

Refined Brand Foundation (for External Expression)

1. Brand Essence

Idea in one line:

| *Discipline as a path to spiritual freedom.*

Rory Miller teaches driven people to reconcile their ambition with inner peace — to live powerfully without being owned by achievement.

2. Archetypal Focus

Primary: *Hero-Sage hybrid* — the man who’s fought his battles and now teaches others how to win the invisible ones.

Supporting: *Rebel / Explorer* — courageous enough to defy expectation, humble enough to keep seeking.

3. Positioning (refined and externalized)

Rory Miller is a modern teacher of grounded spirituality for high-performers. He helps entrepreneurs, veterans, and leaders translate external success into internal alignment — using the same discipline that built their careers to finally build peace.

Difference: He’s not preaching detachment from the world; he’s modeling mastery *within* it.

4. Tone Pillars

Pillar	What It Means	Texture
Earned Calm	Confidence that comes only from tested experience.	Voice feels steady, low-heat, present.

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Sacred Pragmatism	Spiritual insight that works on Tuesday morning.	Speak in plain English about transcendent ideas.
Courageous Clarity	Cuts through self-deception and noise.	Short, declarative sentences; no jargon.
Sovereign Discipline	Freedom through structure.	Visual rhythm, clean grids, martial precision.
Human Warmth	Never ascetic or aloof; he's walked through chaos with empathy intact.	Balance steel with sincerity.

5. Narrative Hooks

- **The After-Victory Void:** What to do when success stops feeling like enough.
- **The Inner Special Forces:** Train the mind and spirit with the same rigor as the body.
- **The Modern Pilgrim:** Building wealth and wisdom without losing your soul.
- **Freedom Relearned:** Trading hustle for harmony without trading ambition.

6. Voice-to-Visual Mappings

Voice Concept	Visual Language
Stoic + Spiritual	Contrast of matte black and natural light. Minimalism with texture.
Precision	Grid-locked layouts, restrained type hierarchy.
Rebirth	Organic motion elements — wind, waves, dawn gradient.
Authority	Bold condensed display + modern grotesk body type.

7. Draft Color System

- **Charcoal Iron (#111111)** — Authority / Stillness
- **Desert Bone (#DAD2C3)** — Earth / Simplicity
- **Ram Horn Brass (#9E8262)** — Strength / Warmth
- **Edge Red (#A9332E)** — Courage / Focus Accent

- **Fog White (#F6F5F2)** — Breath / Light
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8. Tagline Concepts

Transformational Set

1. *Live strong. Die peaceful.*
2. *Discipline is the doorway to freedom.*
3. *You've mastered the game — now master yourself.*

Movement Set

4. *The Middle Way, Reforged.*
 5. *Built for battle. Awake in spirit.*
 6. *Less noise. More knowing.*
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9. Symbolic Direction

Move away from literal military marks toward a **fusion sigil**:

- Ram's horn spiral simplified into a single continuous stroke (rebirth, endurance).
 - Central negative-space crosshair implying *focus within stillness*.
 - The mark should feel carved, not printed — timeless and elemental.
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10. Brand Vibe

Austere, masculine serenity.

Feels like a temple built inside a gym — incense and iron, sunlight and discipline.

The aesthetic invites the viewer to *exhale*.

11. Next Step Recommendation

Two tracks from here:

1. **Voice Track:** develop 3–5 sample brand expressions (homepage headline, bio paragraph, Instagram caption, short-form script) to lock tone.

2. **Visual Track:** translate this refinement into an early direction board — palette, typographic pairings, symbol exploration, and mood imagery.

1. Core Voice Principles

Voice Trait	Description	Example Tone
Grounded Authority	Speaks like someone who has lived what he teaches — confident, calm, and earned.	“This isn’t theory. It’s what happens when you stop running from silence.”
Stoic Spirituality	Merges discipline with devotion — strength anchored in stillness.	“Your routine is your prayer.”
Respectful Rebellion	Challenges convention without bitterness.	“You don’t need permission to live differently — just the courage to start.”
Human Depth	Never a guru; always a man in process.	“I haven’t mastered peace. I’m just learning how to return to it faster.”
Clarity Over Complexity	Fewer words, more truth.	“Everything you’re chasing is waiting for you to slow down.”

2. Short-Form Expressions

A. Website Hero Lines

1. “You’ve mastered the world. Now master yourself.”
2. “Discipline is divine.”
3. “Power without peace is just another prison.”
4. “The next frontier isn’t out there. It’s within.”
5. “Live strong. Die peaceful.”

B. Social/Caption Examples

- “If the noise in your head is louder than your success, it’s time to train differently.”
- “Freedom doesn’t come from quitting — it comes from knowing why you started.”
- “Stillness isn’t weakness. It’s control at a higher level.”

- “Rebellion is sacred when it’s done with respect.”
- “You can’t outwork a wound. You have to face it.”
- “Everything you want to achieve starts with who you’re willing to become.”

C. Podcast or Video Intros

- “This isn’t self-help. It’s self-mastery — one disciplined breath at a time.”
 - “You don’t have to leave the world to find peace. You just have to stop letting it own you.”
 - “I’m not here to motivate you. I’m here to remind you who you already are.”
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3. Medium-Form — About / Bio Paragraph

Rory Miller is a former Green Beret turned teacher of modern spirituality and human performance.

He helps driven people — entrepreneurs, leaders, and athletes — turn their discipline inward to find peace without losing ambition.

Through his blend of stoicism, faith, and lived intensity, Rory shows that the real victory isn’t what you conquer, but what you reconcile.

He teaches how to lead, build, and thrive with the kind of freedom that only comes from mastering yourself first.

4. Long-Form — Narrative Post Example

Title: The Hardest Battle Comes After the Win

We’re trained to chase the next hill.

Hit the next number. Win the next fight.

And when we do, the world cheers — but something inside us goes quiet.

That silence isn’t failure. It’s a summons.

It’s the soul asking, *“Now that you’ve proven you can build it — can you bear to just be?”*

For years, I thought freedom meant control.

I tried to manage my time, my team, my results — everything except my inner life.

What I learned in Special Forces and business both is this: if you can’t sit alone in a room without the noise, you’re not free yet.

Stillness isn’t the absence of motion. It’s the mastery of it.

When you learn to pause — to breathe — to lead from peace instead of pressure — that’s

when life finally starts to serve you back.

The next mission isn't out there.
It's here — in the space between thoughts, in the breath you keep forgetting to take.

5. Voice Guidelines (Do / Don't)

Do	Don't
Use short, declarative sentences — confident, minimal.	Don't over-explain spiritual ideas with jargon.
Speak from lived experience; avoid hypotheticals.	Avoid “preachy” or “guru” tone.
Anchor wisdom in action (discipline, movement, presence).	Don't drift into abstract mysticism or “manifestation” clichés.
Integrate military precision and spiritual calm.	Don't use aggressive or combative language.
Allow quiet moments and pauses — his voice breathes.	Don't fill space with motivational fluff.

6. Next Steps

1. Develop **Voice Library** — 20–30 ready-to-use caption lines, organized by theme (Discipline, Stillness, Purpose, Rebellion).
2. Create **Video Script Templates** — 60-second and 3-minute spoken tone pieces for Rory's Instagram/YouTube.
3. Test **Voice Consistency** across web copy, email intros, and podcast descriptions.

Tone Summary:

Rory's voice is the meeting point between *iron and incense*.
It's clear, unhurried, confident — never loud, never vague.
He speaks from scars, not slogans.

1. Brand Essence

Tagline (working): *Discipline as a path to spiritual freedom.*

Rory’s visual identity should feel like *the intersection of iron and air* — masculine yet meditative. It embodies power without aggression, structure without rigidity, and depth without mysticism.

Think: *a modern stoic sanctuary* — calm light over strength.

2. Visual Positioning

Axis	Description
Masculine → Human	Strong forms softened by light and texture.
Structured → Organic	Clean grids meeting natural materials.
Discipline → Serenity	Visual tension resolved through simplicity.
Military Past → Philosophical Present	Precision evolved into peace.

3. Updated Symbol System

Core Symbol Concept: “The Axis”

A geometric mark that expresses balance and awakening, not aggression.

Design Notes:

- A **circle** (unity, consciousness).
- A **single vertical line** cutting upward through center (discipline, ascension).
- A **subtle radiating axis** or light break at the center (awareness).
- Negative space creates quiet movement — *the still point within motion*.

This becomes his **spiritual compass** — a visual representation of *inner alignment*. It keeps the visual precision of his past life (geometry, focus) while shedding any martial or “target” symbolism.

Optional Animation Concept:

Line expands upward from circle → radiates light → resolves into mark.
(Represents ascension through awareness.)

4. Color System

Balanced between earth and steel; timeless, quiet, strong.

Color	Hex	Meaning
Obsidian Iron	#111111	Discipline / Stillness
Desert Bone	#DAD2C3	Earth / Simplicity
Ram Horn Brass	#9E8262	Strength / Warmth
Deep Ash Grey	#3E3E3E	Restraint / Focus
Mist White	#F6F5F2	Breath / Clarity
Crimson Thread (Accent)	#A9332E	Courage / Heartline

Palette Tone: Neutral, analog, desaturated — avoiding tactical greens or military camos.
Lighting Style: Always natural or tungsten warmth; no neon or cold LEDs.

5. Typography System

Usage	Typeface	Tone
Display / Headlines	Bebas Neue (or Neue Haas Condensed)	Structured authority, modern stoicism
Body / Long-form	Space Grotesk	Clean, approachable intellect
Quotes / Emphasis	Playfair Display Italic	Poetic warmth, philosophical edge

Hierarchy Feel:

1. Large, confident display line (one sentence max).
 2. Thin subline with subtle tracking for breath.
 3. Ample white space as a design element — silence is part of the composition.
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6. Imagery Direction

Primary Mood: *Still Power*

- Desaturated portraits with directional light.
- Textures: stone, smoke, wind, sand, rippling water, linen, metal.
- Environments: dawn training grounds, mountain ridges, quiet interiors.
- Emotive palette: grey skies, sun through dust, still water.

Framing:

- Wide negative space around subject.
- Focus on eyes and breath.
- Movement through stillness (slow shutter blurs, shallow DOF).

Lighting Philosophy:

Natural light only. Golds and greys. No studio glare.

Light should “reveal” — never perform.

7. Motion & Texture Language

Element	Description
Motion	Slow ascension, ripple, breath — never spin or flicker.
Texture	Grain, dust, soft gradients reminiscent of analog film.
Transition Style	Fade through shadows or light leaks — evokes awakening, not flash.

8. Graphic Motifs

- **Axis Lines:** Subtle vertical or radial lines hinting at focus and centering.
- **Circles / Rings:** Represent consciousness; faintly embossed or etched, not literal.

- **Breath Gradients:** Vertical fade from deep charcoal → bone white, representing grounding to clarity.
 - **Subtle Grids:** Architectural balance echoing “system meets soul.”
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9. Brand Photography Direction

Category	Style
Portraits	Intimate, matte-finish black & white; direct gaze, calm power.
Lifestyle	Movement through nature — walking, breathing, training, teaching.
Detail	Close-ups of hands, breath condensation, tactile textures.
Symbolic	Horizon, open sky, rising sun, path through fog.

10. Visual Summary Statement

“The Rory Miller brand is a sanctuary of masculine serenity — forged in structure, refined by silence.”

It feels disciplined, sacred, and elemental — less like a coach, more like a guide.
The design language should whisper, not shout.

11. Duplication Audit

Section	Match Type	Notes
All text	✓ language	No verbatim lines from intake.
Concepts (discipline, stillness, freedom)	Conceptual reuse	Central brand philosophy, fully reframed visually.
Symbolic terms (Ram/Crosshair)	Replaced	Removed due to hunting connotation.
Overall	✓ publication	Unique creative direction document.



NEXT STEP RECOMMENDATION

1. **Create visual deck mockups (1920×1080)** for:
 - Color palette sheet
 - Type hierarchy slide
 - Symbol mark exploration (Axis concept)
 - Imagery + texture mood board
2. **Lock typography + symbol pairings** before logo sketch stage.
3. **Define social grid system** (3-column feed layout: quote / portrait / motion still).

1. Discipline

1. *Discipline is the doorway to freedom.*
 2. *Routine is the highest form of prayer.*
 3. *Train your spirit like you train your body.*
 4. *Every rep, every breath — build presence, not perfection.*
 5. *If you can't sit still, you're not in control yet.*
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2. Stillness

6. *Stillness isn't the absence of motion. It's mastery of it.*
 7. *Peace isn't passive — it's trained.*
 8. *The quiet moments are where the truth reports in.*
 9. *When you slow down, the noise reveals what's real.*
 10. *Stillness is strength under control.*
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3. Purpose & Meaning

11. *Success is easy. Significance takes work.*
 12. *You've mastered the world. Now master yourself.*
 13. *Purpose isn't found — it's remembered.*
 14. *The next frontier isn't out there. It's within.*
 15. *Don't chase peace. Build it.*
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4. Respectful Rebellion

16. *You don't have to burn it all down — just stop obeying what's broken.*
17. *Rebellion is sacred when it's rooted in truth.*
18. *Challenge everything that dulls your soul.*

19. *Integrity is the real act of defiance.*
20. *Freedom starts the moment you stop performing.*
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5. Sovereignty & Freedom

21. *No system owns you unless you outsource your soul.*
22. *Freedom is self-mastery, not escape.*
23. *The hardest prison to leave is the one that looks like success.*
24. *Sovereignty starts with silence.*
25. *You can't lead others if you can't sit with yourself.*
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6. Growth & Awakening

26. *What you resist is where you're meant to grow.*
27. *Awakening isn't soft — it's disciplined awareness.*
28. *Pain is a teacher when you're willing to listen.*
29. *Evolution favors the honest.*
30. *Every season demands a new version of you.*
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Tone Summary

Each line maintains Rory's unique blend of stoicism, spiritual awareness, and hard-earned calm.

Short, declarative sentences with weight — not slogans, but signals.

Duplication Audit vs. Original Intake

Category	Phrase / Sentence	Match Type	Notes
Voice Library (all 30)	None of these sentences appear verbatim in the intake form.	 No direct duplication	Every line is original phrasing.

Category	Phrase / Sentence	Match Type	Notes
Shared Concepts	“Discipline,” “Stillness,” “Freedom,” “Rebellion,” “Sovereignty”	Conceptual overlap	These are thematic pillars drawn from intake content but re-articulated.
Specific Phrases	“Respectful rebellion”	Exact term retained intentionally	This was Rory’s own coined phrase and is treated as a branded signature, not repetition.
“The next frontier isn’t out there. It’s within.”	Partial echo of intake phrasing about “charting new frontiers”	Loose conceptual parallel but not direct copy.	
“No system owns you unless you outsource your soul.”	Inspired by “free from external systems”	Paraphrased — not direct copy.	
All other lines	—	 Completely new language	Written for brand voice development only.



1. SHORT FORM — 60 SECONDS

Title: *The Battle After Success*

(Ideal for Instagram / Reels / YouTube Shorts)

Structure: Hook → Truth → Shift → Invitation

[0:00–0:10 — HOOK]

You spend years climbing.

You hit the number, buy the thing, earn the respect.

And then, one morning, it feels... hollow.

[0:10–0:30 — TRUTH]

No one tells you that success can be the quietest prison.

You built everything on control — now you can't sit still.

Your mind's loud, your soul's tired, and the finish line didn't fix it.

[0:30–0:50 — SHIFT]

That emptiness isn't failure. It's the signal.

It's your spirit asking for something deeper than applause.

The next level isn't another mountain — it's peace.

[0:50–1:00 — INVITATION]

The real work begins after the win.

Learn to lead from stillness — that's where freedom starts.

(End card or on-screen line: "Discipline is the doorway to freedom.")

Production Notes

- **Tone:** Calm, reflective, no background music or soft pulse only.
- **Delivery:** Speak as if to one person, not a crowd.
- **Visuals:** Close-up, natural light, minimal movement; fade to black with final line.



2. LONG FORM — 3 MINUTES

Title: *Stillness Is the Hardest Training*

(Ideal for YouTube, podcast monologue, or brand film)

Structure: Opening Question → Personal Story → Insight → Application → Call to Reflection

[0:00–0:30 — OPENING QUESTION]

What happens when the mission ends?

When you've built the business, earned the rank, or hit the goal... and you still feel restless?

Most people double down. More work, more noise, more movement.

But the hardest training I've ever done wasn't physical — it was learning how to be still.

[0:30–1:30 — PERSONAL STORY]

I learned this the hard way.

Years ago, I'd done everything right — successful business, thriving family, freedom on paper.

But inside, I was spinning.

I could lead teams, control outcomes, push through exhaustion — but I couldn't quiet my own mind.

Then I realized: I'd trained every muscle except the one that mattered — awareness.

[1:30–2:15 — INSIGHT]

Stillness isn't sitting cross-legged in silence.

It's being present under pressure.

It's hearing the noise without reacting to it.

It's a form of discipline most of us never practice because it doesn't look like effort — it looks like surrender.

[2:15–2:45 — APPLICATION]

Start small.

Two minutes a day of conscious breathing.

Walk without your phone.

Sit in your car before you start it and notice your breath.

Stillness builds like strength — one rep at a time.

[2:45–3:00 — CALL TO REFLECTION]

The world doesn't need louder leaders. It needs quieter ones.

Be the kind of calm that other people can feel.

That's what real power sounds like.

(End card or VO tagline: “Live strong. Die peaceful.”)

Production Notes

- **Tone:** Deep, even pacing; 5-10 seconds of silence between key ideas.
 - **Audio:** Low ambient track (wind, heartbeat, or soft percussion).
 - **Visuals:**
 - Act I (question): dim or studio shot.
 - Act II (story): natural light, moving shots (walking, hands, eyes).
 - Act III (reflection): sunset, slow fade.
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3. STRUCTURE TEMPLATE FOR FUTURE WRITING

Format:

1. **The Truth:** State a tension everyone feels but rarely says out loud.
2. **The Mirror:** Share a real, brief personal moment.
3. **The Shift:** Offer a new way to see the same situation.
4. **The Practice:** One tangible action.
5. **The Peace:** End with a single line that breathes — a signature truth.

Example Pattern:

“The discipline that got you here won’t get you free.
Freedom takes a different kind of training — the kind that starts inside.”

Three Alternate 60-Second Scripts

1. The Discipline of Letting Go

(Theme: Control vs. Surrender)

[0:00–0:10 — HOOK]

You've trained to control everything — your body, your time, your outcomes.
But real mastery isn't more control. It's knowing when to release it.

[0:10–0:30 — TRUTH]

The tighter you grip, the less you can feel.
Discipline built you — but it can also box you in.
Letting go isn't weakness; it's refinement.

[0:30–0:50 — SHIFT]

What if strength looked like trust?
What if the next level of power is peace?
Sometimes the heaviest thing you can lift is your own expectations.

[0:50–1:00 — INVITATION]

Train to release as hard as you train to achieve.
Because freedom starts the moment you unclench.

(End card: "Stillness is strength under control.")

2. You Don't Need Permission

(Theme: Sovereignty and Rebellion)

[0:00–0:10 — HOOK]

Everyone's waiting for a green light — from parents, peers, society.
What if no one else was ever supposed to give it to you?

[0:10–0:30 — TRUTH]

The system runs on obedience disguised as opportunity.
Play by its rules long enough and you forget who you are.
Respect the world — but stop asking it for approval.

[0:30–0:50 — SHIFT]

Freedom isn't handed out. It's claimed.

Integrity is rebellion without rage.

When you decide your own path, you liberate more than yourself.

[0:50–1:00 — INVITATION]

No more waiting.

Walk your path — respectfully, relentlessly.

(End card: "Rebellion is sacred when it's rooted in truth.")



3. Freedom vs. Escape

(Theme: True Liberation vs. Avoidance)

[0:00–0:10 — HOOK]

You quit the job, move cities, end the relationship — but somehow the weight follows you.

That's not freedom. That's escape.

[0:10–0:30 — TRUTH]

Change of scenery isn't change of self.

You can't outrun what's inside you.

Freedom isn't distance — it's depth.

[0:30–0:50 — SHIFT]

When you stop running, the noise settles.

You start hearing what's been trying to reach you.

And that's where real movement begins — inward.

[0:50–1:00 — INVITATION]

Stop chasing new landscapes.

Start mastering the one within.

(End card: "The next frontier isn't out there. It's within.")

Brand Manifesto Film Script + Structure (3–5 min)



TITLE: “The Way Back to Yourself”

Length: 3–5 minutes

Purpose: Define the movement, the man, and the mission.

STRUCTURE OVERVIEW

1. Act I — The Noise (0:00–1:00)
 2. Act II — The Realization (1:00–2:00)
 3. Act III — The Return (2:00–3:00)
 4. Act IV — The Invitation (3:00–end)
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VOICEOVER SCRIPT

Act I — The Noise (0:00–1:00)

(Visual: motion, city, work, screens, sweat, movement — the relentless pace.)

We live in a world that rewards motion.
More growth. More hustle. More noise.
We build, chase, and conquer — until the silence catches up.

But what do you do when achievement stops working?
When the applause fades and the victory feels empty?

That’s when the real mission begins.

Visual tone: fast-cut imagery of movement, then sudden stop.

Music: rising pulse that drops to silence at 0:55.

Act II — The Realization (1:00–2:00)

(Visual: nature, breath, slower rhythm — a shift from external to internal.)

Stillness doesn't come naturally to warriors.
We're trained to push, to fight, to move.
But strength without peace is just another kind of weakness.

The hardest discipline isn't waking up early or grinding harder.
It's the one that asks you to pause.
To face what's left when there's nothing left to prove.

Tone: grounded, empathetic — stillness as revelation, not retreat.

Act III — The Return (2:00–3:00)

(Visual: physical training meets spiritual symbolism — morning light, slow breath, water, motion returning with purpose.)

The truth is — you don't have to leave the world to find peace.
You just have to stop letting it own you.

Discipline was never the enemy.
It's the doorway.

The same structure that built your strength can build your stillness.
The same fire that forged your will can illuminate your spirit.

Music: subtle rise, string + drum hybrid; evokes resilience and calm.

Act IV — The Invitation (3:00–end)

(Visual: Rory speaking directly to camera, slow-motion cuts of family, sunrise, ocean horizon, human connection.)

The next frontier isn't out there.
It's within.

This is about remembering who you were before the noise.

The world doesn't need louder leaders.
It needs quieter ones — men and women who move with peace in their bones.

You’ve mastered the world.
Now master yourself.

Live strong. Die peaceful.

Visual tone: camera lingers; fade to black on final line.
Sound: single heartbeat fades into stillness.

PRODUCTION NOTES

Element	Direction
Visual Style	Cinematic realism — handheld camera, natural light, slow shutter. Think <i>Terence Malick meets Jocko Willink</i> .
Color Grade	Desaturated neutrals (charcoal, brass, sand). Hints of warmth only in moments of peace.
Music	Ambient + cinematic percussion. Minimalistic; emphasize silence as rhythm.
Typography (on-screen)	Bebas Neue or condensed sans-serif for key lines; fade-in text over quiet moments.
Logo End Card	Abstract sigil. Clean black screen, linework animation.

Duplication Audit

Section	Match Type	Notes
All dialogue	 phrasing	No direct duplication from intake; built from thematic elements.
Recurring terms (“discipline,” “stillness,” “frontier”)	Conceptual echo	These are part of his brand lexicon, recontextualized with new wording.
Final line “Live strong. Die peaceful.”	Original creation	Not present in intake.
Summary	 publication	No copied language. Fully new articulation of brand tone.



NEXT STEP RECOMMENDATION

1. **Storyboard the film:** create a visual shot map for each act (I–IV).
2. **Cut 3x 30-second social versions** using sections of this VO for rollout.
3. **Integrate the audio** as the hero banner for Rory's future site landing.