(excerpt from) EVERYTHING'S EVENTUAL based on the short story by Stephen King screenplay by Chad Callaghan

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Sharpton's car pulls into the empty parking lot, parks.

INT. SHARPTON'S CAR (2008)

Dinky is shaken.

DINKY What the hell? Why are we here? Mister Sharpton...look, you said that you had a business proposition for me. Let's hear it or I'm bailing.

MISTER SHARPTON Tell me about Skipper.

Dinky sighs.

MISTER SHARPTON (CONT'D) Come on, Dink, I'm not a cop...we covered that. Come now, I want you to fill me in on this character, and the part you played in his story.

Dinky looks at him.

MISTER SHARPTON (CONT'D) And start at the beginning.

## DINKY

Bullies. (beat) Bullies have purpose. In their own twisted way, bullies have goals and motivation. Ambition even. I have dealt with idiots like that before. Skipper was no bully. Skipper had no ambition, no goals, nothing.

Skipper was pure fucking evil.

Dinky nods toward the Metal Works Plant.

DINKY (CONT'D) We worked the early morning shift together. Him, me and a dozen or so other guys. MINI-FLASHBACK (TIMESPAN) - METAL WORKS PLANT

(SIX MONTHS AGO)

Dinky is working at a station, keeping to himself. SKIPPER, a big burly twenty-something, walks by.

DINKY (V.O.) Believe it or not, I was invisible to Skipper...for awhile. Kind of like Sam Neill and that kid standing stone-still in front of the T-Rex. You know, as long they didn't move, they wouldn't be eaten.

(FIVE MONTHS AGO)

CONTINUOUS. A work horn BLOWS. Dinky enters the break area. He sits alone in a corner, eats.

DINKY (V.O.) Well, apparently, at some point, I moved, (beat) enough to catch the predator's eye at least. After that, he was relentless.

Skipper peers at him from across the room.

(FOUR MONTHS AGO)

CONTINUOUS. Dinky is working at an INDUSTRIAL METAL PRESS.

Through the UP and DOWN motion of the press, SKIPPER is SEEN briefly on the other side.

Still in its "up" position, the press suddenly stops. Dinky curses, ADLIB. He reaches inside the press to unjam it.

On the opposite side: Skipper looks around, then plugs the metal press' power cord - which he is holding - in to the outlet. The MACHINE roars back to life.

Dinky lets loose a YELL - he barely escapes being squished. He falls to the ground, shaken.

> SKIPPER Wow! Are you alright, Earnshaw?! You should really pay more attention to what you're doing.

Skipper's evil look says it all. Other WORKERS have gathered around.

DINKY (V.O.) The other fellas, God love 'em, couldn't interfere. Skipper was unhinged...and no Dudley Do-Rights could have stopped him, even if they had tried. It was something in those gray eyes of his that said... that screamed 'Fuck off, this one is mine'.