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FADE IN:

Whiteness. As white as it gets.

TITLE CARD: In 2005, Major League Baseball team owner Arte Moreno changed his club's name from Anaheim Angels to the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim.

Famed broadcasting VOICE of sports announcer JOE BUCK filters through as he takes on the 2005 American League Championship.

JOE BUCK (O.S.)
(filtered)
Escobar, another strikeout.
Pierzynski is going down to first?
The home plate umpire has not made
a call and safe.

TITLE CARD: In 2005, Doug ***** made a bad call...

MUSIC begins. A bee-boppin' tune to make your foot tap. Instrumental swing band stuff based off of that hit song, "Rocket 88" from back in the day.

TITLE CARD: < COMPANY TITLE > presents

JOE BUCK (CONT'D)
(filtered)
And the Angels are already off the
field! The home plate umpire said
that ball hit into the ground...

TITLE CARD: "EI8HTY-EI8HT"

JOE BUCK (CONT'D)
(filtered)
...and that the tag needed to be
made, or a throw down to first, or
now is he gonna bring Pierzynski
back to the plate? He's not.
Pierzynski is gonna go down to
first and Mike Scioscia wants to
know what the heck just happened.
Doug ***** is the home plate
umpire and the Angels were walkin'
off the field!

TITLE CARD: a film by < DIRECTOR >

CUT TO:

BEGIN OPEN CREDIT SEQUENCE.

INT. MENTAL INSTITUTION - DAY ROOM - AFTERNOON

DOUG MAGUIRE, a dash of Southern California "cool" vibe and three cups of craziness. Doug looks to be in his early 30s, long blonde hair, a scruffy beard to boot. A laid-back dude with uptight demons.

Doug leans away from the jigsaw puzzle in front of him. He reacts to the FOX Sports broadcast as if these VOICES come from a television in the mental institution day room. Most likely, these are VOICES and MUSIC Doug hears in his head.

Joe Buck continues the American League Championship Series, ninth inning analysis with color commentator TIM MCCARVER.

TIM MCCARVER (O.S.)

(filtered)

Well, if Josh Paul made the catch... which he did... then it's a strikeout. Pierzynski's thinking, "Hey! Why not!? The home plate umpire couldn't make the call."

Opening credits continue to roll... cast, crew and other production members fill the screen as Tim McCarver's filtered VOICE CRACKLES throughout the ward.

TIM MCCARVER (CONT'D)

(filtered)

And this might be the best thing for instant replay in baseball that's happened and occurred this Post Season, because clearly, he caught the ball and the catcher knows whether it's a short-hop or you catch it cleanly. Whether there's leather between the dirt and the ball. He caught that ball cleanly. That's a third out!

The chair Doug leans into provides him with a little bit of back support. Doug remains still in the seat, only his eyes shift back and forth over puzzle pieces, lost in thought. Now Doug appears expressionless while the mental circus tumblers go around and around in his mind.

A slow motion zoom into Doug's shook face. A tilt down to reveal the bright red T-shirt Doug rocks with white letters across his chest...

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"SWEET LOU" PINIELLA, a former baseball great and second color commentator, joins the discussion with Joe Buck and Tim McCarver.

"SWEET LOU" PINIELLA (O.S.)

(filtered)

He called him out. First of all --

TIM MCCARVER

(filtered)

Well, he called him out because it was a strikeout. But then Pierzynski ran to first base thinking that he would get the call with the ball in the dirt and it wasn't in the dirt! Seems to be... and we talked about it earlier, that the third base umpire would have the best view. That's Ed Rapuano.

"SWEET LOU" PINIELLA

(filtered)

I agree with that. And basically, they should ask the third base umpire to see it --

TIM MCCARVER

(filtered)

I think so.

"SWEET LOU" PINIELLA

(filtered)

-- so they can get the play right.

TIM MCCARVER

(filtered)

Yeah.

JOE BUCK

(filtered)

Jerry Crawford is explaining, you could see Scioscia say, "He put his hand up to call him out. My guys are comin' off the field. The ball didn't hit the dirt." *****, the home plate umpire, thought it did. And Pierzynski... give him credit. He at least went down to first base.

TIM MCCARVER

(filtered)

Sure!

JOE BUCK

(filtered)

And like you said, Tim: thought,
 "What the heck? I'll give it a
 shot. Try to get down there..." and
 ***** let him go and the ninth
 inning continues.

The reverse side of Doug's T-shirt resembles a baseball player's jersey, complete with last name and player digits. The word "*****" (BIG BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS) runs from shoulder to shoulder and two number eights (88) in the center of his back, between the shoulder blades. White Anaheim Angels font with black outline on vivid red cotton.

The puzzle Doug pieces together has the edge borders complete. Inside the puzzle frame contains piles of unconnected and upside-down cardboard spelling out "DOUG."

Puzzle pieces fly across the room with one solid arm swipe.

JOE BUCK (CONT'D)

(filtered)

AND THAT'S INTO THE LEFT FIELD
 CORNER! This ball is... off the
 wall! The White Sox have won! And
 this only begins what will be an
 argument. Total frustration and
 disgust on the part of the Angels
 on that call which allowed the
 ninth inning to continue. Ozuna
 steals second and Crede wins it
 with a ball off the left field
 wall.

(beat)

Crede delivers. What a good at bat
 by Crede.

"SWEET LOU" PINIELLA

(filtered)

Oh, yeah!

The sports announcers continue their historic broadcast as doctors, nurses and orderlies drag Doug out of the day room.

JOE BUCK

(filtered)

He let Ozuna steal. He took two
 pitches, took two strikes against
 Escobar, who had struck out five in
 three innings... and then rockets a
 ball off the wall.

FADE OUT: