A Comic Script "Duel of the Skates" (Working Title)

Act One

Page One

This page depicts a view looking down at the ice skating rink overview with surrounding stores busy with shoppers. In the foreground we have a person with their back to us looking down. He's average build, slicked back hair with a trench coat and shades. Make him look kind of like Mcthistle or in a way tying him to the mob. The purpose here is to simply grab the audience and insert the question of who this person is looking down upon the ice skating rink and its patrons.

Side Note ** when it comes to the art for the different scenes, for a starting off point, I will leave the descriptions to general descriptions leaving the creative art to the artist.

Panel One

Mcthistle is shown struggling to carry some heavy boxes into his office. He is sweating and shaking the boxes. Everyone else around in the back ground, continue to be in their own little worlds without noticing or asking if he needs help.

- 1 Caption: Methistle mumbles to himself "Every single day I'm doing all the work and do I get any gratitude?
 - 2 Caption: Mcthistle continues mumbling "No sir, thank you very much"

Panel Two

Mcthistle drops the boxes and opens the door to his office. We see a dark figure inside sitting down at Mcthistles desk. Mcthistles face is shocked as he looks inside.

3 SFX: Big thud from boxes being dropped beside door.

4 SFX: Door creaks open

Panel Three

Inside office, man from first page is sitting in Mcthistle's desk chair looking up at him. He has a smug grin on his face and is smoking cigar. Mcthistle's side and back is to audience so as to be looking inside to get a clearer picture of the mysterious man.

5 Caption: Mysterious Man- "MAC, come in come in, its been forever pal, how the heck are ya?"

6 Caption: Mcthistle- "Giovanni? I thought you were dead."

Panel Four

Shot of Mchistle shutting door behind him inside office.

7 Caption: Mcthistle- "what are you doing here?!"

8 SFX: door creaks shut

Panel Five

Close-up is on Giovanni in chair. He is now leaning forward still with his lit cigar in his mouth. Methistle's back is to us.

9 Caption: Giovanni - "Ah you know me MAC... you can't get rid of me remember"

10 Caption: Giovanni - "I come to collect on a debt you owe me."

Panel Six

Close-up on Mcthistle's face. Beads of sweat are starting to come down the side of his face. A nervous but still deliberant Mcthistle stares towards Giovanni.

11 SFX: GASP!!

12 Caption: Mcthistle- "I don't know what you're talkin bout Gio. Whatever business we were in or things owed is squashed. It's in the past."

Panel Seven

Shot shows Giovanni get up from the chair to walk around towards Mcthistle. He gives off a laugh half-heartedly. Mcthistle is dead in his tracks still sweating.

13 SFX: chair squeaks as Giovanni gets up.

14 Caption: Giovanni- "Ah that's where you're wrong my friend. I haven't forgotten the last bank job we pulled. You don't remember... that's a shame, cause the way I remember it is I got caught and took the fall letting you get off scot free."

15 Caption: Methistle - "No, No, you think I got off.. I served my time too you kno...

Page Two

Panel One

Still in Mcthistle's office, Giovanni now stands behing Mcthistle with his hands on Mcthistles shoulders. Mcthistle is still sweating as he look over his side toward Giovanni.

- 1 Caption: Giovanni "Last I heard, the sent you away under the witness protection program all nice n comfy like. HA... yea u served alright.
- 2 Caption: Mcthistle "Seriously Gio, let's be civil here. Lets let the past go and start over. Okay whatever you say happened happened, like I said its in the past an don't matta.."

Panel Two

Giovanni turns towards the door. Puts his hand on the doorknob. He turns slightly towards still nervous sweating Mcthistle. Mcthistle is now facing towards Giovanni.

- 3 SFX: Doorknob squeaking as it rotates.
- 4 Caption: Giovanni "Look MAC, whats done is done and the debt shall be repaid. Now, what do you have that I want? Hmm...
 - 5 Caption: Mcthistle "NO!! You have no right!
 - 6 Caption: Giovanni "Don't speak to me about right you little son of a...

Panel Three

Giovanni opens the door to the office, looks out towards the ice rink. Mcthistle in the foreground with back towards audience is staring towards Giovanni and trying to keep his composure but still sweating.

- 7 Caption: Giovanni "Yes this will work out just well. This rink is mine now. Draft up the papers and bring the deed if you know whats good for ya..."
- 8 Caption: Mcthistle "There's gotta be another way. I got money, you can have it."

Panel Four

Giovanni turns towards Mcthistle and faces him in the open doorway. Mcthistle has back towards audience facing Giovanni.

9 Caption: Giovanni - "Ha... oh I think I'll have that too. face it MAC, the day of reckoning has come. Time to pay the piper."

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10 Thought Bubble: Mcthistle - This isn't over and I'm not gonna give this rink up without a fight.

Page Three

Panel One

A frustrated Mcthistle paces the floor inside his office. Jasmine comes up and stands in doorway. She glances and smiles towards the entrance of the rink as Giovanni exits.

- 1 Caption: Jasmine "Who is that?"
- 2 Caption: Mcthistle "Oh that arrogant prick that was just here? Just someone that has come to make my life a living He-
 - 3 SFX: Jasmine coughs
 - 4 Caption: Jasmine "So anyways, whats the deal?"

Panel Two

Close-up on Mcthistle leaning on his desk, patting the sweat from his face. Jasmine now is closer facing Mcthistle trying not to get too close.

- 5 Caption: Mcthistle "He's just someone from my past that thinks I screwed him over and now he has come to get payback. He wants control over the rink.
 - 6 SFX: GASP! From Jasmine
- 7 Caption: Jasmine "Is that such a bad thing? Maybe he has some good ideas for making the rink really profitable."

Panel Three

Mcthistle shakes head and turns to walk behind the desk. Jasmine still stands there innocently.

- 8 Caption: Mcthistle "Jasmine, Jasmine aren't you listening to what I just said? This guy from my past seeks to control this rink and let me tell you, I guarantee he doesn't have any plans on keeping the rink open."
- 9 Caption: Jasmine "Oh... I didn't know. Well there's gotta be some way to stop this from happening. I mean, we can't just sit by and let this happen willy nilly."

Panel Four

Mcthistle looks up at Jasmine and raises his hand. He smiles, Jasmine smiles back looking around her.

- 10 SFX: Mcthistle's fingers "SNAPPIN"
- 11 Caption: Mcthistle "I got it! let's have some kind of competition. Winner takes the rink and loser leaves for good."

12 Caption: Jasmine - "Are you sure about that? I mean, leaving the fate of the rink to a simple competiton."

Panel Five

Mcthistle walks closer to Jasmine and puts his hands on both her shoulders. Jasmine looks grossed out at Mcthistle.

13 Caption: Mcthistle - "But we gotta do something. As long as I still draw breath, I'm not goin to lose this rink."

14 Caption: Jasmine - "Well perhaps the kids will know of a way to win the rink back and send that stranger back from where he came."

Panel Six

Jasmine shrugs off Mcthistle's hands and turns towards the door. Mcthistle stands watching Jasmine as she walks off.

15 Caption: Mcthistle - "okay, you go and see if they have any ideas. I don't care if it's a skating competition, anything we can use keep this place in the right hands."

16 Caption: Jasmine - "Hmm... skating completion huh.. that's it! and you'd be perfect Macky.

17 Caption: Mcthistle - "No, I'm no good at that sort of thing. Theres so many others. How bout Bobby knight or I dunno..."

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Panel One

Jasmine walks back closer to Mcthistle, smiling big at him. Mcthistle now is the nervous as he is sweating again.

- 1 Caption: Jasmine "Oh you think I don't know about your late night sessions on the ice. I've seen and let me tell you, your really good Macky."
- 2 Thought Bubble: Mcthistle How the heck could I be so careless and not check to see if anyone was watching me?"

Panel Two

Jasmine, now closer to Mcthistle, leans closer and bats her eye lashes towards him. Mcthistle blushes and nearly fall over his desk.

- 3 Caption: Jasmine "You can do it Macky, this is the perfect opportunity to make sure the rink stays put and not sold or whatever that guy has planned for it."
- 4 Caption: Mcthistle "You really think so? I mean, if you really like this, then I'll do it for yu... I mean the whole gang here at the rink."

Panel Three

Mcthistle now standing tall and proud, Jasmine smiles and turns to head out the office. Mcthistle tries to reach in for a hug but Jasmine turns quickly before he has the chance to get closer.

- 5 Caption: Jasmine "This is fantastic! You're going to do great and teach him a thing of two.
- 6 Thought Bubble: Mcthistle This is it my boy, your big chance to get rid of your past and to win heart of your affection. This is going to be swell."

Panel Four

Jasmine exits office and motions for Bobby Knight to come over. Bobby slowly walks up.

7 SFX: JAZ SNAPS HER FINGERS TO GET BOBBY'S ATTENTION

- 8 Caption: Bobby Whats happening Jaz?
- 9 Caption: Jasmine "We gotta do something. No time to explain, the rink is in trouble and Mcthistle might lose it. He's gonna be in skate competition. He's good but I need you to spy on the competition.
 - 10 Caption: Bobby Gotcha, just point and say who deary.