#### 1 INT. OFFICE. 8:45AM. THE BEGINNING

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he opening scene will begin with Jake walking into his office to sit at his desk. Whilst doing this he will be drinking from his cup and and also be having a conversation on the the phone to a work colleague.

Yes, I have the documents for our next article. I'll put the copies on your desk for when you come in. See you tomorrow.

Jake will put the phone down and then begin typing on his computer. After a few minutes he will put his hands on his head and look uneasy, leading to him fainting from his chair onto the floor. Another few minutes, and another work colleague, Malcolm will find him. He will check Jake then call an ambulance after noticing he was unresponsive.

### MALCOLM

Can I have an ambulance and the police for the address ten Hudson road please, my work colleague is not responding.

### 2 INT. OFFICE. 8:50AM.

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One hour after the body was found and the forensic team had collected their evidence from the crime scene, and prints had been taken from potential suspects, the main detective Gabe arrives at the scene and speaks to one of the officers.

## GABE

What do we know so far?

# OFFICER

The victim is Jake lee, the journalist that wrote the famous article regarding the recent death of the city's mayor. The body was found at around nine this morning, we know nothing of the cause currently but forensics have sent evidence and prints to be examined.

GABE

Good, clear out the building but keep everybody from this floor for interrogation.

### 3 INT. POLICE STATION. 6:00 PM.

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the officer will start calling on suspects for Gabe to interrogate with in the interrogation room.

GABE

I believe you are the cleaner here?

ASH

yes.

GABE

Where were you when the body was discovered?

ASH

I left the building around eight this morning after finishing my night shift. I returned when I heard about the incident.

GABE

And did you see Jake before leaving?

ASH

Only for a brief moment when he went into the restrooms. I left by the backdoor this morning which is just by his office.

**GABE** 

Did the two of you speak generally?

ASH

I wouldn't say generally, maybe the odd greeting before and after shifts.

GABE

Very well, that's all for now.

Ash leaves then Malcolm gets called at by the officer.

GABE

you are?

MALCOLM

Malcolm.

GABE

You were the one that found the body .Correct?

MALCOLM

Yeah, That's correct.

GABE

How well did you know Jake?

MALCOLM

I would say pretty well. The usual talk about the wives and the workplace. Went for a drink or two now and then after work.

GABE

Ok, did you notice anything unusual about the way he may have been acting this morning?

MALCOLM

Not that i remember. We spoke for A good ten minutes when i made us coffee for the day, after that i didn't see him until i found him.

GABE

What were you doing to find him?

MALCOLM

I was delivering him some documents he had asked for, then i found him.

I understand, thank you for your time.

# INT.O POLICE STATION. 6:45 PM.

Malcolm then leaves, and Gabe follows after. The police officer from earlier then approaches Gabe.

OFFICER

we have some new information.

GABE

Go on.

OFFICER

According to the examination, The victim died from poisoning consumed from his cup. They ran prints and they found only two sets, the victims and Malcolm's. The poisoning substance has been sent for tests to find out more, but momentarily that's all we have.

GABE

Which means?

OFFICER

Which means we have our main suspect.

gabe then walks behind Malcolm and arrests him to take him for further questioning. Malcolm doesn't say anything but looks confused.

GABE

I am arresting yo on suspicion of you do not leave have to say anything but it may harm your defence if you d not mention when questioned something which you later rely on in court, anything you do say may be given in evidence.

### INT. POLICE STATION. 1:30 PM. 5

At the station, Malcolm is put in a cell to await further investigating. Gabe has also called the manager, Matt, from the company where the incident took place to come n for questioning.

GABE

Good afternoon.

TTAM

Afternoon.

GABE

I would like to ask you a few questions regarding the situation at your workplace.

MATT

Go ahead

GABE

I am sure you know that one of your employees has been placed under arrest for suspicion of the murder.

MATT

I know.

GABE

So could you tell me about the relationship between Jake and Malcolm?

MATT

I would say they are just your regular guys, never seen have any issues with each other in the whole time of their employment.

GABE

intersting. Are you aware of any disagreements.they may have had with any other other employees?

TTAM

Not that i am aware of. One thing i can say about my company is that everybody gets in with one another. There was one disagreement a few months involving Jake and a cleaner that works here in the building, though. I made it clear to them individually that i was aware of the situation, and encouraged them to communicate about it, but both assured me that everything was fine.

GABE

I understand. i think that will be enough for today, thank you for your time.

After Matt leaves, Gabe makes a phone call and requests Ash, the cleaner, to come in for another discussion. Whilst waiting for his arrival, Gabe researches any information on Ash that he can find. Whilst Gabe is typing on his computer and looking at paper, Ash will arrive and sit at the table.

GABE

It has come to my attention that you and Jake had a disagreement at some point, that you failed to mention this morning.

ASH

I didn't think it had any relevance to the subject of his murder.

GABE

Should you be right then you have nothing to worry about. After doing background checks, i noticed you are the brother of Michael Smith, The who was convicted for the murder of the mayor.

ASH

Right.

GABE

Jake had written an article regarding the incident, releasing information on your brother. Is this what your disagreement was about?

ASH

okay, Let me ask you this, Do you a brother?

GABE

No, I have a sister.

ASH

And how would you feel of the entire life of your sister was released to the public, putting them in serious danger.

CARE

But my sister isn't a murderer.

Ash won't say anything in response to Gabe.

GABE

I will be in touch you can go.

Ash will leave and Gabe will stand up to think.

After a long day of questioning Gabe will come to the conclusion that he may have arrested the wrong person. Malcolm's fingerprints were found on the cup, but the reasoning was unsuspicious and there is no known motive for him to have committed the murder. However, Ash did have a motive but there was no physical evidence to prove he did it.

6 INT.POLICE STATION. 8:00 PM.

gabe receives a phone call from the pathologist.

PATHOLOGIST

Gabe.

**GABE** 

Yes.

PATHOLOGIST

We have some new information regarding the poisoning, and footage from the workplace at the time of the incident.

GABE

Right.

PATHOLOGIST

The poisoning used would have taken approximately one hour to kill the victim, meaning if he died just before nine, he would have to consume the substance just before eight. The footage is only available from the outside of the building, but it shows the cleaner didn't leave at eight, instead he left shortly after.

GABE

Meaning Ash lied about the timings of his whereabouts, and would have been there at the time Jake was poisoned.

PATHOLOGIST

Yes, clearly

**GABE** 

Thank you for this, I will speak to u later.

PATHOLOGIST

Yeh no worries, bye.

Gabe ends the phone call with the pathologist then makes a phone call to an officer requesting the arrest of Ash. He also releases Malcolm due to the lack of evidence against him and apologises for the inconvenience.

7 INT. POLICE STATION. 10:00 PM. THE FINALE

The officers manage to arrest Jake and put him in prison, while Malcolm was coming out of the police station he says something to Gabe.

MALCOLM

I see you have finally found your killer.

GABE

yes, and I am really sorry for what happened to you.

MALCOLM

No it is alright i want to thank you for fining out the truth and freeing me out of prison.

GABE

Your welcome, this what we do.

MALCOLM

However there is one thing you should know.

GABE

What's that?

MALCOLM

Before I was arrested i had found an email sent to Jake's computer a few weeks back that he didn't tell me about by someone called Megan smith which turned out to be Ash's sister.

GABE

Go on.

MALCOLM

I didn't want to tell police t first because i thought i would be risking someone's life with it so the email said "I will come after anyone who comes near my brothers Michael and Ash if you think you can harm them, you are delusional I will find you and i will kill you....

Gabe doesn't respond and stands there confused.

An unknown person approaches Gabe and starts showing a weapon at the last minute the police officer from earlier Jumps in to save Gabe and gets shot instead the bullet kills her and the killer flees away. Gabe is holding the police officer 's body in sadness and regret.

THE END.