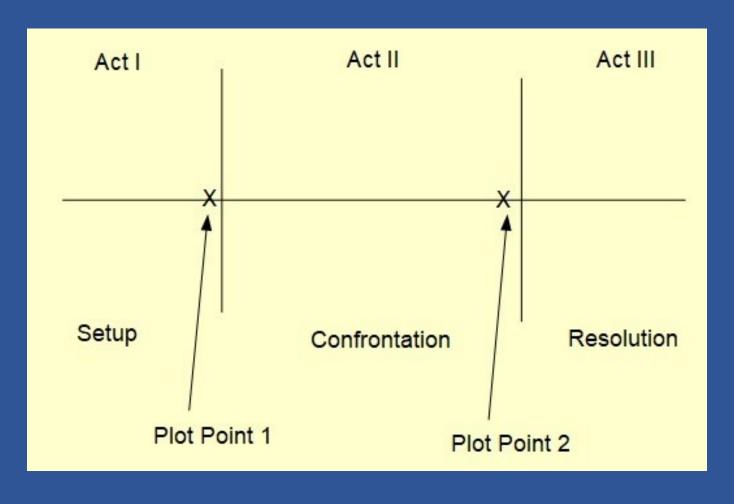


# VISUAL NARRATIVE SCRIPT BREAKDOWN

- 1. Whose story is it?
- 2. What does the character need? (what is their flaw? what do they need to learn?)
- 3. What is the inciting incident?
- 4. What does the character want?
- 5. What obstacles are in the character's way?
- 6. What's at stake?
- 7. Why should we care?
- 8. What do they learn?
- 9. How and why?
- 10. How does it end?

## Plot development (Syd Field)



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#### **SCRIPT**

- Narrative structure
- Formatting / Tech doc

#### 1. INT. HOSPITAL DAY

September 1885. Seven o'clock in the morning. The corridor of a hospital. The light (a gas-jet) goes out; a little daylight is creeping in through the windows. A big door opens into a room which can be dimly glimpsed, nurses are bustling around at the far end; this is the hour when the patients are awakened; the nurses are changing dressings, attending to the patients (all women), washing them. The shabby, gas-lit room provides a forbidding effect. Above the door is a notice: Ophthalmic Ward. Dr. Heinz.

Two stretcher bearers come along the corridor; on their stretcher lies an old woman whose staring eyes appear to be sightless. The men halt outside the door and put down the stretcher, while they regain their breath. They are elderly men, with grey moustaches. They mop their foreheads.

A nurse—forty years old, hard-featured, spectacled—apears in the door-way, coming from inside the ward. She looks at the old woman and the stretcher bearers with a glum expression; she is clearly in a hurry. The men hang their heads, already resigned.

THE NURSE

(Looking at the old woman, recognizing her)
Again! Oh no!

1st STRETCHER BEARER

But what do you want us to do with her?

THE NURSE

I bold you: the psychiatric ward. (tapping her own forehead)
That's what's wrong with her.

2nd STRETCHER BEARER

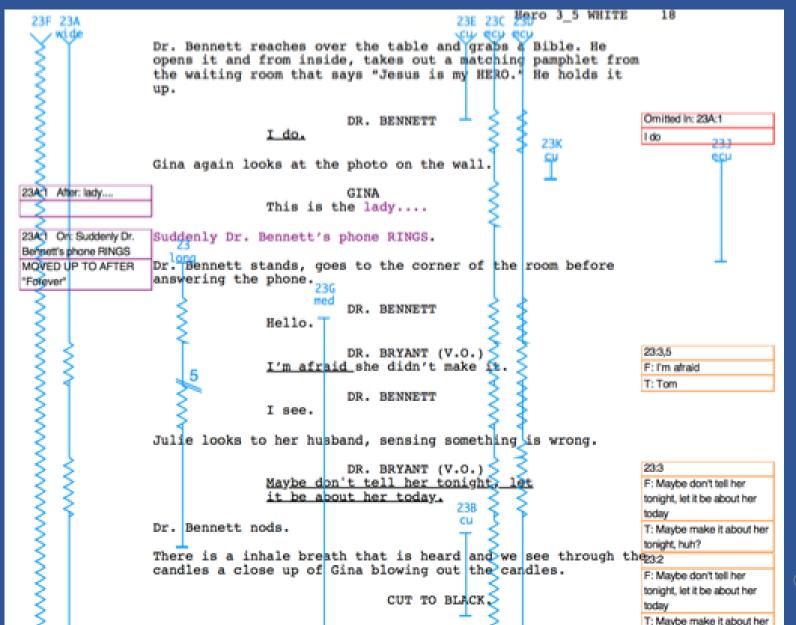
They say there's nothing the matter with her.

THE NURSE

Well, then send her home.

The old woman hoists herself up a little; she has a hunted expression.

#### Marked-up Script (lined script)



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#### SCRIPT BREAKDOWN / SHOT LIST

FADE IN: We glide over plush Beverly Hills with its manicured lawns, squeaky-clean sidewalks and palatial mansions. The CAMERA lingers over the wealthy acreage of lush palm trees and gleaning Mercedes. (also BHW's, Porsche et We move over this idyllic setting, PANNING across increasingly less posh surroundings until we reach... ... the underbelly of Hollywood. We come to rest on a rundown residential hotel called: "The Palace Imperial." However, according to the BROKEN NEON SIGN fizzling in bright pink, it now reads: "The P Imp." CUT TO: INT. APARTMENT 6C - DAY We enter through an open window to see A CHUBBY MAN in a food spattered t-shirt. He is sitting hunched over a bowl of gaspacho soup, slurping, S.O. SOUND: Scurrying He pauses, the spoon half way to his mouth. His eyes follow SOMETHING crawling on the table in front of him. He puts his spoon down and crosses to an intercom on the far wall. He presses a button. Through the receiver we HEAR the constant and annoving BLEAT of a buzzer.

SHOT LIST							
Production Title: LA Confidential	Director: Curtis Hanson	Cinematographer: Dante Spinotti					

#1	Int.	EST - MS	EL	Pan	Bud White exchanges glance with Exley in City Councilman's office.
#2	Int.	MCU	POV	Pan	From Bud White's perspective, Exley silently exchanges a look of understanding with Bud White across interior office.
#3	Int.	MLS-2S	OTS	Pan	Over the shoulder view of small nod between Bud White and Exley.
#4	Int.	MCU-WA- 3S	EL	SteadiCam, Slight Pan, Slight dolly out	Steady shot in small bathroom interior using close up of councilman trimming nose in mirror as Bud White bursts in with Exley in deep depth of field background. Bud angrily eyes councilman as he smugly dismisses them.
#5	Int.	MCU-2S	EL	SteadiCam	Angle switches into the mirror of continued confrontation between Councilman and Bud White. Exley and background of office leave the shot.
#6	Int.	CU-2S	LA	Steadicam, pan right, dolly out	Change to low angle shot up at Bud White as he grabs the councilman and smashes him into the mirror.
#7	Int.	CU-2S	LA	Steadicam	Low angle behind toilet looking up at Bud White as he prepares to plunge councilman into toilet.
#8	Int.	MCU-CU	EL	Steadicam	Eye level shot of Exley who walks into close up, refusing to help Councilman.
#9	Int.	CU-2S	LA	Steadicam, Tilt	Switch to low angle of Bud White vertically plunging the Councilman in and out of the toilet water, panning to both sides of toilet.
#10	Int./Ext.	MCU-2S	LA-EL-HA	Tight Steadicam Tracking Shot	Low angle of Bud White pulling councilman up and out of bathroom, across interior of office to high angle of Bud smashing councilman through wood gate and hanging him out window.
#11	Ext	MLS	BE	None	Overhead shot of Councilman hanging over ledge.
#12	Int.	MS-2S	LA	Pan	View of Bud White holding Councilman's legs and threatening to drop him.
#13	Ext.	CU	EL	Tilt	Cut down to Councilman's eye level hanging out of window.
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## **Shooting Schedule**

#### SHOOTING SCHEDULE

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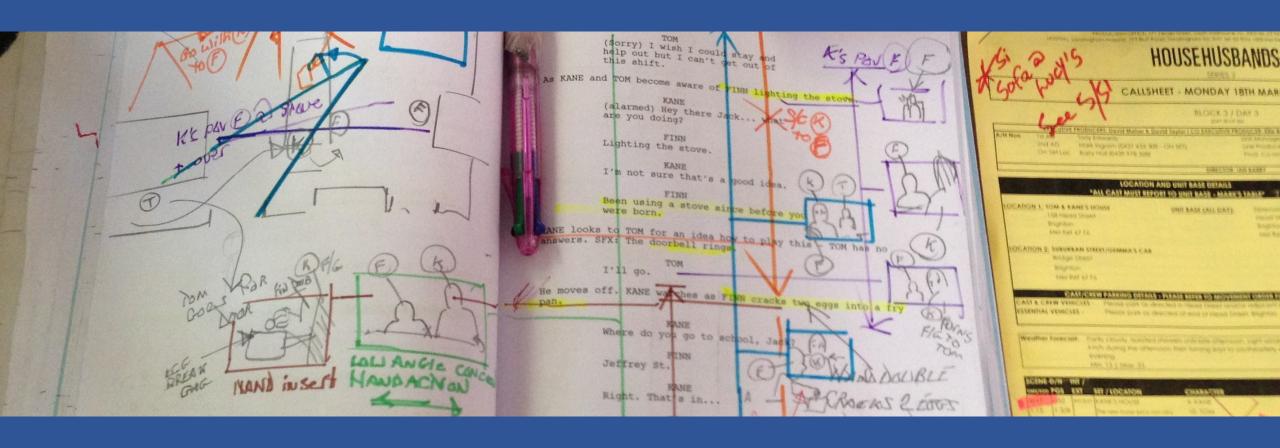
"Mechanical Sympathy"

R2R - Reel to Reel CP - Cassette Player WM - Walkman

"SHOT" BOARD	EXT.	ONES/ TWOS	LOCATION/ SET	SYNOPSIS	CHARACTERS	PROPS AND SPECIAL REQS.	LIGHTING NOTES	CAMERA NOTES
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05/03/11 BUILD DAY								
"Patient's face" 8	INT.	ONES	Hospital Room	Reveal of patients face (eyes, eyebrows, nose, mouth)	R2R	-	Atmospheric, Use LEDs with floods	Close
"Patient's face" 10	INT.	ONES	Hospital Room	Shot of face. Eyebrows move up	R2R	-	Atmospheric, Use LEDs with floods	Close
		Shot of face. Eyes move to right.	R2R	-	Atmospheric, Use LEDs with floods	Close		
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- Usually by 1st AD
- Reported to PM

#### Director's Homework



#### Shots & framing



















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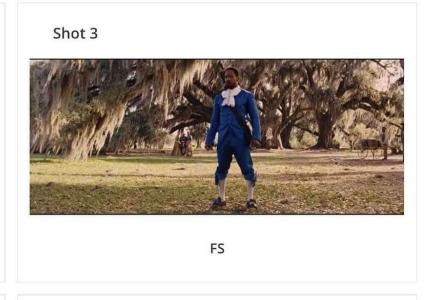
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EXTREME CLOSEUP ECU

## Shots & framing













## Shots & framing





Low Angle

Shot 2



**High Angle** 

Shot 3



**Dutch Angle** 

Shot 4



**Overhead Shot** 

Shot 5



Eye Level

Shot 6



Shoulder Level



















## VISUAL NARRATIVE SCRIPT BREAKDOWN

#### Visual Narrative



Example Scene from Drive: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m8rQimLHnk8

#### Visual Narrative 1: Script breakdown

#### Screenpl ay Excerpt: Opening Scene

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INT. BASEMENT - EVENING

A NAKED LIGHTBULB SPARKS TO LIFE. It dangles from the ceiling of a basement.

LIGHT, QUICK FOOTSTEPS AS ANNA CROWE moves down the stairs.

Anna is the rare combination of beauty and innocence. She stands in the chilly basement in an elegant summer dress that outlines her slender body. Her gentle eyes move across the empty room and come to rest on a rack of wine bottles covering one entire wall.

She walks to the bottles. Her fingertips slide over the labels. She stops when she finds just the right one. A tiny smile as she slides it out.

Anna turns to leave. Stops. She stares at the shadowy basement. It's an unsettling place. She stands very still and watches her breath form a TINY CLOUD IN THE COLD AIR. She's visibly uncomfortable.

Anna moves for the staircase in a hurry. Each step faster than the next. She climbs out of the basement in another burst of LIGHT, QUICK FOOTSTEPS.

WE HEAR HER HIT THE LIGHT SWITCH.

THE LIGHTBULB DIES. DRIPPING BLACK DEVOURS THE ROOM.

CUT TO:

INT. DINING ROOM - EVENING

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Find and watch the opening of Sixth Sense



Example from Shindler's List: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=itOBJdtBoKM

#### Visual Narrative 2: Storyboard and film scene