

# **NIGHT SHIFT**

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7 SCRIPT PAGES  
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## **PAGE 1 (FULL PAGE PANEL)**

**PANEL 1:** Open on the exterior shot of a private preparatory high school. School is in session, so I guess not too many students would be outside. It is a nice bright sunny day and the school grounds look clean and tended to.

**LOCATION BOX:** Hope View Preparatory Academy. Private High School for the rich or misfortune. 1:45 pm.

## **PAGE 2 (4 PANELS)**

**PANEL 1:** Dax, a 17 year old high school student, is asleep in what appears to be an empty classroom. *Note: there is a row or two of seats cut off from the panel that we will zoom out to and expose later on.*

**DAX THOUGHT BOX:** This is me... Asleep in class... AGAIN...

**DAX THOUGHT BOX:** I really don't MEAN to fall asleep but - these days... it's been hard NOT to...

### **DAX METER GRAPHIC READS:**

Name: Dax

Age: 17

Bar meter has "Fearless" on left and "Naive" on right. Meter bar is a bit more toward "Naive"

**PANEL 2:** Dax is groggily coming to, eyes barely open, realizing he has slept through yet another class. There is a slight surprise/panic to his expression.

**DAX THOUGHT BOX:** Oh no... everybody's gone. The bell must've rung and I slept right through it.

**DAX THOUGHT BOX:** Well - make that ALMOST everyone.

**PANEL 3:** Zoom out or shift angle to expose both Dax in pretty much the same pose as above but also show a love smitten Kate. She too is 17 and as cute as a button. She stares at Dax dreamily.

**DAX THOUGHT BOX:** Meet Kate. She's pretty much my shadow.

**DAX THOUGHT BOX:** I guess she has a crush on me or something...

**KATE THOUGHT BOX:** Should I stay? I should go... I'm soooo LATE for Algebra. But what if he wakes up?!

**KATE THOUGHT BOX:** I HAVE to stay. God, why is he SO CUTE?!!!

**KATE METER GRAPHIC READS:**

Name: Kate

Age: 17

Bar meter has "Strategic" on left and "Hopeless Romantic" on right. Meter bar is almost all the way toward "Hopeless Romantic"

**PANEL 4:** Cut to a day dream panel or thought bubble of Kate envisioning herself and Dax together on a beach or in a beautiful park looking at each other lovingly. There should be little floating hearts surrounding them in air in addition to Kate's heart shaped pupils.

**SMOKY EFFECT TEXT:** DAX and KATE 4 EVA!!!

**PAGE 3 (3 PANELS)**

**PANEL 1:** Cut to a frontal shot of Ms. Stone, the class teacher, standing behind her desk shouting - looking none too pleased.

**MS. STONE:** DAX BISHOP!

**MS. STONE:** PRINCIPAL'S office!

**MS. STONE:** NOW!

**MS. STONE METER GRAPHIC READS:**

Name: Ms. Stone

Age: ETERNALLY "MID 20's"

Bar meter has "Ball Buster" on left and "Cat Lover" on right.  
Meter bar is more toward "Ball Buster"

**PANEL 2:** Cut to a frontal shot of Dax, now more than wide awake  
- wide eyed with a look of sheer terror on his face.

**DAX:** G'AaHhHh--

**DAX:** -- I'm awake.

**DAX:** I'm AWAKE!

**DAX THOUGHT BOX:** Oh no... Not again...

**PANEL 3:** Cut to a frontal shot of Kate looking wide eyed and  
shocked as well.

**KATE THOUGHT BOX:** EEK!

**KATE THOUGHT BOX:** I should have gone to Algebra...

**PAGE 4 (4 PANELS)**

**PANEL 1:** Cut to Dax walking down the hallway, head down, on his  
way to the principal. Brick, the large senior school mega jock,  
and one of his letterman jacket cronies are exiting the bathroom  
as Dax walks by. Brick is nudging his crony pointing out Dax.

**BRICK:** Well look who it is, Ex Dax!

**DAX:** Not now prick sauce.

**PANEL 2:** Cut to Brick grabbing Dax by the arm, turning him around looking pissed at what Dax just said.

**BRICK:** What'd you say?

**DAX:** I said NOT NOW Brick... Boss.

**BRICK METER GRAPHIC READS:**

Name: Brick

Age: 18

Bar meter has "Rocket Science" on left and "Jock" on right.  
Meter bar is all the way on "Jock"

**PANEL 3:** Brick bought Dax's lie. Cut to a close up of Brick struggling to think on his feet and respond with a witty reply.

**BRICK:** Dat's right. And not--

**PANEL 4:** Cut to a shot of Brick and Dax where Brick looks confident that he is coming back with something good. Dax is looking at him, one eye brow raised, like "good one." Kate is in the edge of the panel background somewhere trying to covertly stalk and follow Dax.

**BRICK:** --NEVER.

**DAX:** Deal. Look forward to it.

**PAGE 5 (7 PANELS)**

**PANEL 1:** Dax is entering the principal's office. Principal Smits is sitting at his desk, with a short sleeve shirt and tie, completely focused on putting the finishing touches on his scale model of the school. *Note: He could be painting it with a magnifying glass or gluing something like a flag pole or bus to the front...whatever is easiest for you to draw.*

**PRINCIPAL SMITS:** Ah, Mr. Bishop. Take a seat.

**PRINCIPAL SMITS METER GRAPHIC READS:**

Name: PRINCIPAL SMITS

Age: 42

Bar meter has "Anal-Retentive" on left and "Aloof" on right.  
Meter bar is dead center.

**PANEL 2:** Cut to a side shot of Dax now sitting in front of Smits' desk. Smits is still completely focused on his model, paying no mind to Dax.

**PRINCIPAL SMITS:** Weren't you in here just yesterday?

**DAX:** Yes sir.

**PRINCIPAL SMITS:** Then why are you back?

**PANEL 3:** Cut to a solo shot of Smits, still not looking up from his model and trying to get the smallest of details just right on his model.

**DAX (OFF PANEL):** ...Dozed off again sir.

**PRINCIPAL SMITS:** You're supposed to be sleeping at home, not in my school.

**PRINCIPAL SMITS:** What are you doing at night? Up playing video games to the wee hours, or quietly stalking your fellow students through social sites perhaps?

**PRINCIPAL SMITS:** You kids are too plugged in nowadays.

**PRINCIPAL SMITS:** It would do you good to do something that doesn't require electricity...

**PANEL 4:** Cut to a solo shot of Dax. He looks like he is struggling to come up with the correct response. He wants to tell the truth, but he knows he needs to lie.

**DAX:** No. I...

**PANEL 5:** Small panel close up of Dax putting on sunglasses.

I fight...

**PANEL 6:** Small panel close up of Dax tying the laces of his black and white winged tip shoe. (like the one here [http://www.pelleline.com/store/avactis-images/allenedmonds\\_broadstreet\\_wing\\_tip\\_specator\\_shoes\\_black\\_white\\_0.jpg](http://www.pelleline.com/store/avactis-images/allenedmonds_broadstreet_wing_tip_specator_shoes_black_white_0.jpg) )

I mean I --

**PANEL 7:** Small panel close up of Dax putting on a yellow rubber kitchen glove.

-- I battle...

## **PAGE 6 & 7 (FULL DOUBLE PAGE PANEL)**

**PANEL 1:** Cut to an epic action shot set in some dark back alley parking lot at night. Dax is frozen in mid-air performing a vicious flying jump kick across a very tall demon's jaw. The demon is definitely in pain from the blow. Dax is wearing a red hoodie with the sleeves bunched back, jeans, a pair of sunglasses, yellow rubber kitchen gloves, and a pair of old black and white wingtip dress shoes Dax's grandpa is also seen in the background standing cool and collected in a simple suit, slightly leaning on a cane in front of him monitoring the situation. I also picture him always having squinted closed eyes. *Note: Go crazy with the demon look wise. I imagine each one could be vastly different if you wanted. Feel free to make them look however you want. Also, feel free to either utilize the 2 pages vertically or horizontally.*

**DAX (FLOATING BUBBLE):** ...with Insomnia...

**SFX:** WHAM

**DEMON:** G'aAhHhh!

**GRANDPA:** Good. Now prepare for counter attack.

**DEMON METER GRAPHIC READS:**

Name: JOE FATONE - PORTAL DEMON

Age: ??

Bar meter has "EX MOB BOSS" on left and "VENGEFUL SPIRIT" on right. Meter bar is pretty far toward "VENGEFUL SPIRIT"

**GRANDPA METER GRAPHIC READS:**

Name: GRANDPA

Age: 77

Bar meter has only one meter option, and the meter bar is all the way toward it - "BAD ASS"