

HUGH TREATMENT

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**"Hugh"**  
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A 120 page screenplay

OPENING SCENE - HUGH'S INTRODUCTION

Hugh Merrit is a newly released parolee who is attempting to maintain a crime-free lifestyle. He is rushing to get ready this morning as he is running late for his parole meeting. At this meeting, his phone is confiscated and searched to ensure that he is obeying the guidelines of his no-contact order.

After the meeting, he is reprimanded by his boss for his lack of communication and tardiness. His boss, Marco lets Hugh know that his next strike will be his last.

THE FIRST CONTACT

After a bad day, Hugh creates a fake account on Facebook and sends a friend request to Katrina Jefferies, one of his victims. Katrina, 17, is ecstatic.

A few days later, Hugh attends one of Katrina's soccer games. He stays in his car, parked in the parking lot. Later that night, he messages her on Facebook, for the first time, to congratulate her on winning the game. Simultaneously, Katrina's parents are discussing Katrina in the living room because they feel that she is starting to push them away again.

HUGH GETS FIRED

Hugh shows up late for work, again. Displeased with his performance, Marco informs Hugh that he will be docking his check as punishment. This enrages Hugh, even more-so that Marco refuses to hear him out. While mixing powder cement in preparation to pour foundation, Hugh empties his bladder into the wheelbarrow as a form of protest.

Unfortunately, his boss and site lead both witness this act and Hugh is fired on site. His outburst results in he and his boss almost coming to blows. Hugh storms off the site, embarrassed, immediately heading to the liquor store to drink his sorrows away.

His parole officer reminds Hugh that he needs to have a active source of income if he wants to stay out of jail. Officer Dane says that he will give Hugh a week to find a job before he issues a warrant for his arrest.

#### HUGH FALLS BACK INTO OLD PATTERNS

After day drinking for days to make himself feel better, Hugh makes several fake accounts across several social media platforms, messaging numerous women. Throughout the week, Hugh dedicates most of his time to flirting with these women, even getting money out of some of them.

Hugh goes through numerous jobs at stores, restaurants, and even a farm. He does not make it through training at any of these jobs because he either doesn't apply himself, shows up late or doesn't show up at all.

Hugh begins to stalk Katrina. He shows up to every soccer game. He sits in the parking lot at every single school event she attends, from talent shows to pep-rallies. Gloria and Clayton notice that they are seeing the same tan 2007 Honda almost everywhere they go.

#### GLORIA CONTACTS OFFICER DANE

After weeks of suspecting that Hugh is back in communication with Katrina, Gloria walks in on her daughter taking suggestive pictures for Hugh. Katrina is posing in her undergarments in the mirror when her mother rushes in to use the bathroom. She confiscates all of Katrina's devices, even her television and call's Katrina's father.

After Gloria sobers up, she and Clayton agree to call Hugh's parole officer. The following morning, Officer Dane Copeland shows up at the jefferies residence. The parents turn all of Katrina's devices over to Officer Dane.

After a few days, Officer Dane, the local police force and a S.W.A.T. team storm Hugh's room at the Monday Morning Motel. They serve him a warrant and search every inch of the room, confiscating every device except the microwave and television. They also go out into the parking lot to search Hugh's car as they suspect he has a burner phone. Unfortunately they don't find it, as it is the only thing on his person.

#### HUGH IS EVICTED FROM THE MONDAY MORNING MOTEL

Hugh finally secures a steady job as a cashier at a fast food restaurant. Within the week however, the management at Monday Morning Motel posts a final notice of eviction on Hugh's front door, notifying him, that he has seven days to vacate the premises. He attempts to reason with the owner and fails.

Hugh refuses to leave so the owner has to call the police to have Hugh and his belongings forcefully removed from the motel. With no where to go, Hugh moves into the back seat of his car.

#### CLAYTON JEFFERIES AND HIS FRIENDS JUMP HUGH

Clayton Jefferies, Katrina's father, is stalking Hugh. One night, he coincidentally came across Hugh's car while it was parked at a rest stop for the night. After seeing Hugh asleep inside, Clay wrote down the tag number and began to follow him around town.

After seeing Hugh circle the block numerous times at Katrina's 18th birthday party, later in the day Clay gathers some of the partygoers (his friends and fathers from school) and they follow Hugh to the rest stop. When Hugh gets out of the car to use the restroom, the men follows him inside. Hugh is beaten so badly that he breaks several bones. He is left to bleed out on the bathroom floor. He sleeps on the floor for the night.

In the morning, Hugh limps to his car and lays across the trunk, staring into the sun.