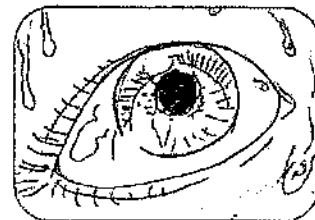
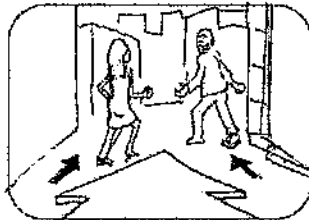


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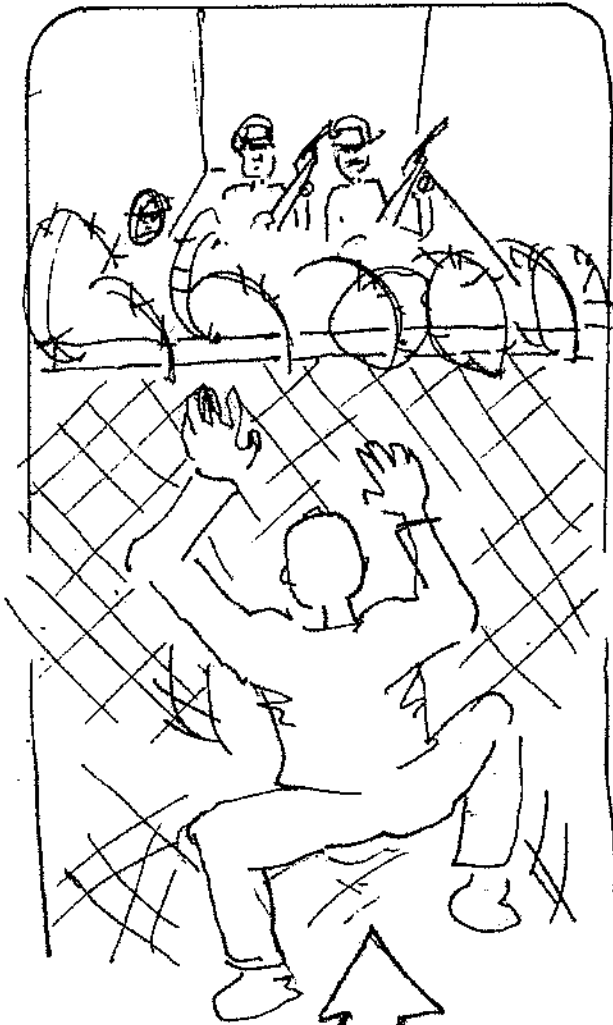
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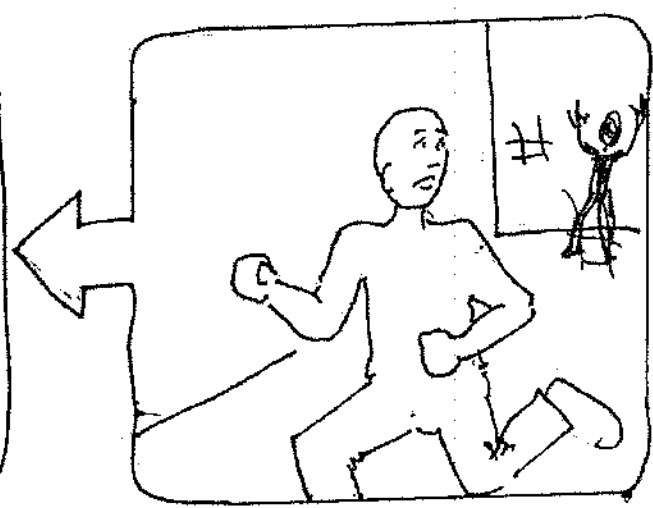
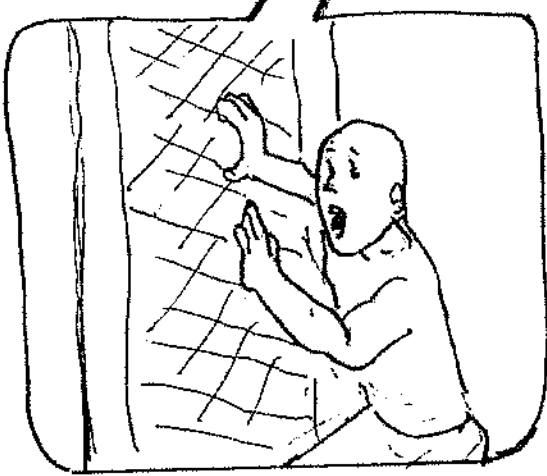
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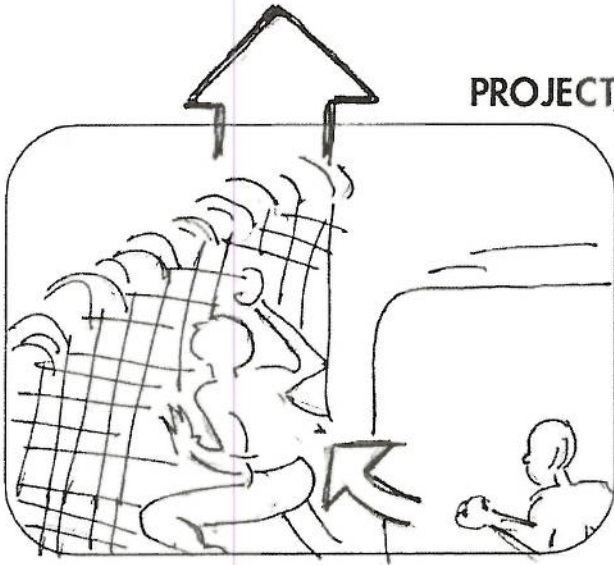


## BOOM SHOT

A shot filmed from a moving boom, incorporating different camera angles and levels.



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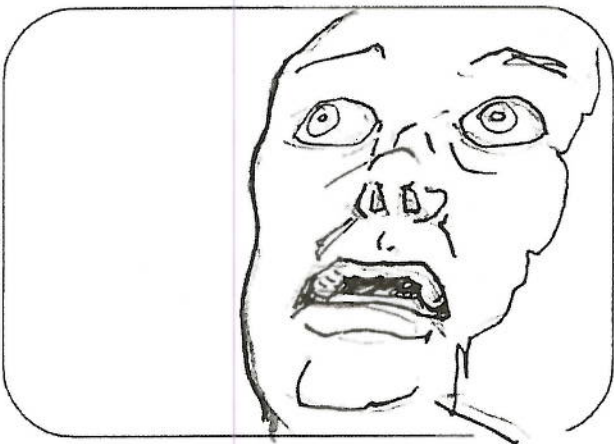
### BOOM

A shot filmed from a moving boom, incorporating different camera angles and levels.



### CAMEO SHOT

A shot in which the subject is filmed against a black or neutral background.



### CHOKER

A tight close-up, usually only showing a subject's face.

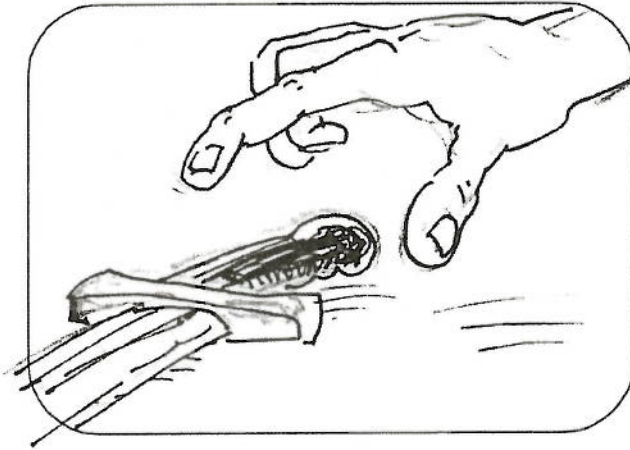
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	<b>CLOSE SHOT (CS)</b>
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	A shot in which the subject is shown from the top of the head to mid-waist.
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	<b>CLOSE-UP (CU)</b>
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	A shot of an isolated part of a subject or object, such as the head or hand.
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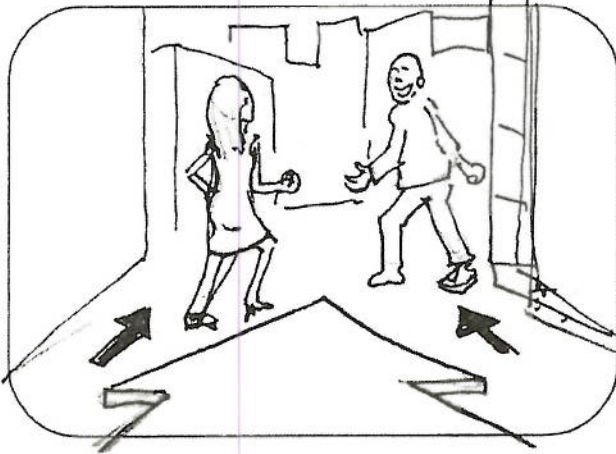


	<b>CUTAWAY</b>
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	A shot that is related to the main action of the scene but briefly leaves it, such as an audience member's reaction to a show.
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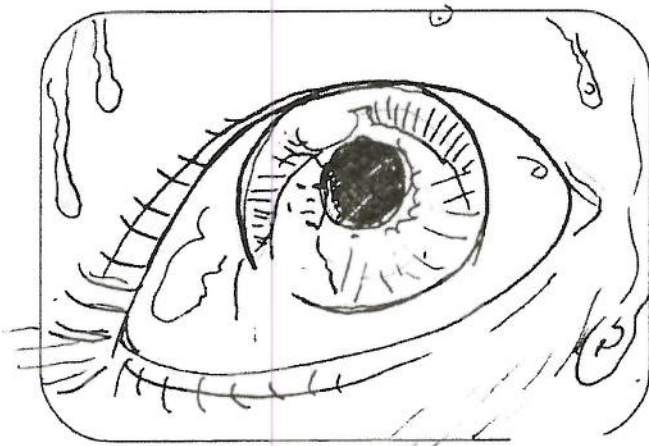
**DOLLY SHOT**

A moving shot,  
accomplished by  
moving the camera as  
if on a set of tracks.



**ESTABLISHING SHOT**

A long shot that shows  
location and mood.



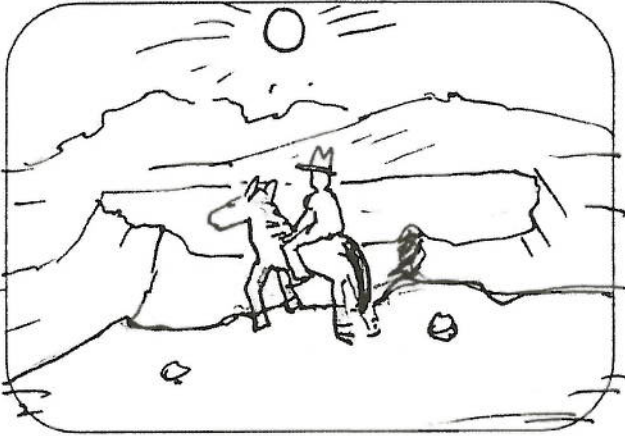
**EXTREME CLOSE-UP (ECU, XCU)**

A magnified shot of a  
small detail, such as a  
subject's eyes.



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**EXTREME LONG SHOT (ELS, XLS)**

A wide angle shot from a great distance, such as an aerial or high angle shot of a location.



**EYE LEVEL SHOT**

A shot of the subject at eye level.

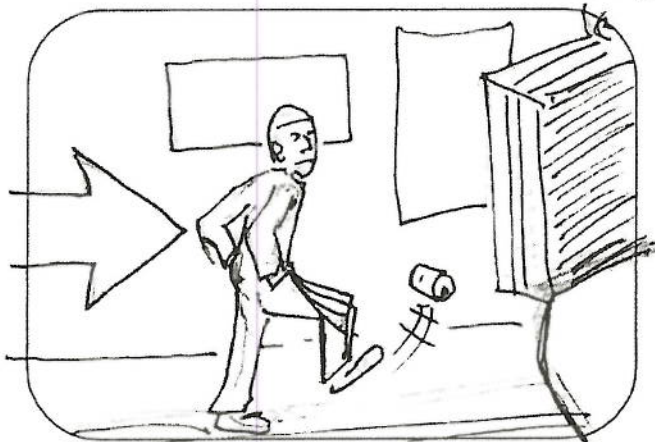


**FLASH**

A very brief shot, often for shock effect.

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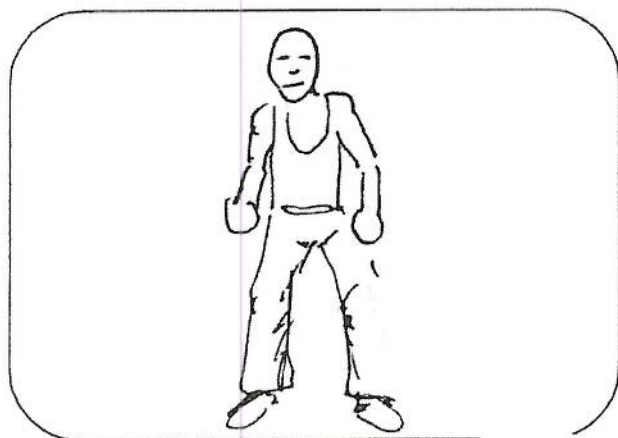
### FOLLOW SHOT

A shot in which the camera follows the subject.



### FREEZE FRAME

A shot that results from repeating the same frame so the subject appears frozen.

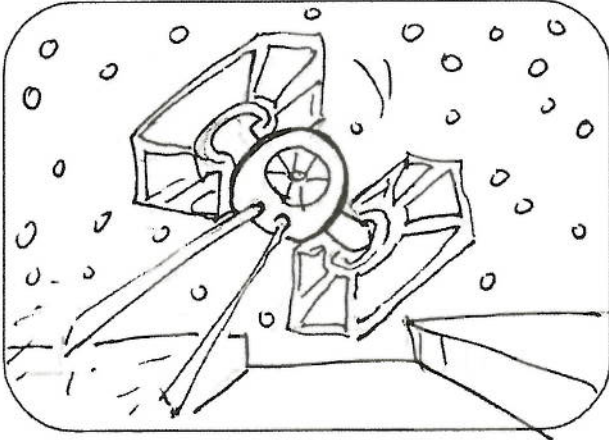


### FULL SHOT (FS)

A long shot that captures the subject's entire body head to toe.

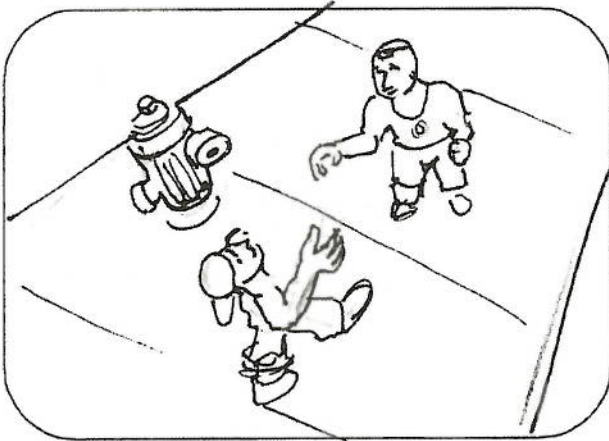
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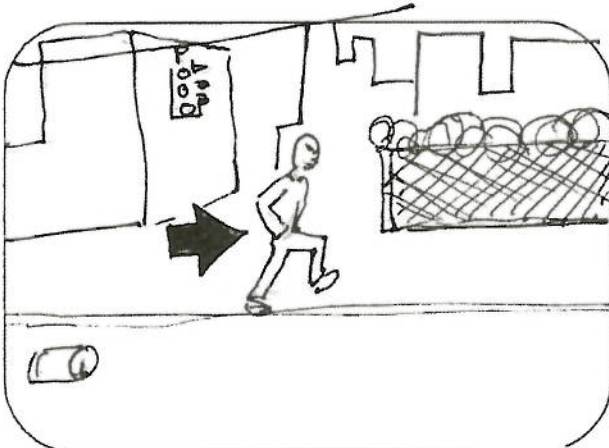
### HEAD-ON SHOT

A shot where the action comes directly at the camera.



### HIGH ANGLE SHOT

A shot filmed from high above the subject(s).



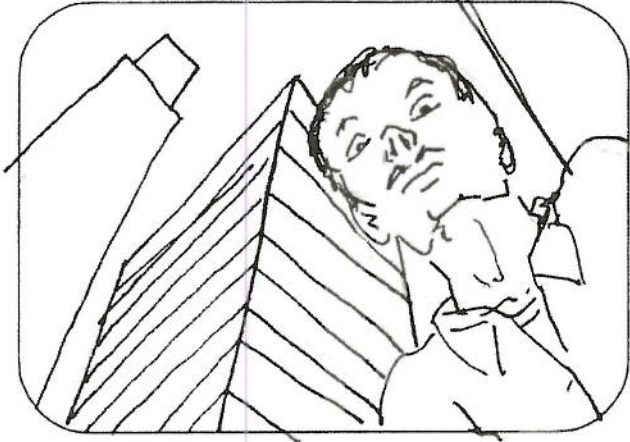
### LONG SHOT (LS)

A shot in which the subject(s) is at a distance, often showing surroundings.



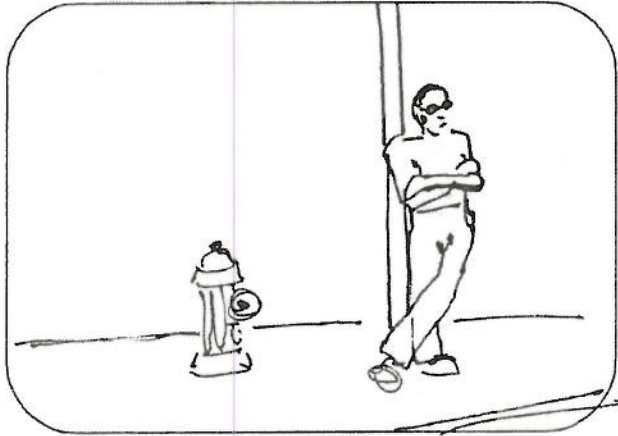
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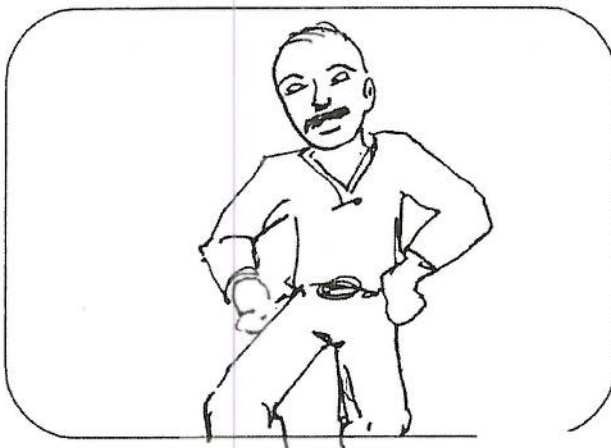
**LOW-ANGLE SHOT**

A shot filmed down low,  
often looking up at  
the subject(s).



**MEDIUM-LONG SHOT (MLS)**

A shot wider than a  
medium shot but longer  
than a wide shot.



**MEDIUM SHOT (MS)**

A shot where the  
subject(s) is shown from  
the knees up.

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**POINT-OF-VIEW SHOT (P.O.V.)**

A shot from the character's point of view.



**REACTION SHOT**

A close shot of a character reacting to something off camera.



**REVERSE-ANGLE SHOT**

A shot that is the opposite of the preceding shot such as two characters in conversation.

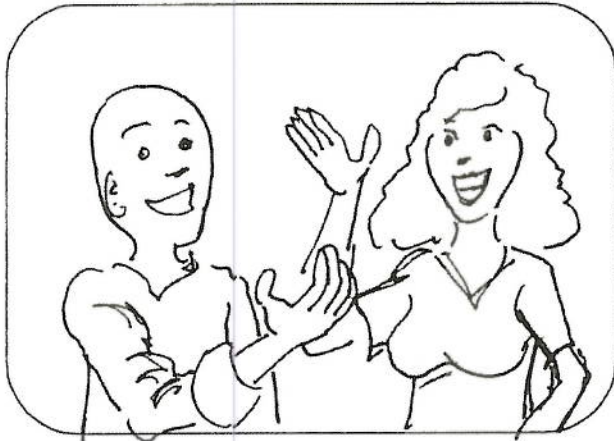
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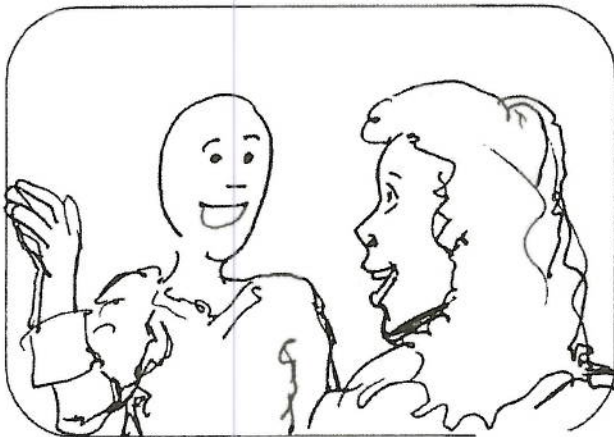
**TIGHT SHOT**

A shot where the subject fills the whole frame.



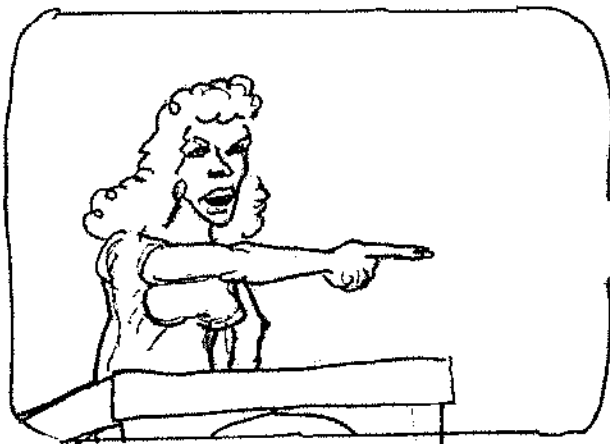
**TWO-SHOT**

A medium or close shot wide enough for two people, often used to film a conversation.

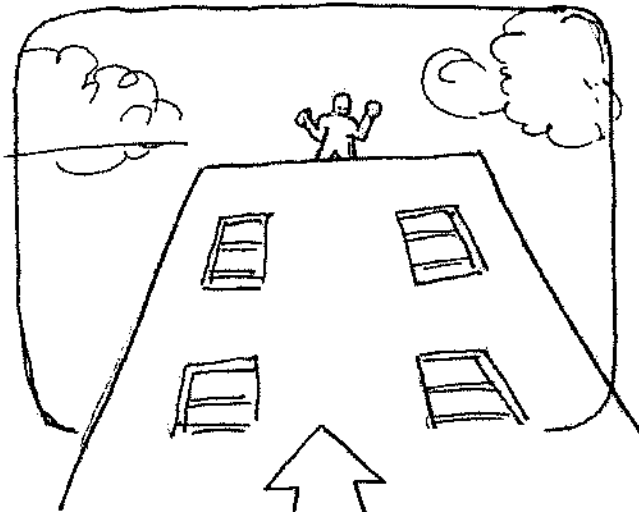


**OVER-THE-SHOULDER (OTS)**

A shot that shows us a character's point of view, but includes part of that character's shoulder or side of their head in the shot.



PAN SHOT A shot in which the camera moves horizontally around a fixed axis from one part of a scene to another.



TILT SHOT

A shot where the camera moves up or down along a vertical axis, as when it looks at a building from bottom to top.

