Sketch Writing Cheat Sheet by Sketchpad Comedy

Idea/Summary of sketch: _______________________________________________________
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Characters/Actors: 
1. 4. 
2. 5. 
3. 6. 

Location/Mood of sketch: (ie. bank, at night, on Mars, etc)
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Format/Design: (ie. Call in radio show, town hall meeting, interview, etc.)
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Main theme of Sketch: (ie. morals, good vs evil, shits n giggles, etc)
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What changes by the end? (ie. someone’s opinion, hope fails/lives, something is revealed?, etc)
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What happens in Beat 1? (lines of dialogue, what game begins?, important pieces, etc.)
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Escalation - Beat 2 (make it bigger or more important or more absurd)
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Escalation/Turn - Beat 3 (make it even bigger, even more important, even more absurd)
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How does it end? (joke “button”, someone changes, turn it on its head, etc)
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Quick tips: *If a character isn't necessary cut it *When in doubt, throw more gas on the fire *1 page equals 1 minute (generally) *Get into the action as quickly as possible, back story is unnecessary in sketch *You should be able to fit your idea in one or two sentences

Now go write your sketch! Got feedback? Email us Jason@sketchpadcomedy.com
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