREEN at PIER 1 STORE We see three CREDIT CARDS
with lines crossing them out and a HAND with a SCAN TATOO.
We PAN away from TV and around STORE and hear TV VO.

VO

Join our network and be a part
of the future..Imagine all this
and you a charter member.

FADE VO as we see CASS and CHRIS heading for the door.

CASS

We're going to lunch see you in
an hour
(to girl behind counter)
I left those skew numers in back

GIRL

Ok I'll take care of it.

CASS

(to Chris)
Well this sure is nice of you

CHRIS

Hey I owe you one remember

As they begin to cross street they have to wait for RTD
(Rapid Transit Denver) Trolley to pass

CASS

So what do you think about what
Tim was saying

CHRIS

I wish Kirby would listen

CHRIS
(running ahead)
But I do think Mikes the one

CASS
(shouting ahead)
Your crazy girl!

We see the them RUN then WALK as we go to a LS of them
going into DELI and FADE.

8 INT. NICK and CASS' APARTMENT SAME DAY EVENING 8

CLOSE of NICK making last connections on CABLE BOX. He
turns it on and sits down picking up a TENNIS BALL.
He watches the VJ on MTV talk about a new bands hit songs.
Then CU of BALL as he SQUEEZES it in frustration and
throws it at the TV.

We CUT to him falling asleep watching TV. We go into his
DREAM and see an EAGLE is CRIPPLED and cant FLY then we
see NICK his legs are BOUND by his repelling ROPES and
he cant escape. He is restless in sleep as CASS comes in
and tries to wake him.

CASS
Nick wake up, wake up baby come
on wake up

NICK
(waking up startled)
I cant fly, I cant fly, I cant

CASS
It's ok babe you we're having a
bad dream

NICK
(propping himself up)
God no shit

CASS
Do you want to talk about it?

NICK
(thinking with a look
of wonder and puzzle)
No, not now maybe later.....
I'll be fine

Just then the PHONE RINGS and CASS goes and answers it.

She picks it up looking back at NICHOLAS with concern...It is MIKE with some news. we do not SHOW MIKE until NICK picks up the phone.

CASS

(answering phone)

Hello, yes, oh hi Mike, yes, do you want to talk to him? ok. Oh hey what are you doing for thanksgiving?.....What do you mean no family?.....Well you have family here now. That's right hey we wouldn't have it any other way. The guys are coming over and I bet I can even talk Chris into coming!...Great well plan on seeing you then, all right here he is.

(handing phone to Nick)

NICK

Hey dude?

MIKE

Well that sure was nice of her

NICK

Welcome to the family.

MIKE

You guys are great, hey listen just got off the phone with Tim man is that guy intense but I can relate you know what I mean? anyway he told me to have you call him, he's got some good news that you might like to hear Well after today, anyway just call him then call me back.

NICK

What is it just tell me.

MIKE

No just call him but call me back and tell me what you think.

NICK

Allright, ok late.

NICK hangs up PAUSES to think then begins dialing.

TIM

(working his chucks)

Hello?

NICK
Tim, hey it's Nick whats up?

TIM
Did Mike tell you I called?

NICK
Ya what's goin on, you got me wonderin now?
(just then he turns to CASS and nods yes to the bag of rigatoni she's holding up)
Mmmhmm ya, no way really? right on that's awesome!

TIM
But we have to go to him

NICK
OK where is he?

TIM
California

NICK
CALIFORNIA!!

TIM
Yea but this could be our big break, and he said if he liked us he'd invest.

NICK
Man I cant just blaze, I just started this new job and..

TIM
Ask em for a week, tell em how important this is. Im sure they'll understand.

NICK
No you dont know these guys they are assholes big time. Hey could we send him a tape?

TIM
No way this guy only sees people live and in color.

NICK
Shit, you know I had a feeling something like this would happen.

NICK

God I'd quit this job now but we need the money. We're kind of in debt with some old bills....Do you think in a few months we could do it, I mean would he still be interested? maybe then I could get the time off.

TIM

I don't know man as flaky as those people in this business are you just never know. But hey if we can't we can't i'll just tell him the situation and hopefully he'll understand.....But knowing this guy he'll never call back again he's one of those walking ego's. I guess thats what money does to people.

NICK

Yea....shit...man this sucks, I wish we could just go but theres no way, damn I wish there was.

TIM

Don't worry if it's meant to be it'll be you just gotta have faith.

NICK

faith..yea faith in what?.....
Yea, yea sure....yea bye.

NICK hangs up the phone then looks down at the stack of SHEET MUSIC on the table. Then ANGRILY he SWIPES it off the table all over the room. He storms off to the BALCONY and CASS follows. CUT in some DOMESTIC VIOLENCE on TV.

CASS

(putting her hand on his shoulder)
I'm sorry Nick maybe I can...

NICK

Maybe you can what? charge some more shit on the credit card, get us into a bigger, more expensive apartment. Hell why don't you just go buy us a new car!

CASS

(ready to cry)
I just wanted us to have....

NICK

What?!! What!! just because I
get this stupid job all of the
sudden you think weve got all
kinds of money. Every time I
turn around your buying something
to decorate this stupid apartment.
Now I'm stuck workin this stupid
job because I don't have a choice
anymore.....Sometimes I just wish
I never would have...

(stopping himself from
saying "met you")

CASS breaks into TEARS and RUNS from the balcony to the
BEDROOM and throws herself on the BED CRYING. NICK feeling
like a total piece of trash follows saying I'm sorry. He
goes into the BEDROOM and sees her and also next to her
the things she had bought that day (a CURTAIN ROD, some
MATERIAL, LACE, NEEDLES and THREAD and also a gift for him
wrapped with paper and a bow. Now he really feels bad he
gets down on his knees next to the bed and puts his arms
around her.

NICK

I'm sorry baby, god I was out
of my mind i'm so sorry. I just
want to make it so bad it makes
me crazy sometimes. I don't want
us to have to struggle our whole
lives. I want us to have nice
things too thats why I get angry
because I want to give you so
much and not have to worry about
the stupid money.....

(pushing his head into
her side) Who am I trying to kid
anyway maybe Im just a dreamer.

CASS

(turning over and wiping
the tears from her eyes) No your
not.. and you do give me so much..
So much of yourself...and thats all
I really want.....I was going
to say outside that if you think
this is the big break then you go.
I can get a second job so we would
be allright while your gone.

NICK

No, god I couldn't do that to you
you already work hard enough.

CASS
It's only for a little while if
this is it I really want you to
go....This is your dream.

NICK
Your so awesome.....I just don't
know.

CASS
(reaching for the gift)
Oh! well...while your thinking I
got you this today.
(making a face like "I
know I spent more money")
It's something that you needed
though....here open it.

NICK
You shouldn't have babe....your
so thoughtful.
(he opens it)
Oh thank you...you remembered,,
I love you.
(a microphone)

CASS
(embraced)
I love you.

9 EXT. CLEAR CREEK CANYON TUNNEL 2 CLIFFS DAY

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MS shot of EAGLE soaring overhead we hear it CRY

We CUT to inside of CASS' CAR. CASS and CHRIS in front
seat MIKE in the back. CHRIS is perched over the back of
the front seat facing back to MIKE.

CASS
I just hope he'll go for it. he
doesn't like the idea of me
working that much.

CHRIS
It's only temporary and it sounds
like this other deal wouldn't be
hard work.

MIKE
(looking out window)
Hey all I know is he wouldn't be
givin up all that. That friggin
cable company's a joke.