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SYS Online Class: How To Make The Opening Pages Of Your Screenplay Awesome

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5. Your opening pages must make the reader feel like you know what you're doing.
6. Your opening pages must never bore the reader.
7. MOST IMPORTANT: Your opening pages must make the reader feel something. Sadness. Fear. Horror. Pain. Laughter. Joy. Shock.
8. Bonus point: A competent writer can juggle a dozen balls at the same time.