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ACT ONE

FADE IN:

1 EXT. NEWPORT HARBOR - FAMILY BOAT PARTY - AFTERNOON 1

We see a boat on the bay. A chyron reads "Orange County, California." Cut to close up of Michael Bluth, staring out over the bow of the ship.

RON (V.O.)
This is Michael Bluth. He's a good man.

Chyron reads "Michael Bluth, Manager of Sales for the Bluth Company."

RON (V.O.) (CONT'D)
For ten years he's worked for his father's company waiting to be made partner. And right now he's happy.

Cut to Lucille Bluth.

RON (V.O.) (CONT'D)
This is Michael's mother. She isn't happy.

LUCILLE
Look what they've done, Michael!

Freeze on Lucille. Chyron: "Mrs. Lucille Bluth. Socialite."

RON (V.O.)
Currently she's upset that her husband's retirement party is being upstaged by a group of gay protesters.

LUCILLE
Look what the homosexuals have done to me!

MICHAEL
You can't just comb that out and reset it?

Angle on: distant protest boat. A flag reads "Down with the Yacht Club." Another reads "Allow same sex marriage at sea!"

LUCILLE
Everything they do is so *dramatic* and *flamboyant*. It just makes me want to...set myself on fire!

(CONTINUED)

Michael's sister, Lindsay, has approached.

LINDSAY
Shame on you, Mom. Not all
homosexuals are flamboy-- (THEN, RE:
PROTESTER) Oh, my God, I have the
exact same blouse.

Freeze on Lindsay. Chyron: "Lindsay Bluth Fünke. Activist."

RON (V.O.)
This is Michael's twin sister,
Lindsay. The self-proclaimed liberal
member of the family. As a youthful
act of defiance Lindsay married this
man--

2 HEADSHOT

2

Of Tobias from newspaper. Chyron reads: "Dr. Tobias Fünke.
Not on boat."

RON (V.O.)
They moved to Boston where they've
become celebrated for their wine and
cheese fundraisers.

3 INT. LINDSAY'S BOSTON RESIDENCE - NIGHT

3

An elegant party at Lindsay's. A banner says "Stop the
Hunger." A waiter offers her an hors d'oeuvre.

LINDSAY
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4 EXT. FAMILY BOAT PARTY - DAY

4

Back on the boat, Michael approaches his brother Gob, as Gob
prepares an elaborate magic trick called "The Aztec Tomb."
He's surrounded by children.

MICHAEL
So, this is the magic trick, huh?

GOB
"Illusion," Michael. A "trick" is
something a whore does for money.

Gob sees the children.

GOB (CONT'D)
(CHEERFULLY) ...or candy!

(CONTINUED)

Freeze on Gob: "George Oscar Bluth II. 'Gob.' Magician."

RON (V.O.)

This is Michael's oldest brother, he goes by his initials; G-O-B, or Gob.

5 PHOTO

5

Of a very stern looking Gob.

RON (V.O.)

Gob recently started the "Alliance of Magicians." An organization that blackballs any performer who reveals a magician's secret.

We've pulled back to reveal that the stern looking Gob is surrounded by several other stern looking magicians and one stern looking clown. Gob is holding a sign that reads "We demand to be taken seriously."

RON (V.O.) (CONT'D)

And finally, there's Buster, the youngest of Michael's siblings.

6 EXT. FAMILY BOAT PARTY - DAY

6

Back on the boat as Buster greets Michael with a back rub.

BUSTER

Hey, brother.

MICHAEL

Buster. How are-- You can stop doing that. How are the Indian Studies?

Freeze frame on Buster. Chyron reads: "Byron 'Buster' Bluth. Graduate student."

RON (V.O.)

Thanks to the family's largesse Buster has studied everything from Native American tribal ceremonies...

7 EXT. DRUMMING CIRCLE - NIGHT

7

Buster in a drumming circle having trouble mastering the familiar "BUM bum-bum-bum BUM bum-bum-bum" rhythm.

RON

...to cartography: the mapping of uncharted territories.

8 EXT. FAMILY BOAT PARTY - DAY

8

BUSTER
...Actually I'm studying cartography
now; the mapping of uncharted
territories.

MICHAEL
But hasn't everything already sort
of been... discovered? By Magellan
and Cortez and those people?

BUSTER
No, those guys did a pretty good
job, but... You know...

LUCILLE
You still have to double check.

Buster pulls at his collar, starting to panic.

RON (V.O.)
He also suffers from crippling panic
attacks.

9 EXT. FAMILY BOAT PARTY - DAY

9

Later. Michael is surrounded by his family for a group photo.

RON (V.O.)
Yes, this is his family. So, why is
Michael so happy?

A flashbulb pops and we see the frozen tableau of the Bluths.

RON (V.O.) (CONT'D)
Because he's decided to never speak
to these people again.

10 INT. UNFINISHED ATTIC - DAY

10

Close on Michael on an inflatable bed. He's been awake and
thinking for some time. Chyron: "Earlier that morning."

MICHAEL
What comes before anything?

Cut to Michael's son, George-Michael (13) sleeping on another
inflatable bed. He opens his eyes.

MICHAEL (CONT'D)
What have we always said is the most
important thing?

(CONTINUED)

We reveal that the beds are head to head on the floor of an attic. Wood beams and exposed insulation surround them.

GEORGE-MICHAEL
(FINALLY) Breakfast.

MICHAEL
Family.

GEORGE-MICHAEL
Family, right. I thought you meant
"of the things you eat."

Freeze frame. Chyron reads; "George-Michael Bluth - frozen banana salesman/child."

RON (V.O.)
This is Michael's son, George-Michael.

MICHAEL
Well, we've made nothing but
sacrifices for this family, and
tonight it all pays off! Tonight
your granddad makes me a partner.

RON (V.O.)
One of those sacrifices was Michael's
decision to live here--

11 EXT. SUDDEN VALLEY - DAY

11

We see a sign that reads "Sudden Valley, A Bluth Co. Development."

RON (V.O.)
--in the latest of his father's
housing tracts.

We pull back to see that only one house has been built. A sign invites: "Have a look around!"

RON (V.O.) (CONT'D)
It should be noted that currently
construction has only been completed
on the model unit.

12 INT. MODEL HOME - ATTIC/STAIRWAY

12

Cut to the inside of the house as the guys begin their day. They straighten up the attic and enter into the beautifully appointed model home over the following.

(CONTINUED)

GEORGE-MICHAEL

You think he's going to announce it on the boat?

MICHAEL

Absolutely. It's his retirement party. Plus, he's been dropping a lot of hints.

GEORGE-MICHAEL

What kind of hints?

MICHAEL

Well, he's been calling me "pod'ner."

GEORGE-MICHAEL

That's *like* partner.

MICHAEL

And I don't think it's just because he's going through his "cowboy" phase.

13 INT. MODEL HOME - KITCHEN / DINING ROOM - DAY

13

The guys make breakfast, and move into the dining room over the following.

MICHAEL

And then we'll be... free, you know? I'll be my own boss. I'll be able to get you what you deserve; a real home...

GEORGE-MICHAEL

This is a real home.

Michael smiles, touched, then:

MICHAEL

No, it's not. It's a fake home.

Michael removes two small boxes of cereal from within the large plastic turkey on the dining room table and tosses one to his son.

14 INT. FOYER - CONTINUOUS.

14

The guys stretch out and get their bikes (leaning against the wall) over the following. Perhaps they remove bike helmets from within a large fake palm tree.

(CONTINUED)

GEORGE-MICHAEL

But it's a hell of a lot better than living like my Aunt and Uncles whose eyes have never stung from the sweet sweat of a hard day's work.

MICHAEL

Whoa, whoa... Where'd you get that?

GEORGE-MICHAEL

From you. You say it every couple of years when they come out to visit.

MICHAEL

Well, maybe you're right--maybe they have been spoiled. But you'll find you have more dignity when you learn the simple rule that--

A couple enters through the front door.

MICHAEL (CONT'D)

--These closets are enormous!

GEORGE-MICHAEL

Can we buy it, Dad? Can we buy the house?

MICHAEL

Well, we better hurry, these things are going to get snapped right up.

RON (V.O.)

The guys then headed down to Balboa Island.

14A EXT. ESTABLISHING SHOTS OF BALBOA ISLAND.

14A

We see footage (old or new) of Balboa Island and the fun zone, perhaps mixed in with old postcards, etc.

RON (V.O.)

It was here in 1953 that George Sr. started a business selling a novelty food item called "the frozen banana."

15 INT. INDUSTRIAL KITCHEN

15

Archival footage of a banana being dipped in chocolate, rolled in nuts and locked into a deep freeze.

(CONTINUED)

RON (V.O.)
Business boomed and George Sr.
parlayed his success into a huge
real estate empire.

15A PHOTO

15A

A photo of George and Lucille surveying a model of the Orange
County hillsides covered with homes.

RON (V.O.)
Like his father before him, Michael
had gotten his son a job there to
bolster the boy's self-esteem.

16 EXT. BANANA BLUTH STAND - DAY

16

Cut to George-Michael standing in a ridiculous banana-shaped
kiosk. He notices something in the distance.

GEORGE-MICHAEL
Uncle Gob?

Angle on: Gob approaching on a 'Segway Human Transporter.'
He rocks back and forth by the stand.

GOB
Give me a dollar. No-- the twenty.
This is going to blow your mind.

Gob grabs a twenty and covers it with his coat.

GOB (CONT'D)
Some say wealth is an illusion.
Let's just watch and see. For one
moment it's here--and in the next--

Gob removes the coat revealing the game Monopoly.

GOB (CONT'D)
--Monopoly! You don't have it do
you?

GEORGE-MICHAEL
I think I might.

GOB
That's good cause a lot of the pieces
are missing. Aw, to play the game
Monopoly with my family again. I'd
give anything to be eight.

GEORGE-MICHAEL
I'm thirteen.

(CONTINUED)

GOB

Naw, I wasn't so crazy about thirteen.
The acne, the erections. The self-
consciousness.

George-Michael looks away, self-conscious.

GOB (CONT'D)

You okay?

GEORGE-MICHAEL

Yup.

Gob notices Michael talking to the ship's captain. He starts over to him.

GOB

Hey, there's your dad.

GEORGE-MICHAEL

Um, Uncle Gob. Where's the twenty?

GOB

Hey. A magician never reveals his secret.
That's what I started the whole Alliance
for.

GEORGE-MICHAEL

That's fine, I just need to know--

GOB

What you need to know... is that
it's *magic!*

Gob rides off on his Segway.

GEORGE-MICHAEL

Wow. It's so much like stealing.

17 EXT. PIER - CONTINUOUS

17

Angle on Michael who is finishing up with the ship's captain.

MICHAEL

...and my dad might want to make an
announcement, sort of a passing of
the torch situation, so if you've
got a cordless mic, or... even a
torch now that I think about it.

Gob has approached on his Segway.

MICHAEL (CONT'D)

Gob. Long time.

Gob nods towards the captain.

(CONTINUED)

MICHAEL (CONT'D)

Oh, um... Captain, this is my brother
Gob.

CAPTAIN

How are you?

GOB

Incredible. I'm having an incredible
year.

Gob high fives the reluctant captain, who exits.

MICHAEL

So you brought the check for your
share of the party?

GOB

You know, I sort of thought my
contribution could be a magic show!

MICHAEL

(EXCITED) A magic show! That's
perfect! Oh, wait, I just remembered,
Dad's retiring not turning six.

GOB

Hey, I just bought a new illusion
called *The Aztec Tomb*. It cost like
eighteen grand. Can't you just charge
the party to the company?

MICHAEL

It's not a business expense.

GOB

So what? Lindsay's been staying at
the Four Seas for a month I'm sure
she's charging the company.

MICHAEL

Lindsay's been in town for a month?!

GOB

I don't think so.

SMASH CUT TO:

18

INT. GEORGE AND LUCILLE'S BALBOA ISLAND YACHT CLUB PENTHOUSE -
DAY

18

Michael is there with Lucille, who examines a fox fur.

(CONTINUED)

MICHAEL

Give me your company checkbook.
You're cut off.

LUCILLE

Well, someone cut the foot off my
fox. (MODELS IT) Is it obvious?

MICHAEL

Well, you've got to remember you're
going to be splattered in red paint,
so that'll "distract the eye."
Getting back to the reason I kicked
your door in earlier; I don't want
you charging any more of your personal
expenses to the company.

LUCILLE

Well, I had to pay for the Aztec
Tomb. Gob says it's a career maker.

MICHAEL

The company paid for the Aztec Tomb?
I was talking about Lindsay. You're
putting up Lindsay at the Four Seas
Hotel and on top of it you don't
even tell me she's in town.

LUCILLE

(SNAPPING) If you're saying I play
favorites, you're wrong. I love all
my children equally!

19 INT. GEORGE AND LUCILLE'S BALBOA ISLAND YACHT CLUB PENTHOUSE -
DAY 19

Flashback to Lucille and Buster playing the game Uno at the
table in her apartment. Chyron reads: "Earlier that year."

LUCILLE

I don't care for Gob.

Back to present.

20 INT. GEORGE AND LUCILLE'S BALBOA ISLAND YACHT CLUB PENTHOUSE -
DAY 20

Michael and Lucille are as before.

MICHAEL

Mom, this is unacceptable.

(CONTINUED)

LUCILLE

Oh, I dipped into the kitty a couple of times. You should be focused on tonight. Dad's making a big announcement.

MICHAEL

I knew it. It's about me, right?

Lucille attempts a tight-lipped coy smile, but it's a little eerie, twisted, maybe even a little flirty.

MICHAEL (CONT'D)

I wonder how I can talk you out of ever making that face again.

Tobias Fünke enters.

TOBIAS

Michael! How are you?

MICHAEL

I'm good, Tobias. How's the job search coming along?

TOBIAS

Well, I'm hoping the universe will provide a path for me.

21 INSERT - A NEWSPAPER PHOTO

21

Of Tobias (from scene 2)

RON (V.O.)

Tobias recently lost his medical license for administering CPR to a person who, as it turned out, was not having a heart attack.

Widen to reveal the picture next to it. Paramedics surrounding a man lying on a beach. Headline reads: "Sleeping tourist has sternum broken." Back to present.

22 INT. GEORGE AND LUCILLE'S BALBOA ISLAND YACHT CLUB PENTHOUSE - DAY

22

MICHAEL

Well, who knows, maybe you'll be inspired by the boat party and start a career as a pirate.

TOBIAS

I haven't packed for that.

(CONTINUED)

Lindsay enters.

LINDSAY
Michael.

MICHAEL
Lindsay. How was your flight?

LINDSAY
Great. We just got in--

LUCILLE
He knows.

LINDSAY
--a month ago. I'm sorry. I've
been meaning to call you. I really
have. I just... I needed to
decompress a little. I've been so
busy. We just had an amazing
fundraiser for HOOP.

MICHAEL
Hoop?

LINDSAY
My anti-circumcision movement.

23 INT. LINDSAY'S BOSTON RESIDENCE - NIGHT 23

Quick shot of an elegant party at Lindsay's. A banner reads:
"Hands Off Our Penises." Back to present.

24 INT. GEORGE AND LUCILLE'S BALBOA ISLAND YACHT CLUB PENTHOUSE -
DAY 24

LINDSAY
Believe it or not, we brought in
over forty thousand dollars.

MICHAEL
Wow, it sounds like you've saved
enough skin to make ten new boys.

TOBIAS
Of course, most of that money came
from the Bluth Company, I mean, what
a generous--

Lindsay and Lucille frantically shake their heads.

TOBIAS (CONT'D)
How are you?

(CONTINUED)

MICHAEL

Okay, you know what? You've all been helping yourself to the company coffers for years, but starting tomorrow there's going to be a new boss in town...

We hear a low ominous drum beating. It grows louder over the following.

MICHAEL (CONT'D)

...And all of you are just going to have to learn to fend for yourselves. All of you are going to finally feel the sweet sting of sweat in your eyes as-- (TO BUSTER) --you can't do that on the balcony?

Reveal that Buster is sitting at his Indian Drum reading sheet music five feet behind Michael.

BUSTER

Mom says it's too windy.

Lucille returns to examining her fox.

LUCILLE

(TO HERSELF) Who could have done this?

25 EXT. BANANA BLUTH STAND - CONTINUOUS

25

We see Maeby stick her grandmother's fox foot onto a stick. Pull back as she approaches George-Michael behind the counter.

RON (V.O.)

At that moment Michael's son had a visit from a cousin whom he hadn't seen in years.

MAEBY

Um, yeah, I bought a frozen banana and when I bit into it, I found this.

She holds up the missing foot from Lucille's fox stole.

GEORGE-MICHAEL

It looks like a foot.

MAEBY

It tasted like a foot. Which I didn't really mind, but I'm pretty sure I said "no nuts."

(CONTINUED)

GEORGE-MICHAEL
You're my cousin, aren't you?

MAEBY
Maebby.

Freeze on Maebby: Chyron reads; "Mae 'Maebby' Fünke."

RON (V.O.)
This is Lindsay and Tobias' daughter
Maebby.

25A INT. LINDSAY'S BOSTON RESIDENCE

25A

Cut to months earlier. Lindsay is flipping through a "Rolling Stone"-like magazine.

RON (V.O.)
Perhaps because of her mother's
permissiveness, Maebby has always
found unique ways to rebel.

LINDSAY
Honey, this is a cute tattoo for
you.

Maebby enters in a ball gown wearing glamorous make-up.

MAEBY
I want to enter beauty pageants.

Lindsay gasps. Back to present.

25B EXT. BANANA BLUTH STAND - CONTINUOUS WITH 25

25B

MAEBY
You really didn't recognize me?

GEORGE-MICHAEL
Well, we never see you. We never
see anybody in our family.

MAEBY
I know. It's our parents' fault.
We should teach them a lesson.

GEORGE-MICHAEL
Yeah, ha! No, I don't think so.

MAEBY
You know what we should do? I should
go to my Mom tonight and be like "I
met the cutest guy." And then she'll
see you and I totally making out.

(CONTINUED)

GEORGE-MICHAEL

Yeah, ha! But, not really, right?

MAEBY

It's perfect. She'd freak out and I'd be like "Mom, if we saw each other more this wouldn't happen."

GEORGE-MICHAEL

But... We're cousins.

MAEBY

That's what makes it funny.

GEORGE-MICHAEL

But isn't it against the law?

MAEBY

I don't think so.

(CONTINUED)

GEORGE-MICHAEL

I know for certain that the yacht club would have a problem with it.

Maeby paws at George-Michael with the fox foot enticingly.

26 INT. FOUR SEAS HOTEL - LINDSAY'S ROOM - DAY 26

Tobias emerges from the bathroom in a robe and begins looking through luggage.

RON (V.O.)

Tobias, now believing the boat party to be pirate-themed, began searching through his wife's luggage for an outfit.

27 EXT. FOUR SEAS HOTEL - DAY 27

Tobias emerges in a brightly colored Versace blouse, tights, a scarf, etc. He's waved over to a flamboyantly dressed group of men boarding a van.

RON (V.O.)

Then, mistaking a group of garishly dressed men for pirates, Tobias boarded a van full of homosexuals.

28 EXT. PROTEST BOAT - LATER THAT AFTERNOON 28

Tobias is speaking to large man in a powdered wig.

RON (V.O.)

Soon, he was unwittingly part of a protest against the local yacht club.

TOBIAS

How are you?

RON (V.O.)

Meanwhile the Bluth boat party had begun.

29 EXT. BLUTH FAMILY BOAT PARTY - SIMULTANEOUS (FROM SCENE 1) 29

Lindsay is with Lucille in a moment from the start of the show. Lindsay looks at a distant boat.

LINDSAY

Oh, my God, I have the exact same blouse.

LUCILLE

I like it better on him.

29A INT. MIDDLE DECK - FAMILY BOAT PARTY - SAME

29A*

Angle on George-Michael with Maeby.

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MAEBY

*

I don't understand why you work every weekend. Aren't you, like, my age?

*

GEORGE MICHAEL

*

Well, it's important to be responsible. I think there aren't enough young people today who have a real work ethic.

*

MAEBY

*

(CONSIDERS, THEN) What do you mean?

*

GEORGE MICHAEL

*

(REALIZING) I don't know.

*

30 INT. MIDDLE DECK - FAMILY BOAT PARTY - DAY

30

RON (V.O.)
And George Sr. finally made his
retirement speech.

GEORGE SR.
Let's see some smiles people -- this
is a party, not a shareholders
meeting. So, I guess it's time for
me to be moseying on -- but even
though I won't be saddling up and
coming in every day, there's someone
else who's going to.

Michael hands George Sr. a cordless mic.

GEORGE SR. (CONT'D)
I give you the new Acting CEO of the
Bluth Company. My favorite Bluth.

Michael feigns modesty.

GEORGE SR. (CONT'D)
The smartest Bluth... And the sexiest
creature I've ever laid eyes on.

Michael's flattered, but a little concerned.

GEORGE SR. (CONT'D)
My lovely wife, Lucille.

Music plays and people applaud as Lucille basks. George Sr.
presents his wife with a large prop torch as Buster hands
her flowers. She's Miss America. Michael looks to his
father. "How could you do this?" Lindsay approaches.

GEORGE SR. (CONT'D)
I'm sorry. It's not the right time.

LINDSAY
Well, I'm not going to lie to you;
this is great news for HOOP.

Michael crosses off and Lindsay realizes she may have gone
too far, but can't bring herself to follow.

31 EXT. FAMILY BOAT PARTY - DAY

31

Angle on Michael at the edge of the ship staring off. He
starts to smile (this is the moment from the top of the show.)
George-Michael approaches him.

(CONTINUED)

GEORGE-MICHAEL

Dad... Are you okay?

MICHAEL

You know what? I'm great. We've waited long enough. We're moving on, you and I. Say your good-byes, son. This is the beginning of a new life for us.

GEORGE SR. (O.S.)

Okay, I want a picture of the new CEO with all my kids...

Michael crosses off as Maeby approaches George-Michael.

GEORGE-MICHAEL

I guess we're going to see you guys even less now.

MAEBY

I told you we should have taught them a lesson.

Maeby looks up to see Lindsay approaching. She grabs George-Michael and kisses him. Lindsay doesn't notice and joins the family photo from the start of the show. We hear the rising noise of speedboats in the background.

GOB

Are those... police boats?

GEORGE SR.

No... that's the Securities and Exchange Commission.

LUCILLE

Oh my God!

LINDSAY

The SEC...

BUSTER

They have boats?

There are flashing lights and sirens now.

POLICE (V.O.)

Prepare to be boarded.

Angle on: George-Michael and Maeby. They break the embrace.

GEORGE-MICHAEL

I knew it was against the law!

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

32 EXT. FAMILY BOAT PARTY - DECK - CONTINUOUS 32

We're on the boat as before. George Sr. yells into a phone.

GEORGE SR.

Well, empty those accounts!

33 EXT. FAMILY BOAT PARTY - WHEEL HOUSE - DAY 33

Cut to: Lucille, and Lindsay racing to the wheel house. They push the captain out of the way as Buster enters.

LUCILLE

Lindsay, take the wheel. Buster, find us a channel to the ocean.

LINDSAY

Where am I going Buster?

BUSTER

Oh. Gee. See, I don't really have any of my mapping equipment with me.

LINDSAY

You've had eighty thousand dollars worth of cartography lessons. Get us into international waters!

BUSTER

Okay, let's see... Um... (HE LOOKS AT THE MAP) Okay if this blue area here is the land... that would make us... Oh, boy.

Buster begins going into a panic attack.

34 EXT. FAMILY BOAT PARTY - DECK - CONTINUOUS 34

Cut to: George Sr. yelling into the phone. Gob manhandles him toward the Aztec Tomb.

GOB

Get in the tomb! The Aztec tomb!

GEORGE SR.

What are you-- I don't have time for your tricks.

GOB

Illusions, Dad! You don't have time for my illusions! Just get in the box, I'll make you disappear!

(CONTINUED)

Angle on: Michael and George Michael as the sirens grow louder:

35 INT. LOCAL NEWS ANCHOR DESK - NIGHT

35

We see a series of upcut news stories.

RON (V.O.)

The Bluth family dominated the news that night.

John Beard sits behind an anchor desk in front of a graphic that reads: "Arrested Developer!"

JOHN BEARD

Southern California is the home of the high-speed freeway pursuit, but tonight's flee from justice was on the sea and slow as molasses. In the latest string of high profile CEO arrests, Bluth Development Company President George...

Footage of George Sr. being taken away on the police boat. Perhaps his hat blows off into the sea.

JOHN BEARD (CONT'D)

...Bluth was arrested tonight for defrauding investors and using the company as his personal piggy bank. By hiding debt and misrepresenting earnings, Bluth allegedly falsified his company's bottom line while reaping the rewards of its profits.

Jump cut to another story.

JOHN BEARD (CONT'D)

More intrigue on the high seas tonight as dozens of local pirates were arrested for protesting the Yacht Club's discriminatory policies. Shouting epithets from a makeshift pontoon boat, the protestors, made up of a local theater group, disrupted an otherwise peaceful night on the harbor.

Footage of Tobias and the protesters. They shout "We're here, we're queer, we want to get married on the ocean!" Tobias does a double take for the record books.

36 INT. POLICE DEPARTMENT - THAT NIGHT

36

The Bluth's, absent George Sr. and Michael, are watching a TV in the corner.

TRISHA (ON T.V.)

Mr. Bluth's son Gob (HARD "G") hid his father here. By pushing with his heels, Mr. Bluth was able to slide from behind this panel and...

GOB

I have to think the alliance is going to frown on this.

(CONTINUED)

TRISHA (ON T.V.)
...Perhaps a good trick for a human,
but the dogs found him almost
instantly.

Tobias enters from the holding area.

TOBIAS
I'm all right.

LINDSAY
(COULDN'T CARE LESS) Thank God.

Tobias hugs Lindsay and George-Michael, and attempts to bring Maeby into the hug. She's out of his reach so he brings Gob into the embrace. Buster gives him a back rub.

TOBIAS
What an adven-- (TO BUSTER) You don't
have to do that. (THEN) What an
adventure! I thought the homosexuals
were pirates. Turns out a lot of
them were actors from a local theater.
But it was amazing. I mean, here
I've been waiting for the universe
to provide me with a path, and I
think it did. I want to be an *actor!*

LINDSAY
And so another wonderful journey
begins.

Michael enters, they all rush to him.

MICHAEL
So they're keeping Dad in jail. At
least until this all gets sorted
out. (BEAT) Also the attorney said
they're putting a halt to the
company's expense account.

This gets gasps.

MICHAEL (CONT'D)
Funny, I kind of expected that after
"they're keeping Dad in jail." So
the first thing I need to do is to
have you cut up your company credit
cards.

BUSTER
But the miles...

(CONTINUED)

LINDSAY

You know, Michael, Dad did name Mom as his successor.

LUCILLE

And I'm putting Buster in charge.

MICHAEL

Buster? The guy who didn't know the blue of a map is water?

LUCILLE

He's had business classes.

BUSTER

Well, 18th century agrarian business, but it's all the same principles. Let me ask you, are you at all concerned about an uprising?

MICHAEL

All right, you know what? I'm done. I'm tired of the greed and the selfishness and taking. I've got a son to think about. So, you're on your own. And Lindsay, I just want to say that I expect it from them, they're completely oblivious. But you -- you should know better.

Michael exits with George-Michael in tow.

BUSTER/TOBIAS/GOB

Ew. / Sorry about that. / Low blow.

They continue to console Lindsay, oblivious.

RON (V.O.)

In the days that followed the Bluth's assets were officially frozen.

37 INT. INDUSTRIAL KITCHEN

37

Archival footage of bananas shut into a deep freeze.

RON (V.O.)

Michael was able to secure a job with a rival housing company almost immediately.

37A INT. BOARDROOM AT SITWELL HOUSING - DAY

37A

Michael is at a job interview with two men, Enrique and Scott.

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ENRIQUE

...plus there are perks. We'll set you up in Arizona in one of our finest estates.

MICHAEL

(DRIVING A HARD BARGAIN) Attic or main house?

Enrique and Scott laugh, then notice Michael's demeanor.

ENRIQUE

Wait... are you kidding?

MICHAEL

(A MOMENT, THEN) Yes.

38 INT. HOTEL STAIRWAY

38

RON (V.O.)

Lindsay had no choice but to check her family out of the hotel earlier than planned.

We follow Lindsay, Tobias and Maeby as they race through the back stairways of the hotel. Tobias and Maeby wear as many layers of clothes as possible and Lindsay is covered with shoes. They hit the emergency exit of a back stairwell and run like fugitives as she barks; "go, run, dig, move" etc.

RON (V.O.) (CONT'D)

And her husband started looking for work.

39 INT. AUDITORIUM - DAY

39

Tobias addresses an O.S. audience in a large auditorium.

TOBIAS

My name is Dr. Tobias Fünke. I was chief resident of psychiatry at Mass General for two years, I did my fellowship in the MIT department of psycholinguistics, and this is "I'm A Bad Bad Man" from "Annie Get Your Gun."

We reveal a piano player who begins a bouncy number, and watch as Tobias gets into the beat, bending at the knees but mercifully cut to:

RON (V.O.)

Lucille was finding it difficult to go about her daily life.

40 OMITTED 40

41 EXT. BALBOA ISLAND YACHT CLUB - DAY 41

A team of reporters accosts Lucille as she enters.

LUCILLE

The SEC is making him out to be some kind of mastermind... Which believe me, he's not. The man could barely work our shredder.

A hubbub ensues.

42 INT. GEORGE SR.'S OFFICE - DAY 42

RON (V.O.)

And Buster was discovering his academic pursuits didn't fully prepare him for his new responsibilities.

Buster is at his father's enormous desk breathing hard.

EXECUTIVE

Quick question; have you looked at the latest figures on the Sudden Valley expansion, vis a vis the costs of discontinuing development, versus the tax hit for non-recoupable...

But Buster has slipped under his desk in hypoxic shock.

43 INT. GEORGE SR.'S OFFICE - LATER 43

Buster is on the floor with a paramedic now surrounded by Lindsay, Tobias, Gob, and Lucille. They look at each other, realizing they're truly screwed. Finally.

LUCILLE

We need Michael.

BUSTER

(BEHIND THE OXYGEN MASK) He might be helpful.

LINDSAY

So what do we do?

TOBIAS

(LOOKING UP FROM A BACKSTAGE MAGAZINE) Maybe...an intervention.

44 INT. PENTHOUSE - A LITTLE LATER

44

Michael, Lindsay, Tobias, Buster, Gob and Lucille sit across from each other.

GOB

(GENIAL) Okay, so what we'd like to do is go around the room and everyone just talk a little about Michael; what we don't like about him, or how he annoys us, or maybe just something he does that rubs us the wrong way.

TOBIAS

And don't hold back; there's no right or wrong answer here.

MICHAEL

Okay, wait... I'm sorry--what is this an intervention for?

LUCILLE

We need you to come back and run the business.

MICHAEL

So... technically it's not really an "intervention," is it? It's more like an "imposition," if you think about it.

LINDSAY

Well, whatever you want to call it...

MICHAEL

I want to call it an "imposition."

GOB

We're in trouble. And I can't perform my magic. I'm even getting blackballed from the smaller venues.

44A INT. SUBURBAN HOUSE - DAY

44A

A house is decorated for a child's birthday party. Gob is being addressed by the child's father.

MAN

Well, it's come down to the two of you, and... I'll be honest, I'm more comfortable going with the alliance approved magician.

(CONTINUED)

We reveal that Gob is sitting next to another magician, this one barely fourteen years old.

GOB
Give 'em a hell of a show, champ.

TEEN MAGICIAN
F**k off, traitor.

44B INT. PENTHOUSE - CONTINUOUS WITH 46.

44B

MICHAEL
And I thought Buster had everything under control. (TO BUSTER) I thought you've been going in to the office.

BUSTER
Oh, and I've enjoyed that. But it's just... I'm constantly being called to the phone, or asked a question, or being resuscitated and it's just hard to get a good "work flow" going.

Angle on George-Michael and Maeby watching from the stairs.

MAEBY
I can't believe they're still fighting.

GEORGE-MICHAEL
I know. I'm tempted to kiss again, so we could teach them a lesson.

MAEBY
Well, why would that teach them a--

GEORGE-MICHAEL
No, I mean, to freak them out.

MAEBY
Well, but that doesn't make sen-

GEORGE-MICHAEL
(A LITTLE DESPERATE) Isn't that what makes it funny?

Back to the adults.

MICHAEL
Look, I'm sorry. I really am. But it's too late. I'm moving to Arizona. I got a job.

(MORE)

(CONTINUED)

MICHAEL (CONT'D)

(NO REACTION) It's a thing you apply for, they pay you to do it-- no, I don't want to ruin the surprise. So no hard feelings... Adios, sayonara.. I'll see you when the first parent dies.

LUCILLE

Well, I'd rather be dead in California than alive in Arizona.

Everyone but Michael cracks up.

LINDSAY

I think Dad would want you to help out, here.

MICHAEL

Hey, Dad's in prison.

Tobias offers up a small gasp.

MICHAEL (CONT'D)

Nice try, Tobias.

LINDSAY

Well, the least you could do is say goodbye to him.

45 INT. PRISON MEETING ROOM - DAY

45

George Sr. in an orange jumpsuit waits by a bench. Michael approaches and they sit down.

RON (V.O.)

In fact, Michael hadn't spoken to his father since the arrest and he decided to give his father the courtesy of a formal resignation.

MICHAEL

I quit.

GEORGE SR.

Probably a good career move.

RON (V.O.)

This was the nicest thing George Sr. had ever said to his son and it brought up some emotional issues.

Jump cut to:

(CONTINUED)

MICHAEL

(WITH INTENSITY) Why didn't you
move me up, Dad?! I was so loyal!
I worked so hard. Why didn't you
put me in charge?

GEORGE SR.

Michael, these guys, the SEC, they've
been chasing me for years. If I'd
have put you in charge you'd be
wearing an orange jumpsuit too.

MICHAEL

But I could have helped, if you'd
have told me--

GEORGE SR.

You'd be an accomplice. No, it had
to be your mom; they can't arrest a
husband and wife for the same crime.

MICHAEL

I don't think that's true, Dad.

GEORGE SR.

Really? I've got the worst attorneys!

MICHAEL

So, what are you saying... you did
this for me?

GEORGE SR.

What have we always said comes before
anything? Family first. You do
right by your son.

MICHAEL

Well, that's why I'm taking my son
to Arizona.

GEORGE SR.

Atta' boy, pod'ner.

Michael gets up to go, then:

MICHAEL

You might want to dial down the cowboy
act while you're in there.

GEORGE SR.

That crossed my mind.

46 INT. MODEL HOME - A LITTLE LATER - DAY

46

Lindsay enters.

(CONTINUED)

RON (V.O.)

With Michael leaving town Lindsay decided to take inventory of the family's last remaining asset, their model home.

Lindsay checks out the big screen TV only to find out it's just a shell. She takes the little TV from behind it.

47 INT. ATTIC - MOMENTS LATER - DAY

47

George-Michael is packing up his stuff when Lindsay throws the door open. They both jump.

LINDSAY

What are you doing?

GEORGE-MICHAEL

Packing up. What are you doing?

LINDSAY

Saying goodbye to you. Don't forget your TV.

She hands George-Michael the portable TV.

GEORGE-MICHAEL

I'm going to miss you guys.

LINDSAY

Well... we'll come out and see you in... We'll miss you, too.

GEORGE-MICHAEL

It's been nice having you guys around. You know? To talk to. Since Mom died...

He starts a thought, then thinks better of it. Finally.

GEORGE-MICHAEL (CONT'D)

I wish we could all stay here.

Michael has appeared at the door.

MICHAEL

Hey. (RE: BOX) Why don't you take that down to the van.

GEORGE-MICHAEL

Yeah, okay.

George-Michael starts out, then grabs Lindsay and holds her tight for a moment. She's stunned. He exits.

(CONTINUED)

MICHAEL

Why wouldn't he tell me that?

LINDSAY

Probably doesn't want to disappoint you. I guess we all don't want to disappoint you.

MICHAEL

You're awfully good at it.

LINDSAY

No, it's true. Look at my life. We're in debt, Tobias is out of work-- I guess it's why I didn't call you. You're the one we've always looked up to. You're the one who's always taken care of us and -- we're in trouble now. All of us.

MICHAEL

How did we get so screwed up?

LINDSAY

I don't know.

MICHAEL

Mom.

LINDSAY

Probably Mom.

They laugh, then:

LINDSAY (CONT'D)

("I LOVE HER") I hate her.

MICHAEL

Look, I just want my son to be happy. I don't care about the other stuff, and-- I guess what I'm saying is--

A Japanese family, brochures in hand, enter the attic.

MICHAEL (CONT'D)

--This could be your sewing room!

LINDSAY

And that master bathroom... I think it's perfect for us.

MICHAEL

Oh, the kids are going to be thrilled.

They head out, nodding hello incoming family.

48 INT. MODEL HOME - A FEW DAYS LATER - DAY

48

All (except Lucille and George Sr.) are playing Monopoly as a family for the first time. They're having fun and laughing.

MICHAEL

...and Dad was always the banker so there was no way we could beat him.

LINDSAY

It's true. And even if we had the property...

BUSTER

...He'd kill us with the escrow costs and closing fees.

GEORGE-MICHAEL

He should have been stocking up on those "get out of jail free" cards.

GOB

Good one, George-Michael.

Gob high fives George-Michael. Tobias does the same.

TOBIAS

How are you?

GEORGE-MICHAEL

This is fun. I wish you guys didn't have to go so soon.

Lindsay and Michael share a look.

MICHAEL

Yeah, well... I've got some good news. These guys are going to be staying with us for a while.

GEORGE-MICHAEL

(EXCITED) Really?

MICHAEL

Yeah, what the hell. Family first. It's time to make this place a real home. (THEN) Of course it's going to be tight so you might have to share a room with your cousin.

On George-Michael's look of panic we;

(CONTINUED)

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT TWO

TAG

FADE IN:

49 INT. MODEL HOME

49

RON (V.O.)
On the next "Arrested Development..."

George-Michael in his bedroom listening to Maebby singing in the shower. He burns with lust.

50 INT. CARTIER - DAY

50

RON (V.O.)
Many find work for the first time.

Lindsay at Cartier. Her boss shows her a watch.

SALESWOMAN
...and it's the most expensive watch we have, so only let the customers who are serious try it on.

LINDSAY
It is a fun watch. (THEN) I'll take it.

51 INT. BOARDROOM AT SITWELL HOUSING - DAY

51

Gob addresses Enrique and Scott, the men from the Sitwell Housing company.

ENRIQUE
It was really your brother we were interested in. I mean, you don't have any references, or--

Gob produces a dove out of a flash of fire.

GOB
Is this enough of a reference for you?

ENRIQUE
(SMOKE CLEARS, THEN) Even a letter of recommendation--something like that...

RON (V.O.)
And Michael finds it difficult to get his father out of jail.

52 INT. PRISON MEETING ROOM - DAY

52

Michael and George Sr. (in orange jumpsuit) at the prison.

MICHAEL

You... love it here?

GEORGE SR.

I'm having the time of my life!

FADE OUT.