

Welcome to Overnights

"Pilot"

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COLD OPEN

INT. NEW JERSEY SUBURB - OVER A GARAGE APARTMENT -
MORNING

(JOHN, JAMES AND ALISON)

JOHN, JAMES AND ALISON ARE ALL MOVING BOXES INTO THE NEW RESIDENCE. JOHN IS THE OLDER BROTHER, A PLUMBER. JAMES AND ALISON ARE MARRIED AND DRESSED AS MODERATE STYLED MANHATTENITES. THEY ARE MOVING INTO AN APARTMENT OVER JOHN'S GARAGE. THE APARTMENT IS SMALL, BUT EFFICIENT.

JAMES

This sucks.

JOHN

You forgot what Jersey smells like? It goes away in about an hour.

JAMES

No, it's not that. I can get used to that again.

JOHN

Then what you don't like the place?

JAMES

No, it's not the place it's having to move into the place.

JOHN

Well the rent up here is a lot cheaper than Manhattan. You're just lucky Mom and Larry finally retired to Arizona.

JAMES

Look don't get me wrong. Thank you, thank you for renting me your six hundred square foot garage apartment.

ALISON IS MOVING BOXES AROUND THEM.

JAMES (CONT'D)

I just liked my place in Manhattan.

ALISON

Yes, where the doorman carried the in the boxes for you.

BOTH JOHN AND JAMES

JAMES AND JOHN

Sorry.

THEY BOTH RESUME WORKING.

JOHN

Look, I'm sorry your boss got indicted.

JAMES

Me too.

JOHN

At least you weren't implicated.

ALISON IS STILL WORKING AROUND THEM.

ALISON

Boxes!

JAMES AND JOHN

Right.

(THEY START WORKING AGAIN)

JOHN

Look take it one step at a time.
Once the dust settles, I'm sure
you can get back to embezzling.
I mean managing
people's investments.

JAMES

In the meantime?

ALISON

Move boxes!

JAMES

Sorry!

JOHN

Be thankful I got you something
at the Bull's-eye.

JAMES

Ugh, yam excited, going from
six figures to six-hour
overnight shift!

ALISON

Listen can the pity party wait
until the truck and BMW are empty?

JAMES

The Beemer is empty

JOHN LOOKS OUTSIDE THE WINDOW

JOHN

Ummu, what Beemer?

JAMES DROPS A BOX AND RUNS TO THE DOOR.

ALISON

That had better not been the
Waterford!

JOHN AND JAMES ARE STARING OUT THE WINDOW LOOKING
FOR THE BMW.

JOHN

Company car?

JAMES

Shut up.

JOHN

You guys can have my Fred and
Barney glassware.

JAMES

Please stop helping.

FADE OUT.

ACT ONE

SCENE A

INT. BREAK ROOM OF THE BULL'S-EYE- LATE EVENING

THE BULLS-EYE IS A LARGE MEGA ONE STOP SHOPPING EXPERIENCE. GROCERY, HARDWARE, CLOTHING, TOYS AND ELECTRONICS. THE STORE IS VERY QUIET AT NIGHT IS DIRECT OPPOSITION OF THE BUSY SETTING. THE RECRUITS ARE ALL SITTING IN A CLASSROOM SETTING? JOANNA IS IN THE FRONT OF THE ROOM WITH A CLIP BOARD. SHE IS VERY DEDICATED TO BULLS-EYE, BUT ROUGH AROUND THE EDGES, THE TYPE OF WORKER YOU DO NOT WANT DEALING WITH THE PUBLIC. THERE IS A.V. EQUIPMENT IN THE ROOM.

JOANNA

(SHE SPEAKS VERY SLOWLY AND
ENUNCIATES EVERY WORD CAREFULLY)
Welcome to your first overnight
shift here at the Bull's-eye. I
am excited that so many of you
passed your urine tests. In
Fact, this is the largest class
ever. Part of the first evening
is training. This is very
important, so important that
everyone must sign a document
stating that they went through
the course.

JAMES

(TO THE PERSON SITING NEXT TO
HIM)
Is it me or is she talking really
slowly.

WORKER #1

shhh, I can't fail this again.

JAMES

Fail what?

WORKER #1

The test afterwards.

JAMES

Really?

WORKER #1

shush!

(JOANNA STARTS THE VIDEO)

JOANNA

Okay, let's get the video going.

THE VIDEO STARTS. THERE IS MUSIC AND BRANDING STUFF FOR THE BULLS-EYE. WE ARE THEN INTRODUCED TO SAM THE SAFETY ROBOT. THIS CAN BE DONE AS A CARTOON OR VOICE OVER AND WE SEE RECRUITS REACTIONS.

SAM

Hi! I'm Sam the gender neutral, non-ethnic safety robot. Here at Bull's-eye our employees are our number one resource. Tonight we are going to learn the basics.

JAMES

Tonight? There's more than one night of this?

WORKER #1

Hush!

SAM

Let's start with our safety points; Three points on the ladder is does matter.

AS THE ROOM REPEATS THE SLOGAN IN EARNEST. JAMES DOES NOT.

JAMES

Or you'll become splatter

SAM

Don't stack too high it's silly
to try.

JAM

Or you might die.

SAM

When using your box cutter, cut
away do not filet.

BEFORE JAMES CAN COMMENT AGAIN JOANNA WHISPERS NEXT
TO HIM.

JOANNA

You know that your sister in law
Chris and I sit in the same pew
at Sunday mass.

SAM

Lift from the knees or you back
will seize.

ALL

Lift knees or you back will seize.

JAMES

Help me.

CUT TO:

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWOSCENE AINT. LIVING ROOM - LATER (DAY 2)

JOHN AND CHRIS ARE SITTING AND ENJOYING SOME QUITE TIME. THEIR HOUSE IS NEAT AS A PIN. THERE ARE NICK HACKS ARE ALL OVER THE HOUSE. ELVIS PLATE AND HOUSEHOLD TOOLS FROM THE HOME SHOPPING NETWORK ARE EVIDENT. CHRIS IS ATTRACTIVE BUT NOT AS GLAMOROUS AS ALISON.

CHRIS

So they took his car?

JOHN

Yupe.

CHRIS

And froze his banks accounts.

JOHN

Yup. Temporally.

CHRIS

Ouch, how will he get to The Bulls-eye?

JOHN

He can use the extra equipment truck for a while.

CHRIS

Oh that's great. Does either of them need a kidney?

JOHN

Cut it out.

CHRIS

Or maybe I could give them some of my eggs or carry a baby for them?

JOHN

You're acting pretty creepy for someone who got the down payment for this place from a great Aunt.

CHRIS

That was different.

JOHN

How?

CHRIS

My Aunt doesn't stop by to do her laundry.

A BUZZER GOES OFF.

ALISON (O.S.)

Don't forget, no fabric sheets and bring up my bras to hang.

JAMES (O.S.)

I got it, I got it.

CHRIS (to John)

You're a plumber, get them their own washer and dryer please.

JOHN

Yes dear.

ALISON (O.S.)

And while you're out some chips
and ice cream, chunky monkey. I
need watermelon.

JAMES STICKS HIS HEAD IN JOHN'S LIVING ROOM.

JAMES

You guys need anything while I'm
out?

CHRIS

No, thanks for asking.

JAMES

No problem.

JAMES EXITS

CHRIS

She certainly has the jersey
girl thing down.

JOHN

Yup.

CUT TO:

ACT THREESCENE A

INT. RESTAURANT - AFTERNOON (DAY 2) JOHN AND JAMES
ARE SITING IN A BOOTH. THE RESTAURANT IS ONE OF THE
LAST OF A DYING BREED. IT IS A THROW BACK OF
FIFTIES. THERE IS OLDER PEOPLE RUNNING THE PLACE
WHO SPEAK FRANKLY TO THE CLIENTELE. YOU CAN TELL
THAT THE SAME PEOPLE SIT IN THE SAME SPOT AND ORDER
THE SAME FOOD EVERYDAY. THE PLACE IS MODERATELY
BUSY.

JAMES

I really do not want to eat here.

JOHN

Are you buying?

JAMES

Right.

JOHN

Look around, see anybody you
know?

JAMES

Half my high school graduating
class, your point?

CALLING OVER TO A PATRON

JOHN

Hey Billy, how you holding up?

BILLY IS A PEER DRESSED IN CASUAL CLOTHES NOT THE
HAPPIEST CAMPER. HE LOOKS A LITTLE DOWN IN THE
DUMPS, UNSHAVEN.

BILLY

Okay, as long as the unemployment
holds up. Got about five more
weeks.

JOHN

How's living with you dad going?

BILLY

What's weird is sleeping in my old room. Man, twin beds are small. Still got my Bobba Fett Sheets though.

JAMES

Cool. How late are you allowed to stay out?

BILLY

10pm, curfew. Can you believe that? "If you under my roof young man..." Whadda pain.

(JOHN TURNS TO JAMES)

JOHN

So my garage apartment?

JAMES

Is a penthouse.

JOHN

And just last night Chris told me to run out and get you a washer and dryer.

JAMES

Really?

JOHN SLURPS LOUDLY ON HIS SODA.

JAMES (CONT'D)

We'll find a place as soon as we can.

JOHN

No rush, I just giving you a hard time. I'm entitled.

JAMES

Yea, it's not like I'm fragile or anything.

JOHN

Cut it out, Nancy.

JAMES

Right, I've no cause for a little depression or anxiety.

JOHN

At least you're covered. (TO BILLY) Hey when do the bennies run out?

BILLY

Soon, which stinks, gonna have to pay full price for my Zoloft soon.

JOHN (to James)

And your health benefits started day one right?

JAMES (groaning)

Yes, half price on my Zoloft.

JOHN

I just saying things could be a lot worse.

JAMES

Yeah, yeah.

JOHN

I was talking to Joanna.

JAMES

Willingly?

JOHN

She's a member of Chris' Church and the reason you got the job.

JAMES

I like how you say "Chris' Church".

JOHN

We you know how I feel about it.

JAMES AND JOHN

"Me and the Lord, well we got an understanding".

THEY BOTH LAUGH.

JOHN

Anyway Joanne said you scored really high on the personality and aptitude profile.

JAMES

So?

JOHN

You stick it out and you could
be a team lead in no time.

JAMES

Wow, really. My own box cutter.

JOHN

Shut up.

JAMES

I really like the purple vests.

JOHN

It's a five dollar bump in pay.

JAMES

How do you know so much about
it?

JOHN

Told you, Chris and the Church
thing.

JAMES

I know I'm just an over the night
stock person, but I know stink
when I smell it.

JOHN

What?

JAMES

Why are you lying to me?

JOHN

Fine, when things got tight, two years ago, remember?

JAMES

Yes, when I offered you a loan.

JOHN

Yes, well no thank you Mr. sub-prime lender. I choose to pick up some shifts. I would have been a team lead, if my business didn't pick up.

JAMES

Maybe I should become a plumber.

JOHN

You don't have the ass for it.

(ALISON ENTERS THE RESTAURANT AND SITS NEXT TO THE BOYS)

ALISON

Wow, who doesn't know you two in this town?

JAMES

Is that a bad thing or a good thing?

ALISON

Well, put it this way, I was offered three jobs.

JAMES

Wow really?

ALISON

Yes, I also now know what a head shop is.

JOHN AND JAMES

Carl!

JAMES

He's still around?

JOHN

Oh yeah.

JAMES

Even after...

JOHN

Sure.

JAMES

Does he still.

JOHN

Every day.

ALISON

Can I finish?

JAMES

Sorry.

ALISON

I was also offered a part time hourly position at the "Fortress of Bob's" Comic book emporium.

JOHN

I love that place!

JAMES

You don't still collect.

ALISON

Please!

(JAMES SHEEPISHLY EATS HIS FRIES)

ALISON (CONT'D)

As I was saying, my final stop
was Barbra's Boutique.

JOHN

Aunt Barbra?

ALISON

Oh yeah. Funny how she has never
come up in discussion.

JAMES (to John)

One of the benefits of eloping.

(TO ALISON)

Oh no, did she try to sting you
with her bees?

(ALISON ROLLS UP HER SLEEVE REVEALING SEVERAL MARKS)

ALISON

I am guaranteed no arthritis for
a month.

JOHN

You aren't seriously going to
work there?

ALISON

I think it is a great opportunity to contribute to our community and learn more about the family I married into. Plus, I get a forty percent discount on thongs and garters.

JAMES AND JOHN EXCHANGE A HIGH FIVE.

JAMES

And get a barrage of holistic medicine for free.

ALISON

Exactly how many supplements is she on?

JAMES AND JOHN
(as if there hear about this too often)

Seventeen.

ALISON

Wow, how does she keep track?

JAMES

Uncle Sal, he is really into his palm pilot. I think it goes off every ten minutes.

JOHN

Yeah, those two are the oldest living texting fiends I know. When they found out they could get unlimited messaging, it was like winning the lottery.

JAMES

Hey, there's a plan.

ALISON

One step ahead you kiddo.

(ALISON WHIPS OUT A HAND FULL OF TICKETS)

ALISON (CONT'D)

You can't win.

JOHN AND JAMES

If you don't play.

THEY ALL LAUGH.

JAMES

Oh well, I have to take a nap get ready for my next day of orientation.

JOHN

Are you allowed to use a box cutter yet?

JAMES

Hey, safety first.

ALISON REACHES OVER AND GRABS JAMES' PLATE AND STARTS TO EAT. JAMES GLARES AT HER.

ALISON

You were done right?

SHE EATS VIGOROUSLY

JOHN

Hungry?

(WITH A MOUTH FULL OF FOOD)

ALISON

A little.

CUT TO:

TAG

EXT. OUTSIDE DECK OF THEIR APARTMENT. THE DECK IS
SMALL IT CAN ONLY HOLD THE TWO CHAIRS - DAWN (DAY
2)

(James and Alison)

ALISON

Is it really that bad?

JAMES

Yes.

ALISON

(AUDIBLE SIGH)

JAMES

Well no, yes. C'mon. We ate
out all the time, theater,
parties, company trips, company
cars and I was close to becoming
a manager.

ALISON

Maybe you could be a manager at
Bulls-eye.

JAMES

A three toed sloth could do that.

ALISON (upset)

You know things could have turned
out a lot worse, thank goodness
we had your brother to turn to.

JAMES

I know.

ALISON

There are so many sad stories
out there.

JAMES REACHES OVER AND POURS SOME RED WINE OUT OF A
BOX INTO A BARNEY GLASS.

JAMES

I am sorry about your wine
glasses. I never thought I would
be drinking wine out of box.

ALISON (starting to cry)

It's not a big deal.

JAMES

I am really, I can see if there
is anything to replace them at
the Bulls-eye.

ALISON (really starting to
sob)

I said it was not a big deal.

JAMES

Then what, John said he would
have a washer and dryer by the
end of the week.

ALISON

Shut up.

JAMES

No really, Is it the bras? I
hung them like you said?

ALISON

I don't care about the bras.

JAMES

I'm joking about the sloth thing.

ALISON

What?

JAMES

Oh, John said I could be a team lead or something and make a higher wage.

ALISON

That's good.

JAMES

Look and we're covered there is no shame if you what to go and see someone about..

ALISON

About what?

JAMES

Well, you know depression.

ALISON

I'm not depressed you idiot.

JAMES

You're not.

ALISON

I'm pregnant.

JAMES

Safety first.

END OF SHOW