



NETWORK by Paddy Chayefsky

HOWARD: *(serene, sits behind his desk)* What's happening to me, Max, isn't mensurate in psychiatric terms. This is not a psychotic episode. It is a cleansing moment of clarity. *(stands, an imbued man)* I am imbued, Max. I am imbued with some special spirit. It's not a religious feeling at all. It is a shocking eruption of great electrical energy: I feel vivid and flashing as if suddenly I had been plugged into some great cosmic electromagnetic field. I feel connected to all living things, to flowers, birds, to all the animals of the world and even to some great unseen living force, what I think the Hindus call prana. It is not a breakdown. I have never felt so orderly in my life! It is a shattering and beautiful sensation! It is the exalted flow of the space-time continuum, save that it is spaceless and timeless and of such loveliness! I feel on the verge of some great ultimate truth. You will not take me off the air for now or for any other spaceless time!