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TEASER

(A brief recap of the previous episode. #4 "House of Cards.")

INT. HOUSE -- KITCHEN -- DAY

Picks up where "House of Cards" left off. Seth is still at the back door, Andy at the kitchen table.

ANDY

What's wrong?

Seth slowly approaches the table.

SETH I lost my job today.

Andy reacts...

SETH (CONT'D) I'm sorry...

ANDY

Don't tell me it's Mister Cell Phone again!!

Seth doesn't say anything. The silence says it all. Andy reacts, he stands up and puts some dishes in the sink.

Seth stays there quiet.

ANDY (CONT'D) I don't know what to say to you.

SETH Do you want me to leave?

ANDY And what would that solve?

More silence...

ANDY (CONT'D) What happened?

SETH There's been some cash shortages.

Beat.... Andy reacts.... 'and!'...

SETH (CONT'D) And they think that I stole it.

Andy reacts....

ANDY

How much?

SETH Three hundred dollars.

Andy reacts....

ANDY Two more hundred it would be a felony.

Seth reacts.... he knows...

ANDY (CONT'D) Did they give you anything? A write up sheet?

Seth pulls out the pink sheet of paper and the restraining order.

Andy takes it and reads it over.

ANDY (CONT'D) And two cell phones?

Andy reacts... Seth reacts.... yes.

ANDY (CONT'D) Gee, let me think, you showed up here with a new cell phone like two weeks ago.

SETH But Joe gave it to me.

ANDY And didn't you get a new phone for that girl, that you barely knew...

SETH

Yeah...

ANDY And who did you buy that phone from?

SETH

Joe...

Andy reacts, putting the paper on the table.

ANDY So let's see, there are two cell phones missing, both of which were in your possession, both of which Joe gave you. You got busted for possession, for having something in your possession that was really Joe's. (MORE) Seth reacts...

SETH

But why?

ANDY

I don't know, maybe it's because he can. Because you're stupid enough to fall for it.

Seth reacts...

ANDY (CONT'D) Maybe you were good at your job. But you were stupid also. Maybe Joe felt threatened by you, so he set you up. Very, very easily may I say...

Seth continues to reacts.... he's getting upset...

SETH So I'm an idiot, okay!!!

Andy reacts upset, they've had this conversation before.

ANDY

I told you once, and I told you a thousand times, you're not an idiot, you refuse to protect yourself!!! You always leave yourself open to attack. You leave yourself open to let anyone screw with you, and they do because they can. You're smart enough to take your car apart and put it back together, but you can't understand this concept...

Seth is really starting to get upset.... not angry or defensive, but defeat...

ANDY (CONT'D) There are more people out there who are willing to fuck with you than they are willing to care.

SETH Than what am I supposed to do, be alone all the time? Like you?

Andy reacts to that...

ANDY

Be selective. Listen to what people say, to how they talk, the way they walk.

SETH I can't do that.

ANDY

Why not?

SETH I just can't...

Andy picks up the pink paper for emphasis.

ANDY

Well stuff like this is going to keep happening until you can. You will be bashing your head with problems like these. You will never hold a job, you will never be able to hold any kind of relationship because you will always be falling for the wrong ones.

SETH

Look, I can't be like you. I can't always look over my shoulder. I can't keep looking at people wondering what they're going to do to me. I don't want to live my life being paranoid all the time.

ANDY

It's not being paranoid, it's being cautious.

SETH

I can't do that... Being afraid all the time. I just can't do that. I can't be an afraid little mummy's boy like you.

ANDY

I didn't say be afraid, I said be cautious.

SETH

What's the difference?

ANDY

That difference is that you still try, just watch out....

Beat...

SETH

ANDY Sure you can... Just look at what Joe did. How he behaved and acted. If you cross something like that again in the future than you know what to look for.

SETH But what if I do and this time it's nothing...?

ANDY Than let it present itself...

Seth reacts...

ANDY (CONT'D)

Okay?

Andy pats Seth on the back...

SETH Look, I can't. I just can't.

Seth moves for the door.

ANDY

Why not?

SETH I don't want to be paranoid. I don't want to be like you.

And Seth EXITS.

On Andy's reaction.

FADE OUT:

END OF TEASER

ACT ONE

FADE IN:

INT. HOUSE -- ANDY'S BEDROOM -- DAY

The SOUND of RAP MUSIC can be heard playing loudly. Loud BASS is rumbling the floor.

Andy wakes up. He looks at the time... annoyed... he starts to get up.

LIVING ROOM

Seth is placing some furniture. The whole room has been rearranged.

The RAP MUSIC is coming from the stereo.

Andy ENTERS from the kitchen.

ANDY What are you doing?

SETH Living the place up a bit.

Andy reacts...

ANDY

Why?!

SETH I've always wanted to do this but I never had the time.

ANDY But I liked the room the way it was.

Seth reacts.

SETH But it looked like an old lady did it.

ANDY An old lady did do it.

Seth reacts.... see.

Andy reacts and goes into the:

KITCHEN

Where he goes to the coffee maker and pours himself a cup. He takes a sip and reacts... And he goes back into the: ANDY How much coffee did you use?

SETH

Ten scoops.

ANDY

Ten scoops!!

Seth reacts... Continuing with the furniture.

SETH

Yeah, why?

ANDY I usually use four.

SETH What can I say, I like it strong.

Andy reacts...

ANDY You like a lot of things strong. Your drinks are strong, your food is like five alarm strong.

Seth reacts...

SETH You don't like it?

ANDY No, I like things a lot milder.

SETH Don't be a pussy.

Andy reacts... He takes another sip of the coffee.

ANDY No wonder you found all the energy to do all this.

Seth reacts...

Andy moves to the stereo and lowers the volume. Seth reacts...

> ANDY (CONT'D) I have to call some jobs. Just keep it down for a little while.

Seth reacts... okay. Andy EXITS.

Seth continues working. INT. HOUSE -- ANDY'S BEDROOM -- DAY Andy ENTERS. He takes another sip of the coffee. He places it down on his desk with a reaction. He's not going to drink anymore of it. He opens his briefcase and takes out a folder. He opens it revealing his job log. Andy sits at his desk and looks over the log. INSERT -- JOB LOG Andy scans down to "Greenleaf Convenient Store." BACK TO SCENE Andy picks up his cell phone and dials. INT. GREENLEAF CONVENIENT STORE -- OFFICE -- DAY KEN is at his desk. The phone RINGS and he answers it. KEN (into phone) Greenleaf... INT. HOUSE -- ANDY'S BEDROOM -- DAY ANDY (into phone) Hi, is this Ken? INTERCUT AS NEEDED. KEN (into phone) Yes it is. ANDY (into phone) Hi, this is Andy Faucher, I talked to you last week in regards to my application. Ken reacts... KEN (into phone) Yes, Andy, I'm still waiting on my boss. She hasn't made a decision yet, but I will let you know as soon as she does.

ANDY (into phone) Okay, thank you. KEN (into phone) Not a problem, I hope to talk to you soon Andy. ANDY (into phone) You too. END INTERCUT. Andy hangs up the phone. He reacts before turning back to his job log. INSERT -- JOB LOG Andy writes in another "W" next to "Greenleaf." He then scans the log again until he comes up on "Putnum Farms." BACK TO SCENE Andy dials his phone again. INT. PUTNUM FARMS -- OFFICE -- DAY IRA is at his desk. The phone RINGS. He answers it. IRA (into phone) Putnum Farms. INT. HOUSE -- ANDY'S BEDROOM -- DAY ANDY (into phone) Hi this is Andy Faucher, I turned in an application there two days ago, I'm just calling to follow up on that. INTERCUT AS NEEDED. Ira reacts... IRA (into phone) What's your name again? ANDY (into phone) Andy Faucher

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Ira turns and picks up a milk crate filled with applications. He starts to leaf through it. Beat. Beat. IRA (into phone) I'm looking for it now. Andy reacts as another beat goes by.... IRA (CONT'D) (into phone) I'm not seeing it here. You said the last couple of days? ANDY (into phone) Yes, two days ago. Ira reacts... shaking his head. IRA (into phone) I'm not seeing it here. Let me check the front desk, hold on. Ira puts the phone down and walks o.c. Andy reacts... Beat. Beat. Andy takes another sip of the horrible coffee, he reacts.... Beat. Beat. Andy doodles a little bit... Beat. Beat. Andy picks up a small hand held game and starts to play with it. Beat. Beat. More game playing...

Beat. Finally Ira picks up the phone again. IRA (CONT'D) (into phone) I'm sorry, I'm just not seeing it here. Andy reacts. IRA (CONT'D) (into phone) Just come by some time today and turn in another application. ANDY (into phone) Okay. IRA (into phone) I will be here until five this afternoon. If you do it by then you can give it directly to me. ANDY (into phone) Okay, I'll do that. IRA (into phone) Sorry about that Andy. ANDY (into phone) No problem. And Andy hangs up. Andy reacts before moving back to the job log. INSERT -- JOB LOG Next to "Putnum Farms" Andy marks it with the word "LOST." Andy scans down the log again until he comes up on "Sovereign." BACK TO SCENE

Andy picks up the phone and dials.

Beat.

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END INTERCUT.

AMIE is sitting at her desk. The phone RINGS, Amie answers it.

AMIE (into phone) Sovereign convenience.

INT. HOUSE -- ANDY'S BEDROOM -- DAY

ANDY (into phone) Hello, in this Amie?

INTERCUT AS NEEDED.

AMIE (into phone) Yes it is.

ANDY (into phone) Hi Aimie, this is Andy Faucher. I had an interview with you last week.

AMIE (into phone) Oh yes, Andy. I'm still waiting on my bosses to make a decision. I'm sorry.

Andy reacts...

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ANDY (into phone) So I guess you'll call me when they call you?

AMIE (into phone) I certainly will.

ANDY (into phone) Okay, thank you.

AMIE (into phone) Thank you.

And Andy hangs. He reacts... refers back to the job log. INSERT -- JOB LOG Andy buts a "W" next to Sovereign. BACK TO SCENE

Andy shakes his head and gets up. He EXITS with the coffee.

INT. HOUSE -- KITCHEN -- DAY

Andy comes down the stairs to find the contents of the cabinet drawers emptied onto the kitchen table. Seth is starting to refill all of the now empty drawers.

Andy dumps his coffee mug into the sink.

ANDY

What are you doing?

SETH

Moving some things around.

Andy reacts. Seth opens an empty cabinet and starts placing items inside.

SETH (CONT'D) Any luck finding a job?

Andy reacts again...

ANDY

No. Either they loose my application or they can't make a decision. They will disqualify anyone for any reason but they can't even keep their act straight.

Seth reacts as he continues his little project.

SETH Looking for a job is frustrating.

ANDY

That it is....

Andy opens one of the cabinets to find it empty. He reacts. He goes to the kitchen table and looks around...

SETH What are you looking for?

ANDY

Measuring cup.

Seth looks around. He finds it and hands it to Andy.

Andy takes it and goes to the sink. Seth resumes his project.

ANDY (CONT'D) Why are you doing all this? I don't know.

Andy fills the measuring cup with water.

ANDY

Are you that board?

SETH

Maybe...

Andy then goes to the coffee maker and pours the cup inside. This restarts the coffee maker and makes more on top off the already made coffee.

> SETH (CONT'D) What are you doing?

ANDY Deluding your coffee. It is way too strong. Sorry.

SETH I don't want any more anyway.

Andy opens another cabinet, it is also empty.

ANDY

Seth, where are the coffee mugs?

Seth goes to another cabinet and opens it, he removes a mug and hands it to Andy.

ANDY (CONT'D) Why didn't you just leave things the way they were?

SETH

I don't know, I want to do something.

ANDY You can do something by filling out some applications...

SETH I don't want to yet...

Andy reacts, slams the mug down.

ANDY

Why not?

SETH Because I just don't.

ANDY You have to give me a better reason than that. Seth is done with one cabinet and opens another one.

SETH What other reason do you want?

ANDY

What other reason do you have?

SETH

I don't know...

Andy closes the cabinet door and stops Seth's project. Seth reacts...

SETH (CONT'D) Look, I'll start looking. Just let me finish this.

ANDY

Why don't you want to start looking?

SETH Because. I'm sick of looking. Every time I get a job something happens.

ANDY We had this discussion.

Seth reacts...

SETH

Look, I know I'm not working, but the least I can do is try to do my part the best way I can. And right now that's making the cabinets run a little better.

ANDY

The kitchen cabinets were set up perfectly fine. It would take a whole lot of pressure off of my shoulders if you would start looking.

SETH

What if I get a job and something happens again?

ANDY

You just have to keep your eyes and ears open. That's all.

Seth reacts...

SETH

I can't do that.

Andy reacts...

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ANDY What, the A.D.D?

Seth reacts...

SETH

No.

ANDY Are you sure?

Seth moves away.

SETH Yes I'm sure...

ANDY I can't help you if you don't try, and if you don't talk to me.

SETH It's not my A.D.D. okay?

Seth moves for the cabinet and Andy move out of his way. Seth resumes his project.

> ANDY Than what is it then?

> > SETH

I don't know.

Andy goes to the now finished coffee and pours himself a cup.

ANDY Isn't there medication or something you can take?

Andy takes a sip, much better.

SETH The medication makes me sick.

ANDY See a specialist?

Seth reacts again...

SETH It is not my A.D.D.

ANDY

So you mean to tell me that you want me to believe that you can't hold a job because your some kind of looser?

SETH I don't care. ANDY Okay then, you're a looser, go pack your stuff. I want you out by night fall. Andy leaves for the living room. Seth reacts... He continues with his project... Beat.... Seth reacts... looks towards the living room. LIVING ROOM Andy is at his drawing table. He looks around at the new location. Seth approaches him. SETH What if it is the A.D.D.? Andy reacts... ANDY Than we need to figure out what to do with it. Seth reacts... ANDY (CONT'D) We need to figure out how to handle it so you can function. Seth sits on the couch. Andy turns in his seat to face him. SETH I don't know. Two of my uncles have it, I have it. They can function fine. ANDY No they can't. SETH Yes they can. ANDY No they can't. This A.D.D. thing has pushed your Uncle Charles into self-employment. He makes very little money collecting junk. (MORE)

Seth stops...

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ANDY (CONT'D) And Uncle Nate, the only thing he does for money is sell pot.

Seth reacts...

SETH I know. But Charles makes good money collecting that stuff.

ANDY Not as good as he could.

Andy shifts his weight.

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ANDY (CONT'D) But the good thing about it is that your uncles were probably diagnosed with it in the seventies or eighties. Today we know a whole lot more about

SETH

Yeah...

ANDY So let's do some internet searching about it, see what we can find.

SETH I already tried that.

ANDY

And?

SETH And nothing. They all say to go to a doctor, I don't have insurance, so...

ANDY

You mean to say that there's no exercises you can do? Some kind of therapy you can try?

SETH

No.

Andy reacts... staying quiet...

SETH (CONT'D) I don't know what to do.

ANDY Neither do I. But I do know this. If we're going to continue to do this... (MORE) ANDY (CONT'D) (indicating to the house) ...we have to find some away.

Seth reacts...

ANDY (CONT'D) Your development is slowing down because of it. You're missing out on a lot, man.

SETH

I know.

Andy reacts...

ANDY So I think you need to take some time and think about it. Figure out what it is you're going to do.

On Seth's reaction.

FADE OUT:

END OF ACT ONE

FADE IN:

EXT. HOUSE -- ESTBLISHING -- EVENING

Establishing the house.

INT. HOUSE -- KITCHEN -- EVENING

Andy is at the dry erase board. Seth comes downstairs. He's spruced up, ready for another date.

> ANDY Going out with Stacey again?

SETH Yup. I think it's getting serious.

ANDY In three weeks?

SETH Oh yeah, what can I say, I'm irresistible.

Andy reacts...

ANDY Well, anyway, take a look at this.

Seth and Andy turn their attention to the dry erase board.

ANDY (CONT'D) This is what we had when you moved in. This is what you brought in from your job. That's the total.

SETH Five thousand seven hundred dollars.

ANDY Right. And this is the expenses so far for this month.

SETH Seventeen hundred bucks?

Andy reacts... yes.

ANDY Well I had to bail someone out of jail last week.

Seth reacts...

ANDY (CONT'D) That leaves four thousand left. If thing stay the way they are we have about two and half months left before we're broke. SETH Already? Didn't the job help a little? ANDY Right it did, if it weren't for your job we would have about a month and half left. That job saved us about month. Seth reacts. SETH So we have a little more than eight weeks. ANDY That's right. Seth reacts... SETH One of us needs to get a job soon.... On Andy's reaction.... EXT. PARK -- NIGHT I nice clear sky. Peaceful... The coupe is parked alone in the dark. The sounds of MOANING is HEARD as the car rocks on it's shocks.... We can HEAR the climax and they finish.... INT. COUPE -- PARKED -- NIGHT Seth and Stacey are sweaty in the back seat... STACEY What's your name again? Seth reacts... SETH Not funny. Stacey giggles....

Seth pulls some of his clothes back on.

STACEY

Why not?

SETH

Because.

STACEY Don't tell me you wouldn't cheat if you could.

Seth reacts...

SETH No I wouldn't.

Stacey reacts...

Seth climbs into the front seat.

A beat as the two exchange a look at each other.

SETH (CONT'D) So tell me, when do I get to meet your brother?

Stacey reacts to this by pulling her clothes back on.

STACEY On this again?

SETH Again? You keep promising me you'd introduce me.

STACEY

I will.

SETH

Yeah right...

Seth turns to the dashboard and starts playing with the radio.

While Stacey is getting dressed she purposely drops a peace of paper onto the central console.

She goes to pick it up but Seth catches it first.

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SETH (CONT'D) What's this?
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STACEY

Nothing.

Seth opens it and starts to read it.

SETH You got denied for a credit card. STACEY

So.

SETH Why did you apply for a credit card?

STACEY Because I want to build up my credit.

Seth reacts...

Stacey grabs the letter.

SETH

Why couldn't you get it?

STACEY They say that I need a co-signer.

Seth reacts.

SETH

Hmmm.

Stacey climbs her way to the front passenger seat.

STACEY Unless you want to do it?

Seth reacts...

SETH Not really. I just got you a phone, I lost my job. I don't think I can.

Stacey reacts...

STACEY Sure you can, you don't have to pay for a thing. It's just comes to you if I don't pay it.

Seth reacts...

SETH And? What if you don't pay it?

STACEY When have you ever known me not to pay my bills?

Seth starts the car.

SETH What if you loose your job? STACEY I work for a pharmacy. As long as people get sick I'm not going to loose me job. I like it there.

Seth reacts...

SETH Could you get me a job there?

STACEY I don't know, I can try.

Seth reacts...

EXT. PARK -- NIGHT

The coupe starts to drive off.

INT. COUPE -- MOVING -- NIGHT

They drive silently....

STACEY When am I going to meet Andy?

Seth reacts to this...

SETH

I haven't really thought about it... When do you want to meet Andy?

STACEY I don't know. How about if we have dinner one night at your place?

SETH Okay. Let me talk to him about it.

They drive...

STACEY What does he do for work?

SETH He's unemployed right now.

STACEY

He is too?

SETH

Well that's why I moved in. He lost his job right when I got a job. My Mom went crazy on me one night and we just both decided that it would help both of us if I moved in. My job will buy him time to find his own job, plus I have a place to live. STACEY Sounds like you guys are really good friends.

SETH I guess so. I mean he's a little crazy right now, but I think that has a lot to do with stress.

STACEY Not having a job will do that.

SETH Not just that, his Mom died about a month ago.

Stacey reacts...

STACEY Tell him I'm sorry.

Seth reacts....

SETH He's handling it pretty well. He just needs to get back to work. It's driving him crazy.

STACEY I wish I could help.

SETH I don't think you can.

EXT. APARTMENT BUILDING -- NIGHT

The coupe pulls up in front of Stacey's apartment building and stops in it's usual place.

INT. COUPE -- PARKED -- NIGHT

They kiss. Stacey then opens the door to get out.

SETH

When do you want me to pick you up tomorrow?

Stacey reacts...

STACEY I don't think I can go out tomorrow night.

SETH

Why not?

Stacey closes the door without getting out. She sighs and looks at Seth.

STACEY Seth, I like you. I really do...

Beat...

SETH

But...?

Stacey takes another beat...

SETH (CONT'D) What's your problem?

STACEY I don't know if I want to go out

with some one who doesn't trust me.

Seth reacts...

Stacey pecks him on the cheek and starts to climb out.

STACEY (CONT'D)

I'm sorry.

Seth watches her go. He soon starts to climb out himself.

EXT. APARTMENT BUILDING -- NIGHT

Stacey starts heading up the walk-way. Seth starts walking after her.

SETH What do you mean I don't trust you?

STACEY

You don't.

Seth walks around her and blocks her path.

SETH How do I not trust you?

STACEY

Seth, stop it.

Stacey starts to react... afraid someone will start listening.

SETH (getting louder) Just tell me how do I not trust you? ANGLE ON -- APARTMENT WINDOW

On the third floor, a man that we will soon learn as to be KIETH is looking out the window to see Stacey and Seth on the walk way.

BACK TO SCENE

Stacey stops and looks at him..... Beat...

SETH (CONT'D)

How?

STACEY

The credit card.

Seth reacts....

SETH Is that all that's bugging you?

STACEY That, and I know you think I'm cheating on you.

Seth reacts to that...

SETH I never said you were cheating on me.

STACEY No, but every time I bring up my brother you have that look in your eye.

Seth reacts...

ANGLE ON -- APARTMENT WINDOW

Keith reacts to that last line.

BACK TO SCENE

SETH What look in my eye?

STACEY That look that says that you don't trust me.

Seth reacts....

STACEY (CONT'D) I have to go in.

Stacey starts to walk around Seth. Seth turns and puts his arms on her shoulder and turns her around. Stacey resists.

ANGLE ON -- APARTMENT WINDOW

Keith reacts to that last move. He almost comes down to Stacey's rescue.

BACK TO SCENE

SETH I can't let you go in like this. We have to talk this out.

STACEY There's nothing to talk about. You don't trust me. It's not your fault. I just don't know what I did to disserve that.

Seth reacts... his shoulders drop.

SETH You didn't do anything.

STACEY

Than why?

SETH I don't know. It happens to me a lot. I just lost my job because I trusted someone.

Stacey reacts...

STACEY I'm sorry about that, but I'm not that guy... We can't go further if we don't trust each other.

Seth reacts...

SETH

Okay.

STACEY

Okay what?

SETH Okay I'll do it.

Stacey reacts... she starts to turn to walk into the building.

STACEY You don't have to if you don't want to.

Seth moves to stop her.

Beat.

SETH (CONT'D) Look, I can't make you pay for something that this prick did...

Stacey reacts...

SETH (CONT'D) When do I pick you up tomorrow?

Stacey reacts....

STACEY

Seven I guess.

Seth reacts...

SETH Okay. Bring the application with you. I'll sign it then.

Stacey reacts...

STACEY

Okay.

Seth hugs Stacey. Stacey plays the victim.

SETH

I'm sorry.

Stacey nods yes in his shoulder. They hold this position for a few beats...

STACEY

I have to go...

Stacey starts pulling away.

SETH Okay, I'll talk to you tomorrow.

STACEY

Okay.

They kiss.

SETH

I love you.

STACEY

I love you too.

They kiss again.

Bye.

Stacey starts to walk towards the house.

ANGLE ON -- APARTMENT WINDOW

Keith sees her coming towards the building. He leaves the window.

BACK TO SCENE

Seth watches her go as he slowly starts to walk backwards towards his car.

Finally she's inside.

Seth then turns and continues walking. He rounds his car and climbs in.

INT. COUPE -- PARKED -- NIGHT

Seth starts the engine. He reacts for a second before putting the car in gear.

EXT. APARTMENT BUILDING -- NIGHT

The coupe drives away. WE focus on the building again.

ANGLE ON -- APARTMENT WINDOW

In the window Stacey comes back into view. WE don't HEAR what they are SAYING. But clearly there is an argument going on between Keith and Stacey.

Keith strikes her several times. She starts to scream and cry.

FADE OUT:

END OF ACT TWO

THE END