

NOTHING CO.  
INT. WAITING ROOM - DAY

CARLOS

"Would you like to get paid for doing nothing? This is your chance. What the hell is this about... is it a joke or what? Well, I don't care, I have nothing to lose. Three years unemployed, a thousand interviews and all I do is waste my time.

SECRETARY

Roberto Alamo Fernandez?  
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CARLOS

Excuse me, I've been waiting for more than 3 hours and...

SECRETARY

And who are you?

CARLOS

I am Carlos Garcia Vidal.

SECRETARY

Come in, we were waiting for you.

INT. OFFICE - DAY

CARLOS

Here's my resume.

HEAD OF NOTHING CO.

Just answer with a YES or a NO. Would you like to earn 2500 euros every month for doing nothing?

CARLOS

Yes.

HEAD OF NOTHING CO.

Congratulations. You got the job.

INT. INDUSTRIAL UNIT - DAY

HEAD OF NOTHING CO.

We will pay you 2500 euros every month, you will work 6 days per week, 10 hours per day, from 10 in the morning until 8 at night. Your work consists in coming here, sitting on that chair and doing nothing for 10 hours. You can't talk, sing, read, eat, sleep or get up from this chair for absolutely at all - not even to pee or shit. If you have any need you will have to do it over yourself and you will clean it once your day is over. If you don't stick to all these rules, we will fire you ipso facto. Be punctual and efficient. If you do your job efficiently and we are happy with you, you will get a pay rise of 30% per year. I guess you have some questions to ask me.

CARLOS

Yes, many.

HEAD OF NOTHING CO.

Well, don't. Here you have the keys - if you are good at your job we won't see each other ever again. You will get paid every month until you quit or you get fired for breaking the contract. You will start tomorrow.

INT. INDUSTRIAL UNIT - DAY

SECURITY GUARD

Here you are, you have to wear these overalls.

CARLOS

And who are you?

SECURITY GUARD

I'm Emilio, the security guard.

CARLOS

Security guard?

SECURITY GUARD

Yes, your watchman. The one who will get sure you get here on time, sit there and do nothing.

DAY 1

CARLOS

Well, I finally got a fucking job. 2500 euros for doing nothing. This will help me to clear all my debts. My wife couldn't believe it. The bad thing is that it takes so many hours, but I can't complain, seeing how things are today. And this poor guy looking at me all the time, what a shitty job. Fuck him, once in life I'm the lucky one.

DAY 2

CARLOS

This sucks, my ass hurts, this is harder than I expected... I really have to pee now and still 4 hours to go... Fuck, I have to pee and I am thirsty, I don't know if my thirst is greater than my need to pee or the other way round... And this guy looking at me all the time, what a bore. But I need the money, so I have to be patient... I'll get used to it soon.

ONE MONTH

CARLOS

Already earned my first pay, but this is fucking bullshit. I spend 60 hours a week sitting here, my back hurts, my ass hurts, I'm hungry but above all I'm thirsty. So thirsty. And I can't drink much before starting to work because I would pee myself. I can't hold it in and I end up peeing myself. It's lame, but at least I'm with Emilio, the security guard. We have become good friends, we spend a lot of time together. Look at his face, he can't sit, he can't do anything other than watching me. He ends up the day shagged out after so many hours standing up. And on top of that he's got a shitty salary. Emilio, how are

you today?

SECURITY GUARD

Terrible, man... can't stand it  
anymore.

INT. BATHROOMS - NIGHT

6 MONTHS

CARLOS

Best moment of the day is once we are  
done, we go to the bathroom to take a shit,  
piss, eat and drink. We pour out our  
woes and lick each other's wounds.  
We're good friends now, but he  
can't stand this anymore.

SECURITY GUARD

Seriously, Carlos, I'm fed up. I'm asking  
my company to transfer me somewhere  
else.

CARLOS

I understand, but it will  
hurt, losing you. Think about it.

SECURITY GUARD

But if I stay here you will lose me  
anyway... I'm dying, man. At least  
you are sitting, but me... I'm sick  
of watching you.

CARLOS

But I don't do anything, don't have  
any objective. At least you have a  
job.

SECURITY GUARD

Job? What job?

CARLOS

Watching me.

SECURITY GUARD

I'm sick and tired of looking at you.

CARLOS

I told you, you can look wherever you  
want at any time, you don't need to  
control me, I won't move.

SECURITY GUARD

I know, but... fuck, I like you, but after watching you all day you're even in my nightmares man. And we only have one free day per week, and working overtime is awfully paid. Hey, you never told me... how much do you earn?

CARLOS

I never told you?

SECURITY GUARD

No, you know my shitty pay but you... how much do you earn, man?

CARLOS

I told him how much I earned, and that every year I'd get a 30% rise... and he took it badly. He didn't get mad at me but it hurt him to know I was earning three times as much as him. We said goodbye like every day but that was the last day I saw my friend.

INT. INDUSTRIAL UNIT - DAY

CARLOS

Without Emilio this gets even more boring. I'm alone and lonely, my wife doesn't understand me. We barely see each other, or talk - I don't have anything to tell her. Funniest thing is that they didn't send any other security guard to watch me. I think there is a camera or something... I don't see anything, but I'm sure someone is watching... I can feel it.

CARLOS

I solved the pissing and shitting issue - now I wear diapers. After one year here I earn 3250 euros for doing nothing. I've earned almost 40.000 euros, my mortgage is almost paid but now my wife wants to buy a house, something simple but with a swimming pool. I don't want to, but she does. Let's see what happens.

CARLOS

Since Emilio left I haven't seen anyone else around here... well, sometimes I see some cockroach, watching them is fun. How gross did they seem some time ago. Lately I've been thinking up a theory - I think no one is watching me. I think I'm alone. What if I'm being stupid, sitting here all day? What if no one is watching and I can do whatever I want and still get paid? But I don't dare to try it and find out, I can't now... I just bought a new house with a pool, and a car. But that's not the best, the good news of the year is that my wife is pregnant! I seriously doubt that kid is mine, I don't think so, but well... I don't care, I just want to leave this job and sleep.

INT. BATHROOMS - NIGHT

CARLOS

It's my birthday today. I'm 46 already, and if I don't die before, I will retire in 20 years' time... 20 years. I can't keep going, for real... It's driving me crazy. I've told my wife I want to quit but she asks me to stay strong, to keep on earning money... but I can't handle this anymore, not doing anything in this life is killing me.

INT. INDUSTRIAL UNIT - DAY

CARLOS

I have a good piece of news and a bad piece of news. The good one is my wife has left me, at last. She is now with her personal trainer... honestly, that guy is hot, even I like him. The bad one is the baby was actually mine, so I have the complete pack: mortgage with swimming pool, ex-wife, baby, car and dog. Yes, that bitch bought a dog and now I have to take care of it because that damn kid is allergic. Well, I'm happy after all because I've come

to a conclusion: after two years here  
I'm 99% sure that no one is fucking  
watching me. They're laughing at  
me, I get paid for being a joke. Some  
rich motherfucker wants me to spend  
my whole fucking life doing nothing.  
2 years, 2 years sitting in this  
chair, and no one is watching. I've  
searched this place for months and  
there are no cameras, no  
microphones, nothing at all. This a  
joke, a well-paid macabre joke. I've  
spent 6.000 hours of my life sitting  
here alone, and that's why I'm going  
to get up now. I need the money but I  
have to take the risk, I have to be  
brave, if no one is watching the  
price will be really big, but if they  
are watching me after all... Ok, if I don't get up now  
I'll spend my whole life here so...  
come on, come on man!

INT. INDUSTRIAL UNIT - DAY

10 YEARS

CARLOS

Get up, get up, you know you want to  
get up... naninonaninoniii.

MEGAPHONE VOICE

Carlos Garcia Vidal, you are fired.