



mother  
tongue

# TEAM

**Producer:** Shirley Sui

**Director:** Yash Saraf

**Screenwriter:** Ethan Dulaney

**Cinematographer:** Dan Debrey

**Production Designer:** Rj Ragampudi

**Editor:** Bo Wen

LOGLINE



Genre – Dark Comedy

A struggling Indian actress, with a deep love for her craft, is offered the 'role of a lifetime' - to voice the new Amazon Alexa.  
The only catch: if she takes the part, she can never act again.



# KEY CONCEPTS



Local vs Global

Art vs Commerce

Body vs Mind

# THEME

Obliterated confidence

The pursuit of fame

Manipulation

Rejection in the industry

Grief and acceptance

Disempowerment

absurdity



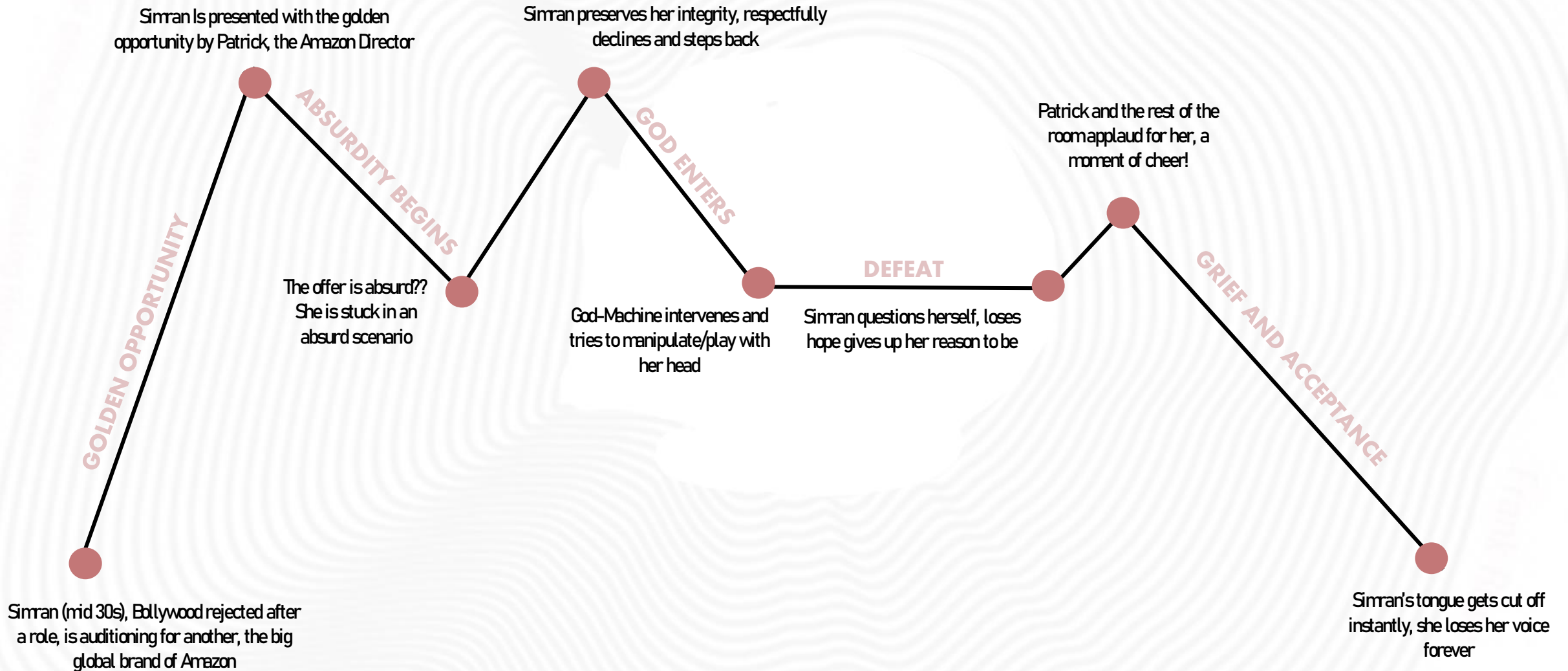
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a pact whereby a person trades  
something of supreme moral or  
spiritual importance, such as  
personal values or the soul, for some  
worldly or material benefit, such as  
knowledge, power, or riches.





# STORY STRUCTURE

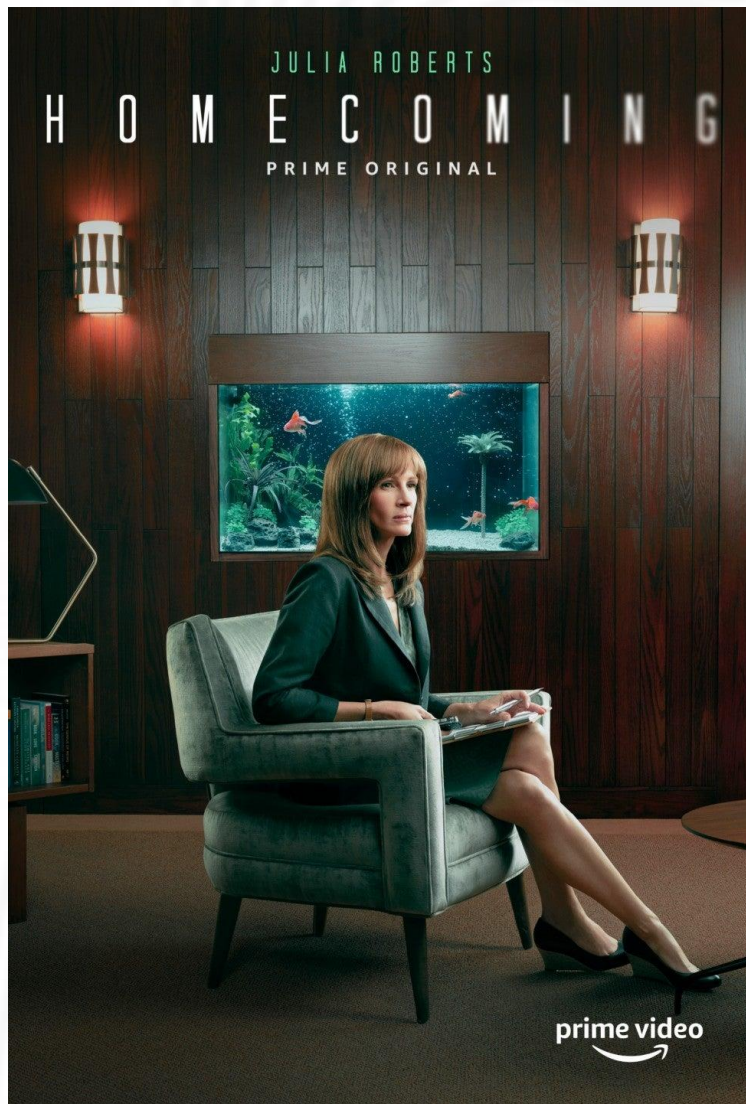
## Resilience to Submission



# VISUAL MOTIFS







# REFERENCES

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# VISUAL TONE - G r o t e s q u e

## ACT IV: THE DENOUEMENT

## ACT III: CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

## ACT II: THE GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

## ACT I: CALL TO THE ADVENTURE

# CHARACTERS

SIMRAN-The victim



Hopeful  
Hard working  
Fragile  
Naive

PATRICK – The trickster



Trump/Toxic  
Bully  
Seductive  
Repulsive

DEM – The powerful



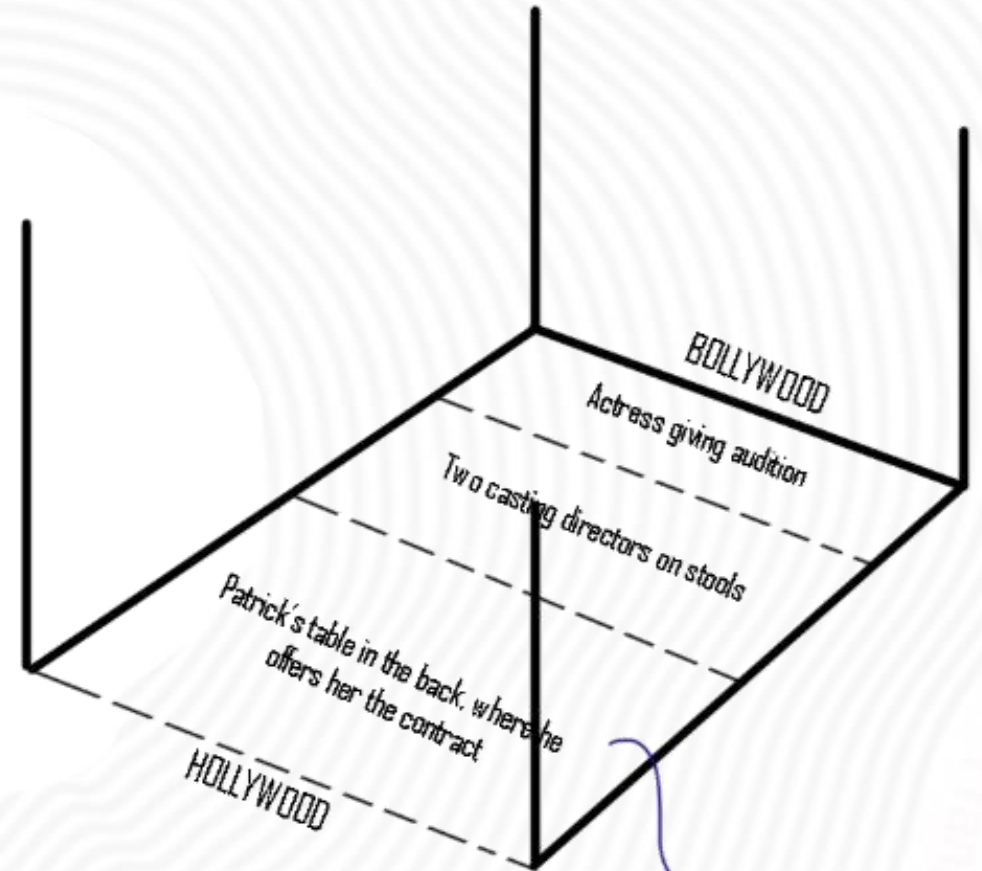
Intimidating  
Creepy  
Brutal  
AI



**Reference of setup (not the depth of the space)**



## SETUP



A promising, upscale, clean and welcoming place.





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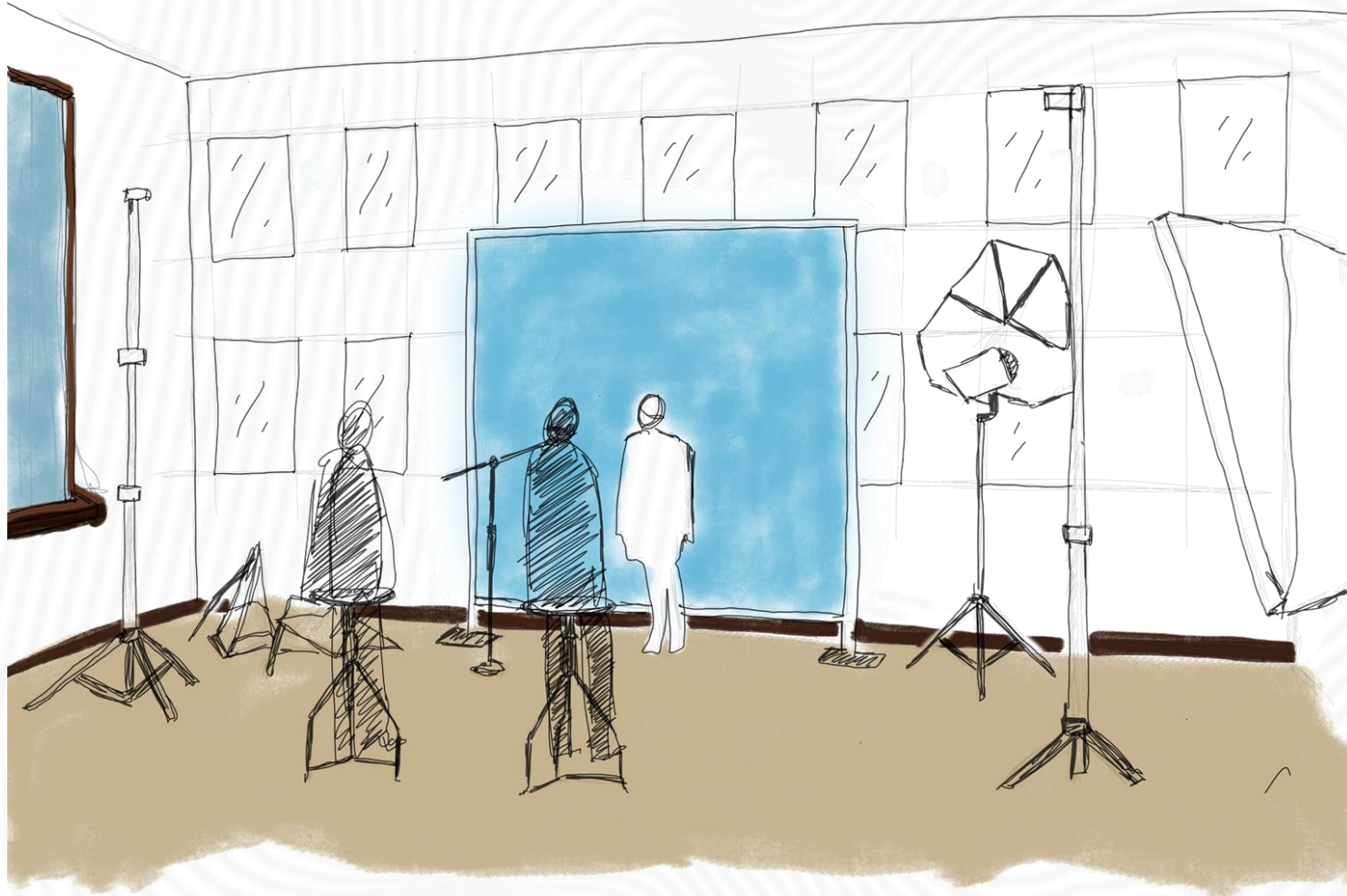
BOLLYWOOD





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## Keywords

Trial  
Gridlock

Alienating  
Contained









# PATRICK'S SPACE

HOLLYWOOD



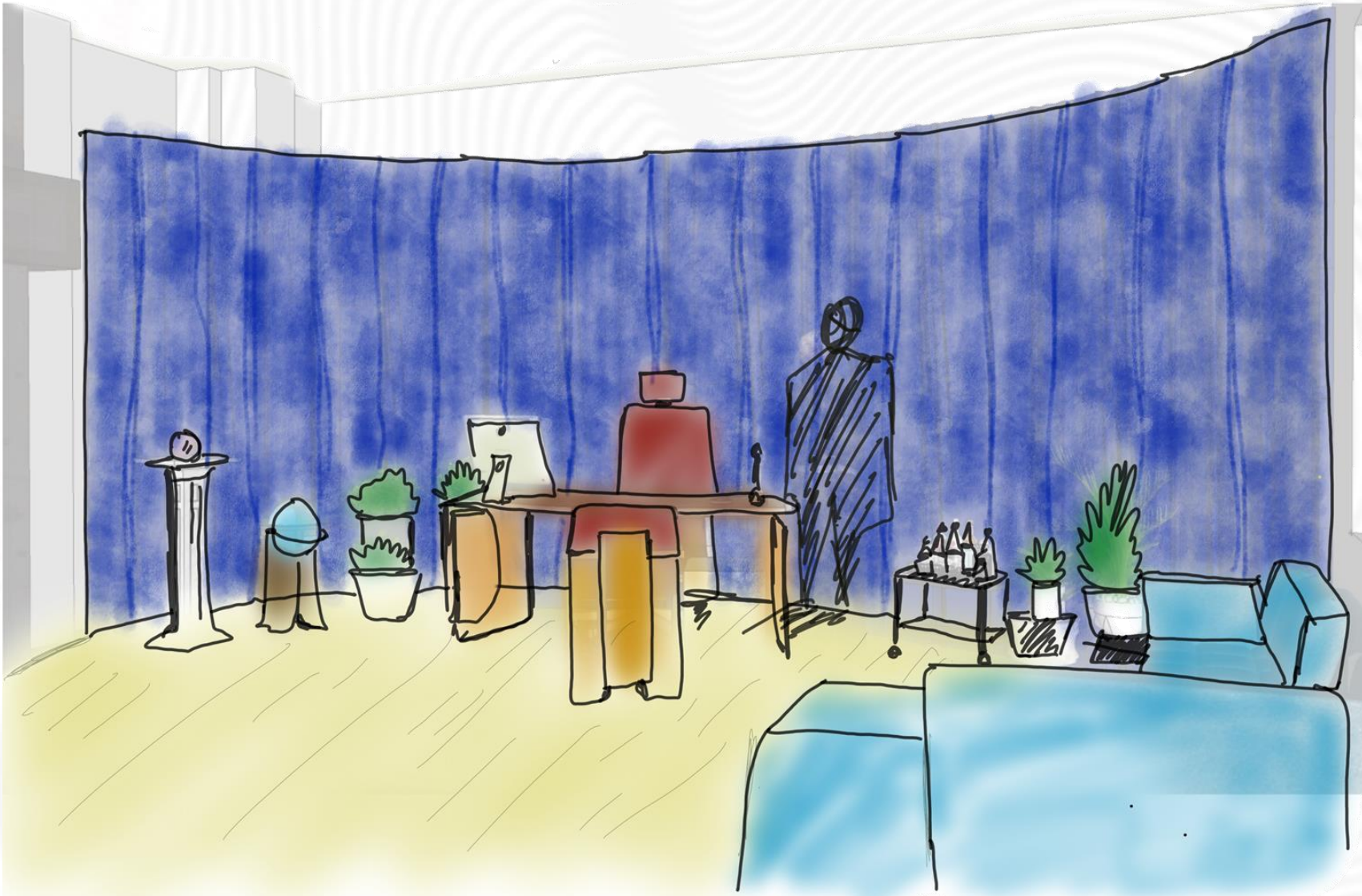


# PATRICK'S SPACE

HOLLYWOOD

## Keywords

Promising      Upscale  
Clean            Cozy  
Intimidating







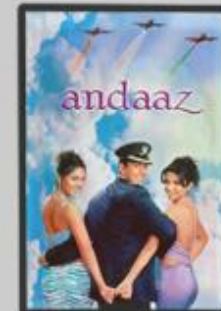
Zen-like  
Earthy color palette  
against the bold  
Unexpected



# TONGUE CUTTING AREA








Grotesque  
Repulsive  
Odd  
Brutal

Plastic sheets – on top of  
the grid of posters



absurdity.