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1 INT: THE SUITE - NIGHT

A smoky, overdecorated cocktail lounge and nightclub on Queens Boulevard. Sergio Franchi is in full voice on the jukebox. It is after midnight. It has been a long night. Balloons and empty glasses litter the place. BILLY BATTS, a 50-year-old hood in an out-of-date suit, holding court at the bar. WE SEE a younger, more sharply-dressed HOOD walk in with a BEEHIVE GIRLFRIEND and hug BATTS.

HOOD

Billy. You look beautiful.
Welcome home.

BATTS

(laughing and turning
to the bartender)
What are you having? Give 'em
what they're drinking.

WE SEE FOUR OTHER MEN, including HENRY HILL and JIMMY BURKE, standing near BILLY BATTS at the bar, raise their glasses in salute. TOMMY DESIMONE and ANOTHER BEEHIVE BLONDE enter. BILLY BATTS looks up and sees TOMMY.

BILLY

Hey, look at him. Tommy. You
grew up.

TOMMY

(preening a little)
Billy, how are you?

BILLY

(smiling broadly at
Tommy and the girl)
Son of a bitch. Get over here.

TOMMY walks over and BILLY, too aggressively, grabs TOMMY around the neck. TOMMY doesn't like it.

TOMMY

(forcing a laugh)
Hey, Billy. Watch the suit.

BILLY

(squeezing Tommy's cheek,
a little too hard)
Listen to him. "Watch the suit,"
he says. A little pisser I've known
all my life. Hey, Tommy, don't go
get too big.

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TOMMY

Don't go busting my balls. Okay?

BILLY

(laughing, to the
crowd at the bar)

Busting his balls?

(to Tommy)

If I was busting your balls, I'd
send you home for your shine box.

TOMMY's smile turns to a glare as he realizes BILLY is
making fun of him. The MEN at the bar are roaring with
laughter. His GIRL is looking glumly at her shoes.

BILLY (contd)

(to the hoods at
the bar)

You remember Tommy's shines?
The kid was great. He made
mirrors.

TOMMY

(almost a threat)

No more shines, Billy.

BILLY

Come ooonnn. Tommeeee. We're
only kidding. You can't take a
joke? Come ooonn.

WE SEE that TOMMY is still angry, but begins to relax
with BILLY's apparent apology, but as soon as BILLY sees
that TOMMY is beginning to relax, he contemptuously
turns his back on TOMMY.

BILLY (contd)

(facing the bar)

Now get the hell home and get
your shine box.

HENRY quickly steps in front of TOMMY who is about to
explode. BATTIS is facing the bar and does not see just
how furious TOMMY has become.

HENRY

(gently wrestling Tommy
away from the bar)

Come on, relax. He's drunk.
He's been locked up for six
years.

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TOMMY

I don't give a shit. The guy's
got no right.

HENRY

Tommy. He doesn't mean anything.
Forget about it.

TOMMY

(trying to wrestle
past Henry)
He's insulting me. Rat bastard.
He's never been any fuckin' good.

HENRY

Tommy. Come on. Relax.

TOMMY

(to Henry)
Keep him here. I'm going for a
bag.

TOMMY roughly grabs his GIRL's arm and storms out.

HENRY

(rejoining Jimmy and
Billy Batts at the bar)
Batts. I'm sorry. Tommy gets
loaded. He doesn't mean any
disrespect.

BATTS

He's got a hot head.

WE SEE the LAST TWO GUESTS get up to leave. HENRY puts
another dollar in the jukebox and moves back behind the
bar and starts to total the register receipts.

CUT TO:

ENTRANCE OF THE SUITE

From HENRY'S POV behind the bar, WE SEE the GUESTS leave
and suddenly WE SEE TOMMY in the doorway. HENRY walks
around the bar and approaches TOMMY.

WE SEE JIMMY and BATTS are still seated at bar with their
backs to the door.

BATTS

They're fucking mutts.

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WE SEE JIMMY nod.

BATTS (contd)

I seen them. They walk around
like big shots and they don't
know shit.

JIMMY

A guy gets half a load on. He
mouths off.

BATTS

When I was a kid, I swear on my
mother, you mouth off, you got
your fucking legs broke.

CUT TO:

HENRY

approaching TOMMY who is carrying a large folded package
under one arm.

TOMMY, followed by HENRY, walks over to the bar where
JIMMY and BILLY BATTS are talking. TOMMY drops the
package on the floor.

BILLY BATTS looks up.

JIMMY turns around and sees that TOMMY has a gun in his
hand.

JIMMY immediately grabs BATTS's arms and WE SEE TOMMY
smash the gun into the side of BATTS's head. WE SEE
TOMMY hit BATTS again and again as JIMMY continues to
hold BATTS's arms.

JIMMY

(to Henry, while pinning
Batts's arms)

Quick! Lock the door.

WE SEE TOMMY club BATTS to the ground with JIMMY holding
BATTS's arms.

CUT TO:

HENRY

locking the door.

CUT TO:

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BATTS'S INERT FORM :

on the floor.

WE SEE TOMMY unfold the package he had dropped near the bar.

It is a plastic, flower-printed mattress cover.

TOMMY and JIMMY start putting BATTS's legs into the mattress cover.

HENRY is standing over them as JIMMY and TOMMY struggle to fit BATTS's body into the mattress cover.

HENRY

What are we going to do with him?
We can't dump him in the street.

JIMMY

(to Henry)

Bring the car round back. I know
a place Upstate they'll never find
him.

TOMMY is looking brightly at HENRY, as he and JIMMY finally zip BATTS in the mattress cover.

TOMMY

I didn't want to get blood on
your floor.

2 EXT: REAR DRIVEWAY - THE SUITE - NIGHT

Darkness. The open trunk of HENRY's car. The mattress cover is being shoved into the trunk by the THREE MEN. It is heavy work.

HENRY

Batts's made. His whole crew is
going to be looking for him.
This is fucking bad.

TOMMY

There's a shovel at my mother's.

3 INT: TOMMY'S MOTHER'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - NIGHT

Darkness in the kitchen. We hear noise of doors opening and tools being banged around in the dark.

TOMMY

SSHHH. You'll wake 'er up.

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Suddenly the light in the entryway goes on, and WE SEE TOMMY'S MOTHER, in housecoat, beaming at her SON and his FRIENDS.

CUT TO:

KITCHEN TABLE

where TOMMY'S MOTHER hovers over the seated TOMMY, HENRY and JIMMY. The table is filled with plates and coffee cups and the debris of dirty dishes.

MOTHER

(to all)

Have some more. You hardly touched anything. Did Tommy tell you about my painting? Look.

WE SEE her reach next to the refrigerator and pull up a couple of oil paintings she props on the edge of the table.

MOTHER (contd)

(proudly)

They want me to do a portrait next. I'm gonna do the Mona Lisa.

CUT TO:

WINDOW

where WE SEE HENRY's car with the body in the trunk, still parked at the curb.

4 INT: HENRY'S CAR - NIGHT

Finally on their way, HENRY is driving. JIMMY, in the passenger's seat, and TOMMY, in the rear seat, embracing the shovel, are dozing off. The sleepy humming of the wheels is suddenly interrupted by a thumping sound. At first, HENRY thinks he has a flat, but the thumping is too irregular. JIMMY awakens. His eyes are on HENRY. TOMMY leans forward from the rear seat. Silence. Thump! Silence.

5 EXT: MERRITT PARKWAY - NIGHT

Car pulls off the road onto the grass. HENRY, JIMMY and TOMMY, still holding the shovel, get out of the car.

TOMMY

Jesus Christ! Miserable bastard!

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HENRY opens the trunk and steps back. In the trunk light WE SEE the mattress cover squirming around. We hear muffled groans.

TOMMY (contd)
(raising the shovel)
Can you believe this no-good fuck?
The prick! He's still alive.

TOMMY suddenly smashes the shovel into the moving, bloody mattress cover. He smashes it again and again and again. Cursing BATTs with every swing.

TOMMY (contd)
Rat bastard.
(he swings shovel)
No-good, low-life fuck.

TOMMY swings shovel again and again.

Soon the mattress cover stops squirming and TOMMY stops swinging the shovel. He is exhausted. TOMMY and JIMMY get back in the car. HENRY is facing the open trunk.

TILT UP and FREEZE ON HENRY's face slamming the trunk shut.

HENRY (VO)
As far back as I can remember, I
always wanted to be a gangster.

MAIN TITLE - W I S E G U Y

UNFREEZE and

DISSOLVE TO:

HENRY - AS A CHILD

looking out his bedroom window.

TITLE - EAST NEW YORK: BROOKLYN. 1955.

HENRY (VO)
To me, being a gangster was
better than being President
of the United States.

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EXT: CABSTAND - NIGHT
HENRY'S POV - A GRIMY ONE-STORY CABSTAND

with faded "Pitkin Avenue Cabs" sign above the door. It's after midnight. WE SEE A HALF-DOZEN, immaculately-dressed

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HOODS wearing diamond pinky rings and silk shirts, lounging around the cabstand talking and sipping coffee.

HENRY (VO)

Even before I first wandered into the cabstand for an after-school job, I knew I wanted to be a part of them. It was there I belonged.

HENRY'S POV

WE SEE a Cadillac pull up to the cabstand. WE SEE the car rise slightly when TWO huge, dapper HOODS get out.

On HOOD #1 WE SEE large diamond pinky ring on a sausage-thick finger.

On HOOD #2 WE SEE a broken-nosed hood's tie hanging loosely across his monogrammed shirt like a silk bandolier.

HENRY (VO)

To me it meant being somebody in a neighborhood full of nobodies.

On the sidewalk WE SEE the TWO HOODS who just got out of the car hug and playfully shove TUDDY VARIO, the sloppily-dressed, solidly-built HOOD who runs the cabstand.

HENRY (VO contd)

They weren't like anyone else. They did whatever they wanted. They'd double-park in front of the hydrant and nobody ever gave them a ticket. In the summer when they played cards all night, nobody ever called the cops.

WE SEE TUDDY laughingly try to push them away.

HENRY (VO contd)

Tuddy Vario ran the cabstand and a pizzeria and a few other places for his brother, Paul, who was the boss over everybody in the neighborhood.

WE SEE a laughing HOOD #1 slyly slip behind TUDDY and grab him around the neck, while HOOD #2 starts feigning punches to TUDDY's ample midsection.

Suddenly TUDDY VARIO and HOODS see that PAUL VARIO, the boss, is standing in the cabstand's doorway. VARIO is

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a large man, standing six-feet tall and weighing over 240 pounds. He appears even larger.

HENRY (VO contd)
Paulie might have moved slow,
but it was only because he didn't
have to move for anybody.

TUDDY and HOODS immediately stop horsing around.

TITLES CONTINUE.

7 INT: CHILD'S BEDROOM - MORNING

CARMELLA HILL, HENRY's mother, shoves his books under his arm and pushes him into the hallway. WE SEE HENRY'S TWO BROTHERS putting on their jackets and picking up their books and almost tripping over another brother's, MICHAEL, wheelchair. WE CATCH A GLIMPSE OF TWO SISTERS eating breakfast.

WE SEE HENRY's construction worker FATHER sipping coffee in kitchen before going to work.

HENRY (VO)
At first, my parents loved that
I found a job across the street.
My father, who was Irish, was
sent to work at the age of eleven,
and he liked that I got myself a
job. He always said American kids
were spoiled lazy.

CARMELLA
(to the brood)
Come on. Come on. You'll all
be late.

HENRY (VO)
And my mother was happy after she
found out that the Varios came
from the same part of Sicily as
she did. To my mother, it was the
answer to her prayers.

WE SEE HENRY'S MOTHER shove him out the door with his school books.

8 EXT: STREET SIDE OF DOOR - DAY

CARMELLA, in doorway, watches HENRY go down the block toward school. When HENRY turns the corner, along with

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OTHER school-bound YOUNGSTERS, WE SEE he suddenly stops. The OTHER SCHOOLCHILDREN keep walking. HENRY carefully sticks his head around the corner. His MOTHER is no longer there.

WE SEE HENRY race across the street toward the cabstand.

HENRY (VO)

I was the luckiest kid in the world.

9 EXT: CABSTAND - DAY

WE SEE HENRY leap into the air to catch a set of car keys.

HENRY (VO)

I could go anywhere.

10 EXT: CABSTAND PARKING LOT - DAY

WE SEE HENRY, who can hardly see over the dashboard, jockeying a MOBSTER's Caddy around the cabstand parking lot. WE SEE OTHER KIDS, HENRY's age, watching HENRY, in awe, from behind a fence.

HENRY (VO)

I could do anything.

11 INT: CABSTAND BACKROOM - DAY

WE SEE HENRY watching TWO UNIFORMED COPS laughing with TUDDY and SOME HOODS while stuffing whisky bottles under their tunics.

HENRY (VO)

I knew everybody and everybody knew me.

12 EXT: SIDEWALK OUTSIDE CABSTAND - DAY

WE SEE HENRY trying to sip hot espresso coffee just like the BIG GUYS, except WE SEE HENRY grimace because the coffee is too hot and far too bitter.

HENRY (VO)

But it wasn't too long before my parents changed their minds. For them, the cabstand was supposed to be a part-time job, but for me, it was full-time.

CUT TO:

13 INT: REAR OF CABSTAND

TUDDY is folding and placing long sheets with policy bets into a brown paper bag. In the BG, WE SEE HOODS going through boxes of stolen orange and blue cardigan sweaters. HENRY waits at TUDDY's side until TUDDY finishes making a notation on a slip of paper. TUDDY holds the paper bag in his hands and

TUDDY
(to Henry, with a smile)
Okay.

14 EXT: CABSTAND

WE SEE HENRY running out the cabstand door carrying the paper bag. He runs past HALF A DOZEN HOODS, lounging outside on wooden chairs, wearing orange and blue sweaters.

HENRY (VO)
People like my father could never understand, but I was a part of something. I belonged. I was treated like a grown-up. Every day I was learning to score.

15 INT: KITCHEN - HENRY'S HOUSE

FATHER
(in mock concern)
Did you study hard in school today?
Did you learn a lot? Huh?

HENRY is silent and begins backing away.

FATHER (contd)
I can't hear you, you little liar.
(waving the letter)
I got this from the school. They say you haven't been there in months.

HENRY tries to dart past his FATHER, but he cannot escape. HENRY gets a blow on the back of his head. HENRY'S MOTHER starts to interfere, but is pushed back.

FATHER (contd)
(beating Henry, but
glaring at Carmella)
Little lying bastard.

CARMELLA screams. HENRY doubles up. HENRY'S FATHER keeps pounding away.

CLOSE ON HENRY'S FACE

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FREEZE IN ACTION ON HENRY'S FATHER'S FACE.

HENRY (VO)

My father was always pissed off. He was pissed that he had to work so hard. He was pissed that he made such lousy money. He was pissed that there were seven of us living in a tiny house. But after a while, he was mostly pissed that I hung around the cabstand. He said they were bums and that I was a bum. He said I was going to get into trouble. I used to say I was only running errands after-school, but he knew better. He knew what went on at the cabstand and, every once in a while, usually after he got his load on, I had to take a beating. But by then, I didn't care. No matter how many beatings I took, I wouldn't listen to what he said. I don't think I even heard him. The way I saw it, everybody has to take a beating some time.

UNFREEZE and continue the beating.

CUT TO:

HENRY'S SWOLLEN AND BEATEN FACE

16 INT: CABSTAND - BACKROOM

TUDDY

What happened to you?

HENRY

I can't make any more deliveries.

TUDDY

Whadda you mean, you can't make any more deliveries? You're going to fuck up everything?

HENRY

My father got a letter from the school. He said the next time he'll kill me.

CUT TO:

17 INT: AUTOMOBILE

THREE HOODS and HENRY in parked car outside the post office.

HOOD #1
(pointing to one
postman)
Is that the one?

HENRY
No.

HOOD #2
(pointing at another)
Him?

HENRY
No.
(pause)
There. That's him. That's the
guy.

HOOD #1 and HOOD #2 get out of the car and grab the stunned MAILMAN. He loses his hat and spills some mail as they shove him into the car's rear seat.

18 INT: A NEIGHBORHOOD PIZZERIA

TUDDY VARIO is standing in front of a pizza oven. HENRY watches the HOODS shove the MAILMAN against the side of the oven. WE SEE PAUL VARIO in the BG.

TUDDY
(pointing to Henry)
You know this kid?

MAILMAN
(barely able to speak)
Yes.

TUDDY
You know where he lives?

MAILMAN nods.

TUDDY (contd)
You deliver mail to his house?

MAILMAN nods again.

TUDDY (contd)
From now on, any letters to the
kid from his school come directly
(MORE)

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TUDDY (contd)
here. Do you understand? One
more letter from the school to
the kid's house and ...

TUDDY looks at PAUL VARIO, who nods, and the HOODS pull
down the door of the pizza oven and shove the MAILMAN
up close.

TUDDY (contd)
... you're going in the oven head-
first.

FREEZE ON MAILMAN's face, smeared against the hot stove.

HENRY (VO)
That was it. No more letters
from truant officers. No more
letters from school. In fact,
no more letters from anybody.
How could I go back to school
after that and pledge allegiance
to the flag and sit through good
government bullshit.

19 EXT: MOB SOCIAL CLUB - DAY

WE SEE HENRY entering a mob social club, nodding to a
friendly COP lounging outside, past WISEGUYS in sleeve-
less underwear sunning themselves in front of the club.
WE SEE A COUPLE OF MENACING HOODS smile and nod hello
at HENRY.

REAR YARD OF SOCIAL CLUB

HOODS are cooking sausages and peppers on grill. There
are bottles of homemade wine and keg of beer.

WE SEE PAUL VARIO holding court while eating a sausage
sandwich. There are HOODS standing around him at a
respectful distance. Only TUDDY approaches him with
ease.

WE SEE A HOOD talk to TUDDY. WE SEE TUDDY relay the
message to PAUL. WE SEE PAUL say something to TUDDY,
who nods back to the HOOD and then motions to HENRY to
come over. WE SEE TUDDY bend down a little and whisper
in HENRY's ear.

DOLLY IN ON PAUL's face.

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HENRY (VO)

Hundreds of guys depended on Paulie and he got a piece of everything they made. It was tribute, just like the old country, except they were doing it in America. All they got from Paulie was protection from other guys looking to rip them off. That's what it's all about. That's what the FBI can never understand -- that what Paulie and the organization does is offer protection for people who can't go to the cops. They're like the police department for wiseguys.

20 EXT: USED CAR LOT - NIGHT

WE SEE TUDDY in his car, hand HENRY a hammer, some rags, and a five-gallon can of gasoline.

TUDDY

(driving away)

I'll be up at the corner.

WE SEE HENRY break the windows of about six cars parked facing the sidewalk.

HENRY (VO)

People looked at me differently.
They knew I was with somebody.

WE SEE HENRY shove the gas-soaked rags through the broken car windows. HENRY looks up the block where TUDDY has parked. WE SEE TUDDY (from HENRY'S POV) look around and nod. HENRY immediately begins tossing lighted matchbooks through the smashed car windows.

HENRY (VO contd)

I didn't have to wait on line at the bakery on Sunday morning anymore for fresh bread. The owner knew who I was with, and he'd come from around the counter, no matter how many people were waiting. I was taken care of first.

Suddenly the night explodes in orange brightness. WE SEE HENRY begin to run toward TUDDY's car as the cars he has ignited begin to explode behind him.

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HENRY (VO contd)

Our neighbors didn't park in our driveway anymore, even though we didn't have a car. At thirteen, I was making more money than most of the grownups in the neighborhood. I had more money than I could spend. I had it all.

FREEZE ON HENRY's silhouette against the darkness like a man in hell.

HENRY (VO contd)

One day some of the kids from the neighborhood carried my mother's groceries all the way home for her. It was out of respect.

CUT TO:

21 EXT: HENRY'S HOUSE - DAY

HENRY'S MOTHER opens door of house, bright daylight.

MOTHER'S POV

She sees grey lizard shoes, grey pinstriped trousers, grey silk shirt, Billy Eckstein collar, yellow silk tie, and double-breasted jacket. She looks up and sees HENRY's smiling face.

MOTHER

(aghaast)

My God! You look like a gangster.

CUT TO:

SCREAMING MAN

running toward the pizzeria, holding his hand.

22 EXT: PIZZERIA - DAY

WE SEE HENRY standing near front of store.

MAN

(screaming)

I've been shot! Help! Help!

HENRY is making a ham and cheese sandwich.

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CAMERA TRACKING through room full of PEOPLE playing cards, through professional CARD DEALERS skittering cards across green felt tables, through BODYGUARDS watching the door, through TUDDY VARIO walking around the tables, through PAUL VARIO standing quietly on the side, through HENRY giving the sandwich to ONE of the PLAYERS.

HENRY (VO)

It was a glorious time. Wiseguys were all over the place. It was before Apalachin and before Crazy Joey decided to take on a boss and start a war. It was when I met the world. It was when I first met Jimmy Burke.

CAMERA COMES TO REST when JIMMY BRUKE walks in the door.

CUT TO:

HENRY

looking at JIMMY.

HENRY (VO)

He couldn't have been more than twenty-four or twenty-five at the time, but he was already a legend. He'd walk in the door and everybody who worked the room went wild. He'd give the doorman a hundred just for opening the door. He shoved hundreds in the pockets of the dealers and who ran the games. The bartender got a hundred just for keeping the ice cubes cold.

HENRY sees VARIO give BURKE a hug around the shoulder. HENRY sees JIMMY handing money to the DOORMAN. HENRY watches PLAYERS timidly move their chairs slightly to make room for JIMMY. HENRY sees JIMMY pull out a wad of bills and sit down.

JIMMY

(to Henry, who is
standing near
the bar)

Hey, kid! Get me a seven and seven.

WE SEE HENRY make the drink and bring it to JIMMY.

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VARIO is standing next to JIMMY.

VARIO

(his arm around
Henry's shoulder)

Henry. Say hello to Jimmy Burke.

WE SEE JIMMY slip a \$20 bill in HENRY's shirt pocket.

JIMMY

(lifting his drink
to Henry)

Keep 'em coming.

FREEZE FRAME ON JIMMY.

HENRY (VO)

Jimmy was one of the most feared guys in the city. He was first locked up at eleven and was doing hits for mob bosses when he was sixteen. Hits never bothered him. It was business. But what he really loved to do was steal. I mean, he actually enjoyed it. Jimmy was the kind of guy who rooted for the bad guys in the movies. He was one of the city's biggest hijackers. Clothes. Razor blades. Booze. Cigarettes. Shrimp and lobsters. Shrimp and lobsters were the best. They went fast.

24 EXT: TRAILER TRUCK - NEAR IDLEWILD AIRPORT - NIGHT

The trailer truck is stopped at a light in a deserted area near JFK Airport. WE SEE the DRIVER being quietly led to a car where JIMMY BURKE is standing. WE SEE JIMMY routinely take the DRIVER's wallet. There is absolutely no resistance.

HENRY (VO)

And almost all of them were
gimmie's.

CUT TO:

CLOSE UP - WALLET

WE SEE JIMMY put a \$50 bill in the DRIVER's wallet.

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HENRY (VO)

They called him Jimmy the Gent.
 The drivers loved him. They used
 to tip him off about the really
 good loads. Of course, everybody
 got a piece. And when the cops
 assigned a whole army to stop him,
 (pause)
 Jimmy made them partners.

CUT TO:

25 EXT: CABSTAND PARKING LOT - DAY
 CLOSE UP - ROWS OF CIGARETTE CARTONS

piled inside a large trailer truck.

JIMMY and TOMMY DESIMONE, a youngster about HENRY's age,
 are moving large cigarette cartons toward truck tailgate.
 While JIMMY is dressed like a truck driver, TOMMY is
 very nattily dressed in a sharply-cut suit and highly
 buffed shoes.

JIMMY and TOMMY are loading the cartons into the arms of
 a WOMAN SCHOOL-CROSSING GUARD who is having difficulty
 carrying the load.

JIMMY

Tommy. Help the lady.

WE SEE TOMMY scramble down from the truck and help the
 SCHOOL-CROSSING GUARD to her own car where WE SEE she
 already had a load of the cartons.

WE SEE HENRY standing near her car and watching.

SCHOOL-CROSSING GUARD

(driving off)

Thank you, sweetheart.

CUT TO:

JIMMY

standing between TOMMY and HENRY.

JIMMY

(to Henry)

Say hello to Tommy. You'll do
 good together.

CUT TO:

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POLICE CAR

pulling onto the sidewalk where HENRY, TOMMY and JIMMY are standing. The COPS recognize JIMMY.

COP #1

Anything good?

HENRY watches JIMMY smile and toss a couple of cartons of cigarettes into their radio car.

The COPS wave and drive off.

26 EXT: FACTORY GATE - QUITTING TIME

WE SEE HENRY busily selling cartons to WORKERS. TOMMY is getting cartons out of the trunk of a car parked nearby. HENRY is so busy he can hardly keep the money and cash straight. Instead of the neat roll we saw on JIMMY, HENRY's cash is a wrinkled mess. Some of it is rolled, some folded, some in different pockets. WE SEE HENRY approached by TWO CITY DETECTIVES.

DETECTIVE #1

What do you think you're doing?

DETECTIVE #2

Where did you get these cigarettes?

HENRY

(offering them cartons)

It's okay.

DETECTIVE #1 roughly grabs HENRY's arm. DETECTIVE #2 grabs HENRY's cigarette cartons. WE SEE HENRY pull his arm away and ONE of the DETECTIVES slaps him across the face.

WE SEE that TOMMY is about to say something, but runs away instead.

27 INT: CABSTAND - DAY

WE SEE TOMMY talking to TUDDY and ASSORTED HOODS at the cabstand.

28 INT: COURTROOM - "AR-1" (ARRAIGNMENT PART 1)

HENRY is waiting along with DOZENS OF HOOKERS, nodding JUNKIES, MUGGERS and SHOPLIFTERS. When HENRY's case is called, WE PAN to a well-dressed MOB LAWYER. HENRY, who has never seen the LAWYER before, walks to the

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PROSECUTOR's, rather than the DEFENDANT's table. A COURT CLERK nods him over toward his own LAWYER.

Without acknowledging HENRY, the LAWYER nods and smiles at the JUDGE, who smiles and nods back.

JUDGE
Counsellor, proceed.

CUT TO:

29 INT: COURTROOM - CENTER AISLE

HENRY is walking out of the court. HENRY sees JIMMY BURKE smiling and waiting for him in the rear of the courtroom. JIMMY puts his arm around HENRY like a father, and tucks a one-hundred dollar bill into HENRY's chest pocket. They walk out into the court corridor in silence together and then, suddenly, HENRY sees PAUL VARIO, TOMMY, TUDDY, and the WHOLE CREW from the cabstand waiting for him. They start clapping and whistling and slapping his back and cheering. VARIO, TUDDY and BURKE embrace him.

While bewildered COPS and LAWYERS watch:

CHORUS OF HOODS
You broke your cherry! You broke
your cherry!

LAST FREEZE.

TITLE UP - IDLEWILD AIRPORT: 1955

30 EXT: WIDE SHOT - IDLEWILD CARGO AREA

HENRY (VO)
By the time I grew up, there was
thirty billion a year in cargo
moving through Idlewild Airport
and we tried to steal every bit
of it.

31 EXT: AIRPORT DINER - PARKING LOT - DAY
ANGLE - GREY LIZARD SHOES AND SHARP GREY PANTS

and UP TO SEE HENRY standing in parking lot, when a large truck pulls up. WE SEE TOMMY DESIMONE standing with him.

HENRY (VO)
You've got to understand, we grew
up near the airport. It belonged
(MORE)

31 **CONTD**

HENRY (VO contd)
to Paulie. We had friends and
relatives who worked all over the
place and they tipped us off about
what was coming in and what was
going out.

WE SEE DRIVER get out of truck with engine still running
and leave door open. He nods to HENRY who does not
respond and the DRIVER casually walks toward the diner.

HENRY (VO contd)
If any of the truckers or airlines
gave us trouble, Paulie had his
union people scare them with a
little strike. It was beautiful.
It was an even bigger money-maker
than numbers, and Jimmy was in
charge. Whenever we needed money,
we'd rob the airport. To us, it
was better than Citibank.

32 **INT: TABLE IN DINER**

WE SEE DRIVER rise from debris of breakfast dishes, leave
a tip and pay the CASHIER. He walks out the door toward
his truck in the parking lot.

HOLD ON the door.

DRIVER rushes back in through the door toward the CASHIER.

DRIVER
(flushed and agitated)
Hurry, gimme the phone. Two niggers
just stole my truck.

33 **INT: SONNY'S BAMBOO LOUNGE - DUSK**

A cavernous room within earshot of the airport that looks
like a movie nightclub. No matter when you walk into the
Bamboo Lounge it's always the middle of the night.

CAMERA TRACKS past the zebra-striped banquettes and bar
stools, past sharp BUSINESSMEN, BOOKMAKERS and HOODS.

HENRY (VO)
There was Jimmy and Tommy and me.
And there was Anthony Stabile,
Angelo Sepe, Fat Andy, Frankie
the Wop, Freddy No Nose, Pete
the Killer, Nicky Blanda, Mikey
(MORE)

33 CONTD

HENRY (VO contd)

Franzese, and Johnny Echoes, who got that nickname because he said everything twice. Like, "You wanna get the papers, get the papers."

CAMERA TRACKS to the backroom which WE SEE is filled with racks of clothes, boxed television sets, new toaster ovens and stereos. WE SEE MAN rolling racks of fur coats into the room which looks like a discount store warehouse.

MAN

(to Sonny)

Sonny, we got the coats.

SONNY

(ignoring the man,
and to Henry)

You got any suits?

HENRY

Not till Thursday.

SONNY

(closing door to
backroom)

I need suits.

CUT TO:

HENRY, JIMMY, TOMMY, AND ASSORTED HOODS AND THEIR
GIRLFRIENDS

are having a party. There are champagne buckets around the table which is littered with steak and lobster dishes. The table is a mess and everyone is laughing. WE SEE HENRY look at his watch and look at the lounge's entrance.

HENRY (VO)

For us to live any other way was nuts. To us, those goody-good people who worked shitty jobs for bum paychecks, who took the subway to work every day and worried about their bills, were dead. They were suckers. They had no balls. If we wanted something, we just took it. If anyone complained twice, they got hit so bad they never

(MORE)

33 CONTD

HENRY (VO contd)
complained again. It was routine.
You didn't even think about it.

CUT TO:

DOORWAY OF BAMBOO LOUNGE

WE SEE FRENCHY McMAHON, a beefy man in a leather wind-breaker, enter.

WE SEE HENRY get up and go over to greet him.

CUT TO:

THE BAR

HENRY and FRENCHY embrace.

FRENCHY is still wearing his Air France cargo worker's coveralls under his leather jacket and WE SEE the "Air France" logo and the name "Frenchy" in script over the coverall's breast pocket.

FRENCHY
(trying to whisper
above the din)
It's all there. I can get you
past the alarms and I can get
the key.

WE SEE HENRY turn to table and wave at JIMMY to join them at the bar.

CUT TO:

THE TABLE

WE SEE JIMMY get up and go to the bar.

WE SEE TOMMY at the table with SONNY BAMBOO, the owner, hovering around. SONNY BAMBOO is holding a thick sheaf of bills. WE SEE SONNY timidly approach TOMMY by whispering in his ear. In the BG, WE ALSO SEE the face of a terrified WAITER.

TOMMY
(putting his arm around
Sonny's shoulder)
It's okay. Put it on the tab.

33 CONTD

SONNY

(whispering with fear
all over his face)

Tommy, it's not just this. Tommy,
please. It's seven grand here.

WE SEE TOMMY just stare menacingly at SONNY.

SONNY (contd)

(he started, he might
as well finish)

Tommy, I need the money, Tommy,
please. I owe the world.

TOMMY

(leaping from the
table in a rage)

You sonofabitch fuck. Are you
calling me a deadbeat? The money
I spent here? Embarrassing me
in front of my friends. You
miserable fuck.

(turning to his
pals)

Can you believe this bastard?

(back to a terrified
Sonny)

Ungrateful fuck! I oughta break
your fucking legs!

WE SEE SONNY BAMBOO flee toward his office, with TOMMY
making a half-hearted gesture to follow, but instead, he
walks over and joins HENRY, JIMMY and FRENCHY at the bar.
He is smiling.

FRENCHY

(to Tommy)

Hey, Tommy. Have a drink.

34 INT: BACKROOM - CABSTAND - DAY

WE SEE SONNY BAMBOO meekly seated at table facing PAUL
VARIO. HENRY is standing behind SONNY BAMBOO for support.

VARIO

(groaning)

If you knew those fucking kids.
They're nuts. Especially that
Tommy. What am I going to do
with them?

34 CONTD

SONNY

(sweating)

But I'm worried. I'm hearing all kinds of things. Paulie. You know me all my life. I've always done the right thing.

VARIO

You think that matters? You think they give a shit about anything? The little bastards.

SONNY

But it isn't right, Paulie. That Tommy, he's making trouble for me all over town. I can't go here. I can't go there.

VARIO

You? You think you're the only one? I've talked to them a million times, but they don't listen.

SONNY

(weakly)

But, Paulie, please.

VARIO

(barely listening)

Someday they'll get what's coming to them. That's the only way they'll stop.

SONNY

(pleading)

Paulie, I swear, I'm afraid. The guy's nuts. What do I have to do? Whatever I gotta do, I'll do.

VARIO

(arms outstretched
like a saint)

What can I do? If I could do something, don't you think I would?

SONNY looks up at HENRY for support.

HENRY

(to Sonny)

Tell him. It's okay.

34 CONTD

VARIO

What?

SONNY

I was thinking that maybe you could come in with me. Take a piece of the place. If you were with me, maybe then they'd have to lay off.

VARIO

What do I need ...

SONNY

(interrupting)

I mean it. We could do good.

VARIO

You want a partner?

SONNY

Please.

35 EXT: BAMBOO LOUNGE - CURBSIDE - DAY

WE SEE trucks with liquor, beer, sides of beef, even furniture like bar stools and large mirrors being unloaded and delivered into the front door.

HENRY (VO)

Now the guy's got Paulie for a partner. Any problems, he goes to Paulie. Trouble with the bill? He can go to Paulie. Trouble with the cops? Deliveries? Tommy? He can call Paulie.

36 INT: BAMBOO LOUNGE - DAY

WE SEE HENRY and TWO HOODS from cabstand checking the cases of liquor being delivered into the lounge. The entire room is filled floor to ceiling with cases of whiskey, wine, crates of lobster, and shrimp, and stacks of table linen and sides of beef. The place looks like a warehouse.

HENRY (VO)

But now the guy has got to come up with Paulie's money every week, no matter what. Business bad?

(MORE)

36 CONTD

 HENRY (VO contd)
Fuck you, pay me. You had a fire?
Fuck you, pay me. The place got
hit by lighting? Fuck you, pay
me. Also, Paulie could do any-
thing. Especially run up bills
on the joint's credit. Why not?
Nobody's gonna pay for it anyway.

37 EXT: BAMBOO LOUNGE - REAR ALLEYWAY - DAY

WE SEE cases of liquor, wine, etc., being carried out of
the rear door of the lounge by HOODS from the cabstand
and loaded onto U-Haul trucks.

 HENRY (VO contd)
As soon as the deliveries are
made in the front door, you move
the stuff out the back and sell
it at a discount. You take a
two hundred dollar case of booze
and sell it for a hundred. It
doesn't matter. It's all profit.

38 INT: BAMBOO LOUNGE OFFICE

HENRY, JIMMY and TOMMY are standing around the small
workman's table. There is no desk. The office looks
denuded of furniture. A LAWYER is going over papers.

A terrified, unshaven SONNY BAMBOO is seated behind the
desk. The LAWYER is showing him where to sign.

 HENRY (VO)
And, finally, when there's nothing
left, when you can't borrow another
buck from the bank or buy another
case of booze, you bust the joint
out.

CUT DIRECTLY TO:

LARGE CLOSE UP - HANDS

making rolls of toilet paper being kneaded into long
rolls with Sterno.

CUT TO:

HENRY AND TOMMY

shoving wads of Sterno paper into the ceiling rafters.

38 CONTD

HENRY (VO)
You light a match.

CUT TO:

CLOSE UP - MATCH

lighting rolls of Sterno paper.

39 EXT: BAMBOO LOUNGE - CURBSIDE - NIGHT

The street is empty. HENRY and TOMMY are seated in HENRY's car. They are watching the Bamboo Lounge.

TOMMY

(to Henry)

You gotta help me. Okay? This girl I told you about? Diane? She's from the Five Towns. She's Jewish. She won't go out with me alone. Can you believe this shit? She's fucking prejudiced, but she's built. She's never been out with an Italian before. She says she'll only go out on a double date with her girlfriend. You believe this shit? But you gotta see her. I mean, she's beautiful.

HENRY

(laughing)

Will you get the fuck out of here.

TOMMY

Is it my fault she won't go out without her girlfriend? For Chrissake. Come on. You don't even have to stay. Jeesuz! What's the big deal?

HENRY

Tommy ...

CUT TO:

HENRY AND TOMMY

watching smoke coming out of basement windows of Bamboo Lounge.

32 CONTD

TOMMY (OC)
(back to conversation)
I swear you don't have to do
nothing. You just show up and
then leave. What do you think,
I want you around? All I need
is for you to get me started.

We hear car engine start.

40 INT: A QUIET PLUSH BANQUETTE IN THE VILLA CAPRA

a red damask restaurant. TOMMY and HENRY are seated on the outside of a U-shaped banquettes with their two girls, DIANE and KAREN, seated inside. DIANE is being wooed and pawed by a blissful TOMMY. DIANE is enjoying every bit of TOMMY's undivided attention. KAREN has not touched her malted baked Alaska and is looking directly at HENRY. HENRY is stirring his coffee.

HENRY (VO)
I had a meeting with Tuddy around
eleven o'clock and here I am a
back-up guy.

KAREN
(sarcastically)
Have more coffee. It'll wake
you up.

HENRY (VO)
I couldn't wait to get away. I
was ordering the dessert when they
were eating dinner. When they
were having coffee, I was asking
for a check.

TOMMY
(to Henry, while
hugging Diane)
Isn't she great? Isn't this
great? Let's do it tomorrow
night? Okay?

KAREN (VO)
I couldn't stand him. I thought
he was really obnoxious. He
kept fidgeting around.

41 EXT: RESTAURANT - PARKING LOT - NIGHT

WE SEE HENRY pushing KAREN into the car.

KAREN (VO)

Before it was even time to go home he was pushing me into the car ...

42 EXT: CURBSIDE - KAREN'S HOUSE - NIGHT

WE SEE HENRY hurrying KAREN out of the car.

KAREN (VO contd)

... and then pulling me out. It was ridiculous. But Diane and Tommy had made us promise to meet them again on Friday night. We agreed. Of course, when Friday night came around, Henry stood me up.

43 INT: VILLA CAPRA RESTAURANT - NIGHT

WE SEE TOMMY, DIANE and KAREN seated at a table set for four.

KAREN (VO contd)

We were a trio instead of double-date that night, but I made Tommy take me looking for him.

44 EXT: CABSTAND SIDEWALK - NIGHT

A hot night. The HOODS have moved to the sidewalk where WE SEE them sitting in sleeveless underwear, watching the street.

WE SEE HENRY leave the cabstand when suddenly a car screeches up on the sidewalk directly in front of him. The HOODS scatter and WE SEE that HENRY is terrified.

KAREN

(charging out of the door, screaming)
You've got some nerve. Standing me up. Nobody does that to me. Who do you think you are? A big shot?

CUT TO:

44 HENRY

who sees TOMMY and DIANE in the car, laughing.

HENRY
(embarrassed and
defensive)
I didn't know. I swear. I
thought it was next week.

KAREN
Liar!

CUT TO:

HENRY

who sees the WISEGUYS laughing.

HENRY
Take it easy. We can talk
about it.

HENRY (VO)
She's screaming on the street
and I mean loud, but she looked
good. She had these violet
eyes. I remember she's scream-
ing, but mostly I'm looking at
her eyes. They were just like
Elizabeth Taylor's. That's
what everybody said.

KAREN
(furious)
Talk? To you? After what you
did!

HENRY
I thought you were going to
stand me up. You looked bored.
You didn't say anything. What
did you expect. Tommy was all
over me. Right?

WE SEE KAREN relax for a second.

HENRY (contd)
Come on, let me make it up.

45 INT: ENTRY TO KAREN'S SUBURBAN HOME - EVENING
ANGLE ON GOLD CROSS AROUND MAN'S NECK
and TILT UP. HENRY is all smiles and slicked-up,

45 CONTD

standing in the door wearing a grey suit and open-necked black silk shirt with a gold cross on chain.

KAREN

(filled with alarm)

Button your shirt, quick! Hurry.

HENRY buttons his shirt as KAREN'S MOTHER comes to the door.

KAREN (contd)

Ma, this is my friend, Henry Hill.

MOTHER

My daughter says you're half-Jewish?

46 EXT: COPACABANA - NIGHT

HENRY gives the keys and a rolled-up twenty-dollar bill to the DOORMAN at the building across the street and steers KAREN toward the Copa.

KAREN

What're you doing? What about the car?

HENRY

(while pushing her through the crowd waiting to get in)

He watches it for me. It's better than waiting at a garage.

WE SEE HENRY deftly steer KAREN away from the Copa's main entrance and down the basement steps. A HUGE BODYGUARD, eating a sandwich in the stairwell, gives HENRY a big "hello." WE SEE HENRY walk right through the basement kitchen, which is filled with CHINESE and LATINO COOKS and DISHWASHERS who pay no attention. KAREN is being dragged along, open-mouthed, at the scene. HENRY starts up a stained kitchen staircase through a pair of swinging doors and suddenly KAREN sees she is inside the main room. The harried MAITRE D' (he is surrounded by CUSTOMERS clamoring for their tables) waves happily at HENRY and signals to a CAPTAIN. WE SEE a table held aloft by TWO WAITERS wedging their way toward the stage and plant the table smack in front of what had until that moment been a ringside table. As HENRY leads KAREN to their seat, she sees that he is nodding and shaking hands with MANY of the OTHER GUESTS. WE SEE HENRY quietly slip twenty-dollar-bills to the WAITERS.

46 CONTD

KAREN

(sitting down)

You gave them twenty dollars each?

WE SEE the CAPTAIN approach with champagne.

CAPTAIN

This is with Mister Tony, over there.

HENRY

Where, over there?

CAPTAIN

Over there, over there.

KAREN watches HENRY turn around and wave at a 280-POUND HOOD.

KAREN

What do you do?

HENRY

(toasting Karen and
clinking glasses)

I'm in construction.

KAREN

(taking his hands)

They don't feel like you're in construction.

HENRY turns to the stage where the lights begin to dim and HENRY YOUNGMAN walks out.

HENRY

I'm a union delegate.

47 EXT: AIR FRANCE CARGO AREA - NIGHT

On loading platform WE SEE HENRY and TOMMY dressed in Air France coveralls.

HENRY is carrying a large suitcase.

Suddenly WE SEE FRENCHY McMAHON come through a door, slip HENRY a key and lead them back into the office area near the entrance.

47 **CONTD**

HENRY goes to the door marked "SECURITY AREA" that FRENCHY points out and opens it with the key. HENRY and TOMMY go inside.

CUT TO:

HENRY AND TOMMY

coming out with the suitcase, close the door and walk right past FRENCHY without saying a word.

48 **INT: CABSTAND - BACKROOM - NIGHT**

WE SEE the suitcase open on the desk. WE SEE VARIO, JIMMY, HENRY and TOMMY standing around, wreathed in smiles. HENRY is counting stacks of cash, spreading them all over the desk.

HENRY (VO)

Air France made me. We walked out with four hundred and twenty thousand dollars without a gun. And we did the right thing.

HENRY counts up \$420,000 and slides ten packages of \$100-bills in front of VARIO who stands up and proudly kisses HENRY on the cheek. JIMMY and TOMMY, both aglow with the moment, look on. It is clear that HENRY has come of age.

CUT TO:

HENRY'S FACE

VARIO

(to Henry)

It's a lot of money for a kid.
If anyone asks, just say you won it shooting crap.

49 **EXT: BEACH CLUB - DAY**

HENRY and KAREN are at a sun-drenched table after papper-cup and paper-plate lunch where HENRY is trying to pay cash.

KAREN

(touching Henry's arm)
No. No. You've got to sign for it.

49 CONTD

WE SEE athletic YOUNG MEN and WOMEN in white clothes carrying tennis and squash rackets walk by. One young man, BRUCE, says hello to KAREN. She introduces him to HENRY.

KAREN (contd)
(after Bruce walks on)
He lives across the street.

CUT TO:

CHAMPAGNE

being sent to table.

50 INT: NIGHTCLUB - NIGHT

CAMERA PANS to stage where WE SEE SINGER's back and HENRY and KAREN at a luxurious ringside table with linen, silver, and crystal.

KAREN (VO)
One night Billy Daniels sent us champagne. There was nothing like it. I didn't think that there was anything strange in any of this -- you know, a twenty-one-year-old kid with such connections.

CUT TO:

51 INT: HENRY'S CAR - DAWN

HENRY and KAREN are sipping champagne from Copa glasses in car parked outside her house.

KAREN (VO contd)
He was an exciting guy. He was really nice. He introduced me to everybody. Everybody wanted to be nice to him. And he knew how to handle it.

CUT TO:

52 INT: MARTY KRUGMAN'S QUEENS BOULEVARD WIG AND BEAUTY SALON - DAY
ANGLE ON MARTY'S TELEVISION COMMERCIAL

WE SEE MARTY swimming the length of a pool, surrounded by adoring MODELS in bathing suits.

52 CONTD

MARTY'S TV (VO)

"They'll stay put even in a typhoon. And I should know. I'm the president of the company."

WE SEE MARTY and HENRY standing near television set commercial is repeated over and over. MARTY is taking bets on the phone and complaining to HENRY.

WE SEE an agitated JIMMY BURKE in BG poking at wigs and looking toward HENRY and MARTY.

MARTY

(complaining sotto voce to Henry while taking bets on the phone)

Jimmy's busting my chops.

(into phone)

Okay, give 'em eight to five on Cleveland.

(hangs up phone and to Henry, while nervously eyeing in the other room)

He wants three points over the vig. From me? I don't believe this shit?

HENRY

(pleading)

Marty. Please. You know Jimmy. You borrowed his money. Pay 'em.

MARTY

(so outraged his voice gets louder)

I didn't agree to three points over the vig. What am I, nuts? I didn't need it that much.

HENRY

(getting exasperated)

What are you gonna do? Fight with him? He wants his money.

MARTY

Fuck 'em. I never paid points. I always did the right thing. Did I ever bust his balls? Did I? Did I? I could have dropped a dime a million times, and I wouldn't have had to pay dick.

52 CONTD

HENRY

(getting annoyed)

Marty, you're talking crazy.
Drop a dime? Call the cops?
Don't even let anybody hear such
bullshit. Why don't you just pay
the man his money and shut the
fuck up.

WE SEE JIMMY in BG start toward HENRY and MARTY when he
hears HENRY raise his voice.

WE SEE JIMMY come up behind MARTY and wrap the long
telephone extension cord around MARTY's neck. WE SEE
MARTY's eye begin to pop. WE SEE HENRY try to get his
hands between the wire and MARTY's neck while trying to
get JIMMY to stop.

JIMMY

(total fury)

You got money for your bullshit
television, don't you? I gotta
watch you swimming back and forth
on TV all night long, don't I?
You got money for that, but you
don't have my money?

HENRY

Jimmy. He'll be okay. He's
good for it. Relax.

WE SEE MARTY nodding in agreement that he will pay.

Suddenly, the phone rings.

WE SEE JIMMY, HENRY and MARTY frozen for a second. WE SEE
JIMMY relax the cord. WE SEE MARTY pick up the phone.
The extension cord is still loosely wrapped around his
neck.

MARTY

(handing Henry
the phone)

It's for you.

HENRY takes the phone.

HENRY

(fury crosses his face)

Wait there.

HENRY races out the door, leaving MARTY and JIMMY
docilely looking after him as he runs out the door.

53 EXT: ROADSIDE TELEPHONE BOOTH ON HIGHWAY
WE SEE KAREN waiting at booth as HENRY pulls up.

54 INT: HENRY'S CAR

KAREN
(crying and dishevelled)
I've known him all my life.
He just started grabbing at me.
He wouldn't stop. And when I
hit him across the nose with my
shoe, he got mad and shoved me
out.

55 EXT: KAREN'S PARENTS' HOUSE

HENRY's car is parked at the curb. A new red Corvette
is parked across the street.

HENRY
Go inside. I'll be right there.

KAREN
What are you gonna do?

HENRY
Get inside!

When KAREN gets out of the car, WE SEE HENRY reach under
the seat for a snub-nose .38 revolver.

56 EXT: CORVETTE DRIVEWAY

WE SEE HENRY walk down driveway to the backyard area
where BRUCE and TWO of his BROTHERS are talking. BRUCE
sees HENRY and walks toward him. BRUCE'S TWO BROTHERS
are smirking.

BRUCE
What do you want?

They get closer.

BRUCE (contd)
(annoyed and
menacing)
Hey! Fuck! You want something?

With absolutely no warning, HENRY reaches out and grabs
BRUCE's hair with one hand and pulls his gun out of his
waistband with the other. In almost one motion, HENRY

56 CONTD

smashes the gun across BRUCE's face. Teeth fall from BRUCE's mouth. The TWO BROTHERS, still not seeing the gun, start toward HENRY, but HENRY continues to pound the gun into BRUCE's face like a dinner gong. BRUCE's head is still off the ground only because HENRY refuses to let go of his hair. BRUCE'S BROTHERS realize HENRY has a gun. They freeze and back off.

WOMAN'S VOICE

(from a window)

HELP! Police! He's got a gun!
Police! Quick! Murder!

HENRY drops BRUCE to the ground.

57 EXT: KAREN'S DRIVEWAY

WE SEE KAREN standing at the side door as HENRY races up and puts something in her hand.

HENRY

(panting)

Here, hold this.

WE SEE KAREN look down.

CUT TO:

KAREN'S HAND

holding gun.

CLOSE UP - GUN

KAREN (VO)

I know there are women, like my best friends, who would have gotten out of there the minute their boyfriend gave them a gun to hide. "Feh! You and your gun. Get out of here. Who needs you?" That's what they would have said to him. But I didn't. I've got to admit the truth. It turned me on.

WE SEE KAREN look around to make sure no one else has seen her. She then leans over and hides the gun in the milk box at her feet.

58 INT: KAREN'S PARENTS' HOUSE

WE SEE hands carefully wrapping a white linen table napkin around some object. WE SEE the napkin and object placed on the floor. WE SEE a MAN's heel come down and smash the object, which turns out to be a wine glass. We are at a small Jewish living room wedding with a canopy and RABBI and it was HENRY who broke the glass as a part of the ritual. KAREN'S PARENTS are glumly looking on. HENRY'S PARENTS are even glummer. Only MICHAEL, HENRY's brother in the wheelchair, looks pleased.

59 INT: CHATEAU BLEU CATERING HALL

PAULIE VARIO, FRENCHY, MARTY KRUGMAN, TOMMY DESIMONE, and ALL of their WIVES and PLANCEES are present.

PAN from HENRY's and KAREN'S PARENTS sitting uneasily at different tables.

JUMP CUTS TO PAUL VARIO presiding at a sort of line, introducing KAREN to the VARIO FAMILY and GUESTS. HENRY stands behind KAREN, smiling proudly.

KAREN (VO)

It was like he had two families. The first time I was introduced to them all at once, it was crazy. Paulie and his brothers had lots of sons and nephews and almost all of them were named Peter or Paul. It was unbelievable. There must have been two dozen Peters and Pauls at the wedding. Plus, they were all married to girls named Marie, and they named all their daughters Marie. By the time I finished meeting everybody, I thought I was drunk.

CUT TO:

HENRY AND KAREN'S TABLE

Seated nearby are a beaming JIMMY BURKE and his wife, MICKEY BURKE.

WE SEE VARIO approach and hand KAREN an envelope.

VARIO

Here. This is for you.

59 CONTD

KAREN
(looking down at
the envelope)
Paulie, you shouldn't.

WE SEE that VARIO's envelope is richly embossed with hearts and flowers and has a clear window in front through which she can see several neatly-folded hundred dollar bills. When KAREN looks up, she sees that EVERY WISEGUY and his WIFE are lined up before her and that they are ALL holding envelopes with clear windows in front.

CUT TO:

KAREN

perspiring a little as she accepts and thanks the DOZENS OF WISEGUYS giving her the envelopes. WE ALSO SEE HENRY has opened a plastic supermarket shopping bag under the table where he is stuffing the envelopes just as soon as KAREN accepts them.

CUT TO:

HENRY AND KAREN

getting up to dance.

KAREN
(whispering)
My bag. My bag.

HENRY
(amused)
What bag?

KAREN
(desperate)
The bag with the envelopes.

HENRY
(chiding)
Oh that. Don't worry about that.
Nobody's gonna steal it.

60 INT: KAREN'S MOTHER'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - DAWN

WE SEE KAREN propped up, awake, in a chair. Her FATHER is seated on a sofa, asleep. KAREN'S MOTHER is looking out the window.

60 CONTD

KAREN'S MOTHER

He didn't call?

KAREN

He's with his friends.

KAREN'S MOTHER

What kind of person doesn't call?

KAREN

He's a grown man. He doesn't have to call every five minutes.

KAREN'S MOTHER

If he was so grown up he'd get you two an apartment.

KAREN

Don't bring that up. You're the one who wanted us here.

KAREN'S MOTHER

(ignoring the charge)

Look. He's got the whole house in an uproar.

CUT TO:

FATHER

dozing on sofa.

KAREN'S MOTHER

He's got your father upset. Good thing he doesn't have to go to work in the morning. Is this what he deserves?

KAREN

Ma! Please! You're driving me crazy.

KAREN'S MOTHER

Driving you crazy? Don't get me started. You're here a month and sometimes I know he doesn't come home at all. What kind of people are these?

KAREN

Ma! Stop! What do you want me to do?

60 CONTD

KAREN'S MOTHER

Do? What can you do? What did you expect? He wasn't Jewish. Did you know how they live? Your father would never stay out this late without calling. In thirty years he never stayed out all night.

CUT TO:

FATHER

sleeping on sofa.

KAREN

Stayed out? Daddy never went out at all.

DISSOLVE TO:

TITLE UP - 6:30 A.M.

We hear car door open in front of house.

CUT TO:

KAREN AND KAREN'S MOTHER

open the door together and WE SEE HENRY standing in doorway, a little drunk.

Behind HENRY WE SEE a car with TOMMY DESIMONE still parked at the curb.

KAREN is happy to see him. She smiles.

KAREN'S MOTHER

(angrily)

Where were you? Where have you been? Why didn't you call? We were all worried to death! A married man doesn't stay out like this!

WE SEE HENRY look at KAREN, look at KAREN'S MOTHER and turn around and get back in the car and drive away.

KAREN begins to cry.

KAREN'S FATHER sleepily comes to the door.

60 CONTO

KAREN'S MOTHER (contd)
 (as Henry drives away)
 Normal people don't live this way.

61 INT: LIVING ROOM - JIMMY AND MICKEY'S ARCHIE-BUNKER-
 HOUSE - NIGHT

KAREN and MOST of the WOMEN we saw at the wedding are at MICKEY's cosmetic party. There are large cardboard posters of glamorous models using the cosmetics at MICKEY's feet.

KAREN (VO)
 We weren't married to nine-to-five guys, but the first time I realized how different was when Mickey had a hostess party.

CUT TO:

MICKEY

brushing another woman, ANGIE's, hair while showing off a new brush.

MICKEY
 (to Angie)
 Angie, sweetheart, you want it fluff?

CUT TO:

ANGIE'S TIRED FACE

black-ringed eyes and thin mouth.

ANGIE
 He's the one with the hands.
 I'd like to smack his face.

WOMAN #1
 The red-haired guy? He looks like a farmer?

ANGIE
 Sonofabitch. I swear. You can't go through the gate without his hands. I told him. Keep your fucking hands off, you sonofabitch, or I'll cut them off.

WE SEE the WOMEN laugh.

61 CONTD

ANGIE (contd)

He don't know how lucky he is.
If I just mentioned it to Vince,
I don't even want to know.

WOMAN #1

That's the problem. How can you
mention it? Vince'd kill him.

ANGIE

You think I don't know? You
think I like to keep this inside?
But I gotta, or he'll kill the
miserable bastard and he'll be
there for life. It's disgusting
what you have to put up with.

MICKEY

(while fluffing
Angie's hair)

Look at Jeannie's kid.

ANGIE

What? What happened?

MICKEY

The oldest one. He was in an
argument. A lousy ten-dollar
card game. The kid pulls out
a gun. It goes. The kid gets
killed. The grandmother hears
it and finds out he's been
arrested. She has a heart
attack. She drops dead right
on the spot. Now Jeannie's got
a husband and son in jail and
a mother in the funeral parlor.

ANGIE

But he was always a bad kid,
that one.

MICKEY

No. Come on. It was the younger
one that was the bad one.

KAREN (VO)

(continuing over
dialogue)

They had bad skin and wore too
much makeup. I mean they didn't
look very good. They looked
beat-up.

61 CONTD

CLOSE UP - WOMEN

talking.

KAREN (VO contd)

You never saw teeth like that where I was growing up and the stuff they wore was thrown together and cheap. A lot of pants suits and double-knits. And they talked about how rotten their kids were and about beating them with broom handles and leather belts, but that the kids still didn't pay any attention. When Henry picked me up, I was dizzy.

62 INT: BEDROOM - KAREN'S MOTHER'S HOUSE - NIGHT

WE SEE they are getting ready for bed.

KAREN

I don't know. I don't know if I could live that way. What if, God forbid, you go to prison. Mickey said Jeannie's husband --

HENRY

(angrily interrupting)

Are you nuts? Jeannie's husband went to the can just to get away from her, she's such a pain in the ass. Let me tell you. Nobody goes to jail unless they want to, unless they make themselves get caught. They do stuff with the wrong people. They don't have things organized. You know who goes to jail? Nigger stickup men. That's who. And they only get caught because they fall asleep in the getaway car.

KAREN looks down. She listening.

HENRY (contd)

. Listen, we're beginning to make real money for the first time. It's business. Do you think I'm going to walk away from that?

62 CONTD

HENRY puts his arm around KAREN and begins to hug her.

KAREN (VO)

After a while, it all got to be normal. None of it seemed like crimes. It was more that Henry was enterprising. That he and the guys were making a few bucks hustling, while other men were sitting on their asses waiting for handouts. Our husbands weren't brain surgeons. They were blue collar guys, and the only way they could get extra money, real extra money, was to go out and cut a few corners.

CUT TO:

63 INT: TRUCK - NIGHT
ANGLE ON HENRY AND TOMMY

who is carrying a brown paper bag as though it were a gun, pulling a DRIVER out of his truck and shoving him toward ANOTHER HOOD who pushes him into the rear seat of a car where WE SEE ANOTHER HOOD.

CUT BACK TO:

HENRY AND TOMMY

getting into the truck.

CUT TO:

ROAD

where WE SEE the truck drive off.

CUT BACK TO:

TRUCK

where WE SEE the paper bag in TOMMY's hand explode in a red burst as he wildly fires shots into the air.

We hear HENRY's laughter.

KAREN (VO)

And we were also very close. I mean, there were never any outsiders around. Absolutely never! And

(MORE)

63 CONTD

KAREN (VO contd)
being together all the time made
everything seem even more normal.

64 INT: HENRY'S DOORWAY

WE SEE KAREN looking at a search warrant being shown to her by DETECTIVES who are being very polite. The CHILDREN are looking on.

KAREN (VO)
There was always a little harassment. They always wanted to talk to Henry about this or that. They'd come with their subpoenas and warrants and make me sign. But mostly they were just looking for a handout. A few bucks to keep things quiet, no matter what they found.

KAREN
(signing the paper)
Can I make you some coffee?

The DETECTIVES smile and, taking off their hats, walk into the house where KIDS and KAREN resume watching TV.

KAREN (VO)
I always asked them if they wanted coffee. Some of the wives, like Mickey Burke, used to curse at them and spit on the floor. Imagine. She'd spit on her own floor. That never made any sense to me. It was better to be polite and call the lawyer.

CUT TO:

IN BACKGROUND WE SEE the DETECTIVES going through the house.

CUT TO:

65 INT: DINING ROOM - JIMMY BURKE'S HOUSE - NIGHT

WE SEE JIMMY and MICKEY and HENRY and KAREN and TUDDY and WIFE, TOMMY and GIRLFRIEND, MARTY and FRAN KRUGMAN, ANGELO SEPE and WIFE and the ASSORTED CHILDREN, all wearing party hats and blowing out the candles on nine-year-old JESSE JAMES BURKE's huge layer cake.

65 CONTD

KAREN (VO)

We all did everything together
and we were always the same crowd.
Anniversaries. Christenings.
We only went to each other's houses.

CUT TO:

SNAPSHOT OF JIMMY HUGGING KAREN AND MICKEY AT TABLE.

KAREN (VO contd)

The women played cards. When my
kids were born, Jimmy and Mickey
were always the first at the
hospital.

CUT TO:

SNAPSHOT OF BEAMING JIMMY, MICKEY AND HENRY EMBRACING
AGAINST THE WINDOW OF MATERNITY HOSPITAL WHILE A NURSE
HOLDS UP A BABY. MICKEY IS IN TEARS.

KAREN (VO contd)

When we went to the Islands or
Vegas for vacation, we always
went together.

CUT TO:

SNAPSHOT OF JIMMY AND MICKEY AND HENRY AND KAREN IN BATH-
SUITS STANDING NEXT TO THEIR POOLSIDE CHAIRS HOLDING TALL
TRADER VIC'S-STYLE DRINKS WITH TINY UMBRELLAS AND
PINEAPPLE STICKING OUT OF THEM.

KAREN (VO contd)

It got to be normal. I got to
where I was even proud that I
had the kind of husband who was
willing to go out and risk his
neck just to get us the little
extras.

CUT TO:

66 INT: HENRY AND KAREN'S SUBURBAN HOUSE - MORNING
ANGLE ON HENRY'S BEDROOM CLOSET

CAMERA TRACKS row after row of neatly hung suits and
sports jackets and racks of sharp shoes.

66 CONTD

WE SEE HENRY getting undressed. He neatly hangs his jacket and then lifts the front of his sport shirt to his neck, REVEALING thick packets of crisp \$50 and \$100 bills he has wedged all around his waist.

KAREN (OC)

But I got my mother to watch
the kids tomorrow night.

CUT TO:

KAREN'S BEDROOM CLOSET

CAMERA TRACKS past rows of KAREN's dresses, pants suits, blouses, shoes and fur coats.

HENRY (OC)

I told you I can't.

CUT TO:

KITCHEN

WE SEE HENRY, now shaved and dressed in a different suit. He is on his way out.

KAREN

(annoyed)

I'm gonna need some money.

HENRY

How much?

WE SEE KAREN hold her thumb and forefinger about an inch apart.

WE SEE HENRY take about an inch and a half of money from his inside jacket pocket, slap it on the table and go out the door.

67 INT: THE SUITE - NIGHT

A plush, overdecorated cocktail lounge and nightclub on Queens Boulevard, where we hear Sergio Franchi on the jukebox.

(NOTE: REPLAY THE OPENING OF THE FILM AT 9 TIMES NORMAL SPEED -- HENRY SLAMMING THE TRUNK CLOSED.)

67 CONTD

HENRY (VO)

For most of the guys, killing got to be accepted. They were routine. Murder was the only way everybody stayed in line. It was the ultimate weapon. You got out of line, you got whacked. Everyone knew the rules.

CUT TO:

TOMMY

smashing gun into BILLY BATT's head.

HENRY (VO contd)

But sometimes, even if people didn't get out of line, they'd get whacked. Hits just became a habit for some guys. It didn't take anything to get yourself killed.

CUT TO:

SILHOUETTE OF TOMMY, HENRY AND JIMMY

stuffing BILLY's body into the trunk.

HENRY (VO contd)

Guys would get into arguments over nothing and before you knew it, one of them was dead. They were shooting each other all the time. Shooting people was a normal thing. It was no big deal.

CUT TO:

TOMMY'S MOTHER'S KITCHEN AND BREAKFAST.

HENRY (VO contd)

You didn't have to do anything and nobody was immune. You just had to be there.

CUT TO:

67 CONTD

TOMMY

smashing shovel into soft, bloodied mattress cover in the trunk of the car.

HENRY (VO contd)

But we had a problem with Billy Batts. This was a touchy thing. Tommy had killed a made man. Billy was a part of the Gambino crew and untouchable.

CUT TO:

68 EXT: CONNECTICUT WOODLAND - NIGHT

WE SEE TOMMY, HENRY and JIMMY burying BATTIS.

HENRY (VO)

Before you could touch a made guy, you had to have a good reason. There had to be a sit-down. And you better get an okay, or you'd be the one who got whacked.

HENRY slams down trunk.

CUT TO:

69 INT: COPACABANA - LATE SHOW - NIGHT
ANGLE ON TABLE

being quickly set up by WAITERS and MAITRE D' as HENRY, TOMMY, ANGELO SEPE, and JOE MANRI sit down. In BG, WE SEE OLDER HOODS with YOUNG SHOWGIRL TYPES.

WE SEE LINDA, a cheery, California blonde, and SOME GIRLFRIENDS seated at a table directly behind HENRY's table.

CUT TO:

STAGE

and as stage lights dim:

HENRY (VO)

Saturday night was for wives, but Friday night at the Copa was always for the girlfriends.

CUT BACK TO:

69 CONTD

HENRY'S TABLE

HENRY is now sitting next to LINDA. TOMMY is with GIRL #1.
SEPE is with GIRL #2.

GIRL #1

Last week I saw Sammy Davis.
What a performer. You gotta
see him. You gotta catch him.
He does imitations I swear you'd
think it was the real people.

GIRL #2

Yeah, the way he moves. It's
unbelievable. I mean, you can
understand how a white girl could
fall for him.

TOMMY

What are you talking about?

GIRL #2

I don't mean me. Not me. I
just mean, you can see how some
girls could. Like that Swedish
girl. You can see how she fell
for him. You can see how he has
this, this, personality.

CUT TO:

COPA STAGE

spotlight. BOBBY DARREN is singing.

70 EXT: LINDA'S APARTMENT BUILDING - NIGHT

HENRY's convertible pulls up.

HENRY has his arm around LINDA's neck. WE SEE them go
into the building.

DISSOLVE TO:

DAWN.

71 INT: VARIO'S HOUSE - DAY

Sunday. There are LOTS OF RELATIVES and FRIENDS present.
HENRY and KAREN arrive. KAREN is carrying their NEW BABY
and HENRY has his TWO-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER by the hand. A

71 CONTD

great fuss is made over the NEW BABY and over KAREN by the WOMEN, including VARIO'S WIFE. VARIO puts an arm around HENRY and leads him into an alcove.

VARIO

What did you hear about that thing?

HENRY

What thing? The Brooklyn thing?

VARIO

No. No. The guy from downtown.

HENRY

The guy from near where Christie used to live?

VARIO

No. The other one. The one who disappeared up the block from Christie. The one they made a beef on.

HENRY

Oh! Him.

VARIO

You know the one I mean?

HENRY

Oh yeah. Sure. That guy. I know him.

VARIO

That Batts was a miserable fuck, but his people are looking still for him.

HENRY

Oh yeah. Yeah. I know. I even looked into it myself. Nobody knows what the fuck happened to him. He came in the joint that one night and then he disappeared.

VARIO

Well, keep your eyes open. They're busting my balls looking for the fuck.

72 INT: THE SUITE - NIGHT

HENRY and LINDA, with the CREW, are drinking. MARTY KRUGMAN is reluctantly paying off a bet at the bar. JIMMY calls HENRY aside.

JIMMY

We got a problem. That thing we took care of upstate?

HENRY

(surprised)

Paulie was just talking about him.

JIMMY (contd)

Well, we gotta dig him up again.

HENRY

(stocked)

What?

JIMMY

The guy just sold the property. They're gonna build condominiums and I don't want anybody digging up the little bastard.

HENRY

(horrified)

It's been six months.

JIMMY

It's still better than letting somebody find him.

HENRY

(nodding in agreement and concerned)

If Paulie finds out, we got problems.

JIMMY

Fuck Paulie. If Batts' crew finds we whacked him, we got real problems.

73 EXT: HENRY'S CAR PARKED ON DESERTED COUNTRY ROAD - NIGHT

A hot summer night. The car trunk is open. HENRY, JIMMY and TOMMY are struggling with shovels. HENRY, sickened by the stench, is wearing his handkerchief over his nose and mouth. HENRY looks at JIMMY and TOMMY. They do not appear to be bothered by the stench.

74 EXT: HENRY AND KAREN'S SUBURBAN HOME

HENRY is hosing out the trunk of his car. He has all of the mats, the spare tire, and the jack out of the trunk.

KAREN

What happened to the car?

HENRY

(annoyed at Karen's
prying)

I hit a skunk.

HENRY sprinkles in a bottle of perfume and slams the trunk shut.

75 INT: LINDA'S APARTMENT - BEDROOM - NIGHT

WE SEE LINDA showing off her new apartment to the GIRLS, including ROBIN, a sexy, dark-haired girl. We hear HENRY, TOMMY, SEPE and MANRI laughing in BG. The apartment is decorated in Ocean Parkway Ming. There are thick velvet-covered sofa and blue-glass coffee table in bedroom and WE SEE a satin-covered, king-size bed with a doll propped against the pillows. WE SEE LINDA lean over and show her GIRLFRIENDS, including ROBIN, the bed ruffles.

HENRY (VO)

I set up Linda in an apartment around the corner from the Suite. That way I was able to stay over a couple of nights a week. Karen was home with the kids anyway and she never asked any questions anyway.

76 INT: BRIDAL SHOP - BACKROOM

HENRY is strangling the OWNER of a bridal shop with his own tie while TOMMY and JIMMY laugh.

HENRY (VO)

Linda and I were having so much fun, she started screwing up at work, and I had to straighten out her boss a little bit.

77 INT: LINDA'S APARTMENT - BEDROOM - CONTINUOUS NIGHT

WE SEE LINDA suddenly lifted off her feet and thrown on the bed. WE SEE HENRY and the GIRLS laughing. As HENRY lifts LINDA off her feet, he winks at ROBIN, who smiles back.

78 INT: THE SUITE - A BASEMENT CARD GAME - NIGHT

Glazed walls, ornate sconces, and a rumpus room bar. HENRY, JIMMY, TOMMY and OTHER WISEGUYS are playing cards. TOMMY is a little drunk. SPIDER, a 22-year-old apprentice hood, is waiting on the PLAYERS, bringing them drinks. The sort of thing we saw HENRY doing earlier. TOMMY is feeling expansive. He throws his jacket open TO REVEAL a gun tucked in his belt.

TOMMY
(impatiently)
Spider. C'mon, get me a seven
and seven.

WE SEE SPIDER deliver a drink to HENRY and slowly back toward the bar.

TOMMY (contd)
Spider. What did I say? Did I
say I was dying over here? Come
on. Move it. Don't walk, dance.
(to his fellow players)
Did you ever see in the cowboy
movies where they make them dance?
Did you see The Oklahoma Kid, the
only cowboy movie Cagney ever made?
Come on, dance, you varmit.

WE SEE TOMMY taking out his guns.

SPIDER
Tommy, don't fuck around.

TOMMY
Yahooo.

HENRY
Tommy, don't fuck around.
Put the gun away. Tommy!

TOMMY
No, no. It's okay.

HENRY
Tommy, come on. Put the gun
away.

TOMMY
No. It's okay. Just watch
this. Watch it.

The gun explodes and WE SEE SPIDER shot in the foot.

79 EXT: HENRY'S HOUSE - EVENING

WE SEE a set of keys come flying out the window. TILT DOWN to keys.

CUT TO:

BEDROOM

HENRY is furious. He pushes past KAREN and looks out window.

HENRY

I gotta go out!

KAREN

Not tonight, you're not. Not without the car keys, you're not.

HENRY

Are you nuts?

KAREN

I don't care. Something's going on.

HENRY

(exasperated)

That again.

KAREN

(shrieking and in tears)

You're a liar. I look at you and I know you're a liar.

WE SEE HENRY pick up a large lamp and throw it at KAREN. He misses.

HENRY

(suddenly calm and walking out)

I need some air. I need a little peace. At least at home.

WE SEE KAREN sit down on bed and begin to cry. We hear the CHILDREN crying in BG.

80 INT: THE SUITE - BASEMENT CARD GAME - NIGHT
ANGLE ON SPIDER

with bandaged foot and HENRY walking in and TILT UP TO both of them.

80 CONTD

JIMMY, TOMMY and SOME HOODS are playing cards. TOMMY is already drunk.

TOMMY

Hey! Look at this. Fred Astaire,
back from the wars. Can you
believe this guy? That bandage.
It's bigger than his foot.

SPIDER ignores him.

The card game is going on. Shirts are unbuttoned. The table filled with empty glasses. SPIDER limps over with drinks.

TOMMY (contd)

Spider. You're so full of shit.
Even with that foot, I bet you
can dance.

SPIDER puts the drinks down and tries to ignore TOMMY again.

TOMMY (contd)

Come on, Spider. Come on.
Let's see you dance.

SPIDER

Why don't you go fuck yourself.

JIMMY

(laughing)

Hey, Spider. That's very good.
Did you hear, Spider? The kid's
got balls. See, the kid's got
balls. He's a good kid.

SPIDER starts to limp proudly back to the bar.

JIMMY (contd)

(whispering to Tommy)

You going to take that shit from
this punk? This fuckin' low-
life. This kid's got bigger
balls than you'll have any day.
He just got shot in the foot by
you and he tells you to go fuck
yourself. I can't believe this
shit.

(to the crew, roaring
with laughter)

Can you believe this shit?

(MORE)

80 CONTD

JIMMY (contd)
(to Tommy, almost
whispering)
Tommy! You gonna take that
shit from a punk?

The PLAYERS are all laughing loudly. SPIDER is proudly standing near the bar. And, before anyone has any idea of what is about to happen, TOMMY pulls out one of his two guns and puts three deafening shots into SPIDER's chest.

EVERYONE is frozen in silence. HENRY is upset by shooting. There is a long pause.

JIMMY
All right, you dumb fuck, if
you're going to be a big fuckin'
wiseguy, you can dig the hole.

WE SEE a frowning TOMMY get up from table and slowly begin moving chairs around to get ready to dig the hole.

HENRY (VO)
After Billy Batts and Spider,
everything was going crazy.
Not just our crew, but everybody.

CUT TO:

81 EXT: LINDA'S APARTMENT - DAY

WE SEE LINDA in the apartment.

CUT TO:

LINDA'S DOOR

WE SEE KAREN pressing the buzzer while holding TWO hysterical CHILDREN.

KAREN
(screaming)
Open up! I know you're there!
You stay away from my husband.

KAREN (VO)
She wouldn't open the door. I
rang her bell. Still, she wouldn't
open. I rang her bell for two
hours, and she kept on hiding.

CUT TO:

82 INT: HENRY'S HOUSE - BEDROOM - NIGHT
ON HENRY'S SLEEPING FACE

CAMERA IS LOOKING at him. Feel a presence on top of him.
We hear a click. HENRY's eyes open. HENRY looks up.

CUT TO:

HENRY'S POV

WE SEE the gun aiming right through the lens. WE CAN SEE
the bullets in the chambers.

KAREN

(straddling Henry in
bed, holding a gun)

Henry.

(she pulls back the
hammer)

Wake up.

HENRY

(always deny)

What's the matter with you?
You're crazy.

KAREN

(hysterically)

Crazy? I'm crazy enough to
shoot you and her.

COVERED BY A SERIES OF QUICK CLOSE UP CUTS

KAREN sweating, HENRY's profile, the hammer of the gun,
etc.

KAREN (VO)

But still I couldn't hurt him.
How could I hurt him? I couldn't
even bring myself to leave him.

CUT TO:

KAREN

sweating.

HENRY

(carefully moving his
head away from the gun)

It's all bullshit. I swear. It's
nothing. Whatever you want, we'll
do.

CUT TO:

82 CONTD

HENRY'S PROFILE

CUT TO:

KAREN'S TRIGGER FINGER

KAREN (VO)

The truth was, that no matter
how bad I felt, I was still very
attracted to him. Why should I
give him up to someone else?
Why should she win?

HENRY

(quickly moving
his head away and
grabbing the gun)
Son of a bitch.

WE SEE HENRY slap KAREN across the face and knock her off
the bed.

HENRY (contd)

(angrily getting
out of bed and
packing his clothes)
I don't need this bullshit. I
got enough to worry about getting
whacked on the street. I gotta
come home to get whacked?

WE SEE KAREN crying.

HENRY (contd)

I swear on my mother, I should
kill you. You're fucking crazy.

WE SEE HENRY hit her. He is about to hit her again, but
stops. He turns his back on her and opens the door of
his closet roughly grabbing some clothes as if getting
ready to pack.

CUT TO:

83 INT: LINDA'S APARTMENT - DAY

HENRY opens the door and PAUL VARIO and JIMMY enter.
They walk toward the kitchen. The place is in disarray.

HENRY

(to Linda)

Honey. Go get me some cigarettes.

83 CONTD

LINDA leaves without saying a word.

VARIO

(after watching
the door close)

Karen's come to the house. She's
very upset. It's no good. You
gotta straighten this all out.

HENRY looks down.

JIMMY

Things gotta be calm right now,
and Karen's so high-strung.
She's with Mickey every day.
Who knows what she's gonna do?

VARIO

Jimmy and Tommy were supposed
to pick up something in Tampa
for me this weekend.

JIMMY nods in agreement.

VARIO (VO contd)

You go with Jimmy, instead. Get
away for a few days. Relax.

CUT TO:

84 INT: REAR SEAT OF CAR - NIGHT

WE SEE MAN's bleeding face being punched.

VARIO (VO contd)

Enjoy yourselves. Have a good
time. Then, when you get back
Monday, you go home to Karen.

WE PULL BACK TO SEE JIMMY and HENRY beating a MAN who is
squashed between them.

MAN

(pleading)

I ain't got it. I swear.

WE SEE JIMMY and HENRY beat him more.

MAN (contd)

(crying)

I can't. I swear.

WE SEE JIMMY and HENRY look at each other.

85 EXT: EXIT SIGN TO BUSCH GARDENS - TAMPA ZOO - NIGHT

We hear the roar of lions.

WE SEE JIMMY and HENRY drag the BOOKIE out of the car by his arms and legs just outside the zoo.

JIMMY

We're gonna feed the bastard
to the lions.

HENRY

(while dragging bookie)
What lions? I'm not going near
any lions.

JIMMY

We only have to shove'm over the
moat.

WE SEE the MAN finally begin to squirm and scream.

CUT TO:

86 EXT: ROADSIDE PHONE BOOTH - NIGHT
ANGLE ON BLEEDING MAN

on phone with JIMMY and HENRY waiting outside.

HENRY (VO)

They must really feed each other
to the lions down there, because
the guy gave the money right up
and we got to spend the rest of
the weekend at the track.

(pause and genuine shock)
But then, I couldn't believe what
happened.

CUT TO:

NEWSPAPER PICTURE

of HENRY and JIMMY getting arrested.

HENRY (VO contd)

When we got home, we were all
over the newspapers. At first,
I didn't even know why we got
picked up.

CUT TO:

NEWSPAPER PHOTO

of MAN they beat being arrested with his head bandaged.

86 CONTD

HENRY (VO contd)
Then, I found out, that the guy
we roughed up turned out to
have a sister working as a typist
for the FBI.

GOVERNMENT OFFICE

where sobbing TYPIST is surrounded by MEN in business
suits.

HENRY (VO contd)
Who could believe it? Of all
the fucking people. She gave
up everybody. Jimmy. Me.
Even her brother.

CUT TO:

87 INT: COURTROOM - DAY

HENRY and JIMMY before JUDGE. KAREN and CHILDREN crying
in court. OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS present and crying.

HENRY (VO)
It took the jury six hours to
bring us in guilty. The judge
gave Jimmy and me ten years like
he was giving away candy.

88 INT: MAXWELL'S PLUM - THE BAR - LATE AFTERNOON

TOMMY, MARTY KRUGMAN, JOE MANRI, STACKS EDWARDS, FRENCHY
McMAHON, etc., are all having drinks with HENRY before
he goes off to prison.

WE SEE by the bar clock that it is four o'clock.

Suddenly, KAREN comes charging into the bar. She is
angry. She has tracked HENRY down.

KAREN
(frantic)
I thought you were supposed to
turn yourself in at ten o'clock
this morning?

HENRY
I'm just having my last few
drinks.

88 CONTD

KAREN

I've been all over town. I got a call from the bondsman. He says they're going to rescind your bail if you don't show up and sign in right now. They're going to take away the house.

HENRY

Shit.

HENRY looks at his PALS, orders his last Screaming Eagle for a while, and gently touches the tips of KAREN's fingers. He swallows his drink, hugs and kisses a tearful KAREN and walks out of the bar to a long, white, stretch limo waiting at the curb.

TOMMY

Say hello to Jimmy.

HENRY gets in the rear seat of the limo.

HENRY

(downing a palm full
of valium)

Okay, now you can take me to jail.

CUT TO:

89 INT: DORMITORY - LEWISBURG FEDERAL PRISON
CLOSE UP - GARLIC

being sliced razor thin.

HENRY (VO)

Dinner was always a big thing. We had a pasta course and then meat or fish. Paulie did the prep work. He was doing a year for contempt and he had a system for doing garlic. He used a razor and he sliced it so thin it used to liquify in the pan with a little oil.

CUT TO:

HOT PLATE

with a pot full of tomato sauce and meatballs being stirred.

89 CONTD

HENRY (VO contd)
Vinnie was in charge of the
tomato sauce. I felt he put
in too many onions, but it was
a good sauce anyway.

CUT TO:

FRYING PAN

with smoking steaks.

HENRY (VO contd)
Johnny Dio did the meat. We
didn't have a broiler, so Johnny
did everything in pans. He
smelled up the joint something
awful and the hacks used to die.

CUT TO:

HOT PLATE

hooked up by long extension cord to an electric outlet
in the toilet. There are huge kitchen knives, a block
of ice in a tin pail covered with a cloth and large pots
and colanders necessary for cooking pasta dishes.

PULL BACK to a large dorm with four beds separated by
shoulder-height partitions. The room does not look
like a prison. There are curtains over the bars. The
room is filled with smoke from the pan-fried steak.

HENRY (VO contd)
Everybody else in the joint was
doing real time, all mixed together,
living like pigs.

CUT TO:

HENRY

in grey prison garb, carrying a heavy canvas mail sack
marked "LEWISBURG PRISON." He dumps the sacks on one
of the beds.

HENRY (VO contd)
We lived alone. We owned the
joint. Even those hacks who we
couldn't bribe would never rat
on the guys who did.

CUT TO:

89 CONTD

HENRY

opens the sack on his bed and pulls out bottles of wine, scotch, and brandy, and holds them aloft.

HENRY

(looking for praise)

Nice? Good?

VARIO

(looking up from
his garlic surgery)

Okay. What else?

WE SEE HENRY reach in the sack and pull out cheeses, dried sausages, a large jar of vinegar peppers and dried mushrooms.

VARIO (contd)

(beaming with pride)

Now we eat.

WE SEE HENRY begin to set the table.

CUT TO:

VARIO AND THE REST OF THE MOB BOSSES

playing cards, and sipping wine, scotch and brandy. HENRY is sitting on his bed with his back to the GROUP. When he sees that no one is watching him, he pulls a black plastic garbage bag out of the sack. HENRY opens the bag and quickly counts the clear plastic bags of marijuana, glassine envelopes of heroin and bottles of pills. HENRY quickly repacks the drugs and slips them under his covers.

90 INT: PRISON ENTRY GATE - DAY

Visiting day. HENRY is in a GUARD's booth watching the VISITORS' gate through a window. WE SEE a GUARD in the room with HENRY. There is a knock. The GUARD opens the door and looks at HENRY. HENRY nods. The GUARD lets the INMATE enter. While the GUARD watches, the INMATE gives HENRY some cash and HENRY gives him one of the plastic bags filled with marijuana and a bottle of pills. The INMATE is then escorted out by the GUARD who closes the door.

GUARD

Are there any more?

WE SEE HENRY casually stuff some bills into the GUARD's shirt pocket.

CUT TO:

91 INT: VISITORS' GATE - DAY
ANGLE ON KAREN

coming through. She is wearing such a large, oversized coat that KAREN looks twice as big as she was when we last saw her. She has the TWO CHILDREN with her. She is carrying a large purse and some empty shopping bags. The GUARDS see her and immediately help her get through the metal detection device and past the table where OTHER WOMEN are emptying the contents of their bags and packages.

CUT TO:

REGISTRATION DESK

where KAREN quickly signs the visitors' book.

CDT TO:

GUARD'S GRINNING FACE

WE SEE him turn page of book so KAREN can see the name of another of HENRY's visitors.

CUT TO:

PAGE OF BOOK

WE SEE name, "Linda Rossi" written next to HILL, HENRY.

CUT TO:

92 INT: PRISON VISITING ROOM

PAN BACK to a large gymnasium filled with formica tables and cheap plastic chairs at which WE SEE PRISONERS and their WIVES and CHILDREN eating, talking, crying and, in discreet corners -- hidden behind makeshift screens of shopping bags and scarves -- having oral sex.

92 CONTD

WE SEE that the bored GUARDS are indifrerent to what is happening.

CUT TO:

TABLE

HENRY and KAREN are talking while WE SEE the CHILDREN playing in the distance at the commissary food machines.

KAREN

(fuming)

You son of a bitch. She's been here.

HENRY

(acting dumb)

What are you talking about?

KAREN

(gottcha)

Don't lie to me. I saw her name in the register.

HENRY

Jezuz Christ!

KAREN

You want her to visit you? Good! Let her stay up all night crying and writing letters to the parole board.

HENRY

(astounded)

What am I doing? I'm in here! I'm in jail. I can't stop people from coming to see me.

WE SEE KAREN open her coat revealing large inside pockets where she has stowed salamis, wine, cigarettes, cartons, etc.

KAREN

You want her? Good! Let her sneak this stuff in for you!

WE SEE KAREN slam a salami on the table with such a thud that the other PRISONERS and WIVES turn around.

KAREN (contd)

Let her fight with these creep bastards every week to make life easier for you!

92 CONTD

WE SEE KAREN slam down cigarettes and wine with a thud, this time WE SEE a GUARD turn around and look at KAREN and HENRY and the contraband on the table. Pause. WE SEE the GUARD turn his head away.

HENRY
(desperate)
Stop! Stop!

KAREN
Let her carry this shit inside.

WE SEE KAREN boldly wave a Baggie filled with marijuana and some plastic medicine containers with pills.

HENRY grabs the narcotics out of KAREN's hand and grabs her. WE SEE HENRY hug KAREN to him and WE SEE her drop her arms and hug him.

KAREN (contd)
(quietly sobbing)
Nobody's helping me. Tommy got four years. Marty and Fran are broke. I asked your friend Ramo for the money he owed you, and you know what he told me?

HENRY
(stroking her head
and soothing her)
It'll be okay.

KAREN
He told me to take the kids to the police station and make the cops put me on welfare.

WE SEE HENRY take the drugs from KAREN's hand and slip it into his shirt.

HENRY
We've got to help each other.

KAREN
Even Paulie, since he got out, I hardly see him.

HENRY
It's only you and me. That's what happens when you go away. We're on our own. Forget everybody.
(MORE)

92 CONTD

HENRY (contd)
Forget Paulie. As long as he's
on parole he doesn't want anybody
doing anything.

KAREN
(sobbing)
I can't do it anymore.

HENRY
Yes, you can. I've got it set
up. We'll be fine. All I need
is for you to keep bringing the
stuff. I've got a guy in here
from Pittsburgh who'll move it
for me. Believe me, in a month
we'll be fine. We won't need
anybody.

KAREN
I'm afraid. I'm afraid if Paulie
finds out.

HENRY
Don't worry about Paulie. Is
he helping you? Is he putting
food on the table? We've got to
help ourselves. We just have to
be careful while we do it.

KAREN
(looking in his face)
I don't want to hear about her
anymore.

HENRY
(hugging her to him)
Never.

DISSOLVE TO:

TITLE - FOUR YEARS LATER

93 EXT: PRISON GATE - DAY

HENRY comes out in civilian clothes. WE SEE his face
drop. PAN over to the beat-up old car. KAREN is behind
the wheel. HENRY gets in.

94 INT: KAREN'S SMALL, CRAMPED APARTMENT

The signs of wealth are long gone. HENRY sees that
KAREN has been living four tough, lean years.

94 CONTD

Their DAUGHTERS are watching as HENRY looks around the house.

HENRY

(smiling faintly)

Get packed. We're getting out of here.

KAREN

With what?

HENRY

(smiling, slyly)

Don't worry with what. You just start looking for a new place. I'm going to Pittsburgh in the morning. The guys from Pittsburgh they owe me fifteen grand from our little partnership and it's only the beginning.

KAREN

But you've got to see your parole officer in the afternoon and

(whispering)

I promised we'd take Judy to F.A.O. Schwarz.

HENRY

Don't worry about it. You listening to me? Now, come on. We gotta go see Paulie.

CUT TO:

95 INT: VARIO'S HOUSE - DAY

ANGLE ON PLATTERS OF FOOD

coming out of the kitchen and placed on the table.

CUT TO:

DOCK - IN REAR OF VARIO'S HOUSE

DISSOLVE TO:

VARIO AND HENRY

walking toward the edge of the dock.

95 CONTD

VARIO

I don't want any more of that
shit.

HENRY

Wha? Ma?

VARIO

Just stay away from the garbage.
You know what I mean.

HENRY

(shocked)

Ma? Why would I get into that
shit?

VARIO

(interrupting)

I know what you did inside. You
did what you had to do. I'm not
talking about that. I'm talking
from now on, outside. I'm talking
right here.

HENRY

Why would I get into that?

VARIO

Don't make me a fool. You know
what I mean. From now on, you
gotta be careful. Just don't
mess around with that shit, and
watch out for Jimmy. Jimmy's a
good earner, but he's sometimes
too hungry. He's wild. He does
foolish things. Jimmy is not a
businessman. As good as he is,
he takes too many chances.

HENRY

I know that. I know Jimmy. You
think I'd take chances like Jimmy?

VARIO

And that Tommy. He's a good kid,
but he's crazy. He's a cowboy.
He's got too much to prove. You
got to watch out for kids like
that.

HENRY

Paulie, I know. I know what they
are. But I use them for certain
(MORE)

HENRY (contd)

VARIO

(not even listening

to Henry's protest)

HENRY

VARIO

You're only home early because we got you a job, right? And I don't need any heat. You understand?

VARIO (contd)

And, if you hear about anybody else fucking around with that shit, you tell me.

VARIO (contd)

(gently slapping

Henry on the cheek)

HENRY

I understand.

96

INT: ROBIN'S BASEMENT APARTMENT - DAY
ANGLE ON ROBIN'S HANDS

mixing coke in metal bowl. WE SEE HENRY standing behind her. ROBIN is an intense, sexy, 30-year-old, divorced,

96

CONTD

ex-airport clerk. (ROBIN is described earlier in SCENE #75 page 58, where she flirts with HENRY.) The apartment is a jumbled mess and even the table where she is cutting the drugs is littered with old coffee cups, newspapers, and day-old dirty dishes.

HENRY (VO)

It took me about a week of sneaking around before I could unload the Pittsburgh stuff without Paulie finding out. But when I did, it was a real score. I started using Robin's place to mix the stuff and even with Robin's snorting more than she mixed, I could see this was a good business. I made twelve thousand dollars in my second week and I had a down-payment on my house. All I had to do was every once in a while, tell Robin I loved her.

CUT TO:

97

INT: PAROLE OFFICE - DAY
TIGHT ON A PIECE OF PAPER

where stubby pencil calculations are being scribbled.

HENRY (VO)

It was perfect. As long as I kept getting the stuff from Pittsburgh, I knew Paulie would never find out. But within a couple of weeks it got to be so big I needed help. I got Jimmy and Tommy to come in with me.

HENRY (OC)

Fifteen, sixteen, eighteen, twenty-one-five.

CUT TO:

HENRY

opening a shoe box he has hidden in a plastic grocery bag. JIMMY and TOMMY lean close to HENRY in order to see inside.

97 CONTD

 HENRY
 (smiling)
Did I tell you?

CUT TO:

OPEN SHOE BOX

filled with twenty-dollar bills.

 JIMMY (OC)
Nice.

 TOMMY (OC)
Who's buying?

WE SEE HENRY's thumb run through the tightly-stacked twenties like piano keys.

CUT TO:

PAROLE OFFICER

in tired business suit coming out of door, over which
WE SEE sign reading "UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
JUSTICE - PAROLE DIVISION,"

and WE SEE that HENRY, JIMMY and TOMMY are in the large
brightly lit Parole Office counting their drug profits.

 PAROLE OFFICER
 (overworked and looking
 around the crowded
 waiting room)
Burke?

WE SEE JIMMY and PAROLE OFFICER walk into the office.

 PAROLE OFFICER (contd)
Still working?

Door closes.

CUT BACK TO:

A WHOLE FLOOR

filled with EX-CON PAROLEES.

CUT TO:

98 INT: HENRY'S NEW HOUSE

WE SEE MARTY KRUGMAN and his wife, FRAN, being taken on a tour of an over-decorated and expensive living room.

(SHOT almost like a commercial)

KAREN (OC)

This we had to have made special.
I mean, sit in it. Go ahead.
Sit.

FRAN plops onto sofa.

KAREN (OC contd)

The others you couldn't even
sit in. And from here, watch
the wall.

KAREN's hand flicks a switch on table next to sofa and
wall slides back, REVEALING TV and stereo.

KAREN (OC contd)

See. It opens. We had the
electricians fix it up special.

CUT TO:

LARGE MARBLE-TOP TABLE

KAREN (OC contd)

This we imported. It came in
two pieces.

On third object, PAN TO KAREN.

As KAREN and FRAN KRUGMAN disappear behind swinging
kitchen doors, MARTY and HENRY drop onto the sofa.

MARTY

It's a fait accompli?

HENRY

Done.

MARTY

And Jimmy's in it, right?

HENRY

Will you stop.

MARTY

But you don't understand. It's
worth millions. It's once in a

(MORE)

MARTY (contd)
lifetime. We'll be rich. No
more nut every week. I've been
cultivating this thing for two
years.

99 INT: ROBERT'S LOUNGE

a seedy mob hangout. WE SEE ALL OF THE WISEGUYS who will be a part of the Lufthansa robbery. MARTY, HENRY, TOMMY, and JIMMY are watching a basketball game.

HENRY (VO)
And these are the guys.

CUT TO:

TOMMY AND ANGELO SEPE

who are leaning with their backs against the bar, their jackets open, bosses of all they survey.

HENRY (VO contd)
Tommy and Sepe were going to grab the outside guard and make him get us in the front door.

CUT TO:

FRENCHY MCMAHON

who is playing shuffleball.

Frenchy and HENRY (VO contd)

CUT 20:

JOE BUDDHA

sprinkling sawdust on the shuffleboard table.

HENRY (VO contd)
Joe Buddha had to round up the
workers.

CUT TO:

FAT LOUIE

who is about 300 pounds and is sitting backwards in a chair, watching the television with a drink in his hand.

99 CONTD

HENRY (VO contd)
Fat Louis had to keep them tied
up and away from alarms.

CUT TO:

MARTY

shoving his way between JIMMY and HENRY at the bar and
turning to the television basketball game.

HENRY (VO contd)
Only Marty was driving us nuts.
He was busting Jimmy's balls for
an advance on the money we were
going to steal.

CUT TO:

STACKS EDWARDS

who is sitting at the bar, delicately stirring his drink
with his pinky.

HENRY (VO contd)
Even Stacks got in on it. He
was supposed to steal the panel
truck and afterwards compact it
by a friend of ours in Jersey.

CUT TO:

100 INT: KAREN AND HENRY'S BEDROOM - DAY
 ANGLE ON BABY

JUDY WICKS, a young, pale blonde woman, puts the BABY
and an overnight bag on the bed as HENRY and KAREN watch.

HENRY (VO contd)
I had everybody working. Even
our old babysitter.

KAREN
(enthused)
She's beautiful. Look at her.
Henry, look at her.

HENRY
(singsong)
Hello! Hello!
(to Judy)
Have a good flight?

100 CONTD

JUDY
I hate Pittsburgh.

WE SEE JUDY WICKS unwrap the BABY's pink snowsuit and take off its hood and mittens as HENRY opens JUDY's overnight bag and takes out some Pampers and then he takes out several plastic bags with cocaine and heroin.

JUDY (contd)
Where'd you find such creeps?

HENRY
They're okay and it's worth it.
Ain't it?

KAREN
(playing with the baby)
Is this the same one as last time?

JUDY
(amazed that Karen
can't tell the
difference)
No. That one was my sister's.
This is Louise's.

KAREN
Look at her, Henry, is she sweet?
Doesn't she look like Judy?

JUDY
That's what the stewardess said.

WE SEE HENRY barely listening while putting the drugs in a paper bag.

CUT TO:

101 INT: ROBIN'S HOUSE
EXTREME CLOSE UP - COKEBALLS

COME BACK TO SEE HENRY at table making "cokeballs" in a metal press.

CUT TO:

LINE OF COKE ON A MIRROR

shoved under HENRY's nostril.

WE SEE straw inserted into HENRY's nostril as he casually inhales. He never stops pressing the cokeballs.

101 CONTD

TRACK OUT TO ROBIN taking a snort herself, and the sloppy table with the drugs, scales, mixers, bowls and sieves. ROBIN is razor-blading two more lines.

HENRY
(watching out of the
corner of his eye)
Hey! Watch out.

WE SEE ROBIN lick her finger and then run her finger across HENRY's tongue. He licks, but does not react as he takes several golf-ball-size cokeballs out of the machine and puts them in a leather pouch. He gets up to leave.

ROBIN
Stay there.

HENRY
Don't start. I told you to clean up. Look at this place. It's a pigpen. Look around here. Why do you think I bought you the dishwasher? Look. Look at this.
(sticking his finger
under Robin's nose)
There's enough powder around here to put us all away.

ROBIN
(licking Henry's finger
and playfully pushing
him into the chair)
I hate to do dishes.

HENRY
(sitting down again)
Hey, come on. I gotta meet somebody.

ROBIN
(reaching over his
shoulder toward his
crotch)
So do I.

WE SEE HENRY look at his watch.

102 INT: ROBIN'S SHOWER

HENRY is listening to the radio while taking his shower.

... and nobody knows for sure just how much was taken in the daring pre-dawn raid at the Lufthansa cargo terminal at Kennedy Airport. The FBI says two million dollars, Port Authority police say four million dollars, the city cops say five. How much maximum? That they won't say. So far, Lufthansa has not said anything, but they've promised to break their silence soon with a press conference, and WINS will be there to cover it live from the scene of the heist at JFK when they do. It looks like a big one. Maybe the biggest this town has ever seen. Stay tuned ...

HENRY slams the soap onto the shower floor and pounds the wall with joy.

Are you okay? What happened?

Nothing. I dropped the soap.
That's all.

103 EXT: ROBERT'S LOUNGE - NIGHT

Private Christmas party. As they arrive, HENRY and KAREN are hugged by JIMMY in the doorway. It is a Lufthansa victory party, but no one mentions the robbery.

(grabbing Henry around the neck and kissing his head)

(to Karen)

Look at this genius.

JIMMY keeps his arms around HENRY and KAREN as FAT LOUIE CAFORA shows up with his new wife, DOLORES, who is also over 200 pounds. They are beaming with pride.

(to Jimmy and Henry)

Come outside. I gotta show you.
Just for a minute.

103 CONTD

WE SEE a new pink caddy convertible. The sticker is still in the window.

FAT LOUIE (OC contd)
Is that beautiful? I got it
for Dolores.

JIMMY
(whispering angrily
at Fat Louie)
You fucking nuts? Didn't I say
not to go buy anything for a
while? You got a fucking car?

FAT LOUIE
(trying to placate
Jimmy as he enters
the bar)
Don't get excited. It's okay.
My mother bought it for us.
It's a wedding present. It's
in her name.

JIMMY
You're crazy. The bulls are
across the street. They're
watching everything we do.

CUT TO:

ROBERT'S LOUNGE - COPS IN FRONT

CUT BACK TO:

JIMMY

as he watches Fat Louie walk into the bar.

JIMMY
(angrily whispering
to Henry)
The fat fuck ought to wear a sign.

WE SEE a smiling ANGELO SEPE walk in the door and WE SEE
that his WIFE is wearing a \$30,000 sable coat.

JIMMY (contd)
Jesus Christ! Are you all fucking
nuts?

SEPE
(to Henry)
What's the matter with him?

103 CONTD

Before HENRY can answer, WE SEE JIMMY start to grab the coat off MRS. SEPE's back.

SEPE (contd)

Hey? What the fuck are you doing?

MRS. SEPE

(hysteria rising)

Angelo! He's taking my coat!

Angelo!

Meanwhile, WE SEE JIMMY grabbing the coat off MRS. SEPE's back and begin to roll it up and shove it under SEPE's arm.

JIMMY

(furiously, to Sepe)

Didn't I tell you not to get anything big? Didn't I tell you not to attract attention? In two days, one fuck buys a Caddy and another buys a ten thousand dollar mink.

(to Henry)

Can you believe this shit?

(to Sepe, with some menace)

Now get the fuck home and get rid of the coat. Bring it back to where you got it. I don't care what you do, just get rid of it.

MRS. SEPE

(to Sepe, hysterical and angry)

I'm not giving it back. Angelo? Do you hear me?

WE SEE SEPE angrily grab his WIFE's arm and leave.

SEPE

Did I tell you to shut up?
Shut up!

JIMMY

(to Henry, as they walk toward the bar)

Fucking guys. Can you believe them. I told them all: Don't attract attention. Act normal.

103 CONTD

At the bar, WE SEE STACKS EDWARDS and his GIRLFRIEND dropping shot glasses of green creme de menthe into large glasses of chilled Dom Perignon. TOMMY and his GIRL-FOR-THE-NIGHT are standing with STACKS and his GIRLFRIEND. TOMMY is wearing a shiny silk suit that practically glows with newness. WE SEE FRENCHY and BUDDHA with their WIVES. EVERYONE is dressed in new clothes and flashing gaudy rings.

JIMMY and HENRY move toward a quiet corner of the bar.

WE SEE MARTY KRUGMAN suddenly burst in on them.

MARTY

Oh! There you are. I've been looking all over for you two.

HENRY and JIMMY stare at MARTY, blankly.

MARTY (contd)

Listen. I need it, Jimmy. I need it all.

JIMMY gets up to walk away without even looking at MARTY.

HENRY

Marty, relax. You saw some money.

MARTY

(continues anyway)

But I need it all. I owe people too, you know.

WE SEE JIMMY walk toward small office in the back of the bar.

MARTY (contd)

Jimmy. Wait. Listen. Please.

WE SEE that MARTY is about to follow JIMMY into the room, but HENRY stops him.

MARTY (contd)

I wanna talk to Jimmy.

HENRY

He heard.

MARTY

But I got two hundred and fifty coming. It's my share. Jimmy owes me.

103 CONTD

HENRY
(following Jimmy
into the backroom)
Marty, please. Let me talk to
him.

CUT TO:

BACKROOM

JIMMY and HENRY are alone.

WE SEE JIMMY take a thick stack of bills from inside his
jacket pocket and press them into HENRY's chest.

JIMMY
For Christmas. Your share.
It's just a taste.

HENRY
Jimmy.

JIMMY
(embracing Henry)
We did it. We did it.

We hear a knock on the door.

JIMMY Stops as if caught.

MALE (OC)
Hey, Jimmy. Jimmy.

JIMMY returns to normal.

JIMMY
Yeah, yeah. I'll be right there.

CUT TO:

104 INT: HENRY'S HOUSE - NIGHT
ANGLE ON HUGE ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS TREE

WE SEE HENRY coming in with the tree.

HENRY
Hey! Look what I got. The most
expensive tree they had.

CUT TO:

HUGE WHITE TREE

all set up with large purple balls.

104 CONTD

WE SEE KAREN and the CHILDREN excited by the presents REVEALED under the tree. WE SEE KAREN kiss HENRY, who slips a thick packet of bills into the front of her dress.

HENRY

Go buy yourself a coat.

KAREN shivers with excitement.

CAMERA DOLLIES into tree.

HENRY (VO)

Lufthansa should have been our ultimate score. The heist of a lifetime. Six million in cash. More than enough to go around.

105 INT: STACKS' APARTMENT

STACKS is in bed.

We hear a loud knocking at the door.

TOMMY (OC)

Hey! Stacks! Come on! Open the door! Wake up!

CUT TO:

TOMMY AND ANGELO SEPE

standing in the hallway.

TOMMY (contd)

Come on! Come on! We got some coffee.

CUT TO:

STACKS

opening the door.

ANGELO

You got coffee?

STACKS

Fucks! You said you had coffee.

TOMMY

(to Angelo)

Put on a pot.

105 CONTD

STACKS
(putting on his
trousers)
Ball-busting sons of bitches.

CUT TO:

STACKS

bending over to put on his shoes.

We hear water in the sink.

CUT TO:

TOMMY

pulling out a .38 caliber gun with a silencer from his belt.

HENRY (VO)
Stacks was always crazy. Instead of getting rid of the truck like he was supposed to, he got stoned, went to his girlfriend's and by the time he woke up, the cops had found the truck. It was all over the television. They even said they came up with prints off the wheel. It was just a matter of time before they got to Stacks.

BANG! BANG! BANG!

CUT TO:

TOMMY

firing three silent shots into the back of STACKS' head.

106 INT: ROBERT'S LOUNGE - DAY

HENRY walks into the bar and WE SEE JIMMY, TOMMY, SEPE and MARTY. They are ALL celebrating.

JIMMY
(to the bartender)
Give'm a drink.

HENRY
(agitated, to Jimmy)
I gotta talk to you.

106 CONTD

JIMMY
(as happy as he's
ever been)
Have a drink first.

WE SEE HENRY swallow the drink in one gulp.

HENRY
I still gotta talk to you.

WE SEE JIMMY grab HENRY around the neck and head toward
the rear men's room.

JIMMY
(laughing)
Oh yeah? Anything you say.

CUT TO:

MEN'S ROOM

HENRY
What's going on? What happened
to Stacks? Is everything okay?

JIMMY
(smiling)
Don't worry about it.

HENRY
There are cops all over the place.

JIMMY
(smiling)
So what? Where are they gonna go?

CUT TO:

A SMILING TOMMY

entering the men's room.

JIMMY
(to Tommy and barely
able to suppress his
glue)
He's worried.

TOMMY
(suddenly hugging Henry
with happiness and affection)
Come on. Don't worry so fucking much.
Things are beautiful.
(MORE)

106 CONTD

 TOMMY (contd)
 (to Jimmy)
Didn't you tell him?

 JIMMY
 (wreathed in smiles)
Not yet.

HENRY gently breaks away from TOMMY's hug. Stares at JIMMY.

 JIMMY (contd)
Tommy's gonna be made.

HENRY is momentarily impressed.

 HENRY
 (incredulous)
Paulie's gonna make him?

 JIMMY
 (proudly grabbing
 Tommy's beaming
 face in his hands
 and kissing him)
Who else? Paulie got the okay.
This little guinea fuck. Some-
day he's gonna be a boss. Can
you believe someday we'll work
for him.

HENRY hugs TOMMY and they leave the men's room.

CUT TO:

NARROW HALLWAY OUTSIDE MEN'S ROOM ON WAY BACK TO BAR

CUT TO:

MARTY

standing in narrow hallway blocking HENRY, JIMMY and TOMMY.

 MARTY
 (smiling)
Jimmy, can I talk to you now?

WE SEE JIMMY and TOMMY angrily push right past MARTY.

106 CONTD

MARTY (contd)
(annoyed and pleading
with Henry as Jimmy
and Tommy hurry past)
Hey! Come on, already. If it
wasn't for me none of you would
have had anything.

WE SEE HENRY grab MARTY and shove him in the men's room
and close the door.

HENRY
(angry)
Will you shut your fucking mouth.
You're gonna get your money, just
stop busting balls. Okay? Relax.
You hear? Everything's gonna be
fine.

WE SEE HENRY slam the bathroom door on MARTY and hurry
back to the bar.

107 EXT: ROBERT'S LOUNGE - NIGHT

WE SEE JIMMY and TOMMY leaving the bar after a long night.
WE SEE MARTY outside waiting for them.

JIMMY
(bursts out laughing)
Son of a bitch. You're a pisser.

WE SEE MARTY begin to laugh, too. WE SEE JIMMY hug MARTY
around the shoulder affectionately as they walk away from
the bar.

JIMMY (contd)
You wanna talk? Okay, come on,
let's get it over with. I swear
I've never known a ball buster
like you in all my life.

MARTY
(all smiles)
Ah, but Jimmy, nobody loves you
like I do. You know that. You
name it. I'll do anything for you.

JIMMY
(still laughing)
Except to stop busting my balls.

107 CONTD

We hear tires squeal and two shots ring out.

CUT TO:

108 INT: HENRY'S HOUSE - NIGHT

We hear a doorbell, waking HENRY and KAREN from sleep.

WOMAN (OC)

Open up. Henry! Karen! It's
me. Fran!

WE SEE HENRY and KAREN open the door and WE SEE FRAN
KRUGMAN standing there in her housecoat, and distraught.

FRAN

(hysterical)

Marty didn't come home. He's
missing. I know something happened
to him.

HENRY

Wait a minute. Calm down.

KAREN

Fran. It'll be okay. Don't worry.

FRAN

I know something happened.

HENRY

What could happen? He got drunk.
He passed out somewhere. I'll go
looking for him in the morning.

FRAN

In twenty years he's never been
away all night without calling.
I know something's wrong.

HENRY

Awright, awright. Let me take
you home and I'll go look for him
myself. Right now.

109 EXT: PARKING LOT OUTSIDE SHERWOOD DINER - DAWN

HENRY and JIMMY are leaving together.

HENRY

What'll I tell Fran?

109 CONTD

JIMMY

Who gives a fuck? Tell her he
ran away with a broad. What
do you care about her.

Suddenly JIMMY spots TWO FBI MEN who had been tailing him,
dozing in their unmarked car. He starts toward their car.

JIMMY (contd)

Watch this.

HENRY

Come on, don't fuck around,
will ya?

JIMMY

I do it all the time. Bust
their fucking balls.

HENRY

Jimmy. Come on. Fuck 'em.
Don't give them the satisfaction.

HENRY watches JIMMY tiptoe up to the AGENTS' car and rap
on the window. The startled AGENTS look up and see JIMMY
staring at them.

JIMMY

Come on, fuckoes. Let's go for
a ride.

(to Henry as Jimmy
starts his car)

I keep 'em up all fuckin' night.

While HENRY walks to his own car, WE SEE JIMMY roar off
and we hear the squeal of tires and brakes as JIMMY and
still sleepy AGENTS in pursuit speed away from the club.

110 EXT: CAFORA'S PINK CADILLAC PARKED ON BROOKLYN STREET
NEAR SCHOOL BUS STOP - MORNING

WE SEE SOME YOUNGSTERS walk over to peek in the car. The
YOUNGSTERS are giggling. ONE BOY sneaks up alongside the
car door and peeks inside. We hear a yell.

WE SEE the bodies of FAT LOUIE CAFORA and his wife,
DOLORES, slumped against each other on the front seat.
Blood has caked all over their faces from small bullet
holes in their heads.

111 EXT: LARGE DUMPSTER BEHIND DINER NEAR AIRPORT - DAWN

WE SEE large garbage truck back up to the dumpster as GARBAGE MAN lashes two steel cables to rings on top of dumpster.

WE SEE GARBAGE MAN signal for OC to tighten cable and tip dumpster into truck.

CLOSE UP OF TOP OF DUMPSTER

as it is tipped over and WE SEE an arm fall over the side and as dumpster tips more WE SEE another arm and the dead faces of FRENCHY McMAHON and JOE BUDDHA as GARBAGE MAN screams to helper OC to stop.

112 EXT: HUNTS POINT MARKET - TRUCK PARKING LOT - MORNING

WE SEE the open door of a large refrigeration truck.

WE SEE bright lights and flashbulbs go off.

CAMERA STEADILY MOVES IN ON frozen body hanging from a rack inside the truck.

HENRY (VO)

Jimmy was cutting every link between himself and the robbery, but it had nothing to do with me. I gave Jimmy the tip and he gave me some Christmas money. From then on I kept my mouth shut. I knew Jimmy. He had the cash. It was his. I know he kicked some money upstairs to Paulie, but that was it. It made him sick to have to turn money over to the guys who stole it. He'd rather whack them. Anyway, what did I care? I wasn't asking for anything and, besides, Jimmy was making nice money with me through my Pittsburgh connections. But still, for months after the robbery, they were finding bodies all over.

CAMERA MOVES ONTO a

CLOSE UP - ANGELO SEPE'S FROZEN FACE

HENRY (VO contd)

When they found Sepe in the meat truck, he was frozen so stiff it took them two days to thaw him out for the autopsy.

113 INT: SHERWOOD DINER - DAY

A bright sunny afternoon, HENRY and JIMMY seated in a window booth. WE SEE JIMMY eating eggs on pancakes with sausages and toasted English muffins.

HENRY (VO)

Still, I never saw Jimmy so happy. He was like a kid. We had money coming in through my Pittsburgh people and after a while even the Lufthansa thing began to calm down. But the thing that made Jimmy so happy that morning was that this was the day Tommy was being made.

114 EXT: TOMMY DESIMONE'S MOTHER'S HOUSE - MORNING

WE SEE TOMMY is all dressed. He kisses his MOTHER. TOMMY walks down the stairs toward TWO WISEGUYS and into a waiting car.

HENRY (VO)

Jimmy was so excited, you'd think he was being made. He must have made four calls to Tommy's house. They had a signal all set up so he'd know the minute the ceremony was over.

115 INT: SHERWOOD DINER - DAY

JIMMY has finished his breakfast and spots HENRY's untouched melon.

JIMMY

(looking at watch)
You want the melon?

HENRY

Nah.

JIMMY

(reaches for the
melon and looks
at his watch)
I better call again.

HENRY (VO)

Jimmy and I could never be made, because we had Irish blood. It didn't even matter that my mother was Sicilian. To become
(MORE)

115 CONTD

 HENRY (VO contd)

 a member of a crew, you've got
 to be one hundred percent Italian
 so that they can trace all your
 relatives back to the old country.

116 INT: ONE-FAMILY BRICK BUILDING WITH GARAGE UNDER THE
 FIRST FLOOR

WE SEE the car pull into basement garage and door close.

117 INT: SHERWOOD DINER - HENRY'S POV

From HENRY'S POV in window, WE SEE JIMMY cross the
parking lot to an outdoor phone booth on the side of
the road. Trucks are roaring past.

 HENRY (VO)

 It's the highest honor they can
 give you. It means you belong
 to a family and a crew. It means
 that nobody can fuck around with
 you. It also means you can fuck
 around with anybody, as long as
 they aren't also a member. It's
 like a license to steal.

118 INT: BASEMENT ROOM OFF THE GARAGE

as TOMMY proudly walks into the room, followed by the
TWO WISEGUYS.

 HENRY (VO)

 As far as Jimmy was concerned,
 with Tommy being made, it was
 like we were all being made.
 We would now have one of our
 own guys as a member.

TOMMY proudly walks into the room. WE SEE a HOOD suddenly
appear behind him, put a gun to his head and fire. WE SEE
TOMMY inertly drop to the ground in a heap.

 HENRY (VO contd)

 Except, they didn't make Tommy
 that day.

CUT TO:

JIMMY - IN PHONE BOOTH

Suddenly, JIMMY slams down the phone with so much strength
that the booth shudders.

118 CONTD

HENRY (VO contd)

They killed him. It was revenge
for Billy Batts.

When JIMMY turns around, WE SEE that he is crying.

WE SEE HENRY hurrying toward JIMMY to console him.

HENRY (VO contd)

And there was nothing we could do.
Batts was a made man and Tommy
wasn't. We had to sit still and
take it. It was among the Italians.
It was real greaseball shit. They
even shot Tommy in the face so his
mother couldn't give him an open
coffin at the funeral.

COME UP ON DATE - SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 1979.

TITLE UP - 6:55 A.M.

119 EXT: HENRY'S DRIVEWAY - DAY

WE SEE HENRY putting a paper bag filled with guns into
the trunk of his car. We hear the loud noise of a
helicopter. WE SEE HENRY look up. WE SEE a red heli-
copter. HENRY slams the trunk closed. We hear the
helicopter.

HENRY (VO)

I was going to be busy all day.
I had to drop off some thirty-
eights at Jimmy's to match some
silencers he had gotten. I had
to pick up my brother at the
hospital and drive him back to
the house for dinner and then I
had to pick up some new Pittsburgh
stuff for Judy to fly down to
some customers I had near Atlanta.

120 INT: HENRY'S CAR
CLOSE UP - HENRY'S FACE

as he drives he sees the helicopter.

121 EXT: JIMMY'S DOORWAY - HENRY FULL FACE, CAR IN BG

WE SEE JIMMY grab one of the guns in his doorway and try
to screw on a silencer he had in his pocket. He can't.

121 CONTD

JIMMY

What fucking good are these things? They don't fit. What do I need this for? I'm not paying for this shit.

HENRY (VO)

Right away I knew he didn't want them. I knew I was going to get stuck for the money. I only bought the damn guns because he wanted them. And now, he didn't want them. I didn't say a thing. Jimmy was so pissed he didn't even say goodbye.

CUT TO:

HENRY

putting torn bag with guns back into car trunk.

TITLE UP - 8:05 A.M.

122 EXT: HENRY'S CAR - DAY

WE SEE HENRY speeding toward top of a rise in highway approaching Queens Midtown Tunnel.

123 INT: HENRY'S CAR - DAY

HENRY (VO)

I knew my Pittsburgh guys always wanted guns, and since I was going to see them later in the afternoon to pick up a delivery, I was pretty sure I'd get my money back.

HENRY looks up and sees the red helicopter. When he looks back at the road he is suddenly confronted with a huge traffic jam spread out before him.

WE SEE him jam his foot on the brakes.

TITLE UP - 8:45 A.M.

124 INT: HOSPITAL ROOM - DAY

A bedraggled HENRY arrives in his brother, MICHAEL's, room. MICHAEL is all dressed and sitting in his wheelchair, waiting to go.

124 CONTD

HENRY (VO)

When I finally got there to pick up Michael, his doctor wanted to put me in bed. I told him about the accident. I said I was partying all night.

CLOSE UP - PILLS IN HENRY'S PALM

HENRY (VO contd)

He took mercy on me. He gave me ten milligrams of Valium and sent me home. My plan was to drop off my brother at the house and pick up Karen.

125 INT: HENRY'S CAR - DAY

WE SEE HENRY driving MICHAEL. HENRY looks up and sees the red helicopter.

HENRY

(to Michael)

I think that helicopter's following me.

MICHAEL

Are you nuts?

126 INT: HENRY'S KITCHEN - DAY

WE SEE MICHAEL, in his wheelchair, chopping celery. WE SEE HENRY making meatballs. JUDY WICKS is also there, helping KAREN shell peas. JUDY's overnight bag is on the kitchen table, surrounded by food. The CHILDREN are playing on the kitchen floor.

HENRY (VO)

I was cooking dinner that night. I had to start braising the beef, pork butt and veal shanks for the tomato sauce. It's Michael's favorite. I was making ziti with the meat gravy, and I'm planning to roast some peppers over the flames, and I was putting on some string beans with the olive oil and garlic, and I had some beautiful cutlets, cut just right, that I was going to fry up before dinner just as an appetizer. I was home for about an hour. My plan was to

(MORE)

126 CONTD

 HENRY (VO contd)
start the dinner early, so Karen
and I could go unload the guns
that Jimmy didn't want, and get
the package for Judy to take to
Atlanta later that night. I kept
looking out the window and the
helicopter was gone. I asked
Michael to watch the sauce, and
Karen and I started out.

TITLE UP - 11:30 A.M.

127 INT: HENRY'S CAR - DAY

WE SEE KAREN and HENRY in car when KAREN points out the
window.

CUT TO:

HELICOPTER

 HENRY
We're going to your mother's.

CUT TO:

128 KAREN'S MOTHER'S COVERED GARAGE AREA - DAY

 HENRY (VO)
Now I'm sure we're being tailed.
My plan was to go to her mother's
and unload the guns. Who needed
them in the trunk with all this
heat?

CUT TO:

HENRY

putting the guns into garbage cans.

 HENRY
 (to Karen)
Go inside. Tell her not to touch
anything outside the house.
Nothing.

CUT TO:

KAREN AND HENRY

looking up at helicopter.

128 CONTD

 HENRY

 Let's go shopping.

129 EXT: LONG ISLAND SHOPPING MALL - DAY
 CLOSE UP - HENRY ON PHONE

Nearby WE SEE KAREN standing outside of their parked car.
In BG, WE SEE a large, busy shopping mall with cars and
SHOPPERS.

TITLE UP - 12:30 P.M.

CUT TO:

MALL PHONE BOOTH

 HENRY

 I'm not nuts. It's been following
 me all fucking morning. I mean it.

WE SEE HENRY slam down the phone.

DOLLY INTO FACE

 HENRY (contd)

 (to Karen)

 They think I'm paranoid. The dumb
 fucks. I should bring them the
 helicopter, then we'll see how
 paranoid I am.

TITLE UP - 1:30 P.M.

CUT TO:

MALL ENTRY

HENRY and KAREN peek out the mall door surrounded by
PEOPLE with shopping carts and look into the sky for
the helicopter. It is gone. He listens. No noise.

 HENRY

 Okay! Quick! Let's get back to
 your mother's.

130 EXT: KAREN'S MOTHER'S GARAGE AREA - DAY
 ANGLE ON HENRY

 getting guns out of garbage.

TITLE UP - 3:30 P.M.

131 INT: MOTEL APARTMENT - DAY

WE SEE PITTSBURGH DEALER laughing as HENRY gives him the package of guns. A YOUNG MAN is also standing in the room.

DEALER

Didn't I tell you you were
paranoid? See, Karen, didn't
I tell him he was paranoid?

KAREN

(barely looking up
and wandering
toward kitchen)
I need some coffee.

DEALER puts his arm around HENRY and motions him toward the bedroom where they snort some coke and laugh. After snorting the coke, WE SEE the DEALER give HENRY a plastic package of heroin he has taken out of a paper bag on the dresser. HENRY casually puts it in his jacket pocket.

HENRY (VO)

My plan was I had to get home
and get the package ready for
Judy to take on her trip. Also,
I had to get to Robin's house to
give the package a whack with
some quinine. Plus, I knew Robin
was gonna get on my ass. Then I
had the cooking to finish at home,
and I had to get Judy ready for
the trip.

Phone rings in bedroom.

DEALER picks it up, listens a moment and offers it to HENRY.

DEALER

(whispering so Karen
cannot hear in next
room)
It's Robin.

HENRY

(annoyed)
Yeah?

HENRY covers the mouthpiece.

HENRY (contd)

(to dealer)
A pain in the ass.
(MORE)

131 CONTD

HENRY (contd)
(into phone)
I'll see you in about an hour.
(pause)
I can't. I got my brother home
tonight.
(;ause)
We'll talk about it later.
Okay?

HENRY hangs up the phone, pauses and dials again.

132 INT: HENRY'S KITCHEN - DAY

Phone rings. WE SEE JUDY WICKS answer the phone.
WE SEE MICHAEL is stirring the tomato sauce.

CUT TO:

DEALER'S BEDROOM

HENRY is on the phone.

HENRY
You ready?

CUT TO:

HENRY'S KITCHEN

JUDY
Yeah.

CUT TO:

DEALER'S BEDROOM

HENRY
Tell Michael not to let the
sauce stick.

CUT TO:

HENRY'S KITCHEN

JUDY
(to Michael, who is
still stirring)
Henry says don't let the sauce
stick.

MICHAEL
I'm stirring.

132 CONTD

 HENRY (VO)
 (on phone)
You know what to do?

 JUDY
 (bored)
Yeah, yeah.

CUT TO:

DEALER'S BEDROOM

 HENRY
Now this is important. Make
sure you leave the house when
you make the call. You under-
stand? Do you hear me? It's
important. Call from an outside
phone. I mean it.

CUT TO:

HENRY'S KITCHEN

 JUDY
Jesus! You must think I'm dumb.
What are you bugging me for?
I know what to do!

 HENRY (VO)
Just make sure you do it. You
know what I mean?

 JUDY
Jesus Christ! You can be such
a pain.

 HENRY (VO)
Just do what I say!

 JUDY
Okay.

WE SEE JUDY hang up the kitchen wall phone.

 MICHAEL
 (still stirring)
What'd he say?

 JUDY
Nothing.

132 CONTD

JUDY WICKS takes a puff on her cigarette and starts to fish around in the bottom of her pocketbook which is on the kitchen counter near the wall phone.

WE SEE JUDY WICKS take out an airline ticket.

HENRY (VO)

So, what does she do after she hangs up with me? After everything I had told her? After all her yeah, yeah, yeah, bullshit? She picks up the phone and calls from the house. Now, if anybody was listening, they'd know everything. They'd know that a package was leaving from my house and they'd even have the time and the flight number. Thanks to her.

JUDY WICKS reaches for the kitchen phone and dials.

TITLE UP - 6:30 P.M.

133 INT: HENRY'S HOUSE - EVENING

HENRY is working in the kitchen.

HENRY (VO)

As soon as I got home, I started cooking. I had a few hours until Judy's flight. I told my brother to keep an eye on the stove. All day long, the poor guy's been watching helicopters and tomato sauce. I had to drive over to Robin's place, mix it once and get back to the gravy.

134 INT: ROBIN'S HOUSE - EVENING

WE SEE HENRY watching ROBIN mix the half-kilo of heroin with milk sugar, doubling the amount. There is silence between them. HENRY looks at his watch. ROBIN pauses for a moment and sniffs a line of coke she has cut on a mirror near the table.

HENRY snorts some coke, too.

The table and room is a mess. Mixing bowls, scales, and sieves are strewn around the room.

134 CONTD

ROBIN
(getting angrier
while mixing)
I don't need this ... You said
tonight and now it's not tonight ...

HENRY
(watching the dope
being mixed while
stroking Robin's
neck and shoulders)
It's okay. I'll make it up.
I promise. Just hurry it up a
little. Okay?

ROBIN
(finishing the package
with tape, and almost
purring)
Okay?

WE SEE HENRY grab the two half-kilo packages off the table
and start for the door. ROBIN is startled.

ROBIN (contd)
(shrieking)
You bastard! Where are you going?

WE SEE HENRY get out the door just before ROBIN throws
the scale at it.

TITLE UP - 8:30 P.M.

135 INT: HENRY'S DINING ROOM - NIGHT

After dinner. EVERYONE is feeling very expansive. JUDY
and HENRY have left the table and are standing in the
kitchen.

JUDY
(to Henry)
I gotta go home.

HENRY
What for? I got a pound of
stuff in my jacket I've been
carrying around all day. We
gotta start taping it to your
leg.

JUDY
I gotta go home and get my hat.

135 CONTD

HENRY

Forget your fucking hat. What are you, kidding me? Just what I need now is a trip to Rockaway. Just because you want your hat.

JUDY

I need it. I gotta have it. It's my lucky hat. I never fly without it.

HENRY

Do you realize what we're involved in here now?

JUDY

I don't care. I need my hat. I won't go without it.

HENRY (VO)

What could I do? If she insisted, I had to drive her home for her goddamn hat. I threw the package in the kitchen and went to take her home.

CUT TO:

HENRY

nodding to KAREN that the heroin is in the kitchen.

TITLE UP - 10:45 P.M.

136 EXT: HENRY'S DRIVEWAY - NIGHT

WE SEE HENRY and JUDY get into his car. As they start to move out of the driveway, HENRY notices that there is a traffic jam in front of his property. PEOPLE are walking around with flashlights. It looks like an accident. Suddenly, a MAN in windbreaker appears at HENRY's window and jams a gun against HENRY's head.

MAN

One move, motherfucker, and I'll blow you away.

HENRY (VO)

For a second I thought I was dead, but when I heard all the noise, I knew they were cops. Only cops
(MORE)

136 CONTD

 HENRY (VO contd)
talk that way. If they had
been wiseguys, I wouldn't have
heard a thing. I would have
been dead.

137 INT: HENRY'S BEDROOM TOILET - NIGHT

WE SEE KAREN hurriedly flushing heroin down the toilet upstairs while we hear FBI MEN at the door downstairs. We hear MICHAEL and CHILDREN'S VOICES downstairs.

WE SEE KAREN go to the bureau drawer and grab a small caliber gun, lift her dress and, grimacing, shove the cold metal into her underpants.

CUT TO:

138 INT: FBI OFFICE

HENRY is seated and surrounded by FBI MEN and PROSECUTOR EDWARD McDONALD. WE SEE JUDY WICKS brought in past HENRY and ushered into another room. WE SEE the DEALER ushered past HENRY and placed into yet another room.

 HENRY (VO)
All day I thought the guys in
the helicopter were just local
cops busting my balls over
Lufthansa, but they turned out
to be Narks. They had been on
me a month. Phone taps.
Surveillance.

WE SEE ROBIN brought in, followed by TWO COPS carrying cardboard boxes filled with pots, sieves and scales from ROBIN's table. The COPS put the boxes on a table where HENRY can see them. WE SEE ONE of the NARKS lick his finger after wiping it across one of the bowls. He smiles at HENRY and rolls his eyes.

WE SEE HENRY slouch further in his seat while questioning continues.

139 INT: PRISON VISITING AREA

WE SEE KAREN and HENRY seated at a table in a visiting area. HENRY is nervously looking around at the GUARDS and whispering to KAREN.

CUT TO:

139 CONTD

IN SYNCH

KAREN

(anxious)

Jimmy's calling every day.
It's urgent.

HENRY

(a little annoyed
at Karen)

What did he say, exactly?

140 INT: HENRY'S HOUSE - DAY

KAREN (VO)

(her turn to be annoyed)

At least Jimmy and Mickey want
to help. I talk to Mickey every
day. That's more than I can say
for the rest.

HENRY (VO)

(placating)

Paul will calm down. You'll see.

141 INT: JIMMY'S HOUSE - DAY

WE SEE MICKEY on the phone.

KAREN (VO)

I told Jimmy the cops took our
cars and froze our bank accounts
and he offered to get me some
money. He wants to know what's
happening. You gotta meet him.

HENRY (VO)

Fuck Jimmy and the money. Didn't
I tell you I gotta get out of here
first. I gotta straighten every-
thing out with Paulie or I'm dead.

CAMERA PANS to sinister JIMMY BRUKE in BG.

142 INT: PRISON VISITING AREA - DAY (CONTINUOUS)

KAREN

(annoyed and indicating
the jail)

Then you're safer in here.

142 CONTD

HENRY

(exasperated)

Safe? Here? They'll kill me here. They're all afraid I'm gonna rat them out. People are already looking to walk away from me. I'm dead in here. You gotta get me out.

KAREN

(worried)

Who's gonna do that?

HENRY

(pleading)

Just get me out.

CUT TO:

KAREN

- Her face drops, but she's not sure.

143 EXT: PRISON BAIL RELEASE GATE - MIDNIGHT

WE SEE HENRY hurry out of the prison. He looks nervous over his shoulder.

HENRY (VO)

Karen finally got her mother to put her house up for my bail. I was out.

WE SEE KAREN and her MOTHER are waiting in the car.

HENRY (VO contd)

I remember I had this feeling I was going to get killed right outside the jail. I knew Paulie was still pissed at me and he's such a hothead I was afraid he might have me whacked before he calmed down. And I was also worried about Jimmy. Jimmy knew if Paulie found out he was in the drug deals with me, Paulie would have Jimmy killed even before me. This is the bad time. I didn't feel safe until I got home.

CUT TO:

144 INT: HENRY AND KAREN'S HOUSE - BEDROOM - NIGHT
ANGLE ON HENRY :

frantically looking around the bedroom.

HENRY (VO)

So now my plan was to stay alive
long enough to sell off the dope
that the cops never found and
disappear for a while until I
got things straightened out.

HENRY

(to Karen)

Where's the stuff?

KAREN

What are you talking about?

HENRY

You know. The stuff I left.

KAREN

(beginning to cry)

I flushed it down the toilet.

HENRY

(anguish and anger
mixed)

You what?

KAREN

(crying anguish)

What did you want me to do with
it? They were all over the house.

HENRY

Are you fucking nuts? That was
forty, fifty thousand. I need it.
I was depending on that money.

KAREN

(crying)

They had a warrant. They went
through everything. They would
have found it. I swear.

HENRY

Shit! You know they would have
never found it. Why did you do
it? Why did you do it? My God,
why did you have to do it?

144 CONTD

KAREN
(a primal scream)
Oh no! No! Noooo!

HENRY
(screaming)
Why? Why?

WE SEE HENRY and KAREN holding onto each other as they cry and scream, with the screams echoing out on the sound track.

DISSOLVE TO:

THEIR FACES

asleep, and CAMERA DOLLIES OUT TO REVEAL a gun in HENRY's hand as they sleep.

145 INT: GEFFKEN'S BAR

The place is closed, but inside WE SEE PAUL VARIO in the kitchen cooking peppers and eggs in a frying pan with olive oil. WE SEE SEVERAL HOODS surrounding him at a distance. VARIOUS SUPPLICANTS, a LOCAL BUTCHER, an OLD LADY, etc., wait for a papal audience.

VARIO
(looking down)
I warned you a million times.

HENRY
I've been all fucked up since
I got out.

VARIO
You think I didn't know what
you were doing?

HENRY
It was easy money. I did it in
the can. Shit! I learned the
junk business in the can, Paulie.

VARIO
Right in my face. You looked in
my face and you lied.

HENRY
But, Paulie, I'm sorry. Believe
me. I was fucking crazy. But
(MORE)

145 CONTD

HENRY (contd)

I'm okay now. I can be trusted.
I'm clean now. On my children.
Believe me! Two weeks cold
turkey waiting for bail got my
head together.

VARIO

You thought I was some fucking
jerk?

HENRY

Paulie, I couldn't come to you.
I didn't want to put you in this
shit.

(pause)

I was ashamed to come to you.
I knew I was wrong.

WE SEE VARIO stand, mute.

HENRY (contd)

Paulie. You're all I got. I
need help.

VARIO

You treated me like shit.

WE SEE VARIO reach into his pocket and take out a thick
wad of bills. Without counting the money he puts the
cash in HENRY's hands. VARIO clasps HENRY's hands in
his own.

VARIO (contd)

(looking down while
handing Henry the cash)

Here. Take it.

(looking up with
tears in his eyes)

Now I gotta turn my back on you.

CLOSE UP - HENRY

HENRY (VO)

Thirty-two hundred bucks. That's
what he gave me. Thirty-two
hundred bucks for a lifetime.
It wouldn't have paid for the
coffin.

CUT TO:

146 INT: HENRY AND KAREN'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

KAREN

I'm not going to run. Live the
rest of our lives like rats.
Is that what you want? Leave
my mother. Leave my family.
Never see anybody again.

HENRY

(pleading)

We're gonna leave then anyway,
because if we stay around here
we're gonna be dead.

KAREN

(angrily pulling away)

They're right. You are paranoid.

147 EXT: JUKEBOX STOREFRONT - DAY
ANGLE ON JIMMY

nervously pacing near the doorway. There are jukeboxes
and pinball machines of various sizes and hues on the
sidewalk. Some are being loaded onto panel trucks and
carted off.

JIMMY

(concerned)

How is he? Okay? Are they busting
his chops?

KAREN

He's okay. They sobered him up.

JIMMY

Did he say what they're asking him
about?

KAREN

Jimmy. I don't know. I got so much
else on my mind. I got the kids.
We got no money.

JIMMY

I gotta talk to him as soon as I can.

KAREN

He says he's too hot. He doesn't
even know I came here today. It's
like he's crazy, Jimmy.

JIMMY

I know. I know. But it'll be okay.
(MORE)

147 CONTD

JIMMY (contd)

Don't worry. I got some money
for you. It's down the block.

WE SEE JIMMY lead KAREN to the edge of the sidewalk and
point down the block toward a row of stores.

JIMMY (contd)

(pointing)

The third store down.

KAREN (VO)

Jimmy just stood there on the
sidewalk. It felt funny. I
started walking down the block,
but I noticed the stores were
empty.

CUT TO:

- EMPTY STOREFRONTS

with chalked windows.

KAREN (VO contd)

I got a bad feeling. I just kept
walking.

CUT TO:

JIMMY

standing on sidewalk.

JIMMY

(shouting)

Inside! Go in there!

CUT TO:

EMPTY STOREFRONT

with open door and DARK FIGURES waiting inside.

KAREN

(very rattled)

Jimmy, I'm in a hurry. I've
got to pick up the kids at my
mother's. I'll come back later.

WE SEE KAREN hurry down the block past the stores.

148 EXT: DRIVEWAY - HENRY'S HOUSE - DAY

WE SEE KAREN's car screech to a halt near the garage as HENRY comes racing out of the house toward her. He has a gun pressed close to his side.

WE SEE KAREN is frozen to the wheel in fear. She is visibly shaking, crying.

WE SEE HENRY very gently pull her from behind the wheel. He has cradled her in his arms as, after a wary look around the street, HENRY walks her toward the house.

HENRY

What happened? You okay?

KAREN

I got scared.

HENRY

(soothing)

Okay. Don't worry about it.
It's okay.

KAREN

(still in shock)

I got scared.

149 INT: SHERWOOD DINER - LATE MORNING

CAMERA MOVES IN ON TABLE - HENRY'S POV

LONG TRACKING SHOT - THROUGH RESTAURANT

You don't know what you're TRACKING until YOU SEE all the food on the table and JIMMY looks up.

HENRY (VO)

If you're part of a crew, nobody ever tells you that they're going to kill you. It doesn't happen that way. There aren't any arguments or curses like in the movies. Your murderers come with smiles. They come as your friends, the people who have cared for you all your life, and they always come at a time when you are at your weakest and most in need of their help. So I met Jimmy in a crowded place we both knew. I got there fifteen minutes early and I saw that Jimmy was already there.

(MORE)

149 CONTD

HENRY (VO contd)

He took the booth near the window
so he could see everyone who drove
up to the restaurant. He wanted
to see if I had been tailed.

JIMMY stands to embrace HENRY. WE SEE a table with
melon, eggs, sausage, toasted English muffins, etc.
HENRY notices that JIMMY has not touched any of the
food. Next to JIMMY, WE SEE a large legal folder.

JIMMY

(smiling, friendly
greeting)

You look good.

HENRY

(shaking his head)

I didn't need the headache.

JIMMY

Come on, eat something.

HENRY

I can't eat, just get me some
coffee.

HENRY (VO)

He was jumpy. He hadn't touched
a thing. In the old days, Jimmy
would have ordered doubles and
eaten it all. On the surface, of
course, everything was supposed
to be fine. We were supposed to
be discussing my case, just like
we always would, but I had a
feeling Jimmy was trying to sense
whether I was going to rat him
out to save my neck.

JIMMY

(patting the legal
folder)

I think you got a good shot at
beating the case.

HENRY

How?

JIMMY

It's that rat bastard from Pittsburgh.
He ratted you all out. He's been a
rat since he got busted in Pittsburgh.

149 CONTD

HENRY

Yeah.

JIMMY

He's hiding, the son of a bitch,
in Florida.

HENRY

Yeah.

JIMMY

I want you and Anthony to go
down there and take care of that
bastard. Without him, they've
got no case.

CLOSE UP - JIMMY'S HAND

giving a piece of paper to HENRY.

TILT UP ON JIMMY AND FREEZE

HENRY (VO)

Jimmy had never asked me to whack
somebody before, but now he's
asking me to go down to Florida
and do a hit with Anthony.

CUT TO:

FREEZE OF HENRY HEAD-ON

looking at JIMMY.

HENRY (VO contd)

That's when I knew I would never
have come back from Florida alive.

UNFREEZE ON HENRY and BACK TO ACTION like nothing is
wrong.

CAMERA DOLLIES OUT and WE SEE JIMMY and HENRY sipping
their coffee. WE SEE JIMMY reach for some food.
HENRY passes JIMMY the salt. They are TWO GUYS
finishing breakfast in a diner.

150 INT: FBI OFFICE - DAY
ANGLE ON HENRY AND McDONALD

arguing. KAREN and SOME FBI AGENTS are standing nearby.

150 CONTD

 MCDONALD

 We'll pack up everything and
 send it to you.

 KAREN

 I got dry cleaning.

 MCDONALD

 We'll pick it up.

151 EXT: JUKEBOX STOREFRONT - DAY

 WE SEE a grim JIMMY getting into the rear seat of an
 unmarked FBI car while HOODS watch silently.

 CUT TO:

152 INT: FBI OFFICE - DAY

 KAREN is now seated next to HENRY on sofa. MCDONALD is
 leaning against the desk. In BG, WE SEE FBI MEN playing
 with the CHILDREN. WE SEE HENRY and KAREN's suitcases
 stacked near the sofa.

 MCDONALD

 We'll sell your house here and
 apply the money to your new name.

 HENRY

 I don't want to go anywhere it's
 cold.

 MCDONALD

 I can't control that.

 HENRY

 I don't care who controls it.
 Nowhere cold.

 KAREN

 He's very bronchial.

153 INT: GEFFKEN'S BAR

 WE SEE FBI MEN filling the barroom and VARIO, surrounded
 by AGENTS, being handcuffed and shoved toward the door.

 CUT TO:

154 INT: FBI OFFICE
 ANGLE ON HENRY AND MCDONALD

 arguing.

154 CONTD

KAREN
(whispering to Henry)
What about the schools?

HENRY
Yeah. What about the kids' school?

MCDONALD
Don't worry about the schools.
We'll take care of the schools.

KAREN
I don't want them left back.

MCDONALD
They won't be left back. They'll
stay in their grade.

KAREN
That's important.

CUT TO:

155 INT: COURTROOM
ANGLE ON BACK OF HENRY'S HEAD
and TRACK AROUND.

HENRY (VO)
It was easy for all of us to
disappear. My house was in my
mother-in-law's name. My cars
were registered to my wife. My
Social Security cards and driver's
licenses were phonies. I've never
voted. I never paid taxes. My
birth certificate and my arrest
sheet, that's all you'd ever have
to know I was alive.

SLOW DOLLY IN TO HENRY'S FACE.

HENRY (VO contd)
The hardest thing for me was leaving
the life. I still love the life.
We were treated like movie stars
with muscle. We had it all just
for the asking.

CLOSE UP - JIMMY BURKE

seated at defense table in grey suit and rimless glasses.
He almost looks like one of his lawyers.

155 CONTD

HENRY (VO contd)
Our wives, mothers, kids, everybody
rode along. I had paper bags
filled with jewelry stashed in
the kitchen and a sugar bowl full
of coke next to the bed.

In BG, WE SEE MICKEY BURKE crying.

HENRY (VO contd)
Anything I wanted was a phone call
away. Free cars and the keys to
a dozen hideout flats all over
the city. I'd bet twenty, thirty
grand over a weekend ...

CLOSE UP - JIMMY BURKE

COME UP ON SCREEN - TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

HENRY (VO contd)
... and then I'd either blow the
winnings in a week or go to the
sharks to pay back the bookies.

CUT TO:

CLOSE UP - PAUL VARIO

looking older and grey. VARIO is looking down.

COME UP ON SCREEN - FOUR YEARS

DOLLY IN TO

EXTREME CLOSE UP - HENRY

as he speaks; in synch, directly to CAMERA. DOLLY IN TO
EXTREME CLOSE UP as he speaks.

HENRY
It didn't matter. When I was broke
I just went out and robbed some
more. We ran everything. We paid
off lawyers. We paid off cops.
Everybody had their hands out.
And now it's all over.

156 EXT: STREET IN MIDWESTERN ANDY HARDY TOWN - DAY
TRACK down the street.

156 CONTD

HENRY (VO)

And that's the hardest part.
Today everything is different.
There's no action.

CAMERA TRACKS past white picket fence.

HENRY (VO contd)

I have to wait around like anyone
else. You can't even get decent
food. Right after I got here I
ordered some spaghetti with marinara
sauce and I got egg noodles and
ketchup.

CAMERA APPROACHES house and TRACKS IN TO

DOOR OF HOUSE

as it opens.

A MAN, still in his pajamas, leans out to get the milk
and newspaper. He looks up. It's HENRY.

HENRY (VO)

(talking to camera)

I'm an average nobody. I get to
live the rest of my life like a
schnook.

END