

Interior Studio:

A number of rappers are standing around a studio stage while a CAMERA MAN is getting a camera ready. A hipster looking director **CHAD BLAKE** walks in on his phone.

CHAD

"Alright everyone we're gonna get started. My name is Chad, I'm the director and creator of the "One Time Cypher" series and I am super stoked for today's cypher. You guys are the hottest rappers in town right now so bring your A game. As you've already seen in the other videos, with the "One time" cypher, you get 60 seconds to go off and only one chance. No cuts, no redos, no do overs. you swag out or you don't, It's going on the web. Last video got over 500k views in the first day.
Alright? Ok Lets go. DJ! Roll camera."

The red light comes on on the video camera. The beat drops.

RAPPER ONE starts it off. Meanwhile behind monitor CHAD is making noise texting and talking with a PA, clearly uninterested in the performance.

RAPPER TWO hops on the mic and still CHAD is paying the least attention.

RAPPER THREE starts and the same persists.

The final rapper, GOLD 2TH, hops on the mic and starts rapping. After a few short bars CHAD drops his coffee on the ground. GOLD 2TH gets distracted and stumbles over his words.

GOLD 2TH

"Yo what the fuck man?!"

CHAD

"So sorry guys. keep going."

GOLD 2TH

"we gotta start that again"

CHAD

"Just keep going!"

GOLD 2TH

"Nah we gotta start that again"

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CHAD (to camera op)
"Don't cut the camera. Just keep going man, we aren't cutting"

GOLD 2TH (screams to DJ)
"Yo cut that shit"

GOLD 2TH aggressively motions toward the DJ. He is stomping in rage. The DJ cuts the music.

CHAD
"Listen every other rapper in the series has-

GOLD 2TH
"I don't give a fuck. We're going again."

CHAD is visibly shook.

CHAD (voice cracking)
"No... I'm sorry we can't go again."

GOLD 2TH gets right in CHAD's face.

GOLD 2TH
"Do I look like I'm playing with you?"

CHAD
"I'm sorry, I wish I could."

GOLD 2TH looks around and sees that there are people filming on their phones. He suddenly internalizes all his rage.

GOLD 2TH
"Ok. Bet."

GOLD 2TH walks over to RAPPER TWO and whispers something in his ear before he hits the sound guy. Everyone in the room is shocked, especially CHAD.

CHAD
Alrighty then. That's a wrap.
Thanks everyone that was great.
You all killed it. You'll see the video online in the next few days.
Thank you though, great work everyone.

CHAD walks over to the camera guy.

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CHAD

Holy shit, I thought he was going to kill me. He got right in my face like he was going to rip my head off. But holy fuck that was brilliant, this cypher is gonna go fucking viral. Are you kidding me? Ok, give me the memory card and break everything down. We'll meet up tomorrow.

The CAMERA GUY gives CHAD the memory card out of the camera as the shot pulls back revealing that RAPPER TWO is watching them and texting. CHAD puts the card in a case in his bag and walks out.

EXT. STUDIO PARKING LOT NIGHT

CHAD walks out the door of the parking lot to his car when all of a sudden a dark figure appears and strikes him from behind. CHAD falls to the ground stunned and when he looks back up there is a gun in his face. We see it is GOLD 2TH.

GOLD 2TH
Give it to me.

CHAD
Jesus Christ, what the fuck man?

GOLD 2TH
Give me the video.

CHAD
I don't have it on me.

GOLD 2TH
Don't fuckin lie to me.

GOLD 2TH hits him again with his gun.

GOLD 2TH
I know you have it.

CHAD
I don't my camera guy took it home-

GOLD 2TH hits him one more time.

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GOLD 2TH
Now I'm only gonna say this one
more time.

He cocks the gun.

GOLD 2TH
Give it to me.

CHAD
Ok ok chill chill I have it. Here.
Jesus.

CHAD gives him the memory card from out of his bag. GOLD 2TH takes it, puts his gun away, and picks CHAD up off the ground.

GOLD 2TH
This didn't have to go down like
this. If you just listened we
woulda been fine, you wouldn't be
fucked up...but so...You free next
week to go again?