

LAST SHIFT

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BOILERPLATE

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THE SCORE

THE LAST SHIFT OF A CLOSING FACTORY

Everything you've worked for all your life, is about to become worthless

Coalfell has been the home of the fourth largest Christmas ornament factory in the country for nearly a century, but now the influx of foreign imports has cut their market share to the point where the owners, the Parsons, historically true pillars of the community, are unable to keep the doors open.

The factory has been the biggest employer in the town for generations. Other opportunities: nonexistent. Everyone knows the loss of the factory will devastate the local economy, but no one has been able to bring forth other options.

Its the last shift before the bank comes in to close the doors. The mood is grim, as the last deliveries are being prepared. Some hold on to some desperate hope, some are looking forward to drowning their sorrows in booze.

Gladly, no-one is about to do something rash.

MOVIE NIGHT

Full Monty, Deer Hunter, Up in the Air, Falling Down, American Beauty, Company Men, Leaving Las Vegas, The Match Factory Girl, documentaries by Michael Moore

RELATIONSHIPS...

■ FAMILY

- Parent and child
- Siblings
- ▣ The prodigal kid / red-headed stepchild
- ▣ Cousins
- ▣ Like family
- ▣ Siblings, but don't know it

■ COWORKERS

- Superior / underling
- Got a hefty raise / never got one
- ▣ Same workstation, different shifts
- ▣ Neighbouring workstations
- ▣ Started at the same time
- ▣ Competed for the same position, but don't care anymore

■ FINANCIAL

- Gambling addict / debt collector
- Lender / guarantor
- ▣ Shared plans for a new enterprise
- ▣ A common failed enterprise from years ago
- ▣ Working the same job but with different salaries
- ▣ In the same office lottery pool

🎲 ROMANTIC

- ▣ Unrequited love
- ▣ One-night stand at the company Christmas party a few years back
- ▣ First kiss in middle school
- ▣ Divorced
- ▣ Rivals in love
- ▣ High-school sweethearts

🎲 FROM CHILDHOOD

- ▣ Bully / Bullied
- ▣ First love
- ▣ The rich kid/ neighbour
- ▣ BFF, formerly separated
- ▣ Best friends since THAT thing
- ▣ Participated to the same Bible study group

🎲 SHARED SECRETS

- ▣ Hit-an-run / witness
- ▣ Held up that liquor store in the neighbouring county
- ▣ Have been eating other peoples lunches together
- ▣ New member of the AA / sponsor
- ▣ Chance meeting at a gay club
- ▣ Drug user / pusher

...IN A BIGOTED FACTORY.

NEEDS...

■ TO GET REVENGE...

- ...for a missed promotion
- ...for that one time at the water-cooler
- ▣ ...on the management for fucking things up
- ▤ ...by vandalising whatever the bank might still want from the premises
- ▥ ...on the people who voted against unionising
- ▦ ...on Carl

■ TO SURVIVE...

- ...the closing of the factory
- ...the upcoming divorce
- ▣ ...this last shift without breaking into tears
- ▤ ...the explosion of the bomb you carry
- ▥ ...without telling everyone you have won the lottery
- ▦ ...emotionally

■ TO FORGET ABOUT ALL THIS...

- ...by drinking yourself into coma
- ...by just continuing as nothing had happened
- ▣ ...by finding a new job
- ▤ ...by leaving this whole life behind
- ▥ ...if they'd just let me
- ▦ ...as soon as this project is done

❖ TO ESTABLISH YOURSELF AS...

- ▣ ...a hero (even if you have to create the circumstances)
- ▣ ...the hottest thing in the factory
- ▣ ...deserving of a new opportunity
- ▣ ...a leader of a revolution
- ▣ ...trustworthy once again
- ▣ ...the best Chess player in the county

❖ TO GET WHAT'S YOURS

- ▣ That pay check the secretary withheld
- ▣ Those tools I borrowed out
- ▣ That last candy bar in the vending machine
- ▣ The recognition of your superiors
- ▣ The money you lost in poker
- ▣ Confirmation of parenthood from Parson secretary

❖ TO MAKE MOST OF IT...

- ▣ ...by stealing what you can
- ▣ ...by finally fucking Parson's secretary
- ▣ ...by having what fun you can
- ▣ ...by getting others to join the revels
- ▣ ...if that damn conscience would just let you
- ▣ ...by getting Carl so drunk he'll do that thing again

...IN EXHAUSTED FACTORY.

LOCATIONS...

■ COMMUNAL

- Changing Room
- Smoking Booth
- ▣ A toilet, that's been out of order for years
- ▣ Kitchenette
- ▣ Notice Board
- ▤ A chapel used as a storage for discarded product

■ OFFICES

- Boss's office
- That empty office with the leaking roof
- ▣ The accountant's office
- ▣ That office nobody had used since the suicide
- ▣ Archives
- ▤ That little cupboard with the safe in it

■ FACTORY FLOORS

- Those steam vents OSHA has warned about on numerous occasions
- Unused glassblowing workstations
- ▣ Painting station (Warning: chemical hazard!)
- ▣ Packing area
- ▣ Foreman's post
- ▤ Storage for scrapped products

🎲 HIDEOUTS

- ▣ Smoking booth at the factory roof
- ▣ High voltage transformer shack
- ▣ Cleaning closet with a condom cache
- ▣ The fallout shelter everyone has forgotten about
- ▣ Piping tunnels under the main floor
- ▣ The hideout behind the empty cardboard boxes

🎲 FACTORY SURROUNDINGS

- ▣ Lake Skurap
- ▣ Company parking lot
- ▣ Cornelius Parson's grave and memorial
- ▣ The foundation for the extension that didn't get built
- ▣ That ditch factory has been dumping dangerous chemicals into
- ▣ The spot everyone know Melody hides the subscription drugs she peddles

🎲 ABOUT TOWN

- ▣ The local church
- ▣ Highway cafeteria
- ▣ Tom's Hardware Store
- ▣ The bank
- ▣ The Parson house
- ▣ Liquor store

...IN UNSANITARY FACTORY.

OBJECTS...

■ WORK-RELATED

- Ear protector
- Security clearance card, low grade
- Safety shoes
- ▣ Schematics for the “next big thing”
- ▣ OSHA guide with blood splatter on the cover
- ▣ Glitter

■ HIDDEN

- Compromising pictures of the boss
- An almost empty bottle of no-brand vodka
- Sawed-off shotgun
- ▣ A camera in the women’s toilet
- ▣ Stolen tools
- ▣ A time capsule from 65 years ago

■ PERSONAL ITEMS

- A self-help book
- A photo of the family
- Depression medication
- ▣ A medallion
- ▣ Family heirloom
- ▣ Tooth brush, old and well used

❖ COMPANY PROPERTY

- ▣ Clipboard
- ▣ Locked briefcase
- ▣ Toilet paper
- ▣ Overalls
- ▣ Motivational poster
- ▣ Box full of never released products

❖ VEHICLES

- ▣ Forklift
- ▣ Bobcat
- ▣ Company Manager's car
- ▣ Kick scooter
- ▣ Segway
- ▣ Beat up old truck that refuses to start

❖ FOOD AND DRINK

- ▣ A cold cup of coffee
- ▣ Your only meal of the day
- ▣ A can of soup
- ▣ Noodles
- ▣ Vending machine with chewing gum blocked coin slot
- ▣ A neatly backed lunch with someone's name on it

...IN A BANKRUPT FACTORY.

INSTA-SETUP

RELATIONSHIPS IN LAST SHIFT

For three players...

- Coworkers: Competed for the same position, but don't care anymore
- Family: Parent and child
- Romantic: Divorced

For four players, add...

- From childhood: bully / bullied

For five players, add...

- Share secrets: New member of the AA / sponsor

NEEDS IN LAST SHIFT

For three players...

- To survive: ... the last shift without telling everyone you have won the lottery

For four and five players, add...

- To get what's your: That pay check the secretary withheld

LOCATIONS IN LAST SHIFT

For any number of players...

- Communal: Notice board

OBJECTS IN LAST SHIFT

For three to four players...

- Work-related: Glitter

For five players, add...

- Vehicles: bobcat