

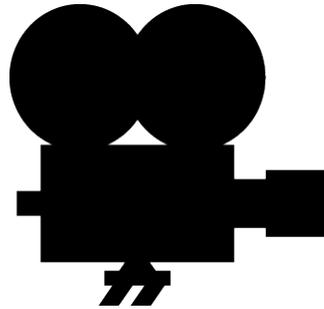
YOU ARE:

Howard Roberts

FULL TIME CAMERAMAN, PART-TIME BLACKMAILER

For too long time now, you've been working for the local "news program" *Cross Words*. The show is a hotbed of willful distortion, lies, hypocrisy, greed and political pandering. Worst of all, the people making it act as if they're the moral compass for Manna, Kansas.

Well, you're about to expose their corruption, hypocrisy and lies. And you're gonna make some money doing it.



TANNER CROSS

Tanner Cross is the host of *Cross Words*, and he's the biggest hypocrite of all. He crusades against "social ills" and the spread of the "homosexual agenda". But you know that he's a closeted homosexual himself. With Tanner's conservative audience and the bigoted things he's said about homosexuals, this secret could destroy him.

You know this because he tried to seduce you while you were together filming a segment on the local Civil War reenactment. He got you alone in a tent and started making drunken passes at you. You tried to stop him, but when he started taking off his pants, you fled the scene.

It was only later that you realized, while reviewing some footage, that you had left the camera rolling the entire time. And you're gonna use that tape to blackmail Tanner. Get him to pay you a couple hundred thousand, then release the tape anyway.

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CANDICE CROSS

You knew that the real brains of *Cross Words* was Tanner's wife and the show's producer, Candice Cross. So when you decided to blackmail the Cross family and *Cross Words* the show, you went to her.

She knew he was gay, of course. That's why she married him. But you wanted it to be clear that you had evidence of his hidden behaviors. Candice knew exactly what that video would do for Tanners career... and for hers, since she literally married her career to his.

You told her that you wanted four hundred thousand dollars, or you'd take the tape over to News Channel Three in Rush County. She'd really hate for her old rival station to destroy Tanner's "good name".

Of course, you'll give them the tape even if she does pay you the four hundred thousand. Pure win-win as far as you're concerned.

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GEORGIA VANG

One minor complication to your blackmail scheme is that your old friend Georgia. She has decided to move into your apartment. Georgia just broke up with her boyfriend, and she's feeling vulnerable. She just needs a decent person on hand to be supportive and protective. Keep her from doing anything regrettable, keep her dumb ex-boyfriend from causing her any grief. That sort of thing.

You care about Georgia, but you and she have always been just friends. Once you may have had some feeling for her (she's smart and very good looking, after all). But she wants to become a bigshot in the larger world. You've been content to make do here in Manna, Kansas. Up until now, anyway. Once this blackmail business is done, you might need to leave town in a hurry. I guess Georgia can have your apartment once you blow town. Until then, though, keep an eye out for her, okay?

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RELATIONSHIP:

Tanner Cross

ACTION SIX NEWS TEAM:

On-Air talent and support

LOCATION:

Civil War reenactment

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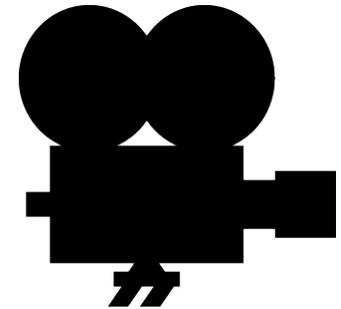


Hi MY NAME IS:

Howard Roberts

CAMERAMAN FROM NEWS CHANNEL SIX

And I'm growing
tired of my job.



RELATIONSHIP:

Georgia Vang

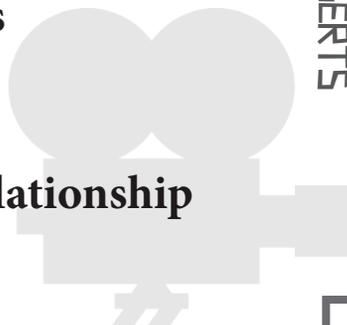
HISTORY:

Odd couple roommates

NEED:

To get out... of a bad relationship

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RELATIONSHIP:

Candice Cross

UP TO NO GOOD:

Blackmailer and victim

NEED:

**To settle things... by getting the big
time news anchor fired.**

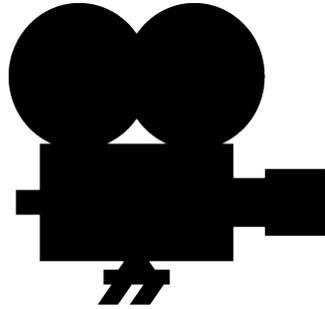
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OBJECT:
VIDEO CAMERA

News Channel Six property

Professional quality recording equipment. Still surprisingly portable.



OBJECT:
A USB STICK

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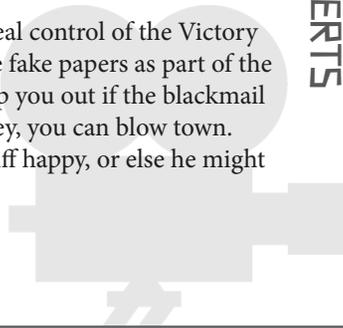


SHERIFF NELSON DEHARO

You know that the local sheriff, Nelson Deharo, is as crooked as they come. And you want to stay out of legal troubles yourself, so you've made sure that you're the sheriff's best buddy. You make sure that he gets the incriminating evidence that he needs. Sometimes you get the evidence while filming stories. Sometimes you forge the evidence wholesale.

Right now, Nelson has some crazy plan to steal control of the Victory Electrical Co-op. He had you make up some fake papers as part of the plot. All you asked in return was that he help you out if the blackmail scheme goes south. After you get your money, you can blow town. Until then, you want to keep this shady sheriff happy, or else he might manufacture a reason to throw you in jail.

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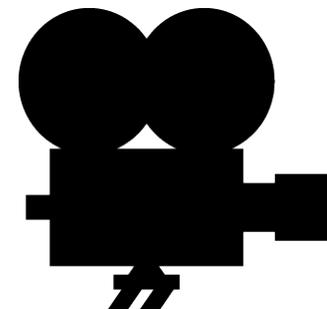
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DISCARD THIS CARD IF LOWELL IS IN PLAY.

RELATIONSHIP:
Sheriff Nelson Deharo

CRIME:
Cooking the Books on a building contract

LOCATION:
Victory Electrical Co-op

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