

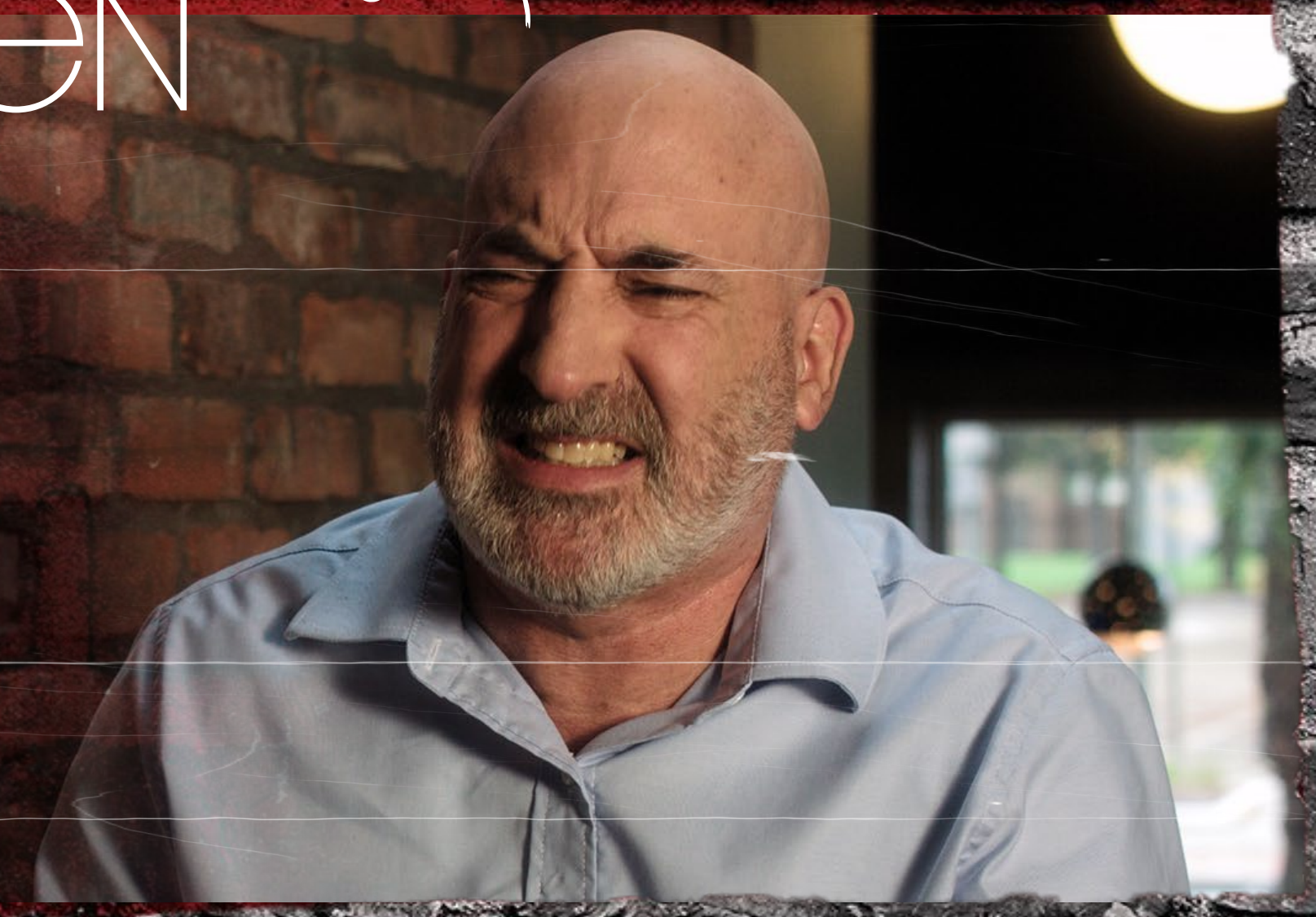


a new comedy series

NEAL & JON

MAKE THINGS HAPPEN

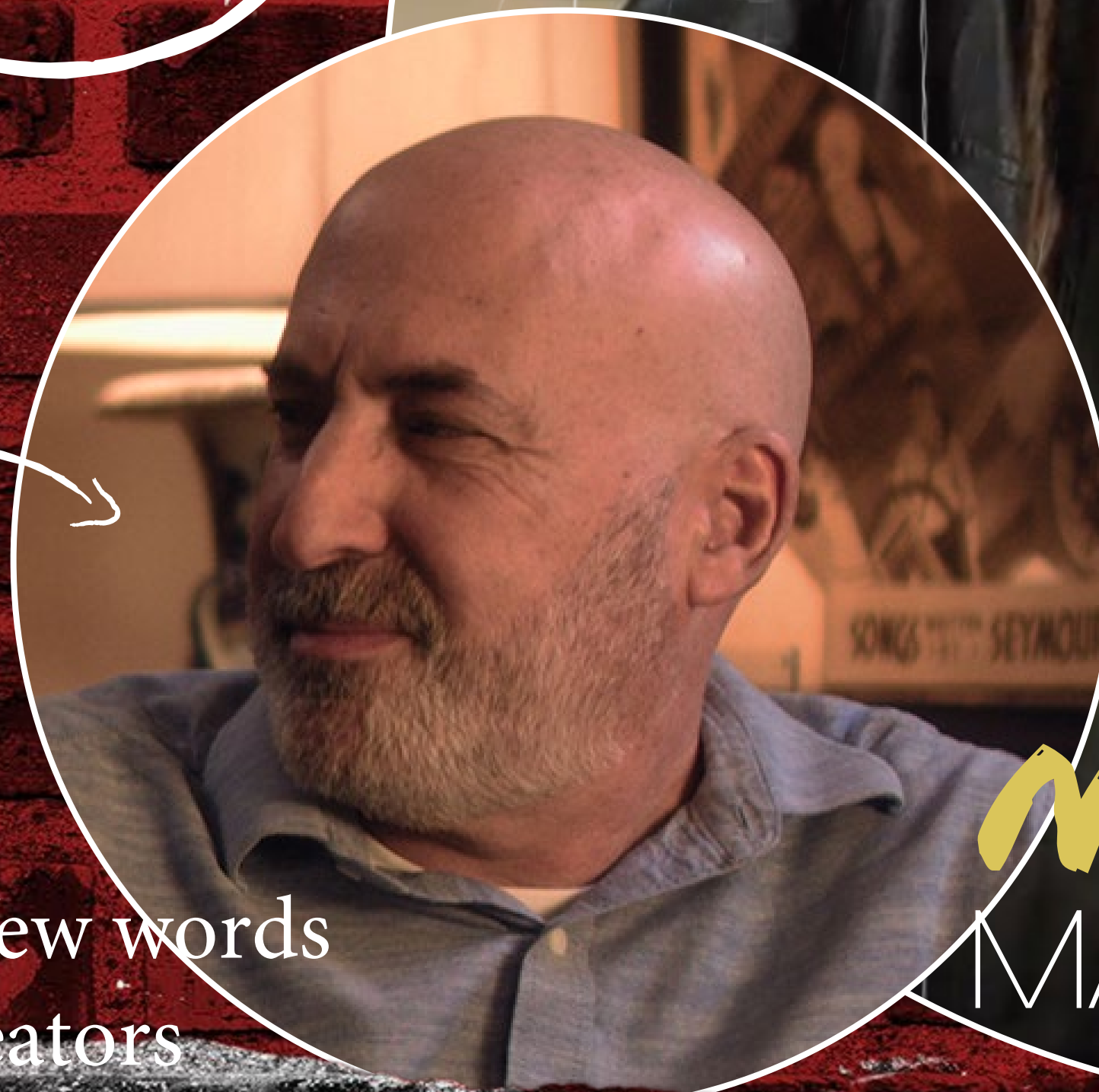
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LOGLINE

IN ORDER TO SURVIVE A
DEBT OWED TO THE MOB,
A WHISKEY DRINKING
HARD PARTYING TATTOO
COVERED VINTAGE
JEWELRY STORE
OWNER MUST TRICK
HIS STRAIGHT-LACED
LIFELONG FRIEND INTO
A CAREER CHANGE AND
BECOME HITMEN TO GET
BACK TO EVEN.

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SERIES SYNOPSIS

Neal and Jon are lifelong friends. Neal is a whiskey drinking, hard partying, motorcycle riding vintage jewelry store owner with a gambling problem. Jon is a smart, calm and dependable CPA. Neal's gambling is out of control. He would pay off his debts with the jewelry in his store except half of the items are fake and he owes money all over town. Jon is recently divorced. He's been bored by his job since 1996. Both friends need a change.

The local Italian mob gives Neal an ultimatum. Pay in full or perform a hit for them. Neal feels he has no choice and knows he can't pull it off successfully on his own so he tricks his close friend Jon into helping. What starts off as a joke to Jon soon becomes a mistake that spirals out of control as Neal and Jon sink deeper into the criminal underworld.

Neal and Jon will be forced to navigate a world filled with gangsters, FBI, crooked cops, concerned family and outraged friends. We'll see Neal and Jon at the mercy of the mob, start an all out gang war, betray each other and finally settle their differences and save their friendship. They have no idea what they're doing but they're going to do it anyway.



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ABOUT THE SERIES

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is a series with heightened stakes and over-the-top storylines, but also one that appeals to the everyman. Most adults have wrestled with the feeling of being left behind, or that their life is stuck in a rut, unable to be corrected to a more exciting path. This series not only provides the catharsis for those that always wished they could try something new, but it's deeply cynical, yet comedic look at that process is one that is sure to resonate with audiences in unexpected ways.

In addition to the hilarious plot of Neal and Jon, the distinctive personas of the indelible titular characters are sure to keep audiences coming back for subsequent episodes. Darkly funny and heartwarming all at once, Neal and Jon Make Things Happen is a compelling new series that will appeal to multiple age groupings and disparate genre fans while telling a story they won't soon forget.

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MAIN CHARACTERS



NEAL (50's)

A whiskey drinking, hard partying, motorcycle riding wild man with long dreads and is covered in jewelry. Neal owns a vintage and antique jewelry store in a posh suburb of Detroit. Neal is divorced with a 15-year-old son. Neal's gambling problem sets the series in motion.



JON (50's)

A smart, calm and recently divorced CPA. Jon has been a CPA for over thirty years and is now just going through the motions at work. Jon has two children that are both engaged to be married, ages 25 and 28.



GARY (40's)

He is business partners with Joe (the target of the initial hit). Gary inherited the business from his father. Gary is not competent and the business is failing. Gary is lonely and desperate for friendship.

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MOKE CHARACTERS



→ **MR. LOUIE** [OLD]

He is the elderly patriarch of an Italian crime family. He is wheelchair bound and is grooming his daughter, Louie, to eventually take over control of the business. Louie is ruthless and wants to destroy the rival gang before he retires.



→ **TODD** [20's]

A young gay black man, has just graduated from college. He got a job as an intern working for Ms. Louie with the help of his mother. Organized crime does not suit him but he is trying his hardest to make it work.



→ **MS. LOUIE** [30's]

She is the adopted daughter of Mr. Louie. Ms. Louie is tough like her dad and feels she has to do more to prove herself since she is a black woman in an Italian man's world. Her secret goal is to change the organization and make it legitimate.



→ **LIAM** [40's]

He is the head of the Irish gang. Liam feels like he always has to prove himself to his own men.

A man with a beard and a dog on his t-shirt is talking on a phone. The background is a brick wall with red graffiti. The text 'NEAL & JON' and 'MAKE THINGS HAPPEN' is in the top right corner. The text 'PILOT SUMMARY' is in the bottom right corner, with a white arrow pointing to it from the left.

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Neal (50), a hard partying vintage jewelry store owner is beaten and then given an ultimatum by Sammy and Todd from the local Italian mob to perform a hit for them when Neal can't pay back his gambling debts. Neal tries to trick his lifelong CPA friend Jon (59) into helping with this scheme by claiming he just wants to try something new and hitmen is one of his stupid ideas.

A local Irish gang learns that their precious cache of jewels has been stolen and they interrogate their own men to find the culprits. Neal fools Jon into meeting with Gary (45), a businessman that wants his partner Joe (40) killed. Jon only commits to sitting through the meeting. During the discussion Joe interrupts and Gary introduces the target to his potential assassins. Jon is furious with Neal and so refuses to help further but Jon's daughter is threatened by mobsters and now feels he has no choice.

Neal hatches a plan to kill Joe which involves throwing a dead bird at his window. Neal and Jon sneak into Joe's backyard dressed in beekeeper suits but when the plan fails Neal decides to improvise. Joe catches the two arguing under the backyard deck. Neal draws his gun but doesn't shoot and Joe runs off into the woods. Neal chases with Jon reluctantly following.

PILOT
SUMMARY



EPISODES 2-5

EPISODE 2

Joe runs off into the woods, hits his head on a rock and dies. Louie orders Neal and Jon to deliver a package. They are followed by a rival gang and Jon runs over several gang members accidentally with their SUV while trying to escape.

EPISODE 3

Neal and Jon enlist the help of Gary to hide them. Police begin to investigate the crime scene but the crooked Chief of Police just wants it to go away.

EPISODE 4

The Cheboygan cops find it suspicious that the chief won't investigate so they get the FBI involved. The head of the Irish gang declares war on the Italian mob.

EPISODE 5

Flashback episode. 1985. Mr. Louie has decided to wrest control of the local mob from competing factions. He blows up a building that is the site of a meeting of all the local mob leaders which starts a fire in the apartment building next door. A black woman drops her baby into Mr. Louie's arms.

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EPISODES

6-8

EPISODE 6

Neal and Jon try to go back to living their normal lives but realize they are in too deep.

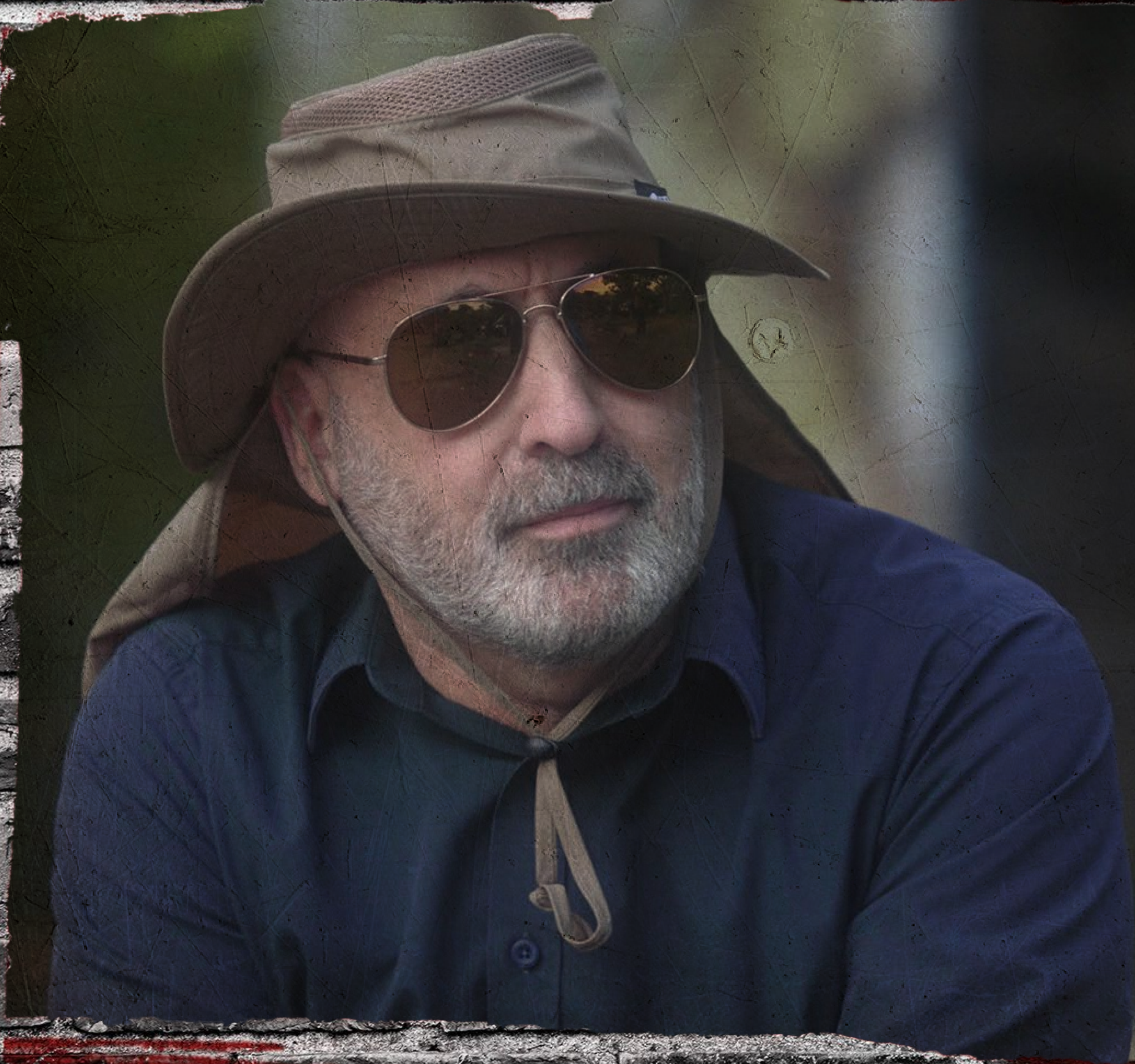
EPISODE 7

Neal, Jon and Gary are spotted by Irish gang members while driving and end up cornered in a park which ends with Jon shooting both gang members. Jon asks Gary to set up a meeting with the Louies.

EPISODE 8

Neal and Gary drive to a warehouse where the meeting will take place and sneak inside so they can watch from above. Younger Louie tells Jon it was Neal that pretended to be one of Louie's men and made the call to scare Jon's daughter. Jon points a gun at Neal.

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SEASON 2

Neal and Jon decide since they can't go back to their lives and they should take control so they start their own gang to go to war with the Irish and Italians.

EPISODE 3

Neal's older brother shows up after years out of the country wanting to be part of the gang. Gary betrays Neal who is then arrested and sent to prison. Neal's brother takes his place.

SEASON 4

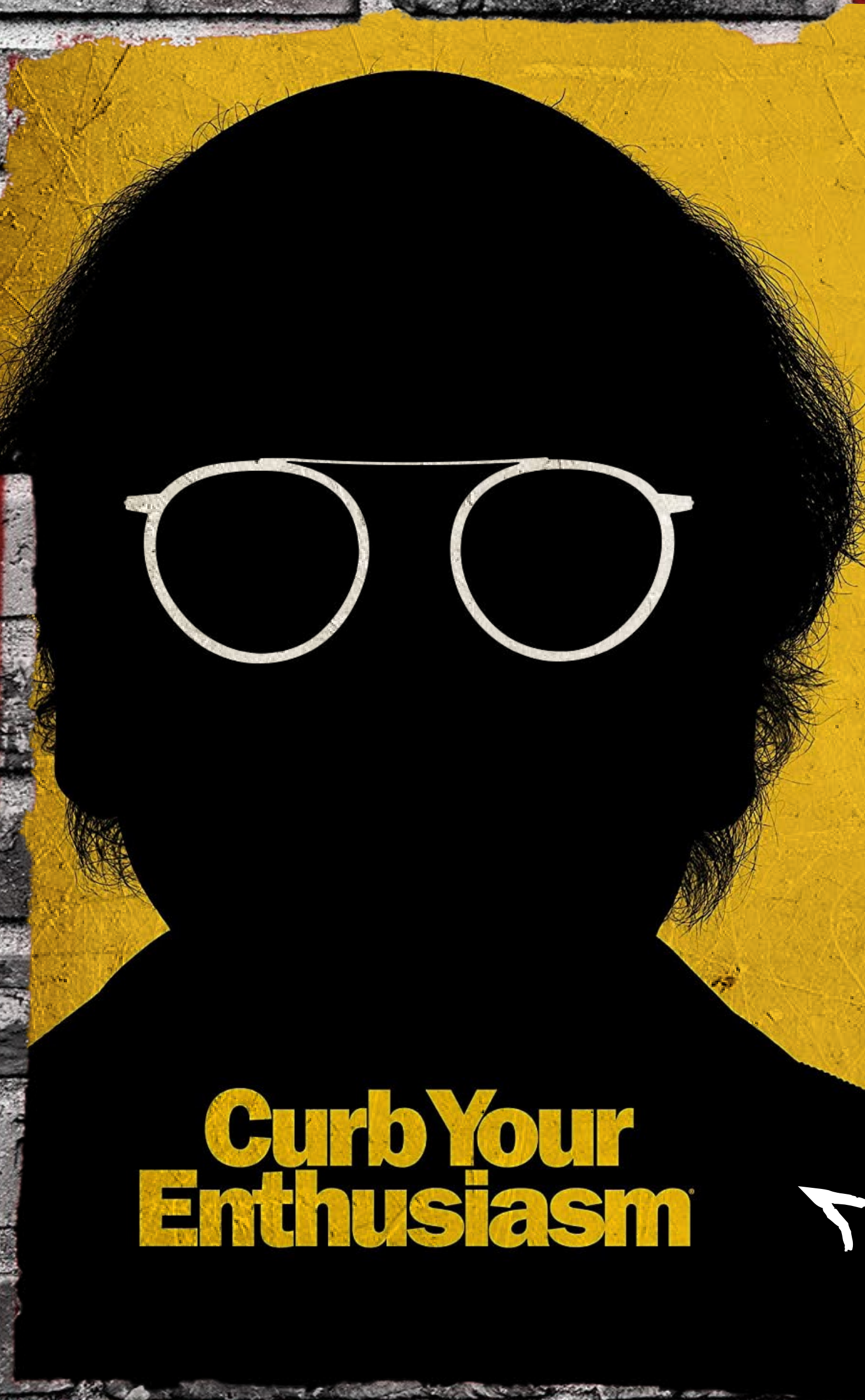
Jon is able to get Neal out of prison on a technicality. Neal and Jon have a falling out when Neal involves Jon's kids in the business. Neal is forced out and goes to work with the Irish.

EPISODE 5

Jon sets up both the Irish and Italians with the IRS. Neal steals the jewels back from the Louies for the Irish but then keeps the jewels. Neal and Jon make peace with each other and go back to their old lives. But then Neal has a new and dumber idea.

FUTURE
SEASONS

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After Life

better things



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