Analysis Table of Plot Adjustment

No.	Short Story	Movie Script	Adjustment	Interpretation
EXP	OSITION		•	
	Mike Enslin was still in the revolving	A quaint rural inn, dark of night. The	Expansion	In the beginning of the short story,
	door when he saw Olin, the manager of	ambience is picturesque, but off-putting.		Mike Enslin enters the Dolphin
1.	the Hotel Dolphin, sitting in one of the	Porch lanterns glow. Shadows are deep.		Hotel to meet Olin, the manager of
	overstuffed lobby chairs. Mike's heart	An ancient elm tree frames the banging		the hotel. While in the beginning of
	sank. Maybe I should have brought the	weathered sign: "The Camden Inn".		the movie script, Mike enters the
	lawyer along again, after all, he thought.	Then finally — headlights. Mike's car		"Camden Inn" to experience a
	Well, too late now. And even if Olin had	pulls up in the mud. Mike trudges into		supernatural activity in order to
	decided to throw up another roadblock or	the homey, worn lobby.		write his book. The sentences in
	two between Mike and room 1408, that	Mike: Hi, Mike Enslin. Checking in.		short story describes the setting of
	wasn't all bad; there were compensations.	The gregarious Innkepeers jump up,		place meanwhile the sentence in
		excited. They're country folk, beaming.		movie script describes the setting of
		Mr. Innkeeper : We were afraid you		place and time. This additional part
		weren't going to show.		is called an expansion adjustment.
		Mrs. Innkeeper: Oh it's such an honor to		
		have you here.		
2.	Olin was crossing the room with one	Mike goes up to the Reception.	Correction	In the original source Olin has
	pudgy hand held out as Mike left the	Desk Clerk: Welcome to the Dolphin, Sir.		already in the lobby to meet Mike,
	revolving door.	Are you checking in?		while in the movie script the Desk
		Mike: Mike Enslin. One night.		Clerk calls Olin to meets Mike. The
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	"Mr. Enslin. Good evening."	Desk Clerk: Uh, would you excuse me		Desk Clerk character is an additional
	"Mr. Olin. Is there a problem?"	for a moment, sir?		character in the adaptation version
	Olin looked pained. For a moment he	Mike: Sure.		because it is not exist in the short
	glanced around the small, smart lobby, as if			story version. So, the presence of the
	for help.	Olin: Mr. Enslin, I'm Gerald Olin, manager		Desk Clerk is a correction
	"Mr. Olin?" Mike repeated.	of the Dolphin.		adjustment.
	"Mr. Enslin could I speak to you for a			
	moment in my office?"	Olin: Could you please humor me by		
		coming to my office for a more private		
		conversation?		
		Mike: Sure.		
3.	"Cigar, Mr. Enslin?"	Mike: 1408 a smoking room?	Compression	In the short story Mike Enslin tells
	"No, thank you. I don't smoke."	Olin: As a matter of fact, it is. Yes. Care		Olin the reason why he quit
	"Haven't had a one in nine years," he	for a cigar?		smoking. But the movie script has
	said. "Had an older brother who died of	Mike: No thank you, I don't smoke. Oh		omitted a part from the dialogue
	lung cancer. I quit after he died. The	this, yeah. That'sin case nuclear war		between Mike and Olin when Mike
	cigarette behind the ear" He shrugged.	breaks out. I gave it up a long time ago It's		Enslin tells the reason why he quits
	"Part affectation, part superstition, I guess.	part habit, part superstition.		smoking from the source text. This
	Like the Hawaiian shirt. Or the			part is called compression
	cigarettes you sometimes see on people's			adjustment.
	desks or walls, mounted in a little box			
	with a sign saying BREAK GLASS IN			

	CASE OF EMERGENCY. Is 1408 a			
	smoking room, Mr. Olin? Just in case			
	nuclear war breaks out?"			
4.	He'd written reams of poetry he believed	A nervous woman holds the book. It's a	Expansion	The short story tells that Mike Enslin
	in during his first eighteen months in	dusty, faded copy of Mike's early novel,		has written reams of poetry before
	New York, when he had starved on the	:The Road Back Nowhere". The artwork		he shifts to write horror genre. Then
	payroll of The Village Voice.	is heartfelt: A watercolor of a boy holding		the movie script version broadens
		a surfboard.		this part by telling Mike's previous
		Mike: How much did it go for?		work more specifically "The Road
		Nervous Woman: Well, there weren't many		Back Nowhere". This part in movie
		bidders.		script is also added with the
		Mike: I would think not.		appearance of a woman which is
		Nervous Woman: Wow. But it's, um an		seen to be Mike's fans. Then after
		amazing book. Um, so unique and		reading the entire movie script it can
		inspirational and honest.		be concluded that the relationship
		Mike: Thanks. What's your name?		between Mike and his father is the
		Nervous Woman: Um, Anna. Are you		inspiration beyond it. so this is
		gonna write another one like this one?		called` by expansion adjustment.
		Mike: Nah, it's a different guy.		
5.	• • •	Olin: A few years ago, a young maid	Correction	In the movie script version Olin tells
	"One of them went blind."	from El Salvador found herself locked in		Mike that the young maid was
	"What?"	the bathroom. She was only there for a		locked in the bathroom, gouged her

	"She went blind. Rommie Van Gelder, that	few moments, but when we pulled her out,		eyes out and screamed hysterically
	was. She was dusting the top of the	she was		when she cleaned the room. But the
	television, a nd all at once she began to			adaptation version is adding some
	scream. I asked her what was wrong. She	Mike: She was dead.		details that Olin tells Mike that the
	dropped her dustrag and put her hands over	Olin: No, blind.		maid is temporarily blind and her
	her eyes and screamed that she was blind	She had taken a pair of scissors and		sight back t normal when she came
	. but that she could see the most awful	gouged her eyes out. She was laughing		out from the room. This is called by
	colors. They went away almost as soon	hysterically.		correction adjustment.
	as I got her out through the door, and by	Mike : Ouch		
	the time I got her down the hallway to			
	the elevator, her sight had begun to			
	come back."			
6.	Kevin O'Malley, a sewing machine	Olin: All right here. Here, read the	Correction	The movie script version tells that
	salesman, had taken his life on October	godforsaken thing. I guarantee you, once		Kevin O'Malley died by cutting his
	13, 1910, a leaper who had left a wife	you've read it you won't want to stay in		own throat and tried to stich himself
	and seven children behind.	1408. Mr. Kevin O'Malley, sewing		back together while in the source
		machine salesman. Checked into the		text he kill himself by jump from the
		hotel the first week it opened October,		window. The years when Kevin died
		1912.		are also different. In short story
		Mike: Cut his own throat, right?		Kevin died in 1910 while in the
		Olin: Oh, that's not the horrific part.		movie script he died in 1920. This is
		Afterwards, in a fit of insanity, he tried		called by correction adjustment.
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		to stitch himself back together using an		
		old sewing needle before he bled to		
		death.		
7.	"How many have there been?" The idea	Olin: Hmm. All told, there have been 56	Correction	The number of death in room 1408
	of so-called natural deaths in 1408 had	deaths in 1408.		in the movie script is bigger than in
	never occurred to him.	Mike: 56? You're shitting me.		the short story. It is called
	"Thirty," Olin replied. "Thirty, at least.	Olin: You don't know anything. The		correction adjustment.
	Thirty that I know of."	causes of death in 1408 range from heart		
	" You're lying!" The words were out of	attack, stroke, drowning		
	his mouth before he could call them back.			
8.	Mr. Olin reached into his coat pocket	Olin carries over a little stool. He steps	Correction	The adaptation version makes the
	and brought out a key on a long brass	up to 1408's mailbox, reaching his hand		part when Olin takes out the key of
	paddle. The brass looked old and scratched	far back into the shadowy recess. He		room 1408 more dramatic. The key
	and tarnished. Embossed on it were the	fiddles around and, then pulls out a		is taken out from mailbox instead of
	numbers 1408.	tarnished key on a long brass paddle.		Olin's coat. This is called by
		Embossed are the number 1408.		correction adjustment.
9.	"You still use actual keys here?" Mike	Mike: Most hotels have switched to	Compression	The adaptation version do not tells
	asked. "That's sort of a nice touch.	magnetics. An actual key. That's a nice		when the Dolphin Hotels start to use
	Antiquey."	touch it's antiquey.		Magnetic Cards and when the last
	"The Dolphin went to a MagCard			time room 1408 is occupied . the
	system in 1979, Mr. Enslin, the year I	Olin: We have magnetic cards also, but		movie script version cuts this lines
	took the job as manager. 1408 is the only	electronics don't seem to work in 1408.		so it is called by compression

	room in the house that still opens with a			adjustment.
	key. There was no need to put a			
	MagCard lock on its door, because			
	there's never anyone inside; the room			
	was last occupied by a paying guest in			
	1978."			
10.	As the car rose, Mike said, "I'm curious	Mike: Why don't the owners just close the	Compression	Olin's fear that he would be accused
	about something. Why didn't you simply	room?		of fraud if he create a fictional
	create a fictional resident for room 1408, if			resident of room 1408 is not told in
	it scares you all as badly as you say it	Olin: The Yasuko Corporation prefers to		the movie script version. The
	does? For that matter, Mr. Olin, why not	pretend there's no problem. Just as they		adaptation also change the name of
	declare it as your own residence?"	pretend there's no 13th floor.		the corporation that runs Dolphin
	"I suppose I was afraid I would be			Hotel.
	accused of fraud, if not by the people			
	responsible for enforcing state and			
	federal civil rights statutes—hotel people			
	feel about civil rights laws as many of			
	your readers probably feel about			
	clanking chains in the night—then by			
	my bosses, if they got wind of it. If I			
	couldn't persuade you to stay out of 1408, I			
	doubt that I would have had much more			

	luck in convincing the Stanley			
	Corporation's board of directors that I took			
	a perfectly good room off the market			
	because I was afraid that spooks cause the			
	occasional travelling salesman to jump out			
	the window and splatter himself all over			
	Sixty-first Street."			
11.	The minicorder had been a present from	The screen flashes. An internet windows	Updating	The adaptation uses laptop and
	his ex-wife, with whom he had remained	open. Then, a window opens up as a real-t		internet to make the setting of the
	friendly, five years before.	ime webcam link. A woman's face stares		story more modern. Then the status
		back at us: Mike's ex.		of Mike's ex is unclear whether she
				is divorced or separated, not like in
		Lily Enslin: You walk out, you disappear.		the short story.
		Leaving me what? Not divorced.		
		Separated? I don't know, it's not clear.		
		Suddenly you need me?		
12.	What Mike had noticed at that point were	Mike: beneath a thrift-store painting of a	Updating	The three paintings from the original
	the pictures on the walls. There were three	schooner lost at sea. The work is done in		source text and from the adaptation
	of them: a lady in twenties-style evening	the predictably dull fashion of Currier		are totally different. The filmmaker
	dress standing on a staircase, a sailing	& Ives. The second painting is of an old		make a new interpretation from the
	ship done in the fashion of Currier &	woman reading bedtime storiesa		source text.
	Ives, and a still life of fruit, the latter	Whistler knockoff to a group of		

	painted with an unpleasant yellow-	deranged children as another Madonna		
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	orange cast to the apples as well as the	and child watch from the background.		
	oranges and bananas. All three pictures	The third and final painfully dull		
	were in glass frames and all three were	painting is the ever-popular "The Hunt.		
	crooked.	"Horses, hounds and constipated British		
		lords.		
		The three paintings which are tilted. He		
		straightens the the three paintings, then		
		turns way.		
CON	MPLICATION			
13.	His problems with 1408 started even	He takes a breath, then inserts the key in	Compression	Mike's problem with the door of
	before he got into the room. The door was	the lock The key enters like a		1408 is omitted. The movie script
	crooked. Not by a lot, but it was	medieval battering ram. It slowly turns.		tells Mike do not have a problem
	crooked, all right, canted just the tiniest	The tumblers rumble with echoing clinks		when entering the room 1408.
	bit to the left.	and cricks. The sound rises ominously		
		loud he grips the doorknob Then he		
	The door was crooked again.	slowly turns the knob. The wooden door		
	This time it tilted slightly to the right.	open.		
	"This is ridiculous," Mike murmured.			
14.	There was a heating problem on that floor	Mike scurries to the door. He peers	Expansion	The adaptation does not tells the
	three years ago, and Mr. Neal, the head	through the eyehole. Through the glass,		history of Mr. Neal. Instead the

	maintenance engineer at that time, had	a hairy New York in overalls. He goes to		adaptation adds an additional part
	to go into several of the rooms to check the	open the door.		when an engineer comes to the room
	heating units. 1408 was one of them.	Engineer: You got a problem with the		1408 and fixes the air conditioner in
		temperature?		that room.
		Mike: Yeah. Come on.		
		Engineer: Is it too hot or too cold?		
		Mike: Yeah, there it is. Oh, sir, you're a		
		genius.A gentleman and a scholar.		
		Thank you. Let me give youa tip.		
		The engineer has gone.		
15.	Nevertheless, he picked the menu up. It	Suddenly, RINGGG!!! Mike jumps.	Updating	The filmmaker chooses to re-
	was in French, and although it had been	Surprised, he runs to the phone. He grabs		interpret the previous part from the
	years since he had taken the language, one	it.		short story. Instead confusing Mike
	of the breakfast items appeared to be birds	Hotel Voice: Sir, I'm afraid there was a		with the changing language menu,
	roasted in shit. That at least sounds like	miscommunication in the kitchen.		but in the adaptation Mike is called
	something the French might eat, he	There's going to be a 10-minute delay with		by the operator to inform him that
	thought, and uttered a wild, distracted	your sandwich.		his sandwich would be late.
	laugh.	Mike: Sandwich? What sandwich? I didn't		
	He closed his eyes and opened them.	order any sandwich. What are you talking		
	The menu was in Russian.	about?		
	He closed his eyes and opened them.	Hotel Voice: I'm sorry. You're welcome		
	The menu was in Italian.	to substitute a side dish for your French		

	Closed his eyes, opened them.	fries.		
	There was no menu.			
16.	The most interesting artifact left in the	Olin: No one's ever lasted more than an	Expansion	The adaptation adds additional
	wake of Michael Enslin's brief stay (it	hour.		details such as the clock radio in
	lasted about seventy minutes) in room	Mike: Jesus, man. You ought to shave your		room 1408 is playing "We've Only
	1408 was the eleven minutes of recorded	eyebrows and paint your hair gold if you're		Just Begun" song by The Carpenter
	tape in his minicorder, which was charred a	gonna try to sell that spookhouse bullshit.		and the clock radio is counting
	bit but not even close to destroyed.			backward. The adaptation does not
		Mike's alone. He paces about, convincing		tell the viewer about how long Mike
		himself he's okay. When – sudden jarring		Enslin has stayed in room 1408.
		music. Mike clicks off the radio. The		
		digital clock flickers, then switches to		
		"60:00". Suddenly it starts counting		
		backward: "59:59 59:58 then		
		59:5559:54"		
		Mike: Nobody lasts more than an hour.		
		Very effective. Oh fuck! Jesus!		
17.	Mike looked around the bedroom with	Mike peers around - then spots a lit	Expansion	There some incidents that scare
	wide, frightened eyes. There was no plum	window across the street. There is a		Mike and this incident only come
	on the endtable to the left of the bed. No	silhouetted man the man leans toward		from the pictures on the room 1408.
	plate, either. The table was bare. He turned,	a lamp. Revealing he isMike.		Those scary incidents including a
	started for the door leading back to the			sudden appearance of picture in the

sitting room, and stopped. There was a picture on the wall. He couldn't be absolutely sure—in his present state he couldn't be absolutely sure of his own name—but he was fairly sure that there had been no picture there when he first came in.

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The pictures on the living room wall were crooked again, and there were other changes, as well. The lady on the stairs had pulled down the top of her gown, baring her breasts. She held one in each hand. A drop of blood hung from each nipple. She was staring directly into Mike's eyes and grinning ferociously. Her teeth were filed to cannibal points. At the rail of the sailing ship, the tars had been replaced by a line of pallid men and women. The man on the far left, nearest the ship's bow, wore a brown wool suit and held a derby hat in one hand. His hair was

A quick flash of the rich factory owner who killed himself: He steps to the ledge and jumps... another apparition of a portly lady in a 1950's flowered dress. She sobs then lashes out at the air, then leaps.

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And, there are no other windows. The entire building is one continuous surface of brick, except for Mike and 1408.

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Pasty Kevin O'Malley is face to face with him. Kevin's eyes are wild, his skin bloated and blue. Mike screams, startled. Kevin gazes crazily, his mouth a pinched grimace.

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The fax machine starts whirring. It's LCD screen says, Receiving". Paper begins feeding. Mike peers. Confused. Something begins coming into the output tray. Not a piece of paper. But his daughter's pink

bedroom and the three paintings become having scary pictures. But in the adaptation there are several scary occurrences happens from various aspects such as the appearance of Mike across the street, then apparition of rich factory and Keviin O'Malley.

	slicked to his brow and parted in the	butterfly nightgown. Stained with mocus,		
	middle. His face was shocked and vacant.	blood, all the liquids of her dying.		
	Mike knew his name: Kevin O'Malley,			
	this room's first occupant, a sewing	Mike keep pressing on her chest.		
	machine salesman who had jumped from	Through his face, we see vain hope.		
	this room in October of 1910. To	Despair. And finallylose. Katie's body		
	O'Malley's left were the others who had	has turned to dust. She is gone.		
	died here, all with that same vacant,			
	shocked expression. It made them look			
	related, all members of the same inbred			
	and cataclysmically retarded family. In the			
	picture where the fruit had been, there			
	was now a severed human head. Yellow-			
	orange light swam off the sunken cheeks,			
	the sagging lips, the upturned, glazing			
	eyes, the cigarette parked behind the right			
	ear.			
CLI	MAX			
18.	He closed his fingers around the handset	Room 1408 has returned to its opening	Updating	In the source text, Mike is the one
	and picked it up. His other hand dove, as	state. Everything restored to when we		who start to make a call. Meanwhile
	deliberate as the first, and dialed 0.	first entered. The clock radio resets to		in the adaptation the phone rings and
	•••	60:00. It begins counting down again		Mike hangs it. The adaptation also

There was no ring in his ear. Instead, a harsh voice simply began speaking. "This is *nine! Nine!* This is *nine! Nine!* This is *ten! Ten!* We have killed your friends! Every friend is now dead! This is *six! Six!*"

It was not a machine-generated voice, but it wasn't a human voice, either. It was the voice of the room.

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The phone fell from his relaxing fingers and he turned around. It swung at the end of its cord the way his stomach was swinging back and forth inside him, and he could still hear that voice rasping out of the black: "Eighteen! This is now eighteen! Take cover when the siren sounds! This is four! Four!"

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The telephone continued to grind and spit, the voice coming from it now the voice of an electric hair-clipper that has learned 59:59... 59:58... 59:57... Mike goes into shock. Dumbstruck. The phone rings, Mike hangs it.

Mike: Why don't you just kill me?

Voice of the Room (phone): Because all guests of this hotel enjoy free will, Mr. Enslin. You can choose to relive this hour over and over, or you can take advantage of our express checkout system. . . . Are you ready to check out,

Mr. Enslin?

Mike: No. Not your way.

Voice of the Room (phone): I understand.

Mike: I'm done arguing with you. I'm gonna end this.

Voice of the Room (phone): Five. This is five. Ignore the siren. Even if you leave this room, you can never leave this room. Eight. This is eight. We have killed your friends. Every friend is now dead.

makes a change by giving choices to Mike whether he wants to relive another hour or just check out by killing himself.

	how to talk: "Five! This is five! Ignore the			
	siren! Even if you leave this room, you can			
	never leave this room! Eight! This is			
	eight!"			
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19.	Mike Enslin tore out a single match,	Suddenly, Mike grabs Olin's Cognac	Correction	In the short story, Mike burns
	allowing the cigarette to drop out of his	bottle, pops the cork, then lights the		himself by burning his shirt while
	mouth at the same time. He struck the	entire book of matches. The flames blazes		smoking. But in the adaptation Mike
	match and immediately touched it to the	bright Mike spins and hurls the Molotov		burns the room 11408 by using
	others in the book. There was a ffffhut!	cocktail.		Olin's Cognac bottle. The filmmaker
	sound, a strong whiff of burning sulfur that			chooses to re-interpret this part.
	went into his head like a whiff of smelling			
	salts, and a bright flare of matchheads. And			
	again, without so much as a single thought,			
	Mike held the flaring bouquet of fire			
	against the front of his shirt. It was a			
	cheap thing made in Korea or Cambodia or			
	Borneo, old now; it caught fire at once.			
20.	But this time when he reached the door	His computer is working again. Lily's	Updating	The filmmaker decided to re-
	and turned the knob, the door opened. It	glitch image is on the screen.		interpret the part when Mike Enslin
	was as if the thing behind the bulging wall	Lily: Mike. Mike, can you hear me?		tries to save himself. In the source
	had no use for a burning man; did not,	Michael, where the hell are you?		text, Mike succeeded to get out from

perhaps, relish cooked meat.

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That was when Dearborn reached him.

He put his foot on the burning shoulder of the screaming man's shirt and pushed him over onto the hall carpet. **Then he dumped the contents of the ice-bucket onto him.**

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He dropped beside the burning man who was now only the smoldering man, the covered-with-ice-cubes man, and rolled him over to stifle the flames reaching around to the back of the shirt. When he did, he saw the skin on the left side of the man's neck had gone a smoky, bubbly red, and the lobe of his ear on that side had melted a little, but otherwise . . . otherwise

Mike: Lily.

Lily: Michael? Mike.

Mike: Lily.

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Mike: Oh my God. Thank God. Jesus, I've been trying to get through! Did you call the cops?

Lily: Yeah yeah, they're at the hotel. Didn't you say the Dolphin?

Mike: Yes.

Lily: You're sure?

Mike: Yes yes, 1408.

Lily: Mike, they're in 1408. The room's empty. Mike? Michael, can you hear me? Michael? Michael, where the hell are you?

Mike: I'm afraid I can't express myself in this climate.

Lily: Calm down, okay? We'll figure this

out. Don't panic.

Mike: I'm supposed to die here.

room 1408 and was helped by Rufus Dearborn. Meanwhile in the adaptation, Mike cannot get out from the room 1408 and he was almost helped by his wife through internet technology.

		Lily: Michael, stop it! You're not gonna		
		die, okay? Don't move. I can be there in 15		
		minutes.		
21.	Perhaps Mike saved Dearborn's life, as	Voice of the Room (phone): By the way,	Updating	In the movie script version Lily
	well. He was certainly aware that Dearborn	Mr. Enslin, your wife just called. She'll be		Enslin is the one who tries to save
	was getting up—as if Mike no longer held	here in five minutes and we'll send her		Mike instead of Rufus Dearborn.
	any interest for him—and that his face was	straight up.		Then Mike Enslin is the one who
	filled with the blazing, pulsing light	Mike: She's not involved. You can't have		burns the room 1408 when the room
	coming out of 1408. He remembered this	her.		intends to involve Lily. In other
	better than Dearborn later did himself, but	•••		word, Mike has saved Lily.
	of course Rufus Dearborn had not been	BLAMM!! The entire room explodes in		
	reduced to setting himself on fire in order	flames. The fire instantly spreads,		
	to survive. Mike grabbed the cuff of	igniting the carpet and furniture. The		
	Dearborn's slacks. "Don't go in there,"	Fire Department is in front, spraying the		
	he said in a cracked, smoky voice.	building down. Hook and ladders fill the		
	"You'll never come out." Dearborn	street.		
	stopped, looking down at the reddening,	Lily. She gazes up at the she sadly speaks.		
	blistering face of the man on the carpet.			
	"It's haunted," Mike said, and as if the			
	words had been a talisman, the door of			
	room 1408 slammed furiously shut,			
	cutting off the light, cutting off the terrible			

	buzz that was almost words. Rufus			
	Dearborn, one of Singer Sewing			
	Machine's finest, ran down to the			
	elevators and pulled the fire alarm.			
RES	OLUTION			
22.	As for Mike Enslin himself, he got off	A small funeral. Under gray skies. A doze	Correction	Instead making Mike safe and
	lucky, all thi ngs considered. And he	people are huddled around a fresh		succeed to escape from room 1408
	knows it. He could have been burned	grave, watching the coffin get lowered		like in the short story. the movie
	much more badly than he actually was;	into the ground. Lily's face is		script version is correcting Mike's
	•••	withdrawn. Not overwroughtbut		fate by making Mike died and make
	He might have had twenty or even thirty	utterly drained.		it clear that the room 1408 won't be
	different skin-graft procedures to suffer			reopen because of him.
	through instead of only four. His neck is	Clergyman: We commend to Almighty		
	scarred on the left side in spite of the	God our brother, and we commit his		
	grafts, but the doctors at the Boston Burn	body to the ground, earth to earth, ashes		
	Institute tell him the scars will fade on their	to ashes, dust to dust. May you rest in		
	own. He also knows that the burns,	peace. Amen.		
	painful as they were in the weeks and	Sam: Well, they're together now. Let's		
	months after that night, were necessary.	go.		
		Olin: Mrs. Enslin? I I am sorry to intrude		
		at such a delicate time, but I knew your		
		husband. I worked at the Dolphin.		

		Lily: Oh.		
		Olin: But it's important that you know		
		that he did a great thing. He did not die		
		in vain.		
		Lily: What are you talking about?		
		Olin: Because of him, the room won't		
		reopen.		
23.	He lives on Long Island these days, and	An apparition of Mike Enslin looking	Updating	Instead making Mike lives in Long
	when the weather is good he takes long	out the window from room 1408 and		Island. The filmmaker chose to make
	walks on the beach. The closest he has	smoking a cigarette.		an apparition of Mike ghost in the
	ever come to articulating what he does	Katie: Daddyy		end of the story. this is one kind f his
	remember about his seventy-odd (very odd)	Then Mike walks towards the room's door		re-interpretation.
	minutes in 1408 was on one of those walks.	and a sound of door closing is heard and		
	"It was never human," he told the	the screen blacks out.		
	incoming waves in a choked, halting voice.			
	"Ghosts at least ghosts were once			
	human. The thing in the wall, though			
	that thing"			

Analysis Table of Characterization Adjustment

No.	Short Story	Movie Script	Adjustment	Interpretation
24.	He was hardheaded, but that didn't	Mike: I lived the life of a selfish man.	Correction	In the short story, Mike is
	make him inhuman.	But I don't have to die that way.		hardheaded and sensitive. In the
	• • •	•••		movie script, his character is the
	"Sensitive, yes. Vulnerable, no. If	Katie: Do you love me, Daddy?		same but also fatherly and lovely
	you're hoping to persuade me out of your	Mike: Of course I do. I love you more		due to his love for his daughter
	hotel by critiquing my books—"	than anything in the world.		family.
		Katie: I wish we could stay together, you,		
		me, and Mommy.		
		Mike: We can, we can. I got you right		
		here, sweetie. Everything's fine. Everything		
		is fine. No. No. You can't take her twice.		
		You can't. Not again. Please, God.		
		Mike keep pressing on her chest. Through		
		his face, we see vain hope. Despair. And		
		finallylose. Katie's body has turned to		
		dust. She is gone.		
25.	Mike saw that the little man's face was	Olin: Mr. Enslin, I'm Gerald Olin,	Superimposition	Olin character both in short story
	as pale as cream. On his high, lineless	manager of the Dolphin.		and in the movie script is less

	forehead, drops of perspiration stood			important compared to Mike. But
	out.	Olin: And my concern here is not for the		in the adaptation Olin is played by
		hotel. My concern here is not for you.		Samuel L. Jackson. The filmmaker
	Olin brought one hand out from	Frankly, selfishly, I don't want you to		does this to make the character
	behind his back, and Mike saw it was	check into because I don't want to clean up		stronger. Then Olin in the
	trembling.	the mess.		adaptation version is firmer and
				braver than in the short story.
	"Mr. Enslin," he said. "Mike. Don't do	Olin: Why are you mocking me when I		
	this. For God's sake—"	am genuinely, to the best of my ability,		
		trying to help you?		
26.	Mike's agent, Sam Farrell, tossed it into	Sam: Yeah, uh, on a more personal	Updating	In the source text, Sam is really
	his wall-safe, refusing to acknowledge	note, are you sure you want to come		talented in reading business for
	the gooseflesh all over his tanned,	here?		Mike's book. When adapted into
	scrawny arms. In that wall-safe the tape	Mike: Yeah, of course. It'll make a solid		the movie script, Sam's character
	has stayed ever since. Farrell has no	closing chapter of the book.		becomes more care and closer to
	urge to take it out and play it again,	Sam: Yeah yeah, I know the routine.		Mike. Then in the short story Sam
	not for himself, not for his curious	But, I mean, it's New York. All that		Farrell is only appears once when
	friends, some of whom would	happened you really want to put		Mike is in the hospital but in the
	cheerfully kill to hear it;	yourself through that?		movie script, Sam Farrell appears
		Mike:I'll be quick.		more often than in the short story
	In spite of Farrell's distaste for the tape,	Sam: Are you gonna call Lily?		and be closer to Mike
	he would like Mike to listen to it,	Mike: No. I don't want to impose.		

	acknowledge it, perhaps use it as a pad			
	from which to launch a new book.			
27.	Olin smiled a little. "I'd say you're a bit	Sam winces, He looks around, then hails	Expansion	The adaptation changes the name
	of a special problem, Mr. Enslin. You	a bookish lawyer.		of the lawyer from Mr.Robertson
	and your Mr. Robertson and all your	Sam: Clay, you got a sec for		into Clay. In the movie script, Clay
	threats."	Mike Enslin? Say yes.		appears more often than in the
		Clay: Yes		short story.
	"It was a demand, not a request. Still is.			
	You heard Mr. Robertson; New York	"Sam: He dug around and found you are		
	State law—not to mention two federal	you sitting down? a Federal Civil Rights		
	civil rights laws— forbids you to deny	law if the room's not occupied they have		
	me a specific room, if I request that	to give it to you.		
	specific room and the room is vacant.	Clay: We'll book the room and if they		
	And 1408 is vacant. 1408 is always	refuse we'll rattle our sabers and file		
	vacant these days."	suit"		
28.	The minicorder had been a present	The screen flashes. An internet windows	Compression	Rufus Dearborn is another hotel
	from his ex-wife, with whom he had	open. Then, a window opens up as a real-	r	guest in the Dolphin. He is Mike's
	remained friendly, five years before.	time webcam link. A woman's face stares		saviour. But in the adaptation
		back at us: Mike's ex.		Rufus Dearborn character is
	Rufus Dearborn, who was staying that			compressed into Lily Enslin.
	night in room 1414, up near the elevators,	Lilly Enslin: You walk out, you		Because Lily Enslin is Mike's ex is
	was a salesman for the Singer Sewing	disappear. Leaving me what? Not		

	Machine Company, in town from Texas	divorced. Separated? I don't know, it's		also become Mike's savior at once.
	to talk about moving up to an executive	not clear. Suddenly you need me?		
	position. And so it happened that,			
	ninety or so years after room 1408's	Mike: Lily, please! Call the cops.		
	first occupant jumped to his death,	Send them to the Dolphin Hotel.		
	another sewing machine salesman	Lily: You're in the city?		
	saved the life of the man who had come	Mike: Yes! 2254 Lexington.		
	to write about the purportedly haunted	Lily: What are you doing in New York?		
	room.	Mike: I'll tell you later. The Dolphin		
		Hotel, room 1408. Lily, I'm in a real bad		
		spot here. I'm in danger. You		
		understand?		
		Lily: Okay, Mike. Slow down. You're not		
		making any sense.		
		Mike: There's something trying to kill		
		me right now.		
29.	"Cigar, Mr. Enslin?"	Nurse: Dr. Edwards to Oncology.	Expansion	Mike's brother, Donald Enslin is
	"No, thank you. I don't smoke."			the only family member of Mike
	"Haven't had a one in nine years," he	Lily: Please, please. No. No. Doctors		Enslin that is told in the short story.
	said. "Had an older brother who died	don't know everything. We can get		Meanwhile in the movie script
	of lung cancer. I quit after he died. The	another opinion, look for other		there are two more characters
	cigarette behind the ear" He	treatment. You hear about miracle		which have blood connection with

shrugged. "Part affectation, part superstition, I guess. Like the Hawaiian shirt. Or the cigarettes you sometimes see I on people's desks or walls, mounted in a little box with a sign saying BREAK.

GLASS IN CASE OF EMERGENCY. Is 1408 a smoking room, Mr. Olin? Just in case nuclear war breaks out?"

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cures.

Mike: Look at me Lily.

Lily: Oh God. Please, something. What kind of god would do this to a little girl?

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Mike: You know what I think! We should have done more!

Lily: We did everything we could!

Mike: No, we didn't!

Mike: We should have helped her fight instead of filling her head full of these stories about heavens and the clouds and nirvana and all that bullshit!

Lily: Those stories, she like them.

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Mike: Hey, Pop. How are you doing, old boy? Can you hear me? I don't think so. I know I haven't been here in a few months, but I just wanted to... come by and see how you're doing and... tell you I was doing okay. Doing pretty good, actually. I started talking to Lily again. And I wrote

Mike, they are Katie Enslin and Mike's Father.

	a new book, which I actually think you		
	would like believe it or not.		
	Mike's Dad: Michael.		
	Mike: Dad.		
	Mike trembles, touched. A pang of		
	emotion, this briefest of connections		
	meaning so much to him. He is crying.		

Analysis Table of Theme Adjustment

No.	Short Story	Movie Script	Adjustment	Interpretation
30.	"If any of this has a point, Mr. Olin, I'm afraid I lost sight of it a turn or two back. And I've had a long day. If our wrangle	Didn't you say the Dolphin?	Expansion	In the short story, the writer concludes that the theme is "be determined to your objective". This
	over room 1408 is really over, I'd like to	Lily: You're sure?		theme can be seen from Mike's
	go on upstairs and—"	Mike: Yes yes, 1408.		attitude. Throughout the story,
		Lily: Mike, they're in 1408. The room's		Mike is always sticking to his aim.
		empty. Mike? Michael, can you hear		Although Mike is a little bit
	"Actually, Mr. Enslin, the only sure cure	me? Michael, where the hell		hesitant because of it, but at the end
	is to stay the hell out of that room."	are you?		he keep continuing his purpose.
	"I can't do that," Mike said, taking his	Mike: I'm afraid I can't express myself in		
	minicorder back and stowing it once	this climate.		

more, "but I think I can take time for that	Lily: Calm down, okay? We'll figure this	
drink."	out. Don't panic.	
	Mike: Hey, Pop. How are you doing,	
	old boy? Can you hear me? I don't think	
	so. I know I haven't been here in a few	
	months, but I just wanted to come by	
	and see how you're doing and	

Analysis Table of Setting Adjustment

No.	Short Story	Movie Script	Adjustment	Interpretation
31.	Mike Enslin was still in the revolving	A mall bookstore. The marguee shouts	Expansion	In the short story the setting of
	door when he saw Olin, the manager of	"GHOST SURVIVAL GUIDE Author M.		place is mostly in the Dolphin
	the Hotel Dolphin, sitting in one of the	Enlsin Toninght! 7 P.M"		Hotel. Starting from the lobby,
	overstuffed lobby chairs.			Olin's office, elevator, corridor, and
		•••		room 1408. Then in the end it is
		Secretary : Sam, Mike Enslin calling from		closed with the hospital and then
	In his oak-paneled office, with the	Los Angeles again.		Long Island. Meanwhile in the
	pictures of the hotel on the walls			movie script, the filmmaker
		A busy New York agency with million		broadens the setting of place. The
	•••	A busy new tork agency with minion		event not only in the Dolphin Hotel

	In the elevator, Mike found his eyes	dollar views.		but also in the other inn, book store,
	drawn to the neat triple row of buttons.			and nursing home.
	•••			
		Saint Joseph's Nursing Home. An		
	Mike stood where he was for a moment,	airless lobby. Very old people sit		
	in the perfect New York hotel.	unmoving, some in wheelchairs . orderlies		
		silently clean.		
	The room I'm in has two chairs, a sofa,			
	a writing desk, a cabinet that probably	A small funeral. Under gray skies. A		
	contains the TV and maybe a minibar.	doze people are huddled around a fresh		
		grave, watching the coffin get lowered		
	•••	into the ground.		
	The pictures on the living room wall			
	were crooked again. Mike looked			
	around the bedroom with wide,			
	frightened eyes.			
32.	There was no need to put a MagCard lock	Mike runs to his duffel. He rummages for	Updating	There is an internet technology
		a coat and quickly puts it on. Underneath	- F	appears in this movie script. It
	inside; the room was last occupied by a	• •		appears when Mike asks for help
		low".		from Lily. First, Mike looks for his
		IOW .		
	"You're shitting me!" Mike sat down			cellphone. Second, he looks for his

again, and unlimbered his minicorder	Mike growls, livid. Suddenly, he glimpses	lapt	otop. It does not need to dig a
again. He pushed the RECORD button	something else – his laptop .	dee	ep memory to remember that
and said, "House manager Olin claims		the	ese two gadgets have not existed
1408 not rented to a paying guest in		in	year 1999. So the changing of
over twenty years."	Mike spins the mouse, clicking "Internet".	sett	ting of time in this part can be
	He waits patiently. The Wi-Fi icon	call	lled as <i>updating</i> adjustment.
	scrolls.		