

WHOOPS

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FADE IN:

INT. BATHROOM - MORNING

A typical small apartment bathroom of a workaholic. Slightly messy.

MURPHY (25), a young workhorse who is always in a rush, hurries into the bathroom as he puts on his blue dress shirt.

He grabs his toothbrush and accidentally squirts toothpaste all over himself. His shirt is visibly stained.

INT. KITCHEN - MOMENTS LATER

A small, typical apartment kitchen. Very unorganized.

Murphy opens a cabinet to grab a box of knock-off Fruit Loops. He quickly puts a bowl on the counter and opens the box. He misses the bowl as he pours the cereal and makes a huge rainbow mess.

INT. LIVING ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

A tiny ordinary living room with piles of paperwork and folders everywhere. Clearly more of a workspace than a room of relaxation.

Murphy grabs his briefcase and keys as he is about to leave. He takes a sip of coffee from his travel mug and dribbles coffee all down the front of his multicolored shirt.

He looks at the clock on the wall. It is almost nine o'clock. He looks at his stained shirt thinking about if he has enough time to change. He looks back at the ticking clock. He does not.

EXT. PARKING SPOT - MOMENTS LATER

A tiny spot for a tiny car on the road outside of his apartment building. It has been raining.

Murphy runs over to his car with his hands full with his briefcase, paperwork, and coffee mug. He attempts to pick his keys out of his pants pocket, but he drops them on the wet road.

He bends over to grab his keys. Just as he is about to reach them, his coffee, briefcase, and paperwork all fall onto the damp ground.

Murphy is visibly upset at how unfortunate he is. He pauses before taking the time to pick everything up.

INT. MURPHY'S OFFICE - LATER

A sleek but boring office awaits Murphy. It screams conformity. It is clear that Murphy spends a lot of time in there.

Murphy runs into his office with his head down to avoid of making eye contact with anyone in the building. He throws all of his items onto his desk. He turns to see the clock. It is almost nine-thirty.

Murphy grabs his stack of moist papers and straightens them out into a neat pile. He grabs his paperclip dispenser to get a paperclip for his papers. He cannot quite fit his index finger and thumb into the dispenser.

He turns the dispenser upside-down and lightly shakes it to move the clips towards his hand. All of the paperclips simultaneously bypass the magnetic opening and spill all over his desk.

INT. CONFERENCE ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

Five near-identical employees sit at a long table looking at their stern BOSS. Boss is giving a powerpoint presentation. There is a vacant seat at the table.

Murphy runs into the meeting with soggy papers and a dirty shirt. He is clearly late. The employees and Boss all look at him disapprovingly. Boss gestures to a stack of five extremely thick stapled documents to pass around at the other end of the table.

Murphy takes the stack and grabs the top one for himself and accidentally rips off the first couple pages of the second packet and inadvertently drops all five of them on the ground. He gets on his knees to pick all of the papers up as everyone in the room groans.

INT. BREAK ROOM - LATER

A small kitchen area with a couple tables for employee lunch breaks.

Murphy is visibly upset about his meeting. He goes to get something to eat in hopes it will improve his day.

He scoops a clump of peanut butter with a knife to put on his sandwich, but the clump falls onto his shoes.

CUT TO:

INT. OFFICE RECEPTION AREA - LATER

A large office printer sits near some desks.

Murphy attempts to refill printer with ink. As he struggles to put it in, the ink leaks out all over his shirt.

CUT TO:

EXT. STREET CORNER - LATER

A sidewalk next to a bunch of restaurants.

Murphy clings to a cheap fast-food burger to regain a small bit of joy. He takes a bite out of the burger and ketchup drips all along his shirt.

CUT TO:

INT. OFFICE MEN'S BATHROOM - LATER

An average bathroom with stalls and urinals.

Murphy walks towards the urinals. He thinks about this decision. He walks into a stall instead.

CUT TO:

INT. BREAK ROOM - LATER

Murphy is visibly pissed off as he stares at his mug full of coffee and the glass jar of sugar on the counter in front of him. He takes a deep breath as if he is trying to focus.

He slowly and carefully pours just a little bit of sugar into his coffee and stirs it with a spoon. He is finally successful and happily surprised by his success.

As he puts the sugar in a cabinet he accidentally dunks his tie into the coffee. He quickly pulls his tie out of his mug and hits the end of the spoon which knocks the coffee all over his pants and the floor.

The coffee is clearly very hot and Murphy backs up in shock and slips on the coffee on the tile floor.

As he lays on the ground in pain and embarresment, BOSS walks over and leans over him to look him in the eye.

BOSS

Murphy, do you mind refilling the water cooler? Thank you.

Murphy, covered in stains looks at the gigantic blue water container like he would at an oncoming train.

He slowly walks over to the large water container. He puts his hands around it nervously.

As he picks it up, he is clearly struggling with the weight of the water. He stares at the opening to put the water into.

BEAUTIFUL WOMAN walks over to help Murphy. She is also covered with various stains and has lipstick all over her mouth.

Together they successfully put the water into the water fountain. They look at each other like they have just completed one another.

They both take a small water cup and fill it with water. They walk out of the office together without their work items as they both dribble water all over their clothes.

THE END.