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PULP FICTION

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THREE STORIES...

ABOUT ONE STORY...

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PULP (pulp) n. 1. A soft, moist, shapeless mass of matter.

2. A magazine or book containing lurid subject matter and being characteristically printed on rough, unfinished paper.

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1. INT. COFFEE SHOP - MORNING

1.

A normal Denny's, Spires-like coffee shop in Los Angeles. It's about 9:00 in the morning. While the place isn't jammed, there's a healthy number of people drinking coffee, munching on bacon and eating eggs.

Two of these people are a YOUNG MAN and a YOUNG WOMAN. The Young Man has a slight working-class English accent and, like his fellow countrymen, smokes cigarettes like they're going out of style.

It is impossible to tell where the Young Woman is from or how old she is; everything she does contradicts something she did. The boy and girl sit in a booth. Their dialogue is to be said in a rapid-pace "HIS GIRL FRIDAY" fashion.

YOUNG MAN

No, forget it, it's too risky. I'm through doin' that shit.

YOUNG WOMAN

You always say that, the same thing every time: never again, I'm through, too dangerous.

YOUNG MAN

I know that's what I always say. I'm always right too, but --

YOUNG WOMAN

-- but you forget about it in a day or two --

YOUNG MAN

-- yeah, well, the days of me forgittin' are over, and the days of me rememberin' have just begun.

YOUNG WOMAN

When you go on like this, you know what you sound like?

YOUNG MAN

I sound like a sensible fucking man, is what I sound like.

YOUNG WOMAN

You sound like a duck.

(imitates a duck)

Quack, quack, quack, quack, quack, quack, quack....

YOUNG MAN

Well take heart, 'cause you're never gonna hafta hear it again. Because since I'm never gonna do it again, you're never gonna hafta hear me quack about how I'm never gonna do it again.

YOUNG WOMAN

After tonight.

The boy and girl laugh, their laughter putting a pause in there, back and forth.

YOUNG MAN

(with a smile)

Correct. I got all tonight to quack.

A WAITRESS comes by with a pot of coffee.

WAITRESS

Can I get anybody anymore coffee?

YOUNG WOMAN

Oh yes, thank you.

The Waitress pours the Young Woman's coffee. The Young Man lights up another cigarette.

YOUNG MAN

I'm doin' fine.

The Waitress leaves. The Young Man takes a drag off of his smoke. The Young Woman pours a ton of cream and sugar into her coffee.

The Young Man goes right back into it.

YOUNG MAN

I mean the way it is now, you're takin' the same fuckin' risk as when you rob a bank. You take more of a risk. Banks are easier! Federal banks aren't supposed to stop you anyway, during a robbery. They're insured, why should they care? You don't even need a gun in a federal bank.

(MORE)

YOUNG MAN (CONT'D)

I heard about this guy, walked into a federal bank with a portable phone, handed the phone to the teller, the guy on the other end of the phone said: "We got this guy's little girl, and if you don't give him all your money, we're gonna kill 'er."

YOUNG WOMAN

Did it work?

YOUNG MAN

Fuckin' A it worked, that's what I'm talkin' about! Knucklehead walks in a bank with a telephone, not a pistol, not a shotgun, but a fuckin' phone, cleans the place out, and they don't lift a fuckin' finger.

YOUNG WOMAN

Did they hurt the little girl?

YOUNG MAN

I don't know. There probably never was a little girl -- the point of the story isn't the little girl. The point of the story is they robbed the bank with a telephone.

YOUNG WOMAN

You wanna rob banks?

YOUNG MAN

I'm not sayin' I wanna rob banks, I'm just illustrating that if we did, it would be easier than what we been doin'.

YOUNG WOMAN

So you don't want to be a bank robber?

YOUNG MAN

Naw, all those guys are goin' down the same road, either dead or servin' twenty.

YOUNG WOMAN

And no more liquor stores?

YOUNG MAN

What have we been talking about?
 Yeah, no-more-liquor-stores.
 Besides, it ain't the giggle it
 usta be. Too many foreigners own
 liquor stores. Vietnamese,
 Koreans, they can't fuckin' speak
 English. You tell 'em: "Empty out
 the register," and they don't know
 what it fuckin' means. They make
 it too personal. We keep on, one
 of those gook motherfuckers' gonna
 make us kill 'em.

YOUNG WOMAN

I'm not gonna kill anybody.

YOUNG MAN

I don't wanna kill anybody either.
 But they'll probably put us in a
 situation where it's us or them.
 And if it's not the gooks, it these
 old Jews who've owned the store for
 fifteen fuckin' generations. Ya
 got Grandpa Irving sittin' behind
 the counter with a fuckin' Magnum.
 Try walkin' into one of those
 stores with nothin' but a
 telephone, see how far it gets you.
 Fuck it, forget it, we're out of
 it.

YOUNG WOMAN

Well, what else is there, day jobs?

YOUNG MAN

(laughing)
 Not this life.

YOUNG WOMAN

Well what then?

He calls to the Waitress.

YOUNG MAN

Garcon! Coffee!

Then looks to his girl.

YOUNG MAN

This place.

The Waitress comes by, pouring him some more.

WAITRESS
 (snotty)
 "Garcon" means boy.

She splits.

YOUNG WOMAN
 Here? It's a coffee shop.

YOUNG MAN
 What's wrong with that? People
 never rob restaurants, why not?
 Bars, liquor stores, gas stations,
 you get your head blown off
 stickin' up one of them.
 Restaurants, on the other hand, you
 catch with their pants down.
 They're not expecting to get
 robbed, or not as expecting.

YOUNG WOMAN
 (taking to idea)
 I bet in places like this you could
 cut down on the hero factor.

YOUNG MAN
 Correct. Just like banks, these
 places are insured. The managers
 don't give a fuck, they're just
 tryin' to get ya out the door
 before you start pluggin' diners.
 Waitresses, forget it, they ain't
 takin' a bullet for the register.
 Busboys, some wetback gettin' paid
 a dollar fifty a hour gonna really
 give a fuck you're stealin' from
 the owner. Customers are sittin'
 there with food in their mouths,
 they don't know what's goin' on.
 One minute they're havin' a Denver
 omelette, next minute somebody's
 stickin' a gun in their face.

The Young Woman visibly takes in the idea. The Young Man
 continues in a low voice.

YOUNG MAN
 See, I got the idea last liquor
 store we stuck up. 'Member all
 those customers kept comin' in?

YOUNG WOMAN
 Yeah.

YOUNG MAN
Then you got the idea to take
everybody's wallet.

YOUNG WOMAN
Uh-huh.

YOUNG MAN
That was a good idea.

YOUNG WOMAN
Thank you.

YOUNG MAN
We made more from the wallets than
we did the register.

YOUNG WOMAN
Yes we did.

YOUNG MAN
A lot of people go to restaurants.

YOUNG WOMAN
A lot of wallets.

YOUNG MAN
Pretty smart, huh?

The Young Woman scans the restaurant with this new information. She sees all the PATRONS eating, lost in conversations. The tired WAITRESS, taking orders. The BUSBOYS going through the motions, collecting dishes. The MANAGER complaining to the COOK about something. A smile breaks out on the Young Woman's face.

YOUNG WOMAN
Pretty smart.
(into it)
I'm ready, let's go, right here,
right now.

YOUNG MAN
Remember, same as before, you're
crowd control, I handle the
employees.

YOUNG WOMAN
Got it.

They both take out their .32-caliber pistols and lay them on the table. He looks at her and she back at him.

YOUNG WOMAN

I love you, Pumpkin.

YOUNG MAN

I love you, Honey Bunny.

And with that, Pumpkin and Honey Bunny grab their weapons, stand up and rob the restaurant. Pumpkin's robbery persona is that of the in-control professional. Honey Bunny's is that of the psychopathic, hair-triggered, loose cannon.

PUMPKIN

(yelling to all)

Everybody be cool, this is a robbery!

HONEY BONNY

Any of you fuckin' pricks move and I'll execute every one of you motherfuckers! Got that?

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2. INT. '74 CHEVY (MOVING) - MORNING

2.

An old gas guzzling, dirty, white 1974 Chevy Nova BARRELS down a homeless-ridden street in Hollywood. In the front seat are two young fellas -- one white, one black -- both wearing cheap black suits with thin black ties under long green dusters. Their names are VINCENT VEGA (white) and JULES WINNFIELD (black). Jules is behind the wheel.

JULES

-- okay now, tell me about the hash bars?

VINCENT

What do you want to know?

JULES

Well, hash is legal there, right?

VINCENT

Yeah, it's legal, but it ain't a hundred percent legal. I mean you can't walk into a restaurant, roll a joint, and start puffin' away.

(MORE)

VINCENT (CONT'D)

You're only supposed to smoke in your home or certain designated places.

JULES

Those are hash bars?

VINCENT

Yeah, it breaks down like this: it's legal to buy it, it's legal to own it and, if you're the proprietor of a hash bar, it's legal to sell it. It's legal to carry it, which doesn't really matter 'cause -- get a load of this -- if the cops stop you, it's illegal for them to search you. Searching you is a right that the cops in Amsterdam don't have.

JULES

That did it, man -- I'm fuckin' goin', that's all there is to it.

VINCENT

You'll dig it the most. But you know what the funniest thing about Europe is?

JULES

What?

VINCENT

It's the little differences. A lotta the same shit we got here, they got there, but there they're a little different.

JULES

Example?

VINCENT

Well, in Amsterdam, you can buy beer in a movie theatre. And I don't mean in a paper cup either. They give you a glass of beer, like in a bar. In Paris, you can buy beer at MacDonald's. Also, you know what they call a Quarter Pounder with Cheese in Paris?

JULES

They don't call it a Quarter
Pounder with Cheese?

VINCENT

No, they got the metric system
there, they wouldn't know what the
fuck a Quarter Pounder is.

JULES

What'd they call it?

VINCENT

Royale with Cheese.

JULES

(repeating)

Royale with Cheese. What'd they
call a Big Mac?

VINCENT

Big Mac's a Big Mac, but they call
it Le Big Mac.

JULES

What do they call a Whopper?

VINCENT

I dunno, I didn't go into a Burger
King. But you know what they put
on french fries in Holland instead
of ketchup?

JULES

What?

VINCENT

Mayonnaise.

JULES

Goddamn!

VINCENT

I seen 'em do it. And I don't mean
a little bit on the side of the
plate, they fuckin' drown 'em in
it.

JULES

Duccch!

CUT TO:

3. INT. CHEVY (TRUNK) - MORNING

3.

The trunk of the Chevy OPENS UP, Jules and Vincent reach inside, taking out two .45 Automatics, loading and cocking them.

JULES

We should have shotguns for this kind of deal.

VINCENT

How many up there?

JULES

Three or four.

VINCENT

Counting our guy?

JULES

I'm not sure.

VINCENT

So there could be five guys up there?

JULES

It's possible.

VINCENT

We should have fuckin' shotguns.

They CLOSE the trunk.

CUT TO:

4. EXT. APARTMENT BUILDING COURTYARD - MORNING

4.

Vincent and Jules, their long matching overcoats practically dragging on the ground, walk through the courtyard of what looks like a hacienda-style Hollywood apartment building.

We TRACK alongside.

VINCENT

What's her name?

JULES

Mia.

VINCENT

How did Marsellus and her meet?

JULES

I dunno, however people meet people. She usta be an actress.

VINCENT

She ever do anything I woulda saw?

JULES

I think her biggest deal was she starred in a pilot.

VINCENT

What's a pilot?

JULES

Well, you know the shows on TV?

VINCENT

I don't watch TV.

JULES

Yes, but you're aware that there's an invention called television, and on that invention they show shows?

VINCENT

Yeah.

JULES

Well, the way they pick the shows on TV is they make one show, and that show's called a pilot. And they show that one show to the people who pick the shows, and on the strength of that one show, they decide if they want to make more shows. Some get accepted and become TV programs, and some don't, and become nothing. She starred in one of the ones that became nothing.

They enter the apartment building.

5. INT. RECEPTION AREA (APARTMENT BUILDING) - MORNING

5.

Vincent and Jules walk through the reception area and wait for the elevator.

JULES

You remember Antwan Rockamora? Half-black, half-Samoan, usta call him Tony Rocky Horror.

VINCENT
Yeah maybe, fat right?

JULES
I wouldn't go so far as to call the brother fat. He's got a weight problem. What's the nigger gonna do, he's Samoan.

VINCENT
I think I know who you mean, what about him?

JULES
Well, Marsellus fucked his ass up good. And word around the campfire, it was on account of Marsellus Wallace's wife.

The elevator arrives, the men step inside.

6. INT. ELEVATOR - MORNING

6.

VINCENT
What'd he do, fuck her?

JULES
No no no no no no no, nothin' that bad.

VINCENT
Well what then?

JULES
He gave her a foot massage.

VINCENT
A foot massage?

Jules nods his head: "Yes."

VINCENT
That's all?

Jules nods his head: "Yes."

VINCENT
What did Marsellus do?

JULES

Sent a couple of guys over to his place. They took him out on the patio of his apartment, threw his ass over the balcony. Nigger fell four stories. They had this garden at the bottom, enclosed in glass, like one of them greenhouses -- nigger fell through that. Since then, he's kinda developed a speech impediment.

The elevator doors open, Jules and Vincent exit.

VINCENT

That's a damn shame.

7. INT. APARTMENT BUILDING HALLWAY - MORNING

7.

STEADICAM in front of Jules and Vincent as they make a beeline down the hall.

VINCENT

Still I hafta say, play with matches, ya get burned.

JULES

Whaddya mean?

VINCENT

You don't be givin' Marsellus Wallace's new bride a foot massage.

JULES

You don't think he overreacted?

VINCENT

Antwan probably didn't expect Marsellus to react like he did, but he had to expect a reaction.

JULES

It was a foot massage, a foot massage is nothing, I give my mother a foot massage.

VINCENT

It's laying hands on Marsellus Wallace's new wife in a familiar way. Is it as bad as eatin' her out -- no, but you're in the same fuckin' ballpark.

Jules stops Vincent.

JULES

Whoa...whoa...whoa...stop right there. Eatin' a bitch out, and givin' a bitch a foot massage ain't even the same fuckin' thing.

VINCENT

Not the same thing, the same ballpark.

JULES

It ain't no ballpark either. Look maybe your method of massage differs from mine, but touchin' his lady's feet, and stickin' your tongue in her holyiest of holyies, ain't the same ballpark, ain't the same league, ain't even the same fuckin' sport. Foot massages don't mean shit.

VINCENT

Have you ever given a foot massage?

JULES

Don't be tellin' me about foot massages -- I'm the fuckin' foot master.

VINCENT

Given a lot of 'em?

JULES

Shit yeah. I got my technique down man, I don't tickle or nothin'.

VINCENT

Have you ever given a guy a foot massage?

Jules looks at him a long moment -- he's been set up.

JULES

Fuck you.

He starts walking down the hall. Vincent, smiling, walks a little bit behind.

VINCENT

How many?

JULES

Fuck you.

VINCENT

Would you give me a foot massage --
I'm kinda tired.

JULES

Man, you best back off, I'm gittin'
pissed -- this is the door.

The two men stand in front of a door numbered "49." They
whisper.

JULES

What time is it?

VINCENT

(checking his watch)
Seven-twenty-two in the morning.

JULES

It ain't quite time, let's hang
back.

They move a little away from the door, facing each other,
still whispering.

JULES

Look, just because I wouldn't give
no man a foot massage, don't make
it right for Marsellus to throw
Antwan off a building into a glass-
motherfuckin-house, fuckin' up the
way the nigger talks. That ain't
right, man. Motherfucker do that
to me, he better paralyze my ass,
'cause I'd kill'a motherfucker.

VINCENT

I'm not sayin' he was right, but
you're sayin' a foot massage don't
mean nothin', and I'm sayin' it
does. I've given a million ladies
a million foot massages and they
all meant somethin'. We act like
they don't, but they do. That's
what's so fuckin' cool about 'em.

(MORE)

VINCENT (CONT'D)

This sensual thing's goin' on that nobody's talkin about, but you know it and she knows it, fuckin' Marsellus knew it, and Antwan shoulda known fuckin' better. That's his fuckin' wife, man. He ain't gonna have a sense of humor about that shit.

JULES

That's an interesting point, but let's get into character.

VINCENT

What's her name again?

JULES

Mia. Why you so interested in big man's wife?

VINCENT

Well, Marsellus is leavin' for Florida and when he's gone, he wants me to take care of Mia.

JULES

Take care of her?

Making a gun out of his finger and placing it to his head.

VINCENT

Not that! Take her out. Show her a good time. Don't let her get lonely.

JULES

You're gonna be takin' Mia Wallace out on a date?

VINCENT

It ain't a date. It's like when you and your buddy's wife go to a movie or somethin'. It's just... you know...good company.

Jules just looks at him.

VINCENT

It's not a date.

Jules just looks at him.

VINCENT
I'm not gonna be a bad boy.

Jules shakes his head and mumbles to himself.

JULES
Bitch gonna kill more niggers than
time.

VINCENT
What was that?

JULES
Nothin'. Let's get into character.

VINCENT
What'd you say?

JULES
I didn't say shit. Let's go to
work.

VINCENT
Don't play with me, you said
somethin', now what was it?

JULES
(referring to the job)
Do you wanna do this?

VINCENT
I want you to repeat what you said.

JULES
That door's gonna open in about
thirty seconds, so git yourself
together --

VINCENT
-- my self is together --

JULES
-- bullshit it is. Stop thinkin'
'bout that Ho, and get yourself
together like a qualified pro.

8. INT. APARTMENT (ROOM 49) - MORNING

8.

THREE YOUNG GUYS, obviously in over their heads, sit at a
table with hamburgers, french fries and soda pops laid out.

One of them flips the LOUD BOLT on the door, opening it to
REVEAL Jules and Vincent in the hallway.

JULES

Hey kids.

The two men stroll inside.

The three young caught-off-guard Guys are:

MARVIN

The black young man, who opened the door, will, as the scene progresses, back into the corner.

ROGER

A young blond-haired surfer kid with a "Flock of Seagulls" haircut, who has yet to say a word, sits at the table with a big sloppy hamburger in his hand.

BRETT

A white, preppy-looking sort with a blow-dry haircut.

Vincent and Jules take in the place, with their hands in their pockets. Jules is the one who does the talking.

JULES

How you boys doin'?

No answer.

JULES

(to Brett)

Am I trippin', or did I just ask you a question?

BRETT

We're doin' okay.

As Jules and Brett talk, Vincent moves behind the young Guys.

JULES

Do you know who we are?

Brett shakes his head: "No."

JULES

We're associates of your business partner Marsellus Wallace, you remember your business partner dont'ya?

No answer.

JULES

(to Brett)

Now I'm gonna take a wild guess here: you're Brett, right?

BRETT

I'm Brett.

JULES

I thought so. Well, you remember your business partner Marsellus Wallace, dont'ya Brett?

BRETT

I remember him.

JULES

Good for you. Looks like me and Vincent caught you at breakfast, sorry 'bout that. What'cha eatin'?

BRETT

Hamburgers.

JULES

Hamburgers. The cornerstone of any nutritious breakfast. What kinda hamburgers?

BRETT

Cheeseburgers.

JULES

No, I mean where did you get 'em? MacDonal'd's, Wendy's, Jack-in-the-Box, where?

BRETT

Big Kahuna Burger.

JULES

Big Kahuna Burger. That's that Hawaiian burger joint. I heard they got some tasty burgers. I ain't never had one myself, how are they?

BRETT

They're good.

JULES

Mind if I try one of yours?

BRETT

No.

JULES

Yours is this one, right?

BRETT

Yeah.

Jules grabs the burger and takes a bite of it.

JULES

Uuummmm, that's a tasty burger.

(to Vincent)

Vince, you ever try a Big Kahuna
Burger?

VINCENT

No.

Jules holds out the Big Kahuna.

JULES

You wanna bite, they're real good.

VINCENT

I ain't hungry.

JULES

Well, if you like hamburgers give
'em a try sometime. Me, I can't
usually eat 'em 'cause my
girlfriend's a vegetarian. Which
more or less makes me a vegetarian,
but I sure love the taste of a good
burger.

(to Brett)

You know what they call a Quarter
Pounder with Cheese in France?

BRETT

No.

JULES

Tell 'em, Vincent.

VINCENT

Royale with Cheese.

JULES

Royale with Cheese, you know why
they call it that?

BRETT

Because of the metric system?

JULES

Check out the big brain on Brett.
You'a smart motherfucker, that's
right. The metric system.

(he points at a fast
food drink cup)

What's in this?

BRETT

Sprite.

JULES

Sprite, good, mind if I have some
of your tasty beverage to wash this
down with?

BRETT

Sure.

Jules grabs the cup and takes a sip.

JULES

Uuuuummmm, hit's the spot!

(to Roger)

You, Flock of Seagulls, you know
what we're here for?

Roger nods his head: "Yes."

JULES

Then why don't you tell my boy here
Vince, where you got the shit hid.

MARVIN

It's under the be --

JULES

-- I don't remember askin' you a
goddamn thing.

(to Roger)

You were sayin'?

ROGER

It's under the bed.

Vincent moves to the bed, reaches underneath it, pulling out a
black snap briefcase.

VINCENT

Got it.

Vincent flips the two locks, opening the case. We can't see what's inside, but a small glow emits from the case. Vincent just stares at it, transfixed.

JULES

We happy?

No answer from the transfixed Vincent.

JULES

Vincent!

Vincent looks up at Jules.

JULES

We happy?

Closing the case.

VINCENT

We're happy.

BRETT

(to Jules)

Look, what's your name? I got his name's Vincent, but what's yours?

JULES

My name's Pitt, and you ain't talkin' your ass outta this shit.

BRETT

I just want you to know how sorry we are about how fucked up things got between us and Mr. Wallace. When we entered into this thing, we only had the best intentions --

As Brett talks, Jules takes out his gun and SHOOTs Roger three times in the chest, BLOWING him out of his chair.

Vince smiles to himself. Jules has got style.

Brett has just shit his pants. He's not crying or whimpering, but he's so full of fear, it's as if his body is imploding.

JULES

(to Brett)

Oh, I'm sorry. Did that break your concentration? I didn't mean to do that. Please, continue. I believe you were saying something about "best intentions."

Brett can't say a word.

JULES
 Whatsamatter? Oh, you were through
 anyway. Well, let me retort.
 Would you describe for me what
 Marsellus Wallace looks like?

Brett still can't speak.

Jules SNAPS, SAVAGELY TIPPING the card table over, removing
 the only barrier between himself and Brett. Brett now sits in
 a lone chair before Jules like a political prisoner in front
 of an interrogator.

JULES
 What country you from!

BRETT
 (petrified)
 What?

JULES
 "What" ain't no country I know! Do
 they speak English in "What?"

BRETT
 (near heart attack)
 What?

JULES
 English-motherfucker-can-you-speak-
 it?

BRETT
 Yes.

JULES
 Then you understand what I'm
 sayin'?

BRETT
 Yes.

JULES
 Now describe what Marsellus Wallace
 looks like!

BRETT
 (out of fear)
 What?

Jules takes his .45 and PRESSES the barrel HARD in Brett's
 cheek.

JULES
 Say "What" again! C'mon, say
 "What" again! I dare ya, I double
 dare ya motherfucker, say "What"
 one more goddamn time!

Brett is regressing on the spot.

JULES
 Now describe to me what Marsellus
 Wallace looks like!

Brett does his best.

BRETT
 Well he's ...he's...black --

JULES
 -- go on!

BRETT
 ...and he's...he's...tall --

JULES
 -- does he look like a bitch?!

BRETT
 (without thinking)
 What?

Jules' eyes go to Vincent, Vincent smirks, Jules rolls his eyes and SHOOT Brett in the shoulder.

Brett SCREAMS, breaking into a SHAKING/TREMBLING SPASM in the chair.

JULES
 Does-he-look-like-a-bitch?!

BRETT
 (in agony)
 No.

JULES
 Then why did you try to fuck 'im
 like a bitch?!

BRETT
 (in spasm)
 I didn't.

Now in a lower voice.

JULES

Yes ya did Brett. Ya tried ta fuck 'im. You ever read the Bible, Brett?

BRETT

(in spasm)

Yes.

JULES

There's a passage I got memorized, seems appropriate for this situation: Ezekiel 25:17. "The path of the righteous man is beset on all sides by the inequities of the selfish and the tyranny of evil men. Blessed is he who, in the name of charity and good will, shepherds the weak through the valley of darkness, for he is truly his brother's keeper and the finder of lost children. And I will strike down upon thee with great vengeance and furious anger those who attempt to poison and destroy my brothers. And you will know my name is the Lord when I lay my vengeance upon you."

The two men EMPTY their guns at the same time on the sitting Brett.

When they are finished, the bullet-ridden carcass just sits there for a moment, then TOPPLES over.

All is quiet.

The only SOUND is Marvin MUTTERING in the corner.

MARVIN

...goddamn...goddamn...that was fucked up...goddamn, that was cold-blooded....

VINCENT

(pointing to Marvin)

Friend of yours?

JULES

Yeah, Marvin-Vincent-Vincent-Marvin.

VINCENT
Tell 'em to shut up, he's gettin'
on my nerves.

JULES
Marvin, I'd knock that shit off if
I was you.

Then suddenly the bathroom door BURSTS OPEN, and a FOURTH MAN (as young as the rest) comes CHARGING out, a silver Magnum in his hand.

We DOLLY into a MEDIUM on him.

FOURTH MAN
Die...die...die...die...die...die!

The Fourth Man FIRES SIX BOOMING SHOTS from his hand cannon in the direction of Vincent and Jules. He SCREAMS a maniacal cry of revenge until he's DRY FIRING.

Then...his face does a complete change of expression. It goes from a "Vengeance is mine" expression, to a "What the fuck" blank look.

FOURTH MAN
I don't understand --

The Fourth Man is BLOWN OFF HIS FEET and OUT OF FRAME by bullets that TEAR HIM TO SHREDS.

He leaves the FRAME EMPTY.

FADE TO BLACK

Against black, TITLE CARD:

"VINCENT VEGA
AND
MARSELLUS WALLACE'S WIFE"

FADE IN:

9. MEDIUM SHOT - BUTCH COOLIDGE 9.
we FADE UP on Butch Coolidge, a white, 26-year old prizefighter. Butch sits at a table wearing a red and blue high school athletic jacket. Talking to him OFF SCREEN is everybody's boss MARSELLUS WALLACE. The black man sounds like a cross between a gangster and a king.

MARSELLUS (OS)

I think you're gonna find -- when all this shit is over and done -- I think you're gonna find yourself one smilin' motherfucker. Thing is Butch, right now you got ability. But painful as it may be, ability don't last. Now that's a hard motherfuckin' fact of life, but it's a fact of life your ass is gonna hafta git realistic about. This business is filled to the brim with unrealistic motherfuckers who thought their ass aged like wine. Besides, even if you went all the way, what would you be? Feather-weight champion of the world. Who gives a shit? I doubt you can even get a credit card based on that.

A hand lays an envelope full of money on the table in front of Butch. Butch picks it up.

MARSELLUS (OS)

Now the night of the fight, you may feel a slight sting, that's pride fuckin' wit ya. Fuck pride! Pride only hurts, it never helps. Fight through that shit. 'Cause a year from now, when you're kickin' it in the Carribean you're gonna say, "Marsellus Wallace was right."

BUTCH

I got no problems with that.

MARSELLUS (OS)

In the fifth, your ass goes down.

Butch nods his head: "yes."

MARSELLUS (OS)

Say it!

BUTCH

In the fifth, my ass goes down.

CUT TO:

10. INT. CAR (MOVING) - DAY

10.

Vincent Vega looks really cool behind the wheel of a 1964 cherry-red Chevy Malibu convertible. From the car radio, ROCKABILLY MUSIC PLAYS. The b.g. is a COLORFUL PROCESS SHOT.

11. EXT. SALLY LeROY'S - DAY

11.

Sally LeRoy's is a large topless bar by LAX that Marsellus owns.

Vincent's classic Malibu WHIPS into the near empty parking lot and parks next to a white Honda Civic.

Vince knocks on the door. The front entrance is unlocked, revealing the Dapper Dan fellow on the inside: ENGLISH DAVE. Dave isn't really English, he's a young black man from Baldwin Park, who has run a few clubs for Marsellus, including Sally LeRoy's.

ENGLISH DAVE

Vincent Vega, our man in Amsterdam,
git your ass on in here.

Vincent, carrying the black briefcase from the scene between Vincent and Jules, steps inside. English Dave SLAMS the door in our faces.

12. INT. SALLY LeROY'S - DAY

12.

The spacious club is empty this time of day. English Dave crosses to the bar, and Vince follows.

VINCENT

Where's big man?

ENGLISH DAVE

He's over there, finishing up some
business.

VINCENT'S POV:

Butch shakes hands with a huge figure with his back to us. The huge figure is the infamous and as of yet still UNSEEN Marsellus.

ENGLISH DAVE (OS)

Hang back for a second or two, and
when you see the white boy leave,
go on over. In the meanwhile, can
I make you an espresso?

VINCENT

How 'bout a cup of just plain ol'
American?

ENGLISH DAVE
Comin' up. I hear you're taking
Mia out tomorrow?

VINCENT
At Marsellus' request.

ENGLISH DAVE
Have you met Mia?

VINCENT
Not yet.

English Dave smiles to himself.

VINCENT
What's so funny?

ENGLISH DAVE
Not a goddamn thing.

VINCENT
Look, I'm not an idiot. She's the
big man's fuckin' wife. I'm gonna
sit across a table, chew my food
with my mouth closed, laugh at her
jokes and that's all I'm gonna do.

English Dave puts Vince's coffee in front of him.

ENGLISH DAVE
My name's Paul, and this is between
y'all.

Butch bellies up to the bar next to Vincent, drinking his cup
of "plain ol' American."

BUTCH
(to English Dave)
Can I get a pack'a Red Apples?

ENGLISH DAVE
Filters?

BUTCH
Non.

While Butch waits for his smokes, Vincent just sips his
coffee, staring at him. Butch looks over at him.

BUTCH
Lookin' at somethin', friend?

VINCENT
I ain't your friend, palooka.

Butch does a slow burn toward Vincent.

BUTCH
What was that?

VINCENT
I think ya heard me just fine,
punchy.

Butch turns his body to Vincent, when....

MARSELLUS (OS)
Vincent Vega has entered the
building, git your ass over here!

Vincent walks forward OUT OF FRAME, never giving Butch another glance. We DOLLY INTO CU on Butch, left alone in the FRAME, looking like he's ready to go into the manners-teaching business.

BUTCH'S POV:
Vincent hugging and kissing the obscured figure that is Marsellus.

Butch makes the wise decision that if this asshole's a friend of Marsellus, he better let it go -- for now.

ENGLISH DAVE (OS)
Pack of Red Apples, dollar-forty.

Butch is snapped out of his ass-kicking thoughts. He pays English Dave and walks out of the SHOT.

DISSOLVE TO:

13. INT. LANCE'S HOUSE (KITCHEN) - NIGHT

13.

CU JODY
a woman who appears to have a fondness for earrings. Both of her ears are pierced five times. She also sports rings in her lip, eyebrows and nose.

JODY
...I'll lend it to you. It's a
great book on body-piercing.

Jody, Vincent and a young woman named TRUDI sit at the kitchen table of a suburban house in Echo Park. Even though Vince is at the same table, he's not included in the conversation.

TRUDI

You know how they use that gun when they pierce your ears? They don't use that when they pierce your nipples, do they?

JODY

Forget that gun. That gun goes against the entire idea behind piercing. All of my piercing, sixteen places on my body, every one of 'em done with a needle. Five in each ear. One through the nipple of my left breast. One through my right nostril. One through my left eyebrow. One through my lip. One in my clit. And I wear a stud in my tongue.

Vince has been letting this conversation go through one ear and out the other, until that last remark.

VINCENT

(interrupting)

Excuse me, sorry to interrupt. I'm curious, why would you get a stud in your tongue?

Jody looks at him and says as if it were the most obvious thing in the world.

JODY

It's a sex thing. It helps fellatio.

That thought never occurred to Vincent, but he can't deny it makes sense. Jody continues talking to Trudi, leaving Vincent to ponder the truth of her statement.

LANCE (OS)

Vince, you can come in now!

14. INT. LANCE'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

14.

Lance, late-20s, is a young man with a wild and woolly appearance that goes hand-in-hand with his wild and woolly personality. Lance has been selling drugs his entire adult life. He's never had a day job, never filed a tax return and has never been arrested. He wears a red flannel shirt over a "Speed Racer" tee-shirt.

Three bags of heroin lie on Lance's bed.

Lance and Vincent stand at the foot of the bed.

LANCE

Now this is Panda, from Mexico. Very good stuff. This is Bava, different, but equally good. And this is Choco from the Hartz Mountains of Germany. Now the first two are the same, forty-five an ounce -- those are friend prices -- but this one...

(pointing to the Choco)

...this one's a little more expensive. It's fifty-five. But when you shoot it, you'll know where that extra money went. Nothing wrong with the first two. It's real, real, real, good shit. But this one's a fuckin' madman.

VINCENT

Remember, I just got back from Amsterdam.

LANCE

Am I a nigger? Are you in Inglewood? No. You're in my house. White people who know the difference between good shit and bad shit, this is the house they come to. My shit, I'll take the Pepsi Challenge with Amsterdam shit any ol' day of the fuckin' week.

VINCENT

That's a bold statement.

LANCE

This ain't Amsterdam, Vince. This is a seller's market. Coke is fuckin' dead as disco. Heroin's comin' back in a big fuckin' way. It's this whole seventies retro. Bell bottoms, heroin, they're as hot as hell.

Vincent takes out a roll of money that would choke a horse to death.

VINCENT

Give me three hundred worth of the madman. If it's as good as you say, I'll be back for a thousand.

LANCE

I just hope I still have it.
Whaddya think of Trudi? She ain't
got a boyfriend, wanna hang out an'
get high?

VINCENT

Which one's Trudi? The one with
all the shit in her face?

LANCE

No, that's Jody. That's my wife.

Vincent and Lance giggle at the "faux pas."

VINCENT

I'm on my way somewhere. I got a
dinner engagement. Rain check?

LANCE

No problemo.

Vincent takes out his case of works (utensils for shooting
up).

VINCENT

You don't mind if I shoot up here?

LANCE

Me casa, su casa.

VINCENT

Mucho gracias.

Vincent takes his works out of his case and, as the two
continue to talk, Vince shoots up.

LANCE

Still got your Malibu?

VINCENT

You know what some fucker did to it
the other day?

LANCE

What?

VINCENT

Fuckin' keyed it.

LANCE

Oh man, that's fucked up.

VINCENT

Tell me about it. I had the goddamn thing in storage three years. It's out five fuckin' days -- five days, and some dickless piece of shit fucks with it.

LANCE

They should be fuckin' killed. No trial, no jury, straight to execution.

As he cooks his heroin --

VINCENT

I just wish I caught 'em doin' it, ya know? Oh man, I'd give anything to catch 'em doin' it. It'a been worth him doin' it, if I coulda just caught 'em, you know what I mean?

LANCE

It's chicken shit. You don't fuck another man's vehicle.

CU - THE NEEDLE
going into Vincent's vein.

CU - BLOOD
spurting back into the syringe, mixing with the heroin.

CU OF VINCENT'S THUMB
pushing down on the plunger.

CUT TO:

15. EXT. MARSELLUS WALLACE'S HOUSE - NIGHT

15.

Vincent walks up to the driveway leading to Marsellus Wallace's front door. When he gets to the door, he hears MUSIC on the other side, and a note in plain view taped to it. He rips it off.

CU - NOTE

"Hi Vincent,

I'm getting dressed. The door's open. Come inside and make yourself a drink.

Mia"

Vincent neatly folds the note up, sticks it in his pocket, takes a here-goes-nothing breath and turns the knob.

16. INT. MARSELLUS WALLACE'S HOUSE - NIGHT

16.

As Vincent steps inside, the MUSIC that was behind the door, SWELLS drastically. Vincent, hands in pockets, strolls inside, checking out his boss' home.

VINCENT
(yelling)
Hello! I'm here!

We hear a DOOR OPEN, Vincent turns in its direction.

17. INT. DRESSING ROOM - NIGHT

17.

We're inside the room where the MUSIC is PLAYING. In the f.g. MIA WALLACE, naked with her back to us, talks to Vincent through a crack in the door. The door shields the front of her body from Vincent.

MIA
Vincent Vega?

VINCENT
I'm Vincent, you Mia?

MIA
That's me, pleased to meetcha. I'm still getting dressed. To your left, past the kitchen, is a bar. Why don't you make yourself a drink, have a seat in the living room, and I'll be out within three shakes of a lamb's tail.

VINCENT
Take your time.

Mia closes the door. Before she can fully turn around and show us her face....

WE CUT:

BACK TO VINCENT
standing where he was, MUSIC beating, looking at the closed door. We slowly ZOOM to the door.

We slowly ZOOM from a MEDIUM SHOT to CU on Vincent as he contemplates what's on the other side of the door. When we reach a CU, he walks OUT OF FRAME, breaking the spell.

Vincent walks to the bar and pours himself a drink.

WE JUXTAPOSE
as the MUSIC plays.

Mia's dress selection is taken out of the closet.

Vincent, drink in hand, moves into the living room.

Mia, her back to CAMERA, dressed in her pretty dress, checks herself in the mirror. We DOLLY towards her. Her face is still obscured.

CU - PORTRAIT OF MIA
hanging on the living room wall, showing Mia sensually reclining on a couch.

HIGH ANGLE SHOT OF VINCENT
looking up at the portrait.

CU - Mia cutting a huge line of coke on her vanity table with a credit card.

Vincent sits on a plush, comfy couch.

CU - MIA'S NOSE
snorting the line from a rolled up dollar bill.

Vincent on the couch, drink in hand. The SONG abruptly CUTS OFF.

CU - CD PLAYER OPENING
Mia's hand comes in and takes the CD out.

The CAMERA follows behind Mia's bare feet as she walks out of the dressing room, through the dining room, through the kitchen and into the living room.

SHOT THROUGH A VIDEO CAMERA
Mia has a camcorder and is videotaping Vincent on the couch. He looks up and sees her.

MIA (OS)
Smile, you're on Mia's camera!

VINCENT
Ready to go?

MIA (OS)
Not yet, I'm going to interview you first. Are you any relation to Suzanne Vega?

VINCENT

Yeah, she's my cousin.

MIA (OS)

Suzanne Vega the folk singer is your cousin?

VINCENT

Suzanne Vega's my cousin. If she's become a folk singer, I sure as hell don't know nothin' about it. But then I haven't been to too many Thanksgivings lately.

MIA (OS)

Now I'm gonna ask you a bunch of quick questions I've come up with that more or less tell me what kind of person I'm having dinner with. My theory is that when it comes to important subjects, there's only two ways a person can answer. For instance, there's two kinds of people in this world, Elvis people and Beatles people. Now Beatles people can like Elvis. And Elvis people can like the Beatles. But nobody likes them both equally. Somewhere you have to make a choice. And that choice tells me who you are.

VINCENT

I can dig it.

MIA (OS)

I knew you could. First question, Brady Bunch or The Partridge Family?

VINCENT

The Partridge Family all the way, no comparison.

MIA (OS)

On "Rich Man, Poor Man," who did you like, Peter Strauss or Nick Nolte?

VINCENT

Nick Nolte, of course.

MIA (OS)
Are you a "Bewitched" man, or a
"Jeannie" man?

VINCENT
"Bewitched," all the way, though I
always dug how Jeannie always
called Larry Hagman "master."

MIA (OS)
If you were "Archie," who would you
fuck first, Betty or Veronica?

VINCENT
Betty. I never understood Veronica
attraction.

MIA (OS)
Have you ever fantasized about
being beaten up by a girl?

VINCENT
Sure.

MIA (OS)
Who?

VINCENT
Emma Peel on "The Avengers." That
tough girl who usta hang out with
Encyclopedia Brown. And Arlene
Motika.

MIA (OS)
Who's Arlene Motika?

VINCENT
Girl from sixth grade, you don't
know her.

CU - MIA
lowers the camcorder from in front of her face and we get our
first full-on look at her. When we do, we get a pretty good
idea why Marsellus feels the way he does. She breaks out in a
blinding smile.

MIA
Cut. Print. Let's go eat.

18. EXT. JACKRABBIT SLIM'S - NIGHT

18.

In the past six years, 50's diners have sprung up all over LA,
giving Thai restaurants a run for their money. They're all

basically the same. Decor out of an "Archie" comic book, Golden Oldies constantly emanating from a bubbly Wurlitzer, saucy waitresses in bobby socks, menus with items like the Fats Domino Cheeseburger, or the Wolfman Jack Omelette, and over prices that pay for all this bullshit.

But then there's JACKRABBIT SLIM'S, the big mamu of 50's diners. Either the best or the worst, depending on your point of view.

Vincent's Malibu pulls up to the restaurant. A big sign with a neon figure of a cartoon surly cool cat jackrabbit in a red windbreaker towers over the establishment. Underneath the cartoon is the name: JACKRABBIT SLIM'S. Underneath that is the slogan: "Next best thing to a time machine."

19. INT. JACKRABBIT SLIM'S - NIGHT

19.

Compared to the interior, the exterior was that of a quaint English pub. Posters from 50's A.I.P. movies are all over the wall ("ROCK ALL NIGHT," "HIGH SCHOOL CONFIDENTIAL," "ATTACK OF THE CRAB MONSTER," and "MACHINE GUN KELLY"). The booths that the patrons sit in are made out of the cut up bodies of 50s cars.

In the middle of the restaurant is a dance floor. A big sign on the wall states, "No shoes allowed." So wannabe beboppers (actually Melrose-types), do the twist in their socks or barefeet.

The picture windows don't look out the street, but instead, B & W movies of 50's street scenes play behind them. The WAITRESSES and WAITERS are made up as replicas of 50's icons: MARILYN MONROE, ZORRO, JAMES DEAN, DONNA REED, MARTIN and LEWIS, and THE PHILIP MORRIS MIDGET, wait on tables wearing appropriate costumes.

Vincent and Mia study the menu in a booth made out of a red '59 Edsel. BUDDY HOLLY (their waiter), comes over, sporting a big button on his chest that says: "Hi I'm Buddy, pleasing you pleases me."

BUDDY

Hi I'm Buddy, what can I get'cha?

VINCENT

I'll have the Douglas Sirk steak.

BUDDY

How d'ya want it, burnt to a crisp, or bloody as hell?

VINCENT
Bloody as hell. And to drink, a
vanilla coke.

BUDDY
How 'bout you, Peggy Sue?

MIA
I'll have the Durwood Kirby burger
-- bloody -- and a five-dollar
shake.

BUDDY
How d'ya want that shake, Martin
and Lewis, or Amos and Andy?

MIA
Martin and Lewis.

VINCENT
Did you just order a five-dollar
shake?

MIA
Sure did.

VINCENT
A shake? Milk and ice cream?

MIA
Uh-huh.

VINCENT
It cost five dollars?

BUDDY
Yep.

VINCENT
You don't put bourbon in it or
anything?

BUDDY
Nope.

VINCENT
Just checking.

Buddy exits.

Vincent takes a look around the place. The YUPPIES are dancing, the DINERS are biting into big, juicy hamburgers, and the icons are playing their parts. Marilyn is squealing, The Midget is paging Philip Morris, Donna Reed is making her

customers drink their milk, and Dean and Jerry are acting a fool.

MIA
Whaddya think?

VINCENT
It's like a wax museum with a pulse rate.

Vincent takes out his pouch of tobacco and begins rolling himself a smoke.

After a second of watching him --

MIA
What are you doing?

VINCENT
Rollin' a smoke.

MIA
Here?

VINCENT
It's just tobacco.

MIA
Oh. Well in that case, will you roll me one, cowboy?

As he finishes licking it --

VINCENT
You can have this one, cowgirl.

He hands her the rolled smoke. She takes it, putting it to her lips. Out of nowhere appears a Zippo lighter in Vincent's hand. He lights it.

MIA
Thanks.

VINCENT
Think nothing of it.

He begins rolling one for himself.

At this time, the SOUND of a subway car fills the diner, making everything SHAKE and RATTLE. Marilyn Monroe runs to a square vent in the floor. An imaginary subway train BLOWS the skirt of her white dress around her ears as she lets out a squeal. The entire restaurant applauds.

Back to Mia and Vincent.

MIA

Marsellus said you just got back from Amsterdam.

VINCENT

Sure did. I heard you did a pilot.

MIA

That was my fifteen minutes.

VINCENT

What was it?

MIA

It was show about a team of female secret agents called "Fox Force Five."

VINCENT

What?

MIA

"Fox Force Five." Fox, as in we're a bunch of foxy chicks. Force, as in we're a force to be reckoned with. Five, as in there's one..two ..three..four..five of us. There was a blonde one, Sommerset O'Neal from that show "Baton Rouge," she was the leader. A Japanese one, a black one, a French one and a brunette one, me. We all had special skills. Scmmerset had a photographic memory, the Japanese fox was a kung fu master, the black girl was a demolition expert, the French fox' specialty was sex....

VINCENT

What was your specialty?

MIA

Knives. The character I played, Raven McCoy, her background was she was raised by circus performers. So she grew up doing a knife act. According to the show, she was the deadliest woman in the world with a knife.

(MORE)

MIA (CONT'D)

But because she grew up in a circus, she was also something of an acrobat. She could do illusions, she was a trapeze artist -- when you're keeping the world safe from evil, you never know when being a trapeze artist's gonna come in handy. And she knew a zillion old jokes her grandfather, an old vaudevillian, taught her. If we woulda got picked up, they woulda worked in a gimmick where every episode I woulda told an old joke.

VINCENT

Do you remember any of the jokes?

MIA

Well I only got the chance to say one, 'cause we only did one show.

VINCENT

Tell me.

MIA

No. It's really corny.

VINCENT

C'mon, don't be that way.

MIA

No. You won't like it and I'll be embarrassed.

VINCENT

You told it in front of fifty million people and you can't tell it to me? I promise I won't laugh.

MIA

(laughing)

That's what I'm afraid of.

VINCENT

That's not what I meant and you know it.

MIA

You're quite the silver tongue devil, aren't you?

VINCENT

I meant I wouldn't laugh at you.

MIA
That's not what you said Vince.
Well now I'm definitely not gonna
tell ya, 'cause it's been built up
too much.

VINCENT
What a gyp.

Buddy comes back with the drinks. Mia wraps her lips around
the straw of her shake.

MIA
Yummy!

VINCENT
Can I have a sip of that? I'd like
to know what a five-dollar shake
tastes like.

MIA
Be my guest.

She slides the shake over to him.

MIA
You can use my straw, I don't have
kooties.

Vincent smiles.

VINCENT
Yeah, but maybe I do.

MIA
Kooties I can handle.

He takes a sip.

VINCENT
Goddamn! That's a pretty fuckin'
good milk shake.

MIA
Told ya.

VINCENT
I don't know if it's worth five
dollars, but it's pretty fuckin'
good.

He slides the shake back.

Then the first of an uncomfortable silence happens.

MIA
Don't you hate that?

VINCENT
What?

MIA
Uncomfortable silences. Why do we feel it's necessary to yak about bullshit in order to be comfortable?

VINCENT
I don't know.

MIA
That's when you know you found somebody special. When you can just shut the fuck up for a minute, and comfortably share silence.

VINCENT
I don't think we're there yet. But don't feel bad, we just met each other.

MIA
Well I'll tell you what, I'll go to the bathroom and powder my nose, while you sit here and think of something to say.

VINCENT
I'll do that.

20. INT. JACKRABBIT SLIM'S (LADIES ROOM) - NIGHT

20.

Mia powders her nose by doing a big line of coke off the bathroom sink. Her head jerks up from the rush.

MIA
(imitating Steppenwolf)
I said goddamn!

21. INT. JACKRABBIT SLIM'S (DINING AREA) - NIGHT

21.

Vincent digs into his Douglas Sirk steak. As he chews, his eyes scan the Hellsapopinish restaurant.

Mia comes back to the table.

MIA

Don't you love it when you go to the bathroom and you come back to find your food waiting for you?

VINCENT

We're lucky we got it at all. Buddy Holly doesn't seem to be much of a waiter. We shoulda sat in Marilyn Monroe's section.

MIA

Which one, there's two Marilyn Monroes.

VINCENT

No there's not.

Pointing at Marilyn in the white dress serving a table.

VINCENT

That's Marilyn Monroe...

Then, pointing at a BLONDE WAITRESS in a tight sweater and capri pants, taking an order from a bunch of FILM GEEKS --

VINCENT

...and that's Mamie Van Doren. I don't see Jayne Mansfield, so it must be her night off.

MIA

Pretty smart.

VINCENT

I have moments.

MIA

Did ya think of something to say?

VINCENT

Actually, there's something I've wanted to ask you about, but you seem like a nice person, and I didn't want to offend you.

MIA

Oooohhhh, this doesn't sound like mindless, boring, getting-to-know-you chit-chat. This sounds like you actually have something to say.

VINCENT

Only if you promise not to get offended.

MIA

You can't promise something like that. I have no idea what you're gonna ask. You could ask me what you're gonna ask me, and my natural response could be to be offended. Then, through no fault of my own, I woulda broken my promise.

VINCENT

Then let's just forget it.

MIA

That is an impossibility. Trying to forget anything as intriguing as this would be an exercise in futility.

VINCENT

Is that a fact?

Mia nods her head: "Yes."

MIA

Besides, it's more exciting when you don't have permission.

VINCENT

What do you think about what happened to Antwan?

MIA

Who's Antwan?

VINCENT

Tony Rocky Horror.

MIA

He fell out of a window.

VINCENT

That's one way to say it. Another way is, he was thrown out. Another way is, he was thrown out by Marsellus. And even another way is, he was thrown out of a window by Marsellus because of you.

MIA

Is that a fact?

VINCENT

No it's not, it's just what I heard.

MIA

Who told you this?

VINCENT

They.

Mia and Vincent smile.

MIA

They talk a lot, don't they?

VINCENT

They certainly do.

MIA

Well don't be shy Vincent, what exactly did they say?

Vincent is slow to answer.

MIA

Let me help you Bashful, did it involve the F-word?

VINCENT

No. They just said Rocky Horror gave you a foot massage.

MIA

And...?

VINCENT

No and, that's it.

MIA

You heard Marsellus threw Rocky Horror out of a four-story window because he massaged my feet?

VINCENT

Yeah.

MIA

And you believed that?

VINCENT

At the time I was told, it seemed reasonable.

MIA

Marsellus throwing Tony out of a four-story window for giving me a foot massage seemed reasonable?

VINCENT

No, it seemed excessive. But that doesn't mean it didn't happen. I heard Marsellus is very protective of you.

MIA

A husband being protective of his wife is one thing. A husband almost killing another man for touching his wife's feet is something else.

VINCENT

But did it happen?

MIA

The only thing Antwan ever touched of mine was my hand, when he shook it. I met Anwan once -- at my wedding -- then never again. The truth is, nobody knows why Marsellus tossed Tony Rocky Horror out of that window except Marsellus and Tony Rocky Horror. But when you scamps get together, you're worse than a sewing circle.

VINCENT

Are you mad?

MIA

Not at all. Being the subject of back-fence gossip goes with the ring, I guess.

She takes a sip of her five-dollar shake, and says:

MIA

Thanks.

VINCENT

What for?

MIA

Asking my side.

At that moment, a great oldie-but-goodie **BLASTS** from the jukebox.

MIA
I wanna dance.

VINCENT
I'm not much of a dancer.

MIA
Now I'm the one gettin' gyped. I do believe Marsellus told you to take me out and do whatever I wanted. Well, now I want to dance.

Vincent smiles and begins taking off his boots. Mia triumphantly casts hers off. He takes her hand, escorting her to the dance floor. The two face each other for that brief moment before you begin to dance, then they both break into a devilish twist. Mia's version of the twist is that of a sexy cat. Vincent is pure Mr. Cool as he gets into a hip-swivelling rhythm that would make Mr. Checker proud.

The **OTHER DANCERS** on the floor are trying to do the same thing, but Vincent and Mia seem to be strangely shaking their asses in sync. The two definitely share a rhythm and share smiles as they **SING ALONG** with the last verse of the Golden Oldie.

CUT TO:

22. **INT. MARSELLUS WALLACE'S HOME - NIGHT**

22.

The front door **FLINGS** open, and Mia and Vincent dance tango-style into the house, singing a cappella the song from the previous scene. They finish their little dance, laughing.

Then....

The two just stand face to face looking at each other.

VINCENT
Was that an uncomfortable silence?

MIA
I don't know what that was.
(pause)
Music and drinks!

Mia moves away to attend to both. Vincent hangs up his overcoat on a big bronze coat rack in the alcove.

VINCENT
I'm gonna take a piss.

MIA

That was a little bit more
information than I needed to know,
but go right ahead.

Vincent shuffles off to the john.

Mia moves to her CD player, thumbs through a stack of CDs and selects one: k.d. lang. The speakers BLAST OUT a high energy country number, which Mia plays air-guitar to. She dances her way around the room and finds herself by Vincent's overcoat hanging on the rack. She touches its sleeve. It feels good.

Her hand goes in its pocket and pulls out his tobacco pouch. Like a little girl playing cowboy, she spreads the tobacco on some rolling paper. Imitating what he did earlier, licks the paper and rolls it into a pretty good cigarette. Maybe a little too fat, but not bad for a first try. Mia thinks so anyway. Her hand reaches back in the pocket and pulls out his Zippo lighter. She SLAPS the lighter against her leg, trying to light it fancy-style like Vince did. What do you know, she did it! Mia's one happy clam. She triumphantly brings the fat flame up to her fat smoke, lighting it up, then LOUDLY SNAPS the Zippo closed.

The Mia-made cigarette is brought up to her lips, and she takes a long, cool drag. Her hand slides the Zippo back in the overcoat pocket. But wait, her fingers touch something else. Those fingers bring out a plastic bag with white powder inside, the madman that Vincent bought earlier from Lance. Wearing a big smile, Mia brings the bag of heroin up to her face.

MIA

(like you would say
Bingo!)

Disco! Vince, you little cola nut,
you've been holding out on me.

CUT TO:

23. INT. BATHROOM (MARSELLUS WALLACE'S HOUSE) - NIGHT

23.

Vincent stands at the sink, washing his hands, talking to himself in the mirror.

VINCENT

One drink and leave. Don't be
rude, but drink your drink quickly,
say goodbye, walk out the door, get
in your car, and go down the road.

LIVING ROOM

Mia has the unbeknownst-to-her heroin cut up into big lines on her glass top coffee table. Taking her trusty hundred dollar bill like a human Dust-Buster, she quickly snorts the fat line.

CU - MIA

her head JERKS back. Her hands go to her nose (which feels like it's on fucking fire), something is terribly wrong. Then...the rush hits....

BATHROOM

Vincent dries his hands on a towel while he continues his dialogue with the mirror.

VINCENT

...it's a moral test of yourself, whether or not you can maintain loyalty. Because when people are loyal to each other, that's very meaningful.

LIVING ROOM

Mia is on all fours trying to crawl to the bathroom, but it's like she's trying to crawl with the bones removed from her knees. Blood begins to drip from Mia's nose. Then her stomach gets into the act and she VOMITS.

BATHROOM

Vince continues.

VINCENT

So you're gonna go out there, drink your drink, say "Goodnight, I've had a very lovely evening," go home, and jack off. And that's all you're gonna do.

Now that he's given himself a little pep talk, Vincent's ready for whatever's waiting for him on the other side of that door. So he goes through it.

LIVING ROOM

We follow behind Vincent as he walks from the bathroom to the living room, where he finds Mia lying on the floor like a rag doll. She's twisted on her back. Blood and puke are down her front. And her face is contorted. Not out of the tightness of pain, but just the opposite, the muscles in her face are so

relaxed, she lies still with her mouth wide open. Slack-jawed.

VINCENT
Jesus Christ!

Vincent moves like greased lightning to Mia's fallen body. Bending down where she lays, he puts his fingers on her neck to check her pulse. She slightly stirs.

Mia is aware of Vincent over her, speaking to her.

VINCENT
(sounding weird)
Mia! Mia! What the hell happened?

But she's unable to communicate. Mia makes a few lost mumbles, but they're not distinctive enough to be called words.

Vincent props her eyelids open and sees the story.

VINCENT
(to himself)
I'll be a sonofabitch.
(to Mia)
Mia! Mia! What did you take?
Answer me honey, what did you take?

Mia is incapable of answering. He SLAPS her face hard.

Vincent SPRINGS up and RUNS to his overcoat, hanging on the rack. He goes through the pockets FRANTICALLY. It's gone. Vincent makes a beeline to Mia. We follow.

VINCENT
(yelling to Mia)
Okay honey, we're getting you on
your feet.

He reaches her and hoists the dead weight up in his arms.

VINCENT
We're on our feet now, and now
we're gonna walk out to the car.
Here we go, watch us walk.

We follow behind as he hurriedly walks the practically-unconscious Mia through the house and out the front door.

24. EXT. VINCENT'S HOT ROD (MOVING) - NIGHT

24.

INSERT SPEEDOMETER: red needle on a hundred.

Vincent driving like a madman in a town without traffic laws, speeds the car into turns and up and over hills.

25. INT. VINCENT'S HOT ROD (MOVING) - NIGHT

25.

Vincent, one hand firmly on the wheel, the other shifting like Robocop, both eyes staring straight ahead except when he glances over at Mia.

Mia, slack-jawed expression, mouth gaping, posture of a bag of water.

Vincent takes a cellular phone out of his pocket. He punches a number.

26. INT. LANCE'S HOUSE - NIGHT

26.

At this late hour, Lance has transformed from a bon vivant drug dealer to a bathrobe creature.

He sits in a big comfy chair, ratty blue gym pants, a worn-out but comfortable tee-shirt that has, written on it, "TAFT, CALIFORNIA," and a moth-ridden terry cloth robe. In his hand is a bowl of Cap'n Crunch with Crunch Berries. In front of him on the coffee table is a jug of milk, the box the Cap'n Crunch with Crunch Berries came out of, and a hash pipe in an ashtray.

On the big-screen TV in front of the table is the Three Stooges, and they're getting married.

PREACHER (EMIL SIMKUS)

(on TV)

Hold hands, you love birds.

The phone RINGS.

Lance puts down his cereal and makes his way to the phone.

It RINGS again.

Jody, his wife, CALLS from the bedroom, obviously woken up.

JODY (OS)

Lance! The phone's ringing!

LANCE

(calling back)

I can hear it!

JODY (OS)
I thought you told those fuckin'
assholes never to call this late!

LANCE
(by the phone)
I told 'em and that's what I'm
gonna tell this fuckin' asshole
right now!
(he answers the phone)
Hello, do you know how late it is?
You're not supposed to be callin'
me this fuckin' late.

BACK TO VINCENT IN THE MALIBU
Vincent is still driving like a stripe-assed ape, clutching
the phone to his ear. WE CUT BACK AND FORTH during the
conversation.

VINCENT
Lance, this is Vincent, I'm in big
fuckin' trouble man, I'm on my way
to your place.

LANCE
Whoa, hold your horses man, what's
the problem?

VINCENT
You still got an adrenalin shot?

LANCE
(dawning on him)
Maybe.

VINCENT
I need it man, I got a chick she's
fuckin' O.D.ing on me.

LANCE
Don't bring her here! I'm not even
fuckin' joking with you, don't you
be bringing some fucked up pooh-
butt to my house!

VINCENT
No choice.

LANCE
She's O.D.in'?

VINCENT
Yeah. She's dyin'.

LANCE

Then bite the fuckin' bullet, take 'er to a hospital and call a lawyer!

VINCENT

Negative.

LANCE

She ain't my fuckin' problem, you fucked her up, you deal with it -- are you talkin' to me on a cellular phone?

VINCENT

Sorry.

LANCE

I don't know you, who is this, don't come here, I'm hangin' up.

VINCENT

Too late, I'm already here.

At that moment inside Lance's house, WE HEAR Vincent's Malibu coming up the street. Lance hangs up the phone, goes to his curtains and YANKS the cord. The curtains open with a WHOOSH in time to see Vincent's Malibu DRIVING UP on his front lawn and CRASHING into his house. The window Lance is looking out of SHATTERS from the impact.

JODY (OS)

What the hell was that?

Lance CHARGES from the window, out the door to his front lawn.

27. EXT. LANCE'S HOUSE - NIGHT

27.

Vincent is already out of the car, working on getting Mia out.

LANCE

Have you lost your mind?! You crashed your car in my fuckin' house! You talk about drug shit on a cellular fuckin' phone --

VINCENT

If you're through havin' your little hissy fit, this chick is dyin', get your needle and git it now!

LANCE

Are you deaf? You're not bringin'
that fucked up bitch in my house!

VINCENT

This fucked up bitch is Marsellus
Wallace's wife. Now if she fuckin'
croaks on me, I'm a grease spot.
But before he turns me into a bar
soap, I'm gonna be forced to tell
'im about how you coulda saved her
life, but instead you let her die
on your front lawn.

28. INT. LANCE'S HOUSE - NIGHT

28.

WE START in Lance's and Jody's bedroom.

Jody, in bed, throws off the covers and stands up. She's
wearing a long tee-shirt with a picture of Fred Flintstone on
it.

We follow HANDHELD behind her as she opens the door, walking
through the hall into the living room.

JODY

It's only one-thirty in the goddamn
mornin'! What the fuck's goin' on
out here?!

As she walks in the living room, she sees Vincent and Lance
standing over Mia, who's lying on the floor in the middle of
the room.

From here on in, everything in this scene is frantic, like a
DOCUMENTARY in an emergency ward, with the big difference here
being nobody knows what the fuck they're doing.

JODY

Who's she?

Lance looks up at Jody.

LANCE

Get that black box in the bedroom I
have with the adrenalin shot.

JODY

What's wrong with her?

VINCENT

She's O.D.ing on us.

JODY

Well get her the hell outta here!

LANCE AND VINCENT

(in stereo)

Get the fuckin' shot!

JODY

Don't yell at me!

She angrily turns and disappears into the bedroom looking for the shot.

WE MOVE into the room with the two men.

VINCENT

(to Lance)

You two are a match made in heaven.

LANCE

Look, just keep talkin' to her, okay? While she's gettin' the shot, I gotta get a medical book.

VINCENT

What do you need a medical book for?

LANCE

To tell me how to do it. I've never given an adrenalin shot before.

VINCENT

You've had that thing for six years and you never used it?

LANCE

I never had to use it. I don't go joy-poppin' with bubble-gummers, all of my friends can handle their highs!

VINCENT

Well then get it.

LANCE

I am, if you'll let me.

VINCENT

I'm not fuckin' stoppin' you.

LANCE
Stop talkin' to me, and start
talkin' to her.

WE FOLLOW Lance as he runs out of the living room into a...

29. SPARE ROOM 29.
with a bunch of junk in it. He frantically starts scanning
the junk for the book he's looking for, repeating the words,
"Come on," endlessly.

From OFF SCREEN we hear:

VINCENT (OS)
Hurry up man! We're losin' her!

LANCE
(calling back)
I'm looking as fast as I can!

Lance continues his frenzied search.

WE HEAR Jody in the living room now as she talks to Vincent.

JODY (OS)
What's he lookin' for?

VINCENT (OS)
I dunno, some medical book.

Jody calls to Lance.

JODY (OS)
What are you lookin' for?

LANCE
My black medical book!

As he continues searching, flipping and knocking over shit,
Jody appears in the doorway.

JODY
What are you looking for?

LANCE
My black fuckin' medical book.
It's like a text book they give to
nurses.

JODY
I never saw a medical book.

LANCE
Trust me, I have one.

JODY

Well if it's that important, why didn't you keep it with the shot?

Lance spins toward her.

LANCE

I don't know! Stop bothering me!

JODY

While you're lookin' for it, that girl's gonna die on our carpet. You're never gonna find it in all this shit. For six months now, I've been tellin' you to clean this room --

VINCENT (OS)

-- get your ass in here, fuck the book!

Lance angrily knocks over a pile of shit and leaves the SHOT heading for the living room.

30. LIVING ROOM

Vincent is bent over Mia, talking softly to her, when Lance reenters the room.

30.

VINCENT

Quit fuckin' around man and give her the shot!

Lance bends down by the black case brought in by Jody. He opens it and begins preparing the needle for injection.

LANCE

While I'm doing this, take her shirt off and find her heart.

Vincent rips her blouse open.

Jody stumbles back in the room, hanging back from the action.

VINCENT

Does it have to be exact?

LANCE

Yeah, it has to be exact! I'm giving her an injection in the heart, so I gotta exactly hit her in the heart.

VINCENT

Well, I don't know exactly where
her heart is, I think it's here.

Vince points to Mia's right breast. Lance glances over and
nods.

LANCE

That's it.

As Lance readies the injection, Vincent looks up at Jody.

VINCENT

I need a big fat magic marker, got
one?

JODY

What?

VINCENT

I need a big fat magic marker, any
felt pen'll do, but a magic marker
would be great.

JODY

Hold on.

Jody runs to the desk, opens the top drawer and, in her
enthusiasm, she pulls the drawer out of the desk, the contents
of which (bills, papers, pens) spill to the floor.

The injection is ready. Lance hands Vincent the needle.

LANCE

It's ready, I'll tell you what to
do.

VINCENT

You're gonna give her the shot.

LANCE

No, you're gonna give her the shot.

VINCENT

I've never done this before.

LANCE

I've never done this before either,
and I ain't startin' now. You
brought 'er here, that means you
give her the shot. The day I bring
an O.D.ing bitch to your place,
then I gotta give her the shot.

Jody hurriedly joins them in the huddle, a big fat red magic marker in her hand.

JODY

Got it.

Vincent grabs the magic marker out of Jody's hand and makes a big red dot on Mia's body where her heart is.

VINCENT

Okay, what do I do?

LANCE

Well, you're giving her an injection of adrenalin straight to her heart. But she's got a breast plate in front of her heart, so you gotta pierce through that. So what you gotta do is bring the needle down in a stabbing motion.

Lance demonstrates a stabbing motion, which looks like "The Shape" killing its victims in "HALLOWEEN."

VINCENT

I gotta stab her?

LANCE

If you want the needle to pierce through to her heart, you gotta stab her hard. Then once you do, push down on the plunger.

VINCENT

What happens after that?

LANCE

I'm curious about that myself.

VINCENT

This ain't a fuckin' joke man!

LANCE

She's supposed to come out of it like --

(snaps his fingers)

-- that.

Vincent lifts the needle up above his head in a stabbing motion. He looks down on Mia.

Mia is fading fast. Soon nothing will help her.

Vincent's eyes narrow, ready to do this.

VINCENT
Count to three.

Lance, on his knees right beside Vincent, does not know what to expect.

LANCE
One...

RED DOT on Mia's body.

Needle raised ready to strike.

LANCE (OS)
...two...

Jody's face is alive with anticipation.

NEEDLE in the air, poised like a rattler ready to strike.

LANCE (OS)
...three!

The needle leaves frame, THRUSTING down hard.

Vincent brings the needle down hard, STABBING Mia in the chest.

Mia's head is JOLTED from the impact.

The syringe plunger is pushed down, PUMPING the adrenalin out through the needle.

Mia's eyes POP WIDE OPEN and she lets out a HELLISH cry of the banshee. She BOLTS UP in a sitting position, needle stuck in her chest -- SCREAMING.

Vincent, Lance and Jody, who were in sitting positions in front of Mia, JUMP BACK, scared to death.

Mia's scream runs out. She slowly starts taking breaths of air.

The other three, now scooted halfway across the room, shaken to their bones, look to see if she's alright.

LANCE
If you're okay, say something.

Mia, still breathing, not looking up at them, says in a relatively normal voice.

MIA

Something.

Vincent and Lance collapse on their backs, exhausted and shaking from how close to death Mia came.

JODY

Anybody want a beer?

CUT TO:

31. INT. VINCENT'S MALIBU (MOVING) - NIGHT

31.

Vincent is behind the wheel driving Mia home. No one says anything, both are still too shaken.

32. EXT. FRONT OF MARSELLUS WALLACE'S HOUSE - NIGHT

32.

The Malibu pulls up to the front. Mia gets out without saying a word (still in a daze) and begins walking down the walkway toward her front door.

VINCENT (OS)

Mia!

She turns around.

Vincent's out of the car, standing on the walkway, a big distance between the two.

VINCENT

What are your thoughts on how to handle this?

MIA

What's yours?

VINCENT

Well I'm of the opinion that Marsellus can live his whole life and never ever hear of this incident.

Mia smiles.

MIA

Don't worry about it. If Marsellus ever heard of this, I'd be in as much trouble as you.

VINCENT

I seriously doubt that.

MIA
If you can keep a secret, so can I.

VINCENT
Let's shake on it.

The two walk toward each other, holding out their hands to shake and shake they do.

VINCENT
Mum's the word.

Mia lets go of Vincent's hand and silently makes the see-no-evil, hear-no-evil, and speak-no-evil sign with her hands.

Vincent smiles.

VINCENT
If you'll excuse me, I gotta go home and have a heart attack.

Mia giggles.

Vincent turns to leave.

MIA
You still wanna hear my "FOX FORCE FIVE" joke?

Vincent turns around.

VINCENT
Sure, but I think I'm still a little too petrified to laugh.

MIA
Uh-huh. You won't laugh because it's not funny. But if you still wanna hear it, I'll tell it.

VINCENT
I can't wait.

MIA
Three tomatoes are walking down the street, a poppa tomato, a momma tomato, and a little baby tomato. The baby tomato is lagging behind the poppa and momma tomato. The poppa tomato gets mad, goes over to the momma tomato and stamps on him --

(STAMPS the ground)
-- and says: catch up.

They both smile, but neither laugh.

MIA
See ya 'round, Vince.

Mia turns and walks inside her house.

CU - VINCENT
after Mia walks inside. Vincent continues to look at where she was. He brings his hands to his lips and blows her a kiss. Then exits FRAME leaving it empty. WE HEAR his Malibu START UP and DRIVE AWAY.

FADE TO BLACK

33. FADE UP:

33.

ON THE CARTOON "SPEED RACER."
Speed is giving a detailed description of all the features on his race car "The Mac-5," which he does at the beginning of every episode.

OFF SCREEN we hear a WOMAN'S VOICE....

WOMAN'S VOICE (OS)
Butch.

DISSOLVE TO:

BUTCH'S POV
We're in the living room of a modest two bedroom house in Alhambra, California, in the year 1972.
BUTCH'S MOTHER, 35ish, stands in the doorway leading into the living room. Next to her is a man dressed in the uniform of an American Air Force officer. The CAMERA is the perspective of a five-year old boy.

MOTHER
Butch, stop watching TV a second.
We got a special visitor. Now do you remember when I told you your daddy died in a P.O.W. camp?

BUTCH (OS)
Uh-huh.

MOTHER
Well this here is Capt. Koons. He was in the P.O.W. camp with Daddy.

CAPT. KOONS steps inside the room toward the little boy and bends down on one knee to bring him even with the boy's

eyeline. When Koons speaks, he speaks with a slight Texas accent.

CAPT. KOON

Hello, little man. Boy I sure heard a bunch about you. See, I was a good friend of your Daddy's. We were in that Hanoi pit of hell over five years together. Hopefully, you'll never have to experience this yourself, but when two men are in a situation like me and your Daddy were, for as long as we were, you take on certain responsibilities of the other. If it had been me who had not made it, Major Coolidge would be talkin' right now to my son Jim. But the way it worked out is I'm talkin' to you, Butch. I got somethin' for ya.

The Captain pulls a gold wrist watch out of his pocket.

CAPT. KOONS

This watch I got here was first purchased by your great-granddaddy. It was bought during the First World War in a little general store in Knoxville, Tennessee. It was bought by private Doughboy Erine Coolidge the day he set sail for Paris. It was your great-granddaddy's war watch, made by the first company to ever make wrist watches. You see, up until then, people just carried pocket watches. Your great-granddaddy wore that watch every day he was in the war. Then when he had done his duty, he went home to your great-grandmother, took the watch off his wrist and put it in an ol' coffee can. And in that can it stayed 'til your grandfather Dane Coolidge was called upon by his country to go overseas and fight the Germans once again. This time they called it World War Two.

(MORE)

CAPT. KOON (CONT'D)

Your great-granddaddy gave it to your granddad for good luck. Unfortunately, Dane's luck wasn't as good as his old man's. Your granddad was a Marine and he was killed with all the other Marines at the battle of Wake Island. Your granddad was facing death and he knew it. None of those boys had any illusions about ever leavin' that island alive. So three days before the Japanese took the island, your 22-year old grandfather asked a gunner on an Air Force transport named Winocki, a man he had never met before in his life, to deliver to his infant son, who he had never seen in the flesh, his gold watch. Three days later, your grandfather was dead. But Winocki kept his word. After the war was over, he paid a visit to your grandmother, delivering to your infant father, his Dad's gold watch. This watch. This watch was on your Daddy's wrist when he was shot down over Hanoi. He was captured and put in a Vietnamese prison camp. Now he knew if the gooks ever saw the watch it'd be confiscated. The way your Daddy looked at it, that watch was your birthright. And he'd be damned if any slopeheads were gonna put their greasy yella hands on his boy's birthright. So he hid it in the one place he knew he could hide somethin'. His ass. Five long years, he wore this watch up his ass. Then when he died of disentary, he gave me the watch. I hid this uncomfortable hunk of metal up my ass for two years. Then, after seven years, I was sent home to my family. And now, little man, I give the watch to you.

Capt. Koons hands the watch to Butch. A little hand comes into FRAME to accept it.

CUT TO:

34. INT. LOCKER ROOM - NIGHT

34.

The 27-year old Butch Coolidge is dressed in boxing regalia: trunks, shoes and gloves. He lies on a table catching a few zzzzzz's before his big fight. Almost as soon as WE CUT to him, he wakes up with a start. Shaken by the bizarre memory, he wipes his sweaty face with his boxing glove.

His trainer KLONDIKE, an older fireplug, opens the door a little, sticking his head in the room. Pandemonium seems to be breaking out behind Klondike in the hallway.

KLONDIKE

It's time, Butch.

BUTCH

I'm ready.

Klondike steps inside, closing the door on the WILD MOB outside. He goes to the long yellow robe hanging on a hook. Butch hops off the table and, without a word, Klondike helps him on with the robe, which says on the back: "BATTLING BUTCH COOLIDGE."

The two men head for the door. Klondike opens the door for Butch. As Butch steps into the hallway, the Crowd goes apeshit. Klondike closes the door behind him, leaving us in the quiet, empty locker room.

FADE TO BLACK

TITLE CARD:

"THE GOLD WATCH"

WE HEAR OVER THE BLACK AND TITLE:

SPORTSCASTER #1 (OS)

-- well Dan, that had to be the bloodiest and, hands-down, the most brutal fight this city has ever seen.

The SOUND of chaos in the b.g.

FADE IN:

35. EXT. ALLEY (RAINING) - NIGHT

35.

A taxi is parked in a dark alley next to an auditorium. The sky is PISSIN' DOWN RAIN. WE SLOWLY DOLLY toward the parked car. The SOUND of the CAR RADIO can be heard coming from inside.

SPORTSCASTER #1 (OS)
 ...Coolidge was out of there faster
 than I've ever seen a victorious
 boxer vacate the ring. Do you
 think he knew Willis was dead?

SPORTSCASTER #2 (OS)
 My guess would be yes, Richard. I
 could see from my position here,
 the frenzy in his eyes give way to
 the realization of what he was
 doing. I think any man would've
 left the ring that fast.

DISSOLVE TO:

36. INT. TAXI (PARKED/RAINING) - NIGHT

36.

Inside the taxi, behind the wheel, is a female cabbie named
 ESMARELDA VILLALOBOS. A young woman, with Spanish looks, sits
 parked, drinking a steaming hot cup of coffee out of a white
 styrofoam cup.

The Sportscasters continue their coverage.

SPORTSCASTER #1 (OS)
 Do you feel this ring death tragedy
 will have an effect on the world of
 boxing?

SPORTSCASTER #2 (OS)
 Oh Dan, a tragedy like this can't
 help but shake the world of boxing
 to its very foundation. But it's
 of paramount importance that during
 the sad weeks ahead, the eyes of
 the W.B.A. remain firmly fixed on
 the -- CLICK --

Esmarelda shuts off the radio.

She takes a sip of coffee, then hears a NOISE behind her in
 the alley. She sticks her head out of the car door to see:

37. A window about three stories high opens on the auditorium-side
 of the alley. A gym bag is tossed out into a garbage dumpster
 below the window. Then, Butch Coolidge, still dressed in
 boxing trunks, shoes, gloves and yellow robe, LEAPS to the
 dumpster below.

ESMARELDA'S REACTION takes in the strangeness of this sight.

Gym bag in hand, Butch CLIMBS out of the dumpster and RUNS to the taxi. Before he climbs in, he takes off his robe and throws it to the ground.

38. INT. TAXI (PARKED/RAINING) - NIGHT

38.

Butch, soaking wet, naked except for trunks, shoes and gloves, HOPS in the backseat, SLAMMING the door.

Esmarelda, staring straight ahead, talks to Butch through the rearview mirror:

ESMARELDA

(Spanish accent)

Are you the man I was supposed to pick up?

BUTCH

If you're the cab I called, I'm the guy you're supposed to pick up.

ESMARELDA

Where to?

BUTCH

Outta here.

The ignition key is TWISTED. The engine ROARS to life.

The meter is FLIPPED on.

Esmarelda's bare foot STOMPS on the gas pedal.

39. EXT. BOXING AUDITORIUM (RAINING) - NIGHT

39.

The cab WHIPS out of the alley, FISH-TAILING on the wet pavement in front of the auditorium at a rapid pace.

40. INT. WILLIS LOCKER ROOM (AUDITORIUM) - NIGHT

40.

Locker room door opens, English Dave fights his way through the pandemonium which is going on outside in the hall, shutting the door on the madness. Once inside, English Dave takes time to adjust his suit and tie.

In the room, black boxer FLOYD RAY WILLIS lies on a table -- dead. His face looks like he went dunking for bees. His TRAINER is on his knees, head on Floyd's chest, crying over the body.

The huge figure that is Marsellus Wallace stands at the table, hand on the Trainer's shoulder, lending emotional support. We still do not see Marsellus clearly, only that he is big.

Mia sits in a chair at the far end of the room.

Marsellus looks up, sees English Dave and walks over to him.

MARSELLUS (OS)

What'cha got?

ENGLISH DAVE

He booked.

MARSELLUS (OS)

I'm prepared to scour the earth for this motherfucker. If Butch goes to Indo China, I want a nigger hidin' in a bowl of rice, ready to pop a cap in his ass.

ENGLISH DAVE

I'll take care of it.

41. INT. CAB (MOVING/RAINING) - NIGHT

41.

Butch gets one of his boxing gloves off.

Esmarelda watches in the rearview mirror.

He tries to roll down one of the backseat windows, but can't find the roll bar.

BUTCH

Hey, how do I open the window back here?

ESMARELDA

I have to do it.

She presses a button and the back window moves down. Butch tosses his boxing glove out the window, then starts untying the other one.

Esmarelda can't keep quiet anymore.

ESMARELDA

Hey, mister?

BUTCH

(still working on the glove)

What?

ESMARELDA

You were in that fight? The fight
on the radio -- you're the fighter?

As he tosses his other glove out the window.

BUTCH

Whatever gave you that idea?

ESMARELDA

No c'mon, you're him, I know you're
him, tell me you're him.

BUTCH

(drying himself with a
gym towel)

I'm him.

ESMARELDA

You killed the other boxing man.

BUTCH

He's dead?

ESMARELDA

The radio said he was dead.

He finishes wiping himself down.

BUTCH

(to himself)

Sorry 'bout that, Floyd.

He tosses the towel out the window.

Silence, as Butch digs in his bag for a tee-shirt.

ESMARELDA

What does it feel like?

BUTCH

(finds his shirt)

What does what feel like?

ESMARELDA

Killing a man. Beating another man
to death with your bare hands.

Butch pulls on his tee-shirt.

BUTCH

Are you some kinda weirdo?

ESMARELDA

No, it's a subject I have much interest in. You are the first person I ever met who has killed somebody. So, what was it like to kill a man?

BUTCH

Tell ya what, you give me one of them cigarettes, I'll give you an answer.

Esmarelda bounces in her seat with excitement.

ESMARELDA

Deal!

Butch leans forward. Esmarelda, keeping her eyes on the road, passes a cigarette back to him. He takes it. Then, still not looking behind her, she brings up her hand, a lit match in it. Butch lights his smoke, then blows out the match.

He takes a long drag.

BUTCH

So....

He looks at her license.

BUTCH

...Esmarelda Villalobos -- is that Mexican?

ESMARELDA

The name is Spanish, but I'm Columbian.

BUTCH

It's a very pretty name.

ESMARELDA

It means "Esmarelda of the wolves."

BUTCH

That's one hell of a name you got there, sister.

ESMARELDA

Thank you. And what is your name?

BUTCH

Butch.

ESMARELDA

Butch. What does it mean?

BUTCH

I'm an American, our names don't mean shit. Anyway, moving right along, what is it you wanna know, Esmarelda?

ESMARELDA

I want to know what it feels like to kill a man --

BUTCH

-- I couldn't tell ya. I didn't know he was dead 'til you told me he was dead. Now I know he's dead, do you wanna know how I feel about it?

Esmarelda nods her head: "yes."

BUTCH

I don't feel the least little bit bad. You wanna know why, Esmarelda?

Esmarelda nods her head: "yes."

BUTCH

'Cause I'm a boxer. And after you've said that, you've said pretty much all there is to say about me. Now maybe that son-of-a-bitch tonight was once at one time a boxer. If he was, then he was dead before his ass ever stepped in the ring. I just put the poor bastard outta his misery. And if he never was a boxer --

(Butch takes a drag)

That's what he gets for fuckin' up my sport.

42. EXT. PHONE BOOTH (RAINING) - NIGHT

42.

We DOLLY around a phone booth as Butch talks inside.

BUTCH

(into phone)

What'd I tell ya, soon as the word got out a fix was in, the odds would be outta control.

BUTCH (CONT'D)

Hey, if he was a better fighter he'd be alive. If he never laced up his gloves in the first place, which he never shoulda done, he'd be alive. Enough about the poor unfortunate Mr. Floyd, let's talk about the rich and prosperous Mr. Butch. How many bookies you spread it around with?

(pause)

Eight? How long to collect?

(pause)

So by tomorrow evening, you'll have it all?

(pause)

Good news Scotty, real good news -- I understand a few stragglers aside. Me an' Fabian're gonna leave in the morning. It should take us a couple days to get into Knoxville. Next time we see each other, it'll be on Tennessee time.

Butch hangs up the phone. He looks at the cab waiting to take him wherever he wants to go.

BUTCH

(to himself in French with English subtitles)

Fabian my love, our adventure begins.

CUT TO:

43. EXT. MOTEL (STOPPED RAINING) - NIGHT

43.

Esmarelda's taxi pulls into the motel parking lot. The rain has stopped, but the night is still soaked. Butch gets out, now fully dressed in tee-shirt, jeans and high school athletic jacket. He leans in the driver's side window.

ESMARELDA

Forty-five sixty.

Handing her the money.

BUTCH

Merci beaucoup. And here's a little something for the effort.

Butch holds up a hundred dollar bill.

Esmarelda's eyes light up. She goes to take it. Butch holds it out of reach.

BUTCH

Now if anybody should ask you about who your fare was tonight, what're you gonna tell 'em?

ESMARELDA

The truth. Three well-dressed, slightly toasted, Mexicans.

He gives her the bill.

BUTCH

Bon soir, Esmarelda.

ESMARELDA

(in Spanish)

Sleep well, Butch.

He tweaks her nose, she smiles, and he turns and walks away. She drives off.

44. INT. MOTEL (ROOM SIX) - NIGHT

44.

Butch enters and turns on the light.

Lying curled up on the bed, fully dressed, with her back to us is Butch's French girlfriend, FABIAN.

FABIAN

Keep the light off.

Butch flicks the switch back, making the room dark again.

BUTCH

Is that better, sugar pop?

FABIAN

Oui. Hard day at the office?

BUTCH

Pretty hard. I got into a fight.

FABIAN

Poor baby. Can we make spoons?

Butch climbs into bed, spooning Fabian from behind.

When Butch and Fabian speak to each other, they speak in baby-talk.

FABIAN

I was looking at myself in the mirror.

BUTCH

Uh-huh?

FABIAN

I wish I had a pot.

BUTCH

You were lookin' in the mirror and you wish you had some pot?

FABIAN

A pot. A pot belly. Pot bellies are sexy.

BUTCH

Well you should be happy, 'cause you do.

FABIAN

Shut up, Fatso! I don't have a pot! I have a bit of a tummy, like Madonna when she did "Lucky Star," it's not the same thing.

BUTCH

I didn't realize there was a difference between a tummy and a pot belly.

FABIAN

The difference is huge.

BUTCH

You want me to have a pot?

FABIAN

No. Pot bellies make a man look either oafish, or like a gorilla. But on a woman, a pot belly is very sexy. The rest of you is normal. Normal face, normal legs, normal hips, normal ass, but with a big, perfectly round pot belly. If I had one, I'd wear a tee-shirt two sizes too small to accentuate it.

BUTCH

You think guys would find that attractive?

FABIAN

I don't give a damn what men find attractive. It's unfortunate what we find pleasing to the touch and pleasing to the eye is seldom the same.

BUTCH

If I had a pot belly, I'd punch you in it.

FABIAN

You'd punch me in my belly?

BUTCH

Right in the belly.

FABIAN

I'd smother you. I'd drop it on your right on your face 'til you couldn't breathe.

BUTCH

You'd do that to me?

FABIAN

Yes!!

BUTCH

Did you get everything, sugar pop?

FABIAN

Yes, I did.

BUTCH

Good job.

FABIAN

Did everything go as planned?

BUTCH

You didn't listen to the radio?

FABIAN

I never listen to your fights. Were you the winner?

BUTCH

I won alright.

FABIAN

Are you still retiring?

BUTCH

Sure am.

FABIAN

What about the man you fought?

BUTCH

Floyd retired too.

FABIAN

(smiling)

Really?! He won't be fighting no more?!

BUTCH

Not no more.

FABIAN

So it all worked out in the finish?

BUTCH

We ain't at the finish yet, baby.

Fabian rolls over and Butch gets on top of her. They kiss.

FABIAN

We're in a lot of danger, aren't we?

Butch nods his head: "yes."

FABIAN

If they find us, they'll kill us, won't they?

Butch nods his head: "yes."

FABIAN

But they won't find us, will they?

Butch nods his head: "no."

FABIAN

Do you still want me to go with you?

Butch nods his head: "yes."

FABIAN

I don't want to be a burden or a nuisance --

Butch's hand goes out of frame and starts massaging her crotch.

Fabian reacts.

FABIAN

Say it!

BUTCH

Fabian, I want you to be with me.

FABIAN

Forever?

BUTCH

...and ever.

Fabian lies her head back.

Butch continues to massage her crotch.

FABIAN

Do you love me?

BUTCH

Oui.

FABIAN

Butch? Will you give me oral
pleasure?

Butch kisses her on the mouth.

BUTCH

Will you kiss it?

She nods her head: "yes."

FABIAN

But you first.

Butch's head goes down out of frame to carry out the oral
pleasure. Fabian's face is alone in the frame.

FABIAN

(in French, with
English subtitles)

Butch my love, the adventure
begins.

FADE TO BLACK

FADE UP:

45. MOTEL ROOM

45.

Same motel room, except empty. WE HEAR THE SHOWER RUNNING in the bathroom. The CAMERA MOVES to the bathroom doorway. We see Fabian in a white terry cloth robe that seems to swallow her up. She's drying her head with a towel. Butch is inside the shower washing up. We see the outline of his naked body through the smoky glass of the shower door. Steam fills the bathroom. Butch turns the shower off and opens the door, popping his head out.

BUTCH

I think I cracked a rib.

FABIAN

Giving me oral pleasure?

BUTCH

No retard, from the fight.

FABIAN

Don't call me retard.

BUTCH

(in a Mongoloid voice)

My name is Fabby! My name is Fabby!

FABIAN

Shut up fuck head! I hate that Mongoloid voice.

BUTCH

Okay, sorry, sorry, sorry, I take it back! Can I have a towel please, Miss Beautiful Tulip.

FABIAN

Oh I like that, I like being called a tulip. Tulip is much better than Mongoloid.

She finishes drying her hair and wraps the towel like a turban on her head.

BUTCH

I didn't call you a Mongoloid, I called you a retard, but I took it back.

She hands him a towel.

BUTCH
Merci beaucoup.

FABIAN
Butch?

BUTCH
(drying his head)
Yes, lemon pie.

FABIAN
Where are we going to go?

BUTCH
I'm not sure yet. Wherever you want. We're gonna get a lot of money from this. But it ain't gonna be so much, we can live like hogs in the fat house forever. I was thinking we could go somewhere in the South Pacific. The kinda money we'll have'll carry us a long way down there.

FABIAN
So if we wanted, we could live in Bora Bora?

BUTCH
You betcha. And if after awhile you don't dig Bora Bora, then we can move over to Tahiti or Mexico.

FABIAN
But I do not speak Spanish.

BUTCH
You don't speak Bora Boran either. Besides, Mexican is easy: Donde esta el zapataria?

FABIAN
What does that mean?

BUTCH
Where's the shoe store?

FABIAN
Donde esta el zapataria?

BUTCH
Excellent pronunciation. You'll be my little mama ceta in no time.

Butch exits the bathroom. We stay on Fabian as she brushes her teeth.

Butch keeps on from the other room.

BUTCH (OS)
Que hora es?

FABIAN
Que hora es?

BUTCH (OS)
What time is it?

FABIAN
What time is it?

BUTCH (OS)
Time for bed. Sweet dreams,
jellybean.

Fabian brushes her teeth. We watch her for a moment or two, then she remembers something.

FABIAN
Butch.

She walks out of the bathroom to ask Butch a question, only to find him sound asleep in bed.

She looks at him a moment.

FABIAN
Forget it.

She exits frame, going back in the bathroom. WE STAY on the WIDE SHOT of the unconscious Butch in bed.

FADE TO BLACK

FADE UP:

46. MOTEL ROOM - MORNING

46.

SAME SHOT AS BEFORE, the next morning. We find Butch still asleep in bed.

Fabian brushes her teeth half in and half out of the bathrom so she can watch TV at the same time. She still wears the terry cloth robe from the night before.

ON TV: WILLIAM SMITH and a bunch of Hell's Angels are taking on the entire Vietnamese army in the film "THE LOSERS."

Butch wakes from his sleep, as if a scary monster was chasing him. His start startles Fabian.

FABIAN

Merde! You startled me. Did you have a bad dream?

Butch squints down the front of the bed at her, trying to focus.

BUTCH

...yeah...are you still brushing your teeth?

FABIAN

This is me. I brush my teeth all night long and into the early morning. Do you think I have a problem?

Fabian goes back into the bathroom to spit.

If that was supposed to be sarcasm, it was lost on Butch at this early hour.

Butch, still trying to chase the cobwebs away, sees on TV Hell's Angels tear-assin' through a Vietnamese prison camp.

BUTCH

What are you watching?

FABIAN (OS)

A motorcycle movie, I'm not sure the name.

BUTCH

Are you watchin' it?

Fabian reenters the room.

FABIAN

In a way. Why? Would you like for me to switch it off?

BUTCH

Would you please?

She reaches over and turns off the TV.

BUTCH

It's a little too early in the morning for explosions and war.

FABIAN

What was it about?

BUTCH

How should I know, you were the one watchin' it.

Fabian laughs.

FABIAN

No, imbecile, what was your dream about?

BUTCH

Oh, I...don't remember. It's really rare I remember a dream.

FABIAN

You just woke up from it.

BUTCH

Fabian, I'm not lying to you, I don't remember.

FABIAN

Well, let's look at the grumpy man in the morning. I didn't say you were lying, it's just odd you don't remember your dreams. I always remember mine. Did you know you talk in your sleep?

BUTCH

I don't talk in my sleep, do I talk in my sleep?

FABIAN

You did last night.

BUTCH

What did I say?

Laying on top of him.

FABIAN

I don't know. I couldn't understand you.

She kisses Butch.

FABIAN

Why don't you get up and we'll get some breakfast at that breakfast place with the pancakes.

BUTCH
One more kiss and I'll get up.

Fabian gives Butch a sweet long kiss.

FABIAN
Satisfied?

BUTCH
Yep.

FABIAN
Then get up, lazy bones.

Butch climbs out of bed and starts pulling clothes out of the suitcase that Fabian brought.

BUTCH
What time is it?

FABIAN
Almost nine in the morning. What time does our train arrive?

BUTCH
Eleven.

Seeing him looking at a pair of pants.

FABIAN
Those pants are very nice. Can you wear those with that nice blue shirt you have?

He pulls a blue shirt out of the suitcase.

BUTCH
This one?

FABIAN
That's the one. That matches.

BUTCH
Okay.

He puts the clothes on.

FABIAN
I'm gonna order a big plate of blueberry pancakes with maple syrup, eggs over easy, and five sausages.

BUTCH
 (surprised at her
 potential appetite)
 Anything to drink with that?

Butch is finished dressing.

FABIAN
 (referring to his
 clothes)
 Oh yes, that looks nice. To drink,
 a tall glass of orange juice and a
 black cup of coffee. After that,
 I'm going to have a slice of pie.

As he goes through the suitcases.

BUTCH
 Pie for breakfast?

FABIAN
 Any time of the day is a good time
 for pie. Blueberry pie to go with
 the pancakes. And on top, a thin
 slice of melted cheese --

BUTCH
 -- where's my watch?

FABIAN
 It's there.

BUTCH
 No, it's not. It's not here.

FABIAN
 Have you looked?

By now, Butch is frantically rummaging through the suitcases.

BUTCH
 Yes I've fuckin' looked!!

He's now throwing clothes.

BUTCH
 What the fuck do you think I'm
 doing?! Are you sure you got it?

Fabian can hardly speak, she's never seen Butch this way.

FABIAN
 Uhhh...yes...beside the table
 drawer --

BUTCH
-- on the little kangaroo.

FABIAN
Yes, it was on your little kangaroo.

BUTCH
Well it's not here!

FABIAN
(on the verge of tears)
Well it should be!

BUTCH
Oh it most definitely should be here, but it's not. So where is it?

Fabian is crying and scared.

Butch lowers his voice, which only serves to make him more menacing.

BUTCH
Fabian, that was my father's fuckin' watch. You know what my father went through to git me that watch?...I don't wanna get into it right now...but he went through a lot. Now all this other shit, you coulda set on fire, but I specifically reminded you not to forget my father's watch. Now think, did you get it?

FABIAN
I believe so....

BUTCH
You believe so? You either did, or you didn't, now which one is it?

FABIAN
Then I did.

BUTCH
Are you sure?

FABIAN
(shaking)
No.

Butch freaks out, he punches the air.

Fabian SCREAMS and backs into a corner.

Butch picks up the motel TV and THROWS IT AGAINST the wall.

Fabian SCREAMS IN HORROR.

Butch looks toward her, suddenly calm.

BUTCH

(to Fabian)

No! It's not your fault.

(he approaches her)

You left it at the apartment.

He bends down in front of the woman who has sunk to the floor.

He touches her hand, she flinches.

BUTCH

If you did leave it at the apartment, it's not your fault. I had you bring a bunch of stuff. I reminded you about it, but I didn't illustrate how personal the watch was to me. If all I gave a fuck about was my watch, I should've told you. You ain't a mind reader.

He kisses her hand. Then rises.

Fabian is still sniffing.

Butch goes to the closet.

FABIAN

I'm sorry.

Butch puts on his high school jacket.

BUTCH

Don't be. It just means I won't be able to eat breakfast with you.

FABIAN

Why does it mean that?

BUTCH

Because I'm going back to my apartment to get my watch.

FABIAN

Won't the gangsters be looking for you there?

BUTCH

That's what I'm gonna find out. If they are, and I don't think I can handle it, I'll split.

Rising from the floor.

FABIAN

My darling, I don't want you to be murdered over a silly watch.

BUTCH

One, it's not a silly watch. Two, I'm not gonna be murdered. And three, don't be scared. I won't let anything get in the way of us living a happy life together.

FABIAN

What about our train?

BUTCH

We gotta couple hours yet.

FABIAN

I feel so dreadful. I saw your watch, I thought I brought it. I'm so sorry.

Butch brings her close and puts his hands on her face.

BUTCH

Don't feel bad, sugar pop. Nothing you could ever do would make me permanently angry at you.

(pause)

I love you, remember?

(he digs some money out of his wallet)

Now here's some money, order those pancakes and have a great breakfast.

FABIAN

Don't go.

BUTCH

I'll be back before you can say, blueberry pie.

FABIAN
Blueberry pie.

BUTCH
Well maybe not that fast, but fast.
Okay? Okay?

FABIAN
Okay.

He kisses her once more and heads for the door.

BUTCH
Bye-bye, sugar pop.

FABIAN
Bye.

BUTCH
I'm gonna take your Honda.

FABIAN
Okay.

And with that, he's out the door.

Fabian sits on the bed and looks at the money he gave her.

47. INT. HONDA (MOVING) - DAY

47.

Butch is beating the steering wheel and the dash with his fists as he drives down the street.

BUTCH
Of all the fuckin' things she
coulda forgot, she forgets my
father's watch. I specifically
reminded her not to forget it.
"Bedside table -- on the kangaroo."
I said the words: "Don't forget my
father's watch."

48. EXT. CITY STREET - DAY

48.

The little Honda races toward its destination as fast as its little engine will take it.

49. INT. HONDA (MOVING) - DAY

49.

Butch continues:

BUTCH

What the fuck am I doin'? Have I taken one too many hits to the head? That's gotta be it. Brain damage is the only excuse for this dumb a move. Stop the car, Butch.

(he keeps on driving)

Stop the car, Butch.

(he pays no attention to himself)

Butch, I'm talkin' to you. Put-your-foot-on-the-brake!

Butch's foot SLAMS down hard on the brake.

50. EXT. CITY STREET - DAY

50.

The little Honda SKIDS to a stop in the middle of the street. Butch HOPS out of the car like it was on fire.

Butch begins PACING back and forth, talking to himself, oblivious to PASSERSBY and traffic.

BUTCH

I ain't gonna do this. This is a punchy move and I ain't punchy! Daddy would totally fuckin' understand. If he was here right now, he'd say, "Butch, git a grip. It's a fuckin' watch, man. You lose one, ya git another. This is your life you're fuckin' around with, which you shouldn't be doin' 'cause you only got one.

Butch continues to pace, but now he's silent. Then....

BUTCH

This is my war. You see, Butch, what you're forgettin' is this watch isn't just a device that enables you to keep track of time. This watch is a symbol. It's a symbol of how your father, and his father before him, and his father before him, distinguished themselves in war. And when I took Marsellus Wallace's money, I started a war. This is my World War Two. That apartment in North Hollywood, that's my Wake Island.

(MORE)

BUTCH (CONT'D)

In fact, if you look at it that way, it's almost kismet that Fabian left it behind. And using that perspective, going back for it isn't stupid. It may be dangerous, but it's not stupid. Because there are certain things in this world that are worth going back for.

That's it, Butch has talked himself into it again. He HOPS in the car, starts it up and TAKES OFF.

CUT TO:

A parking meter red flag rises up, then out, leaving the arrow pointing at one hour.

51. EXT. RESIDENTIAL STREET CORNER - DAY

51.

Butch isn't completely reckless. He has parked his car a couple of blocks from his apartment to check things out before he goes boppin' through the front door.

52. EXT. ALLEY - DAY

52.

Butch walks down the alley until he gets to another street, then he discreetly glances out.

53. EXT. STREET - BUTCH'S APARTMENT - DAY

53.

Everything seems normal. More or less the right number of cars on the street. None of the parked cars appear out of place. None of them have a couple of goons sitting inside. Basically, it looks like normal morning activity in front of Butch's home.

Butch peers around a wall, taking in the vital information.

BUTCH

(to himself)

Everything looks hunky dorie. Looks can be deceiving, but this time I don't think they are. Why waste the manpower to stake out my place. I'd have to be a fuckin' idiot to come back here. That's how you're gonna beat 'em Butch, they keep underestimating you.

Butch walks out of the alley and is ready for anything. He crosses the street and enters his apartment courtyard.

Across the street from Butch's building, on the corner, is a combination donut shop and Japanese restaurant. A big sign sticks up in the air, with the name "Teriyaki Donut" and a graphic of a donut sticking out of a bowl of rice.

54. EXT. BUTCH'S APARTMENT COURTYARD - DAY

54.

Butch is in the courtyard of his North Hollywood apartment building. Once again, everything appears normal -- the laundry room, the pool, his apartment door -- nothing appears disturbed.

Butch climbs the stairs leading to his apartment, number 12. He steps outside the door and listens inside. Nothing.

Butch slowly inserts the key into the door, quietly opening it.

55. INT. BUTCH'S APARTMENT - DAY

55.

His apartment hasn't been touched.

He cautiously steps inside, shuts the door and takes a quick look around. Obviously, no one is there.

Butch walks into his modest kitchen, and opens the refrigerator. He takes out a carton of milk and drinks from it.

With carton in hand, Butch surveys the apartment. Then he goes to the bedroom.

His bedroom is like the rest of the apartment -- neat, clean and anonymous. The only things personal in his room are a few boxing trophies, an Olympic silver medal, a framed issue of "Ring Magazine" with Butch on the cover, and a poster of Jerry Quarry and one of George Chuvalo.

Sure enough, there's the watch just like he said it was: on the bedside table, hanging on his little kangaroo statue.

He puts the milk down on the table, takes the watch, checks the time and puts it on. Smiling, Butch grabs the milk and exits the bedroom.

He walks through the apartment and back into the kitchen. He opens a cupboard and takes out a box of Pop Tarts. Putting down the milk, he opens the box, takes out two Pop Tarts and puts them in the toaster.

Butch glances to his right, his eyes fall on something.

What he sees is a small compact Czech M61 submachine gun with a huge silencer on it, lying on his kitchen counter.

BUTCH
(softly)
Holy shit.

He picks up the intimidating peace of weaponry and examines it.

Then...a toilet FLUSHES.

Butch looks up to the bathroom door, which is parallel to the kitchen. There is someone behind it.

Like a rabbit caught in a radish patch, Butch freezes, not knowing what to do.

The bathroom door opens and Vincent Vega steps out of the bathroom, tightening his belt. In his hand is the book "MODESTY BLAISE" by Peter O'Donnell.

Vincent and Butch lock eyes.

Vincent freezes.

Butch doesn't move, except to point the M61 in Vincent's direction.

Neither man opens his mouth.

Then...the toaster LOUDLY kicks up the Pop Tarts.

That's all the situation needed.

Butch's finger HITS the trigger.

MUFFLED FIRE SHOOTS out of the end of the gun.

Vincent is seemingly WRACKED with twenty bullets SIMULTANEOUSLY -- LIFTING him off his feet, PROPELLING him through the air and CRASHING through the glass shower door at the end of the bathroom.

By the time Butch removes his finger from the trigger, Vincent is annihilated.

Butch stands frozen, amazed at what just happened. His look goes from the grease spot in the bathroom that was once Vincent, down to the powerful piece of artillery in his grip.

With the respect it deserves, Butch carefully places the M61 back on the kitchen counter.

Then he exits the apartment, quickly.

56. EXT. APARTMENT COURTYARD - DAY

56.

Butch, not running, but walking very rapidly, crosses the courtyard....

...comes out of the apartment building, crosses the street....

...goes through the alley....

...and into his car in one STEADICAM SHOT.

57. EXT. HONDA - DAY

57.

Butch CRANKS the car into gear and drives away. The big wide smile of a survivor breaks across his face.

58. EXT. APARTMENT BUILDING STREET - DAY

58.

The Honda turns down the alley and slowly cruises by his apartment building.

59. INT. HONDA - DAY

59.

Butch looks out the window at his former home.

BUTCH

That's how you're gonna beat 'em,
Butch. They keep underestimat'in'
ya.

This makes the boxer laugh out loud. As he laughs, he flips a tape in the cassette player. When the MUSIC starts, he SINGS along with it.

He drives by the apartment, but is stopped at the light on the corner across from Teriyaki Donut.

Butch is still chuckling, singing along with the song, as we see:

THROUGH THE WINDSHIELD

the big man himself, Marsellus Wallace, exit Teriyaki Donut, carrying a box of a dozen donuts and two large styrofoam cups of coffee. He steps off the curb, crossing the street in

front of Butch's car. This is the first time we see Marsellus clearly.

Laughing boy stops when he sees the big man directly in front of him.

When Marsellus is in front of Butch's car, he casually glances to his left, sees Butch, continues walking...then STOPS!

DOUBLE-TAKE: "Am I really seeing what I'm seeing?"

Butch doesn't wait for the big man to answer his own question. He STOMPS on the gas pedal.

The little Honda SLAMS into Marsellus, sending him, the donuts and the coffee HITTING the pavement at thirty miles an hour.

Butch CUTS into cross traffic and is BROAD-SIDED by a gold Camaro Z-28, BREAKING all the windows in the Honda and sending it up on the sidewalk.

Butch sits dazed and confused in the crumpled mess of what at one time was Fabian's Honda. Blood flows from his nostrils. The still-functional tape player continues to play. A PEDESTRIAN pokes his head inside.

PEDESTRIAN

Jesus, are you okay?

Butch looks at him, spaced-out.

BUTCH

I guess.

Marsellus Wallace lies sprawled out in the street. GAWKERS gather around the body.

GAWKER #1

(to the others)

He's dead! He's dead!

This jerk's yelling makes Marsellus come to.

TWO PEDESTRIANS help the shaken Butch out of the wreckage.

The woozy Marsellus gets to his feet.

GAWKER #2

If you need a witness in court, I'll be glad to help. He was a drunken maniac. He hit you and crashed into that car.

MARSELLUS
(still incoherent)

Who?

GAWKER #2
(pointing at Butch)

Him.

Marsellus follows the Gawker's finger and sees Butch Coolidge down the street, looking a shambles.

MARSELLUS
Well, I'll be damned.

The big man takes out a .45 Automatic and the Gawkers back away. Marsellus starts moving toward Butch.

Butch sees the fierce figure making a wobbly bee-line toward him.

BUTCH
Sacre bleu.

Marsellus brings up his weapon and FIRES, but he's so hurt, shaky and dazed that his arm goes wild.

He HITS a LOOKY-LOO WOMAN in the hip. She falls to the ground, screaming.

LOOKY-LOO WOMAN
Oh my god, I've been shot!

That's all Butch needs to see. He's outta there.

Marsellus RUNS after him.

The CROWD looks agape.

Butch is in a mad, limping RUN.

The big man's hot on his ass with a cockeyed wobbly run.

Butch cuts across traffic and dashes into a business with a sign that reads "MASON-DIXON PAWNSHOP."

60. INT. MASON-DIXON PAWNSHOP - DAY

60.

MAYNARD, a hillbilly-lookin' boy, stands behind the counter of his pawnshop when, all of a sudden, chaos in the form of Butch RACES into his world.

MAYNARD
Can I help you wit' somethin'?

BUTCH

Shut up!

Butch quickly takes measure of the situation, then stands next to the door.

MAYNARD

Now you just wait one goddamn minute --

Before Maynard can finish his threat, Marsellus CHARGES in. He doesn't get past the doorway because Butch LANDS his fist in Marsellus' face.

The gangster's feet go out from under him and the big man FALLS FLAT on his back.

Outside, two police cars with their SIRENS BLARING race by.

Butch POUNCES on the fallen body, PUNCHING him twice more in the face.

Butch takes the gun out of Marsellus' hand, then grabs ahold of his middle finger.

BUTCH

So you like chasing people, huh?

He BREAKS the finger. Marsellus lets out a pain sound. Butch then places the barrel of the .45 between his eyes, PULLS back the hammer and places his open hand behind the gun to shield the splatter.

BUTCH

Well guess what, big man, you caught me --

MAYNARD (OS)

-- hold it right there, godammit!

Butch and Marsellus look up at Maynard, who's brandishing a pump-action shotgun, aimed at the two men.

BUTCH

Look mister, this ain't any of your business --

MAYNARD

-- I'm makin' it my business! Now toss that gun!

Butch does.

MAYNARD

Now you on top, stand up and come to the counter.

Butch slowly gets up and moves to the counter. As soon as he gets there, Maynard HAULS OFF, HITTING him hard in the face with the butt of the shotgun, knocking Butch down and out.

After Butch goes down, Maynard calmly lays the shotgun on the counter and moves to the telephone.

Marsellus Wallace, from his position on the floor, groggily watches the pawnshop owner dial a number. Maynard waits on the line while the other end rings. Then it picks up.

MAYNARD

(into phone)

Zed? It's Maynard. The spider just caught a coupl'a flies.

Marsellus passes out.

FADE TO BLACK

FADE UP:

61. INT. PAWNSHOP BACK ROOM - DAY

61.

TWO SHOT - BUTCH AND MARSELLUS

are tied up in two separate chairs. In their mouths are two S&M-style ball gags (a belt goes around their heads and a little red ball sticks in their mouths). Both men are unconscious. Maynard steps in with a fire extinguisher and SPRAYS both guys until they're wide awake and wet as otters. The two prisoners look up at their captor.

Maynard stands in front of them, fire extinguisher in one hand, shotgun in the other, and Marsellus' .45 sticking in his belt.

MAYNARD

Nobody kills anybody in my place of business except me or Zed.

A BUZZER buzzes.

MAYNARD

That's Zed.

Without saying another word, Maynard climbs up the stairs that lead to red curtains and goes through them.

WE HEAR, on the other side of the curtains, Maynard let Zed inside the store.

Butch and Marsellus look around the room. The basement of the pawnshop has been converted into a dungeon. After taking in their predicament, Butch and Marsellus look at each other, all traces of hostility gone, replaced by a terror they both share at what they've gotten themselves into.

Maynard and ZED come through the curtains. Zed is an even more intense version of Maynard, if such a thing is possible. The two hillbillies are obviously brothers. Where Maynard is a vicious pitbull, Zed is a deadly cobra. Zed walks in and stands in front of the two captives. He inspects them for a long time, then says:

ZED

(to Maynard)

You said you waited for me?

MAYNARD

I did.

ZED

Then how come they're all beat up?

MAYNARD

They did that to each other. They was fightin' when they came in. This one was gonna shoot that one.

ZED

(to Butch)

You were gonna shoot him?

Butch makes no reply.

ZED

Hey, is Grace gonna be okay in front of this place?

MAYNARD

Yeah, it ain't Tuesday is it?

ZED

No, it's Thursday.

MAYNARD

Then she'll be fine.

ZED

Bring out The Gimp.

MAYNARD

I think The Gimp's asleep.

ZED

Well, I guess you'll just wake 'em
up then, won't you?

Maynard opens a trap door in the floor.

MAYNARD

(yelling in the hole)

Wake up!

Maynard reaches into the hole and comes back holding onto a
leash. He gives it a rough yank and, from below the floor,
rises THE GIMP.

The Gimp is a man they keep dressed from head to toe in black
leather bondage gear. There are zippers, buckles and studs
here and there on the body. On his head is a black leather
mask with two eye holes and a zipper (closed) for a mouth.
They keep him in a hole in the floor big enough for a large
dog.

Zed takes the chair, sits it in front of the two prisoners,
then lowers into it. Maynard hands The Gimp's leash to Zed,
then backs away.

ZED

(to The Gimp)

Down!

The Gimp gets on its knees.

Maynard hangs back while Zed appraises the two men.

MAYNARD

Who's first?

ZED

I ain't fer sure yet.

Then with his little finger, Zed does a silent "Eenie, meany,
miney, moe..." just his mouth mouthing the words and his
finger going back and forth between the two.

Butch and Marsellus are terrified.

Maynard looks back and forth at the victims.

The Gimp's eyes go from one to the other inside the mask.

Zed continues his silent sing-song with his finger moving left
to right, then it stops.

TWO SHOT - BUTCH AND MARSELLUS
after a beat, **THE CAMERA MOVES** to the right, zeroing in on Marsellus.

Zed stands up.

ZED
Wanna do it here?

MAYNARD
Naw, drag big boy to Russell's old room.

Zed grabs Marsellus' chair and **DRAGS** him into Russell's old room. Russell, no doubt, was some other poor bastard that had the misfortune of stumbling into the Mason-Dixon pawnshop. Whatever happened to Russell is known only to Maynard and Zed because his old room, a back room in the back of the back room, is empty.

As Marsellus is dragged away, he locks eyes with Butch before he disappears behind the door of Russell's old room.

MAYNARD
(to The Gimp)
Up!

The Gimp rises. Maynard ties The Gimp's leash to a hook on the ceiling.

MAYNARD
Keep an eye on this one.

The Gimp bows its head: "yes." Maynard disappears into Russell's old room. There must be a stereo in there because suddenly The Judds, singing in harmony, fills the air.

Butch looks at The Gimp. The Gimp giggles from underneath the mask as if this were the funniest moment in the history of comedy.

From behind the door we hear country **MUSIC**, struggling, and:

MAYNARD (OS)
Whoa, this boy's got a bit of fight in 'em!

We the **HEAR** Maynard and Zed beat on Marsellus.

ZED (OS)
You wanna fight? You wanna fight?
Good, I like to fight!

Butch pauses, listens to the voices. Then, in a panic, hurriedly struggles to get free.

The Gimp is laughing wildly.

The ropes are on too tight and Butch can't break free.

The Gimp slaps his knee laughing.

In the back room, we hear:

MAYNARD (OS)

That's it...that's it boy, you're goin' fine. Oooooooh, just like that...that's good.

(grunting faster)

Stay still...stay still goddamn ya! Zed goddammit, git over here and hold 'em!

Butch stops struggling and lifts up on his arms. Then, quite easily, the padded chair back slides up and off as if it were never connected by a bolt.

The Gimp sees this and its eyes widen.

THE GIMP

Huhng?

The Gimp FLAILS WILDLY, trying to get the leash off the hook. He tries to yell, but all that comes out are excited gurgles and grunts.

Butch is out of his chair, quickly dispensing three BOXER'S PUNCHES to its face. The punches knock The Gimp out, making him fall to his knees, thus HANGING HIMSELF by the leash attached to the hook.

Butch removes the ball gag, then silently makes his way through the red curtains.

62. INT. PAWNSHOP - DAY

62.

Butch sneaks to the door.

On the counter is a big set of keys with a large Z connected to the ring. Grabbing them, he's about to go out when he stops and listens to the hillbilly psychopaths having their way with Marsellus.

Butch decides for the life of him, he can't leave anybody in a situation like that. So he begins rooting around the pawnshop for a weapon to bash those hillbillies' heads in with.

He picks up a big destructive-looking hammer, then discards it: not destructive enough. He picks up a chainsaw, thinks about it for a moment, then puts it back. Next, a large Louisville slugger he tries on for size. But then he spots what he's been looking for:

A Samurai sword.

It hangs in its hand-carved wood sheath from a nail on the wall, next to a neon "DAD'S OLD-FASHIONED ROOT BEER" sign. Butch takes the sword off the wall, removing it from its sheath. It's a magnificent piece of steel. It seems to glisten in the low-wattage light of the pawnshop. Butch touches his thumb to the blade to see if the sword is just for show. Not on your life. It's as sharp as it gets. This weapon seems made to order for the Brothers Grimm downstairs. Holding the sword pointed downward, Takakura Ken-style, he disappears through the red curtains to take care of business.

63. INT. PAWNSHOP BACK ROOM - DAY

63.

Butch quietly sneaks down the stairs leading to the dungeon. Sodomy and the Judds can still be heard going strong behind the closed door that leads to Russell's old room.

64. INT. RUSSELL'S OLD ROOM - DAY

64.

Butch's hand comes into frame, pushing the door open. It swings open silently, revealing the rapists, who have switched positions. Zed is now bent over Marsellus, who is bent over a wooden horse. Maynard watches. Both have their backs to Butch.

Maynard faces the CAMERA, grinning, while Butch comes up behind him with the sword.

Miserable, violated, and looking like a rag doll, Marsellus, red ball gag still in mouth, opens his watery eyes to see Butch coming up behind Maynard. His eyes widen.

BUTCH
Hey hillbilly.

Maynard turns and sees Butch holding the sword.

Butch SCREAMS...with one mighty SWING, SLASHES Maynard across his front, moving past him, eyes and blade now locked on Zed.

Maynard stands trembling, his front sliced open, in shock.

Butch, while never taking his eyes off Zed, THRUSTS the sword behind him, SKEWERING Maynard, then EXTRACTS it, pointing the blade toward Zed. Maynard COLLAPSES.

Zed disengages from Marsellus in a hurry and his eyes go from the tip of Butch's sword to Marsellus' .45 Automatic, which lies within reach.

Butch's eyes follow Zed's.

BUTCH

You want that gun, Zed? Pick it up.

Zed's hand inches toward the weapon.

Butch GRIPS the sword tighter.

Zed studies Butch.

Butch looks hard at Zed.

Then a VOICE says:

MARSELLUS (OS)

Step aside, Butch.

Butch steps aside, REVEALING Marsellus standing behind him, holding Maynard's pump-action shotgun.

KABOOM!!!!

Zed is BLASTED in the groin. Down he goes, SCREAMING in AGONY.

Marsellus, looking down at his whimpering rapist, EJECTS the used shotgun shell.

Butch lowers the sword and hangs back. Not a word, until:

BUTCH

You okay?

MARSELLUS

Naw man. I'm pretty fuckin' far from okay!

Long pause.

BUTCH

What now?

MARSELLUS

What now? Well let me tell you what now. I'm gonna call a coupla pipe-hittin' niggers, who'll go to work on homes here with a pair of pliers and a blow torch.

(to Zed)

Hear me talkin' hillbilly boy?! I ain't through with you by a damn sight. I'm gonna git Medieval on your ass.

BUTCH

I meant what now, between me and you?

MARSELLUS

Oh, that what now? Well, let me tell ya what now between me an' you. There is no me an' you. Not no more.

BUTCH

So we're cool?

MARSELLUS

Yeah man, we're cool. One thing I ask -- two things I ask: don't tell nobody about this. This shit's between me and you and the soon-to-be-livin'-the-rest-of-his-short-ass-life-in-agonizing-pain, Mr. Rapist here. It ain't nobody else's business. Two: leave town. Tonight. Right now. And when you're gone, stay gone. You've lost your Los Angeles privileges. Deal?

BUTCH

Deal.

The two men shake hands, then hug one another.

MARSELLUS

Go on now, get your ass outta here.

Butch leaves Russell's old room through the red curtains. Marsellus walks over to a phone, dialing a number.

MARSELLUS

(into the phone)

Hello Mr. Wolf, it's Marsellus. Gotta bit of a situation.

65. EXT. MASON-DIXON PAWNSHOP - DAY

65.

Butch, still shaking in his boots, exits the pawnshop. He looks ahead and sees, parked in front of the establishment, Zed's Big Chrome Chopper with a teardrop gas tank that has the name "GRACE" on it. He climbs aboard, takes out the keys with the big Z on them and starts up the huge hog. It RUMBLES to life, making sounds like a rocket fighting for orbit. Butch twists the accelerator handle and SPEEDS off.

WE CUT BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN...

66. INT. BUTCH AND FABIAN'S HOTEL ROOM - DAY

66.

Fabian stands in front of a mirror wearing a "Frankie says, Relax" tee-shirt, singing along with MUSIC coming from a BOOM BOX.

67. EXT. CITY STREET - CHOPPER (MOVING) - DAY

67.

Butch drives down the street, humping a hot hog named "GRACE." He checks his father's watch. It says: 10:30.

The SONG in the motel room PLAYS OVER this.

68. EXT. MOTEL ROOM - DAY

68.

Butch rides up on Grace. He hops off and runs inside the motel room, while we stay outside with the bike.

FABIAN (OS)

Butch, I was so worried!

BUTCH

Honey, grab your radio and your purse and let's go!

FABIAN (OS)

But what about all our bags?

BUTCH

Fuck the bags. We'll miss our train if we don't split now.

FABIAN (OS)

Is everything well? Are we in danger?

BUTCH

We're cool. In fact, we're super-cool. But we gots ta go. I'll wait for you outside.

Butch runs out and hops back on the bike. Fabian exits the motel room with the boom box and a large purse. When she sees Butch on the chopper, she stops dead.

FABIAN

Where did you get this motorcycle?

BUTCH

(he KICKS-STARTS it)

It's a chopper, baby, hop on.

Fabian slowly approaches the two-wheel demon.

FABIAN

What happened to my Honda?

BUTCH

Sorry baby, I crashed your Honda.

FABIAN

You're hurt?

BUTCH

I might've broke my nose, no biggie. Hop on.

She doesn't move.

Butch looks at her.

BUTCH

Honey, we gotta hit the fuckin' road!

Fabian starts to cry.

Butch realizes that this is not the way to get her on the bike. He turns off the engine and reaches out, taking her hand.

BUTCH

I'm sorry, baby-love.

FABIAN

(crying)

You were gone so long, I started to think dreadful thoughts.

BUTCH

I'm sorry I worried you, sweetie.
Everything's fine. Hey, how was
breakfast?

FABIAN

(waterworks drying a
little)

It was good --

BUTCH

-- did you get the blueberry
pancakes?

FABIAN

No, they didn't have blueberry
pancakes, I had to get buttermilk
-- are you sure you're okay?

BUTCH

Baby-love, from the moment I left
you, this has been without a doubt
the single weirdest day of my
entire life. Climb on an' I'll
tell ya about it.

Fabian does climb on. Butch STARTS her up.

FABIAN

Butch, whose motorcycle is this?

BUTCH

It's a chopper.

FABIAN

Whose chopper is this?

BUTCH

Zed's.

FABIAN

Who's Zed?

BUTCH

Zed's dead, baby, Zed's dead.

And with that, the two lovebirds PEEL AWAY on Grace, as the
SONG on the BOOM BOX RISES.

FADE TO BLACK

TITLE CARD:

"JULES
VINCENT
JIMMIE
&
THE WOLF"

TITLE DISAPPEARS.

Over black, we can HEAR in the distance, men talking.

JULES (OS)
You ever read the Bible, Brett?

BRETT (OS)
Yes!

JULES (OS)
There's a passage I got memorized,
seems appropriate for this
situation. Ezekiel 25:17. "The
path of the righteous man is beset
on all sides by the inequities of
the selfish and the tyranny of evil
men...."

FADE UP:

69. INT. BATHROOM - DAY

69.

We're in the bathroom of the Hollywood apartment we were in earlier. In fact, we're there at exactly the same time. Except this time, we're in the bathroom with the FOURTH MAN. The Fourth Man is pacing around the small room, listening hard to what's being said on the other side of the door, tightly CLUTCHING his huge silver .357 Magnum.

JULES (OS)
"...blessed is he who, in the name
of charity and good will, shepherds
the weak through the valley of
darkness. And I will strike down
upon thee with great vengeance and
furious anger those who attempt to
poison and destroy my brothers.
And you will know I am the Lord
when I lay my vengeance upon you."

BANG! BANG! BOOM! POW! BAM BAM BAM BAM BAM!

The Fourth Man freaks out. He THROWS himself against the back wall, gun outstretched in front of him, a look of yellow fear

on his face, ready to blow in half anybody fool enough to stick their head through that door.

• Then he listens to them talk.

VINCENT (OS)
Friend of yours?

JULES (OS)
Yeah, Marvin-Vincent-Vincent-
Marvin.

Waiting for them isn't the smartest move. Bursting out the door and blowing them all away while they're fuckin' around is the way to go.

70. INT. APARTMENT - DAY

70.

The bathroom door BURSTS OPEN and the Fourth Man CHARGES out, silver Magnum raised, FIRING SIX BOOMING SHOTS from his hand cannon.

FOURTH MAN
Die...die...die...die...!

DOLLY INTO Fourth Man, same as before.

He SCREAMS until he's dry firing. Then, a look of confusion crosses his face.

TWO SHOT - JULES AND VINCENT
standing next to each other, unharmed. Amazing as it seems, none of the Fourth Man's shots appear to have hit anybody. Jules and Vincent exchange looks like, "Are we hit?" They're as confused as the shooter. After looking at each other, they bring their looks up to the Fourth Man.

FOURTH MAN
I don't understand --

The Fourth Man is taken out of the scenario by the two men's bullets who, unlike his, HIT their marks. He drops DEAD.

The two men lower their guns. Jules, obviously shaken, sits down in a chair. Vincent, after a moment of respect, shrugs it off. Then heads toward Marvin in the corner.

VINCENT
Why the fuck didn't you tell us
about that guy in the bathroom?
Slip your mind? Forget he was in
there with a goddamn hand cannon?

JULES

(to himself)

We should be fuckin' dead right now.

(pause)

Did you see that gun he fired at us? It was bigger than him.

VINCENT

.357.

JULES

We should be fuckin' dead!

VINCENT

Yeah, we were lucky.

Jules rises, moving toward Vincent.

JULES

That shit wasn't luck. That shit was somethin' else.

Vincent prepares to leave.

VINCENT

Yeah, maybe.

JULES

That was...divine intervention. You know what divine intervention is?

VINCENT

Yeah, I think so. That means God came down from Heaven and stopped the bullets.

JULES

Yeah man, that's what it means. That's exactly what it means! God came down from Heaven and stopped the bullets.

VINCENT

I think we should be going now.

JULES

Don't do that! Don't you fuckin' do that! Don't blow this shit off! What just happened was a fuckin' miracle!

VINCENT

Chill the fuck out, Jules, this shit happens.

JULES

Wrong, wrong, this shit doesn't just happen.

VINCENT

Do you wanna continue this theological discussion in the car, or at the jailhouse with the cops?

JULES

We should be fuckin' dead now, my friend! We just witnessed a miracle, and I want you to fuckin' acknowledge it!

VINCENT

Okay man, it was a miracle, can we leave now?

71. EXT. HOLLYWOOD APARTMENT BUILDING - MORNING

71.

The Chevy Nova PROPELS itself into traffic.

72. INT. NOVA (MOVING) - MORNING

72.

Jules is behind the wheel, Vincent in the passenger seat and Marvin in the back.

VINCENT

...ever seen that show "COPS?" I was watchin' it once and this cop was on it who was talkin' about this time he got into this gun fight with a guy in a hallway. He unloads on this guy and he doesn't hit anything. And these guys were in a hallway. It's a freak, but it happens.

JULES

If you wanna play blind man, then go walk with a Shepherd. But me, my eyes are wide fuckin' open.

VINCENT

What the fuck does that mean?

JULES

That's it for me. From here on in,
you can consider my ass retired.

VINCENT

Jesus Christ!

JULES

Don't blaspheme!

VINCENT

Goddammit, Jules --

JULES

-- I said don't do that --

VINCENT

-- you're fuckin' freakin' out!

JULES

I'm tellin' Marsellus today I'm
through.

VINCENT

While you're at it, be sure to tell
'im why.

JULES

Don't worry, I will.

VINCENT

I'll bet ya ten thousand dollars,
he laughs his ass off.

JULES

I don't give a damn if he does.

Vincent turns to the backseat with the .45 casually in his
grip.

VINCENT

Marvin, what do you make of all
this?

MARVIN

I don't even have an opinion.

VINCENT

C'mon, Marvin. Do you think God
came down from Heaven and stopped
the bullets?

Vincent's .45 goes BANG!

Marvin is hit in the upper chest, below the throat. He GURGLES blood and SHAKES.

JULES

What the fuck's happening?

VINCENT

I just accidentally shot Marvin in the throat.

JULES

Why the fuck did you do that?

VINCENT

I didn't mean to do it. I said it was an accident.

JULES

I've seen a lot of crazy-ass shit in my time --

VINCENT

-- chill out, man, it was an accident, okay? You hit a bump or somethin' and the gun went off.

JULES

The car didn't hit no motherfuckin' bump!

VINCENT

Look! I didn't mean to shoot this son-of-a-bitch, the gun just went off, don't ask me how! Now I think the humane thing to do is put him out of his misery.

JULES

(can't believe it)

You wanna shoot 'im again?

VINCENT

The guy's sufferin'. It's the right thing to do.

Marvin, suffering though he is, is listening to this debate, not believing what he's hearing.

After a pause.

JULES

This is really uncool.

Vincent turns to the backseat, places the barrel of the .45 against Marvin's forehead. Marvin's eyes are as big as saucers. He tries to talk Vince out of this, but when he opens his mouth, only GURGLES come out.

JULES

Marvin, I just wanna apologize. I got nothin' to do with this shit. And I want you to know I think it's fucked up.

VINCENT

Okay, Pontius Pilot, when I count three, honk your horn. One... two...

CU of the steering wheel.

VINCENT (OS)

...three.

Jules presses down hard on the horn: HONK and BANG!

When we CUT BACK to the two men, the car is completely covered in blood. It's all over everything, including Jules and Vincent.

JULES

Jesus Christ Almighty!

VINCENT

(to himself)

Fuck.

JULES

Look at this mess! We're drivin' around on a city street in broad daylight --

VINCENT

-- I know, I know, I wasn't thinkin' about the splatter.

JULES

Well you better be thinkin' about it now, motherfucker! We gotta get this car off the road. Cops tend to notice shit like you're driving a car drenched in fuckin' blood.

VINCENT

Can't we just take it to a friendly place?

JULES

This is the Valley, Vincent.
Marsellus don't got no friendly
places in the Valley.

VINCENT

Well, don't look at me, this is
your town, Jules.

Jules takes out a cellular phone and starts punching digits.

VINCENT

Who ya callin'?

JULES

A buddy of mine in Toluca Lake.

VINCENT

Where's Toluca Lake?

JULES

On the other side of the hill, by
Burbank Studios. If Jimmie's ass
ain't home, I don't know what the
fuck we're gonna do. I ain't got
any other partners in 818.

(into phone)

Jimmie! How ya doin' man, it's
Jules.

(pause)

Listen up man, me an' my homeboy
are in some serious shit. We're in
a car we gotta get off the road,
pronto! I need to use your garage
for a coupla hours.

(pause)

Jimmie, you know I can't get into
this shit on a cellular fuckin'
phone. But what I can say is my
ass is out in the cold and I'm
askin' you for some sanctuary 'til
our people can bring us in.

(pause)

I appreciate this, man --

(pause)

We'll be gone by then.

(pause)

-- Jimmie, I'm aware of your
situation. I ain't gonna fuck
things up for you. I give you my
word, partner, she'll never know we
were there.

(pause)

Five minutes. Later.

He folds up the phone, turns to Vincent.

JULES

We're set. But his wife come home from work in an hour and a half and we gotta be outta there by then.

73. EXT. JIMMIE'S HOUSE - MORNING

73.

The Nova pulls into the garage of a two-bedroom suburban house.

74. INT. JIMMIE'S BATHROOM - DAY

74.

Jules is bent over a sink, washing his bloody hands while Vincent stands behind him.

JULES

We gotta be real fuckin' delicate with this Jimmie's situation. He's one remark away from kickin' our asses our the door.

VINCENT

If he kicks us out, whadda we do?

JULES

Well, we ain't leavin' 'til we made a coupla phone calls. But I never want it to reach that pitch. Jimmie's my friend and you don't bust in your friend's house and start tellin' 'im what's what.

Jules rises and dries his hands. Vincent takes his place at the sink.

VINCENT

Just tell 'im not to be abusive. He kinda freaked out back there when he saw Marvin.

JULES

Put yourself in his position. It's eight o'clock in the morning. He just woke up, he wasn't prepared for this shit. Don't forget who's doin' who a favor.

Vincent finishes, then dries his hands on a white towel.

VINCENT

If the price of that favor is I gotta take shit, he can stick his favor straight up his ass.

When Vincent is finished drying his hands, the towel is stained with red.

JULES

What the fuck did you just do to his towel?

VINCENT

I was just dryin' my hands.

JULES

You're supposed to wash 'em first.

VINCENT

You watched me wash 'em.

JULES

I watched you get 'em wet.

VINCENT

I washed 'em. Blood's real hard to get off. Maybe if he had some Lava, I coulda done a better job.

JULES

I used the same soap you did and when I dried my hands, the towel didn't look like a fuckin' Maxie pad. Look, fuck it, alright. Who cares? But it's shit like this that's gonna bring this situation to a boil. If he were to come in here and see that towel like that...I'm tellin' you Vincent, you best be cool. 'Cause if I gotta get in to it with Jimmie on account of you....Look, I ain't threatenin' you, I respect you an' all, just don't put me in that position.

VINCENT

Jules, you ask me nice like that, no problem. He's your friend, you handle him.

Three men are standing in Jimmie's kitchen, each with a mug of coffee. Jules, Vincent and JIMMIE DIMMICK, a young man in his late-20s dressed in a bathrobe.

JULES

Goddamn Jimmie, this is some serious gourmet shit. Me an' Vincent woulda been satisfied with freeze-dried Tasters Choice. You spring this gourmet fuckin' shit on us. What flavor is this?

JIMMIE

Knock it off, Julie.

JULES

What?

JIMMIE

I'm not a cobb of corn, so you can stop butterin' me up. I don't need you to tell me how good my coffee is. I'm the one who buys it, I know how fuckin' good it is. When Bonnie goes shoppin', she buys shit. I buy the gourmet expensive stuff 'cause when I drink it, I wanna taste it. But what's on my mind at this moment isn't the coffee in my kitchen, it's the dead nigger in my garage.

JULES

Jimmie --

JIMMIE

-- I'm talkin'. Now let me ask you a question, Jules. When you drove in here, did you notice a sign out front that said, "Dead nigger storage?"

Jules starts to "Jimmie" him --

JIMMIE

-- answer to question. Did you see a sign out in front of my house that said, "Dead nigger storage?"

JULES

(playing along)
Naw man, I didn't.

JIMMIE

You know why you didn't see that sign?

JULES

Why?

JIMMIE

'Cause storin' dead niggers ain't my fuckin' business!

Jules starts to "Jimmie" him.

JIMMIE

-- I ain't through! Now don't you understand that if Bonnie comes home and finds a dead body in her house, I'm gonna get divorced. No marriage counselor, no trial separation -- fuckin' divorced. And I don't wanna get fuckin' divorced. The last time me an' Bonnie talked about this shit was gonna be the last time me an' Bonnie talked about this shit. Now I wanna help ya out Julie, I really do. But I ain't gonna lose my wife doin' it.

JULES

Jimmie --

JIMMIE

-- don't fuckin' Jimmie me, man, I can't be Jimmied. There's nothin' you can say that's gonna make me forget I love my wife. Now she's workin' the graveyard shift at the hospital. She'll be comin' home in less than an hour and a half. Make your phone calls, talk to your people, then get the fuck out of my house.

JULES

That's all we want. We don't wanna fuck up your shit. We just need to call our people to bring us in.

JIMMIE

Then I suggest you get to it. Phone's in my bedroom.

As Jules crosses the room, exiting.

JULES
(calling behind him)
You're a friend, Jimmie, you're a
good fuckin' friend!

JIMMIE
(to himself)
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. I'm
a real good friend. Good friend,
bad husband, soon to be ex-husband.
(looks up and sees
Vincent)
Who the fuck are you?

VINCENT
I'm Vincent. And Jimmie, thanks a
bunch.

The two men laugh.

JIMMIE
Don't mention it.

76. INT. MARSELLUS WALLACE'S DINING ROOM - MORNING

76.

Marsellus Wallace sits at his dining table in a big comfy
robe, eating his large breakfast, while talking on the phone.

MARSELLUS
...well, say she comes home.
Whaddya think she'll do?
(pause)
No fuckin' shit she'll freak. That
ain't no kinda answer. You know
'er, I don't. How bad, a lot or a
little?

77. INT. JIMMIE'S BEDROOM - MORNING

77.

Jules paces around in Jimmie's bedroom on the phone.

JULES
You got to appreciate what an
explosive element this Bonnie
situation is. If she comes home
from a hard day's work and finds a
bunch of gangsters doin' a bunch of
gangsta' shit in her kitchen, ain't
no tellin' what she's apt to do.

MARSELLUS

Let us speak of the unspeakable.

JULES

Possibility exists, but unlikely.

MARSELLUS

Why possible but unlikely?

JULES

'Cause if push met shove, you know I'll take care of business. But push ain't never gonna meet shove. Because you're gonna solve this shit fer us. You're gonna take our asses outta the cold and bring it inside where it's warm. 'Cause if I gotta get into it with my friend about his wife over your boy Vincent, I'm gonna have bad feelings.

MARSELLUS

I've grasped that, Jules. All I'm doin' is contemplating the "ifs."

JULES

I don't wanna hear about no motherfuckin' "ifs." What I wanna hear from your ass is: "you ain't got no problems, Jules. I'm on the motherfucker. Go back in there, chill them niggers out and wait for the cavalry, which should be comin' directly."

MARSELLUS

You ain't got no problems, Jules. I'm on the motherfucker. Go back in there, chill them niggers out and wait for The Wolf, who should be comin' directly.

JULES

You sendin' The Wolf?

MARSELLUS

Feel better?

JULES

Shit Negro, that's all you had to say.

78. INT. HOTEL SUITE - MORNING

78.

The CAMERA looks through the bedroom doorway of a hotel suite into the main area. We SEE a crap game being played on a fancy crap table by GAMBLERS in tuxedos and LUCKY LADIES in fancy evening gowns. The CAMERA PANS to the right revealing: sitting on a bed, phone in hand with his back to us, the tuxedo-clad WINSTON WOLF aka "THE WOLF."

We also see The Wolf has a small notepad that he jots details in.

THE WOLF

(into phone)

Is she the hysterical type?

(pause)

When she due?

(jotting down)

Give me the principals' names again?

(jots down)

Jules....

We SEE his book. The page has written on it:

1265 Riverside Drive
Toluca Lake
1 body (no head)
Bloody shot-up car
Jules (black)

THE WOLF

...Vincent...Jimmie...Bonnie....

He writes:

Vincent (Dean Martin)
Jimmie (house)
Bonnie (9:30)

THE WOLF

Expect a call around 10:30. It's about thirty minutes away. I'll be there in ten.

He hangs up. We never see his face.

CUT TO:

TITLE CARD OVER BLACK:

"NINE MINUTES AND THIRTY-SEVEN SECONDS LATER"

CUT TO:

79. EXT. JIMMIE'S STREET - MORNING

79.

A silver Porsche WHIPS the corner leading to Jimmie's home, in HYPER DRIVE. Easily doing 135 mph, the Porsche stops on a dime in front of Jimmie's house.

A ringed finger touches the doorbell: DING DONG.

80. INT. JIMMIE'S HOUSE - MORNING

80.

Jimmie opens the door. We see, standing in the doorway, the tuxedo-clad man. He looks down to his notebook, then up at Jimmie.

THE WOLF

You're Jimmie, right? This is your house?

JIMMIE

Yeah.

THE WOLF

(sticks his hand out)
I'm Winston Wolf, I solve problems.

JIMMIE

Good, 'cause we got one.

THE WOLF

So I heard. May I come in?

JIMMIE

Please do.

The two men walk to the dining room.

THE WOLF

I want to convey Mr. Wallace's gratitude with the help you're providing on this matter. Let me assure you Jimmie, Mr. Wallace's gratitude is worth having.

In the dining room, Jules and Vincent stand up.

THE WOLF

You must be Jules, which would make you Vincent. Let's get down to brass tacks, gentlemen. If I was informed correctly, the clock is ticking, is that right, Jimmie?

JIMMIE

100%.

THE WOLF

Your wife, Bonnie...

(refers to his pad)

...comes home at 9:30 in the AM, is that correct?

JIMMIE

Uh-huh.

THE WOLF

I was led to believe if she comes home and finds us here, she wouldn't appreciate it none too much.

JIMMIE

She won't at that.

THE WOLF

That gives us forty minutes to get the fuck outta Dodge, which, if you do what I say when I say it, should be plenty. Now you got a corpse in a car, minus a head, in a garage. Take me to it.

81. INT. JIMMIE'S GARAGE - MORNING

81.

The three men hang back as The Wolf examines the car. He studies the car in silence, opening the door, looking inside, circling it.

THE WOLF

Jimmie?

JIMMIE

Yes.

THE WOLF

Do me a favor, will ya? Thought I smelled some coffee in there. Would you make me a cup?

JIMMIE

Sure, how do you take it?

THE WOLF

Lotsa cream, lotsa sugar.

Jimmie exits. The Wolf continues his examination.

THE WOLF

About the car, is there anything I need to know? Does it stall, does it make a lot of noise, does it smoke, is there gas in it, anything?

JULES

Aside from how it looks, the car's cool.

THE WOLF

Positive? Don't get me out on the road and I find out the brake lights don't work.

JULES

Hey man, as far as I know, the motherfucker's tip-top.

THE WOLF

Good enough, let's go back to the kitchen.

82. INT. KITCHEN - MORNING

82.

Jimmie hands The Wolf a cup of coffee.

THE WOLF

Thank you, Jimmie.

He takes a sip, then, pacing as he thinks, lays out for the three men the plan of action.

THE WOLF

Okay first thing, you two.
(meaning Jules and
Vincent)

Take the body, stick it in the trunk. Now Jimmie, this looks to be a pretty domesticated house. That would lead me to believe that in the garage or under the sink, you got a bunch of cleaners and cleansers and shit like that, am I correct?

JIMMIE

Yeah. Exactly. Under the sink.

THE WOLF

Good. What I need you two fellas to do is take those cleaning products and clean the inside of the car. And I'm talkin' fast, fast, fast. You need to go in the backseat, scoop up all those little pieces of brain and skull. Get it out of there. Wipe down the upholstery -- now when it comes to upholstery, it don't need to be spic and span, you don't need to eat off it. Give it a good once over. What you need to take care of are the really messy parts. The pools of blood that have collected, you gotta soak that shit up. But the windows are a different story. Them you really clean. Get the Windex, do a good job. Now Jimmie, we need to raid your linen closet. I need blankets, I need comforters, I need quilts, I need bedspreads. The thicker the better, the darker the better. No whites, can't use 'em. We need to camouflage the interior of the car. We're gonna line the front seat and the backseat and the floor boards with quilts and blankets. If a cop stops us and starts stickin' his big snout in the car, the subterfuge won't last. But at a glance, the car will appear to be normal. Jimmie -- lead the way, boys -- get to work.

The Wolf and Jimmie turn, heading for the bedroom, leaving Vincent and Jules standing in the kitchen.

VINCENT

(calling after him)

A "please" would be nice.

The Wolf stops and turns around.

THE WOLF

Come again?

VINCENT

I said a "please" would be nice.

The Wolf takes a step toward him.

THE WOLF

Get it straight, Buster. I'm not here to say "please." I'm here to tell you what to do. And if self-preservation is an instinct you possess, you better fuckin' do it and do it quick. I'm here to help. If my help's not appreciated, lotsa luck gentlemen.

JULES

It ain't that way, Mr. Wolf. Your help is definitely appreciated.

VINCENT

I don't mean any disrespect. I just don't like people barkin' orders at me.

THE WOLF

If I'm curt with you, it's because time is a factor. I think fast, I talk fast, and I need you guys to act fast if you want to get out of this. So pretty please, with sugar on top, clean the fuckin' car.

83. INT. JIMMIE'S BEDROOM - MORNING

83.

Jimmie's gathering all the bedspreads, quilts and linen he has. The Wolf is on the phone.

THE WOLF

(into phone)

It's a 1974 Chevy Nova.

(pause)

White.

(pause)

Nothin', except for the mess inside.

(pause)

About twenty minutes.

(pause)

Nobody who'll be missed.

(pause)

You're a good man, Joe. See ya soon.

(he looks to Jimmie)

How we comin', Jimmie?

Jimmie comes over with a handful of linen.

JIMMIE

Mr. Wolf, you gotta understand
somethin' --

THE WOLF

-- Winston, Jimmie -- please,
Winston.

JIMMIE

You gotta understand something,
Winston. I want to help you guys
out and all, but that's my best
linen. It was a wedding present
from my Uncle Conrad and Aunt
Ginny, and they ain't with us
anymore --

THE WOLF

-- let me ask you a question, if
you don't mind?

JIMMIE

Sure.

THE WOLF

Were your Uncle Conrad and Aunt
Ginny millionaires?

JIMMIE

No.

THE WOLF

Well, your Uncle Marsellus is. And
I'm positive if Uncle Conrad and
Aunt Ginny were millionaires, they
would've furnished you with a whole
bedroom set, which your Uncle
Marsellus is more than happy to do.

(takes out a roll of
bills)

I like oak myself, that's what's in
my bedroom. How 'bout you Jimmie,
you an oak man?

JIMMIE

Oak's nice.

84. INT. GARAGE - MORNING

84.

Both Jules and Vincent are inside the car cleaning it up.
Vincent is in the front seat washing windows, while Jules is
in the backseat, picking up little pieces of skull and gobs of
brain. Both are twice as bloody as they were before.

JULES

I will never forgive your ass for this shit. This is some fucked-up repugnant shit!

VINCENT

Did you ever hear the philosophy that once a man admits he's wrong, he's immediately forgiven for all wrong-doings?

JULES

Man, get outta my face with that shit! The motherfucker who said that never had to pick up itty-bitty pieces of skull with his fingers on account of your dumb ass.

VINCENT

I got a threshold, Jules. I got a threshold for the abuse I'll take. And you're crossin' it. I'm a race car and you got me in the red. Redline 7000, that's where you are. Just know, it's fuckin' dangerous to be drivin' a race car when it's in the red. It could blow.

JULES

You're gettin' ready to blow? I'm a mushroom-cloud-layin' motherfucker! Every time my fingers touch brain I'm "SUPERFLY T.N.T.," I'm the "GUNS OF NAVARONE." I'm what Jimmie Walker usta talk about. In fact, what the fuck am I doin' in the back? You're the motherfucker should be on brain detail. We're tradin'. I'm washin' windows and you're pickin' up this nigger's skull.

85. INT. CHEVY NOVA - MORNING

85.

The interior of the car has been cleaned and lined with bedspreads and quilts. Believe it or not, what looked like a portable slaughterhouse can actually pass for a non-descript vehicle.

The Wolf circles the car examining it.

Jules and Vincent stand aside, their clothes are literally a bloody mess, but they do have a sense of pride in what a good job they've done.

THE WOLF

Fine job, gentlemen. We may get out of this yet.

JIMMIE

I can't believe that's the same car.

THE WOLF

Well, let's not start suckin' each other's dicks quite yet. Phase one is complete, clean the car, which moves us right along to phase two, clean you two.

86. EXT. JIMMIE'S BACKYARD - MORNING

86.

Jules and Vincent stand side by side in their black suits, covered in blood, in Jimmie's backyard. Jimmie holds a plastic Hefty trash bag, while The Wolf holds a garden hose with one of those gun nossles attached.

THE WOLF

Strip.

VINCENT

All the way?

THE WOLF

To your bare ass.

As they follow directions, The Wolf enjoys a smoke.

THE WOLF

Quickly gentlemen, we got about fifteen minutes before Jimmie's better-half comes pulling into the driveway.

JULES

This morning air is some chilly shit.

VINCENT

Are you sure this is absolutely necessary?

THE WOLF

You know what you two look like?

VINCENT

What?

THE WOLF

Like a coupla guys who just blew off somebody's head. Yes, strippin' off those bloody rags is absolutely necessary. Toss the clothes in Jim's garbage bag.

JULES

Now Jimmie, don't do nothin' stupid like puttin' that out in front of your house for Elmo the garbage man to take away.

THE WOLF

Don't worry, we're takin' it with us. Jim, the soap.

He hands the now-naked men a bar of soap.

THE WOLF

Okay gentlemen, you've both been to County before, I'm sure. Here it comes.

He hits the trigger, water SHOOTS OUT, SMACKING both men.

JULES

Goddamn, that water's fuckin' cold!

THE WOLF

Better you than me, gentlemen.

The two men, trembling, scrub themselves.

THE WOLF

Don't be afraid of the soap, spread it around.

The Wolf stops the hose, tossing it on the ground.

THE WOLF

Towel 'em.

Jimmie tosses them each a towel, which they rub furiously across their bodies.

THE WOLF

You're dry enough, give 'em their clothes.

JIMMIE

Okay fellas, in the one-size-fits-all category, we got swim trunks, one red -- one white. And two extra-large tee-shirts. A UC Santa Cruz shirt and an "I'm with Stupid" shirt.

JULES

I get the "I'm with Stupid" shirt.

FADE UP ON:

87. JULES AND VINCENT

in their tee-shirts and swim trunks. They look a million miles away from the black-suited, bad-asses we first met.

87.

THE WOLF

Perfect. Perfect. We couldn't've planned this better. You guys look like...what do they look like, Jimmie?

JIMMIE

Dorks. They look like a couple of dorks.

The Wolf and Jimmie laugh.

JULES

Ha ha ha. They're your clothes, motherfucker.

JIMMIE

I guess you just gotta know how to wear them.

JULES

Yeah, well, our asses ain't the expert on wearin' dorky shit that yours is.

THE WOLF

C'mon, gentlemen, we're laughin' and jokin' our way into prison. Don't make me beg.

They start walking through the house to the garage.

JIMMIE

Wait a minute, before you guys split, I wanna get a picture of this.

JULES

Jimmie, have you forgotten about
your wife comin' home?

JIMMIE

It won't take a second.

VINCENT

I don't like this photograph shit.

JIMMIE

Sorry -- my house, my rules.

88. INT. JIMMIE'S GARAGE - MORNING

88.

The garbage bag is tossed in the car trunk on top of Marvin.
The Wolf SLAMS it closed.

THE WOLF

Gentlemen, let's get our rules of
the road straight. We're going to
a place called Monster Joe's Truck
and Tow. Monster Joe and his
daughter Raquel are sympathetic to
our dilemma. The place is North
Hollywood, so a few twist and turns
aside, we'll be goin' up Hollywood
Way. Now I'll drive the tainted
car. Jules, you ride with me.
Vincent, you follow in my Porsche.
Now if we cross the path of any
John Q. Laws, nobody does a fuckin'
thing 'til I do something.

(to Jules)

What did I say?

JULES

Don't do shit unless --

THE WOLF

-- unless what?

JULES

Unless you do it first.

THE WOLF

Spoken like a true prodigy.

(to Vincent)

How 'bout you, Lash Larue? Can you
keep your spurs from jingling and
jangling?

VINCENT

I'm cool, Mr. Wolf. My gun just went off, I dunno how.

THE WOLF

Fair enough.

(he throws Vince his
car keys)

I drive real fuckin' fast, so keep up. If I get my car back any different than I gave it, Monster Joe's gonna be disposing of two bodies.

JULES

Why do you drive fast?

THE WOLF

Because it's a lot of fun.

Jules and Vincent laugh.

THE WOLF

Let's move.

Jimmie comes through the door, camera in hand.

JIMMIE

Wait a minute, I wanna take a picture.

JULES

We ain't got time, man.

JIMMIE

We got time for one picture. You and Vincent get together.

Jules and Vincent stand next to each other.

JIMMIE

Okay, you guys put your arms around each other.

The two men look at each other and, after a long beat, a smile breaks out. They put their arms around each other.

JIMMIE

Okay Winston, get in there.

THE WOLF

I ain't no model.

JIMMIE

After what a cool guy I've been, I
can't believe you do me like this.
It's the only thing I asked.

JULES & VINCENT

C'mon, Mr. Wolf....

THE WOLF

Okay, one photo and we go.

SLOW DOLLY TOWARD A LONE CAMERA.

JIMMIE (OS)

Everybody say Pepsi.

JULES (OS)

I ain't fuckin' sayin' Pepsi.

JIMMIE (OS)

Smile, Winston.

THE WOLF

I don't smile in pictures..

The camera goes off, FLASHING THE SCREEN WHITE.

THE PHOTO FADES UP OVER WHITE:

it's Jules and Vincent, their arms around each other, next to
Jimmie, whose arm is around The Wolf. Everyone is smiling
except you-know-who.

89. INT. MONSTER JOE'S TRUCK AND TOW - MORNING

89.

Winston is counting out three thousand dollars to an older man
in a dirty tee-shirt, MONSTER JOE. We're in Joe's office,
which looks like the office of every tow yard on the planet.
A filthy, disarrayed mess.

MONSTER JOE

I've said it before, I'll say it
again, your business is always
welcome.

WINSTON

I would think by now I've earned
the equivalent of Frequent Flyer
miles.

MONSTER JOE

I'll tell ya what, if you ever need
it, I'll dispose of a body part for
free.

WINSTON

How 'bout an upgrade, you dispose a whole body for the price of a body part.

The two men laugh.

MONSTER JOE

That one I need to speak with my accountant on.

WINSTON

Where's that reprobate daughter of yours?

MONSTER JOE

Out in the yard, up to no good.

90. EXT. MONSTER JOE'S TRUCK AND TOW - MORNING

90.

Winston steps outside and is joined by Monster Joe's daughter, RAQUEL. They walk in step across the yard with their arms around each other's waists.

RAQUEL

Hello, Boyfriend!

WINSTON

Hello, Girlfriend. I swear, heartbreaker, Joe should change the name of this place to Beauty and the Beast Truck and Tow.

RAQUEL

You're prejudiced because you love me.

WINSTON

Guilty.

RAQUEL

Now business is done, it's time for pleasure.

WINSTON

The time it is, is time for bed.

RAQUEL

Contre senior Lobo.

WINSTON

Do you have a different idea?

RAQUEL
Most definitely.

WINSTON
What do you think?

RAQUEL
I think you're taking me out to
breakfast.

WINSTON
Well, you thought wrong.

RAQUEL
That's no fair! I never get to see
you.

WINSTON
Raquel, I been up all night. I
need sleep. You understand the
concept of sleep?

RAQUEL
Yes, sleep is what you do after
you've taken me to breakfast. Just
get used to the idea, indulging me
is the price of doing business at
Monster Joe's Truck and Tow.

WINSTON
Raquel --

RAQUEL
I haven't seen you in a long time.
I miss you, we're going to
breakfast. So it is written, so
shall it be done.

They exit the tow yard. Jules and Vincent wait by Winston's
Porsche.

JULES
We cool?

WINSTON
Like it never happened.

Jules and Vincent bump fists.

JULES
I apologize for bein' in your shit
like I was.

VINCENT

You had every right, I fucked up.

RAQUEL

(to Winston)

Are they having a moment?

WINSTON

Boys, this is Raquel. Someday, all this will be hers.

RAQUEL

(to the boys)

Hi. You know, if they ever do "I SPY: THE MOTION PICTURE," you guys, I'd be great. What's with the outfits. You guys going to a volleyball game?

Winston laughs, the boys groan.

WINSTON

I'm takin' m'lady out to breakfast. Maybe I can drop you two off. Where do you live?

VINCENT

Redondo Beach.

JULES

Inglewood.

Winston grabs Jules' wrist and pantomimes like he's in a "DEAD ZONE" trance.

WINSTON

(painfully)

It's your future: I see...a cab ride.

(dropping the act)

Sorry guys, move out of the sticks.

(to Raquel)

Say goodbye, Raquel.

RAQUEL

Goodbye, Raquel.

WINSTON

I'll see you two around, and stay outta trouble, you crazy kids.

Winston turns to leave.

JULES

Mr. Wolf.

He turns around.

JULES

It was a pleasure watchin' you work.

The Wolf smiles.

WINSTON

Call me Winston.

He turns and banters with Raquel as they get in the Porsche.

WINSTON

You hear that, young lady? Respect. You could learn a lot from those two fine specimens. Respect for one's elders shows character.

RAQUEL

I have character.

WINSTON

Just because you are a character doesn't mean you have character.

RAQUEL

Oh you're so funny, oh you're so funny.

The Porsche SHOOTS OFF down the road.

The two men left alone look at each other.

JULES

Wanna share a cab?

VINCENT

You know I could go for some breakfast. Want to have breakfast with me?

JULES

Sure.

91. INT. COFFEE SHOP - MORNING

91.

Jules and Vincent sit at a booth. In front of Vincent is a big stack of pancakes and sausages, which he eats with gusto.

Jules, on the other hand, just has a cup of coffee and a muffin. He seems far away in thought. The Waitress pours a refill for both men.

VINCENT

Thanks a bunch.
(to Jules, who's nursing his coffee)
Want a sausage?

JULES

Naw, I don't eat pork.

VINCENT

Are you Jewish?

JULES

I ain't Jewish man, I just don't dig on swine.

VINCENT

Why not?

JULES

They're filthy animals. I don't eat filthy animals.

VINCENT

Sausages taste good. Pork chops taste good.

JULES

A sewer rat may taste like pumpkin pie. I'll never know 'cause even if it did, I wouldn't eat the filthy motherfucker. Pigs sleep and root in shit. That's a filthy animal. I don't wanna eat nothin' that ain't got enough sense to disregard its own feces.

VINCENT

How about dogs? Dogs eat their own feces.

JULES

I don't eat dog either.

VINCENT

Yes, but do you consider a dog to be a filthy animal?

JULES

I wouldn't go so far as to call a dog filthy, but they're definitely dirty. But a dog's got personality. And personality goes a long way.

VINCENT

So by that rationale, if a pig had a better personality, he'd cease to be a filthy animal?

JULES

We'd have to be talkin' 'bout one motherfuckin' charmin' pig. It'd have to be the Cary Grant of pigs.

The two men laugh.

VINCENT

Good for you. Lighten up a little. You been sittin' there all quiet.

JULES

I just been sittin' here thinkin'.

VINCENT

(mouthful of food)
About what?

JULES

The miracle we witnessed.

VINCENT

The miracle you witnessed. I witnessed a freak occurrence.

JULES

Do you know what a miracle is?

VINCENT

An act of God.

JULES

What's an act of God?

VINCENT

I guess it's when God makes the impossible possible. And I'm sorry Jules, but I don't think what happened this morning qualifies.

JULES

Don't you see, Vince, that shit don't matter. You're judging this thing the wrong way. It's not about what. It could be God stopped the bullets, he changed Coke into Pepsi, he found my fuckin' car keys. You don't judge shit like this based on merit. Whether or not what we experienced was an according-to-Hoyle miracle is insignificant. What is significant is I felt God's touch. God got involved.

VINCENT

But why?

JULES

That's what's fuckin' wit' me! I don't know why. But I can't go back to sleep.

VINCENT

So you're serious, you're really gonna quit?

JULES

The life, most definitely.

Vincent takes a bite of food. Jules takes a sip of coffee. In the b.g., we see a PATRON call the Waitress.

PATRON

Garcon! Coffee!

We recognize the patron to be Pumpkin from the first scene of Pumpkin and Honey Bunny.

VINCENT

So if you're quitting the life, what'll you do?

JULES

That's what I've been sitting here contemplating. First, I'm gonna deliver this case to Marsellus. Then, basically, I'm gonna walk the earth.

VINCENT

What do you mean, walk the earth?

JULES

You know, like Caine in "KUNG FU."
Just walk from town to town, meet
people, get in adventures.

VINCENT

How long do you intend to walk the
earth?

JULES

Until God puts me where he wants me
to be.

VINCENT

What if he never does?

JULES

If it takes forever, I'll wait
forever.

VINCENT

So you decided to be a bum?

JULES

I'll just be Jules, Vincent -- no
more, no less.

VINCENT

No Jules, you're gonna be like
those pieces of shit out there who
beg for change. They walk around
like a bunch of fuckin' zombies,
they sleep in garbage bins, they
eat what I throw away, and dogs
piss on 'em. They got a word for
'em, they're called bums. And
without a job, residence, or legal
tender, that's what you're gonna be
-- a fuckin' bum!

JULES

Look my friend, this is just where
me and you differ --

VINCENT

-- what happened was peculiar -- no
doubt about it -- but it wasn't
water into wine.

JULES

All shapes and sizes, Vince.

VINCENT

Stop fuckin' talkin' like that!

JULES

If you find my answers frightening, Vincent, you should cease askin' scary questions.

VINCENT

When did you make this decision -- while you were sitting there eatin' your muffin?

JULES

Yeah. I was just sitting here drinking my coffee, eating my muffin, playin' the incident in my head, when I had what alcoholics refer to as a "moment of clarity."

VINCENT

I gotta take a shit. To be continued.

Vincent exits for the restroom.

Jules, alone, takes a mouthful of muffin, then...Pumpkin and Honey Bunny rise with guns raised.

PUMPKIN

Everybody be cool, this is a robbery!

HONEY BUNNY

Any of you fuckin' pricks move and I'll execute every one of you motherfuckers! Got that?!

Jules looks up, not believing what he's seeing. Under the table, Jules' hand goes to his .45 Automatic. He pulls it out, COCKING IT.

PUMPKIN

Customers stay seated, waitresses on the floor.

HONEY BUNNY

Now means fuckin' now! Do it or die, do it or fucking die!

Like lightning, Pumpkin moves over to the kitchen. While Honey Bunny SCREAMS out threats to the PATRONS, keeping them terrified.

PUMPKIN

You Mexicans in the kitchen, get
out here! Asta luego!

Three COOKS and two BUSBOYS come out of the kitchen.

PUMPKIN

On the floor or I'll cook your ass,
comprende?

They comprende. The portly MANAGER speaks up.

MANAGER

I'm the manager here, there's no
problem, no problem at all --

Pumpkin heads his way.

PUMPKIN

You're gonna give me a problem?

He reaches him and sticks the barrel of his gun hard in the
Manager's neck.

PUMPKIN

What? You said you're gonna give
me a problem?

MANAGER

No, I'm not. I'm not gonna give
you any problems!

PUMPKIN

I don't know, Honey Bunny. He
looks like the hero type to me!

HONEY BUNNY

Don't take any chances. Execute
him!

The Patrons SCREAM. Jules watches all this silently, his hand
tightly gripping the .45 Automatic under the table.

MANAGER

Please don't! I'm not a hero. I'm
just a coffee shop manager. Take
anything you want.

PUMPKIN

Tell everybody to cooperate and
it'll be all over.

MANAGER

Everybody just be calm and cooperate with them and this will be all over soon!

PUMPKIN

Well done, now git your fuckin' ass on the ground.

92. INT. COFFEE SHOP BATHROOM - MORNING

92.

Vincent, on the toilet, oblivious to the pandemonium outside, reads his "MODESTY BLAISE" book.

93. INT. COFFEE SHOP - MORNING

93.

Cash register drawer opens. Pumpkin stuffs the money from the till in his pocket. Then walks from behind the counter with a trash bag in his hand.

PUMPKIN

Okay people, I'm going to go 'round and collect your wallets. Don't talk, just toss 'em in the bag. We clear?

Pumpkin goes around collecting wallets. Jules sits with his .45 ready to spit under the table.

Pumpkin sees Jules sitting in his booth, holding his wallet, briefcase next to him. Pumpkin crosses to him, his tone more respectful, his manner more on guard.

PUMPKIN

In the bag.

Jules DROPS his wallet in the bag. Using his gun as a pointer, Pumpkin points to the briefcase.

PUMPKIN

What's in that?

JULES

My boss' dirty laundry.

PUMPKIN

Your boss makes you do his laundry?

JULES

When he wants it clean.

PUMPKIN

Sounds like a shit job.

JULES

Funny, I've been thinkin' the same thing.

PUMPKIN

Open it up.

Jules' free hand lays palm flat on the briefcase.

JULES

'Fraid I can't do that.

Pumpkin is definitely surprised by his answer. He aims the gun right in the middle of Jules' face and pulls back the hammer.

PUMPKIN

I didn't hear you.

JULES

Yes, you did.

This exchange has been kind of quiet, not everybody heard it, but Honey Bunny senses something's wrong.

HONEY BUNNY

What's goin' on?

PUMPKIN

Looks like we got a vigilante in our midst.

HONEY BUNNY

Shoot 'em in the face!

JULES

I don't mean to shatter your ego, but this ain't the first time I've had gun pointed at me.

PUMPKIN

You don't open up that case, it's gonna be the last.

MANAGER

(on the ground)

Quit causing problems, you'll get us all killed! Give 'em what you got and get 'em out of here.

JULES

Keep your fuckin' mouth closed, fat man, this ain't any of your goddamn business!

PUMPKIN

I'm countin' to three, and if your hand ain't off that case, I'm gonna unload right in your fuckin' face. Clear? One...

Jules closes his eyes.

PUMPKIN

...two...

Jules SHOTS Pumpkin twice, up through the table, sending him to the floor. While still in the booth, he SWINGS around to Honey Bunny, who has aimed at Jules, but slowed down by the shock of Pumpkin getting shot. He FIRES three times.

Honey Bunny takes all three HITS in the chest. As she FALLS SCREAMING, she FIRES wildly, HITTING a SURFER PATRON.

SURFER

She shot me! I'm dying! Sally! Sally!

Jules now brings the gun down to Pumpkin's face. Pumpkin lies shot on the floor at Jules' feet. Pumpkin looks up at the big gun.

JULES

Wrong guy, Ringo.

Jules FIRES straight at the CAMERA, BLINDING US with his FLASH.

Jules' eyes, still closed, suddenly open.

Pumpkin still stands, holding the gun on him.

PUMPKIN

...three.

JULES

You win.

Jules raises his hand off the briefcase.

JULES

It's all yours, Ringo.

PUMPKIN

Open it.

Jules flips the locks and opens the case, revealing it to Pumpkin but not to us. The same light SHINES from the case. Pumpkin's expression goes to amazement. Honey Bunny, across the room, can't see shit.

HONEY BUNNY

What is it? What is it?

PUMPKIN

(softly)

Is that what I think it is?

Jules nods his head: "yes."

PUMPKIN

It's beautiful.

Jules nods his head: "yes."

HONEY BUNNY

Goddammit, what is it?

Jules SLAMS the case closed, then sits back, as if offering the case to Pumpkin. Pumpkin, one big smile, bends over to pick up the case.

Like a rattlesnake, Jules' free hand GRABS the wrist of Pumpkin's gun hand, SLAMMING it on the table. His other hand comes from under the table and STICKS the barrel of his .45 hard under Pumpkin's chin.

Honey Bunny freaks out, waving his gun in Jules' direction.

HONEY BUNNY

Let him go! Let him go! I'll blow your fuckin' head off! I'll kill ya! I'll kill ya! You're gonna die, you're gonna fuckin' die bad!

JULES

(to Pumpkin)

Tell that bitch to be cool! Say, bitch be cool! Say, bitch be cool!

PUMPKIN

Chill out, honey!

HONEY BUNNY

Let him go!

JULES
(softly)
Tell her it's gonna be okay.

PUMPKIN
It's gonna be okay.

JULES
Promise her.

PUMPKIN
I promise.

JULES
Tell her to chill.

PUMPKIN
Just chill out.

JULES
What's her name?

PUMPKIN
Yolanda.

Whenever Jules talks to Yolanda, he never looks at her, only at Pumpkin.

JULES
(to Yolanda)
So, we cool Yolanda? We ain't gonna do anything stupid, are we?

YOLANDA
(crying)
Don't you hurt him.

JULES
Nobody's gonna hurt anybody. We're gonna be like three Fonzie's. And what's Fonzie like?

No answer.

JULES
C'mon Yolanda, what's Fonzie like?

YOLANDA
(through tears, unsure)
He's cool?

JULES

Correct-amundo! And that's what we're gonna be, we're gonna be cool.

(to Pumpkin)

Now Ringo, I'm gonna count to three and I want you to let go your gun and lay your palms flat on the table. But when you do it, do it cool. Ready?

Pumpkin looks at him.

JULES

One...two...three.

Pumpkin lets go of his gun and places both hands on the table. Yolanda can't stand it anymore.

YOLANDA

Okay, now let him go!

JULES

Yolanda, I thought you were gonna be cool. When you yell at me, it makes me nervous. When I get nervous, I get scared. And when motherfuckers get scared, that's when motherfuckers get accidentally shot..

YOLANDA

(more conversational)

Just know: you hurt him, you die.

JULES

That seems to be the situation. Now I don't want that and you don't want that and Ringo here don't want that. So let's see what we can do.

(to Ringo)

Now this is the situation. Normally both of your asses would be dead as fuckin' fried chicken. But you happened to pull this shit while I'm in a transitional period. I don't wanna kill ya, I want to help ya. But I'm afraid I can't give you the case. It don't belong to me. Besides, I went through too much shit this morning on account of this case to just hand it over to your ass.

VINCENT (OS)

What the fuck's goin' on here?

Yolanda WHIPS her gun toward the stranger.

VINCENT, by the bathroom, has his gun out, dead-aimed at Yolanda.

JULES

It's cool, Vincent! It's cool!
Don't do a goddamn thing. Yolanda,
it's cool baby, nothin's changed.
We're still just talkin'.

(to Pumpkin)

Tell her we're still cool.

PUMPKIN

It's cool, Honey Bunny, we're still
cool.

VINCENT

(gun raised)

What the hell's goin' on, Jules?

JULES

Nothin' I can't handle. I want you
to just hang back and don't do shit
unless it's absolutely necessary.

VINCENT

Check.

JULES

Yolanda, how we doin, baby?

YOLANDA

I gotta go pee! I want to go home.

JULES

Just hang in there, baby, you're
doing' great. Ringo's proud of you
and so am I. It's almost over.

(to Pumpkin)

Now I want you to go in that bag
and find my wallet.

PUMPKIN

Which one is it?

JULES

It's the one that says Bad
Motherfucker on it.

Pumpkin looks in the bag and -- sure enough -- there's a wallet with "Bad Motherfucker" embroidered on it.

JULES

That's my bad motherfucker. Now open it up and take out the cash. How much is there?

PUMPKIN

About fifteen hundred dollars.

JULES

Put it in your pocket, it's yours. Now with the rest of them wallets and the register, that makes this a pretty successful little score.

VINCENT

Jules, if you give this nimrod fifteen hundred bucks, I'm gonna shoot 'em on general principle.

JULES

You ain't gonna do a goddamn thing, now hang back and shut the fuck up. Besides, I ain't givin' it to him. I'm buyin' somethin' for my money. Wanna know what I'm buyin' Ringo?

PUMPKIN

What?

JULES

Your life. I'm givin' you that money so I don't hafta kill your ass. You read the Bible?

PUMPKIN

Not regularly.

JULES

There's a passage I got memorized. Ezekiel 25:17. "The path of the righteous man is beset on all sides by the inequities of the selfish and the tyranny of evil men. Blessed is he who, in the name of charity and good will, shepherds the weak through the valley of the darkness. For he is truly his brother's keeper and the finder of lost children.

(MORE)

JULES (CONT'D)

And I will strike down upon thee with great vengeance and furious anger those who attempt to poison and destroy my brothers. And you will know I am the Lord when I lay my vengeance upon you." I been sayin' that shit for years. And if you ever heard it, it meant your ass. I never really questioned what it meant. I thought it was just a cold-blooded thing to say to a motherfucker 'fore you popped a cap in his ass. But I saw some shit this mornin' made me think twice. Now I'm thinkin', it could mean you're the evil man. And I'm the righteous man. And Mr. .45 here, he's the shepherd protecting my righteous ass in the valley of darkness. Or it could be you're the righteous man and I'm the shepherd and it's the world that's evil and selfish. I'd like that. But that shit ain't the truth. The truth is you're the weak. And I'm the tyranny of evil men. But I'm tryin'. I'm tryin' real hard to be a shepherd.

Jules lowers his gun, lying it on the table.

Pumpkin looks at him, to the money in his hand, then to Yolanda. She looks back.

Grabbing the trash bag full of wallets, the two RUN out the door.

Jules, who has never risen from his seat the whole time, takes a sip of coffee.

JULES
(to himself)
It's cold.

He pushes it aside.

Vincent appears next to Jules.

VINCENT
I think we oughta leave now.

JULES
That's probably a good idea.

Vincent throws some money on the table and Jules grabs the briefcase.

Then, to the amazement of the Patrons, the Waitresses, the Cooks, the Bus Boys, and the Manager, these two bad-ass dudes -- wearing UC Santa Cruz and "I'm with Stupid" tee-shirts, swim trunks, thongs and packing .45 Automatics -- walk out of the coffee shop together without saying a word.

THE END