

THE MAKING OF  
by  
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Sides for  
JOHN McCLOWSKI

John sits at the table, distraught over the script.

JOHN MCCLOWSKI  
This is bullshit! I would not have  
a dream like this.

TOM  
What do you mean, why not?

JOHN MCCLOWSKI  
John McClowski always gets the bad  
guy, even in his dreams. Especially  
in his dreams!

TOM  
John, why didn't you bring this up  
before?

JOHN MCCLOWSKI  
There was no need. Up till now,  
every line has been right on the  
money.

TOM  
You mean you haven't read the whole  
script?

BEAT.

JOHN MCCLOWSKI  
Whatever. You better just cut this.  
I'm not doing it. It's bullshit! Do  
you know what goes on in my head?  
Do you have any idea what John  
McClowski dreams about? Have you  
ever walked a day in his shoes? I  
didn't think so. I have never had a  
dream even remotely like this, and  
I can tell you right now, I never  
will.

MATHEW  
Well, what would you dream about?

JOHN MCCLOWSKI  
(glaring at Mathew)  
You want to know what I dream  
about? Cracking perp skulls. And  
nothing else.

BETI  
John, cut the crap! Even method  
actors have to do what the director  
says.

He rises and approaches Beti.

JOHN MCCLOWSKI  
Bullshit! I am not acting! Don't  
you people get it?

BETI  
Oh, come off it! You're not fooling  
anyone! That phoney mustache ruins  
the entire effect!

JOHN MCCLOWSKI  
It's not fake!

BETI  
Tom, I hate to say it, but you made  
a bad choice hiring this nut!

McClowski holds up his badge for Beti.

JOHN MCCLOWSKI  
You see this? You know what this  
represents? Peace. And justice.  
Something you wouldn't know  
anything about! I'm taking your ass  
downtown!