

HARD UP

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INT. APARTMENT - DINING ROOM - QUEENS - DAY

DARNEL

We could do it this Saturday.

BORDY

So soon?

DARNEL

You made it sound like NOW.

BORDY

No, no, you're right, it's good,
it's good.

DARNEL

Yeah man, all you gotta do is aim
the gun and watch the front door.
I'll grab the ATM.

BORDY

I feel like I should see the place
first.

DARNEL

No man, that's the worst thing to
do. You don't want the owner
getting any look at you
whatsoever. We can drive by though
or walk by and casually look over
at the place, so you can see how
it's set up but that's it. I can
draw it out on paper too.

BORDY

Forget the drawing. I rather see
the place on a look.

DARNEL

Sooner we go the better cause it's
good to keep distance.

BORDY

Can we see it today?

DARNEL

Yeah man, we can go today, check
things out. I've been eyeing this
place for months so your timing is
perfect.

BORDY

Good.

DARNEL
They are due for a pickup on
Monday so the money is just
sitting in there.

BORDY
How much do you think?

DARNEL
We'll hit it for at least ten
grand.

BORDY
Yeah?

DARNEL
Maybe more, could be thirty grand.

BORDY
No shit.

DARNEL
I know at least ten so that's
worth a hit. Damn man, I never
knew you'd get in on this shit
with me.

BORDY
Eh, yeah...it's money.

DARNEL
I hear ya.

BORDY
This stays between us.

DARNEL
Just us.

BORDY
I can't have Henrietta finding out
cause she'll kill me so...

DARNEL
Henrietta won't know.

BORDY
And what if we get caught?

DARNEL
That's the chance we take man. I
mean, we get in, we get out. We
shouldn't be longer than sixty
seconds.

(MORE)

DARNEL (CONT'D)

We enter, I go first cause I'll have the hand truck, you whip out the gun, tell the guy not to move while I roll behind the counter with the truck. The ATM is at the corner of the counter, okay? I slam the ATM on and we out. Together we will throw the shit in the side of my van and speed off. Sixty seconds man.

BORDY

Is the gun gonna be loaded?

DARNEL

Of course it's gonna be loaded man.

BORDY

I don't wanna shoot nobody though.

DARNEL

Well, you won't really be threatening anybody without bullets, a gun is just a gun but with bullets it's a killing machine.

BORDY

Yeah but I'm not planning on hurting anybody.

DARNEL

Dude, chill, nobody's hurting anybody. At best you fire a warning shot.

BORDY

Warning shot?

DARNEL

Let's say the guy makes a move for the phone or goes to push one of those security buttons or whatever, you have to fire a warning shot to stop him in his tracks.

BORDY

I'm not doing that.

DARNEL

Bro, you have to.

BORDY

Nah man, I'm not doing that. You didn't say anything about shooting the gun man. I'll grab the ATM and you do the gun.

DARNEL

We can't.

BORDY

Why not?

DARNEL

Cause I know how to handle the ATM, you don't. It's easier to handle the gun.

BORDY

What is there to handle? You just pick the ATM up and slide it on the hand truck.

DARNEL

The shit is mad heavy.

BORDY

What do I look like to you?

DARNEL

It's not that, it's awkward because of the way it's shaped. I've dealt with these things before so I know how to keep time for us.

BORDY

Ah, man.

DARNEL

Let me handle the ATM. I've done this before man.

BORDY

There's camera's and shit there too, right?

DARNEL

Who cares? We're gonna wear these masks.

Darnel puts on a clown mask and chucks the other clown mask to Bordy.

Pause.

BORDY

I don't know what to say to the guy? What if people are in the store shopping?

DARNEL

Well, then it's bad timing for them, right?

BORDY

Oh, man...

DARNEL

Ten grand brother man. Sixty seconds work.

BORDY

It's really five grand...each.

DARNEL

Yeah, it's fine. Five g's for 60 seconds. (beat) You don't have to do it. I'm doing it either way.

BORDY

How you gonna do it alone?

DARNEL

I got somebody else that will take your role.

BORDY

What?

DARNEL

I'm giving you first dibs since I know you're hard up. I told my boy.

BORDY

What are you talking about?

DARNEL

I been planning it but you know, it's my idea, I told Oscar about it and everything and we were talking about taking it but he can't do it without me---

BORDY

So somebody knows.

DARNEL

Oscar knows but he won't say nothing.

BORDY
Did you tell him we were doing
this?

DARNEL
Nah but he ain't stupid. When the
machine is gone, he's gonna know
it was me.

BORDY
So he knows nothing about me then
right?

DARNEL
Oh no man, you're good. He don't
know about you.

BORDY
Good, good. Just you and me,
that's it.

DARNEL
We good, we good.

BORDY
What do I say...with the gun?

DARNEL
Tell people not to move.

BORDY
What if there's other people
shopping, like behind me in the
store?

DARNEL
Then tell all people not to move.

BORDY
Right.

DARNEL
Remember that crazy ass bitch in
that Tarantino movie, the one when
they rob the diner?

BORDY
Yeah.

DARNEL
Yeah but, the one in the beginning
of the movie.

BORDY
Honey Bunny?

DARNEL
Yeah man, you gotta Honey Bunny
that shit. Remember how crazy she
was when she drew her gun?

BORDY
Yeah.

DARNEL
That's how you need to roll.

BORDY
That intense man.

DARNEL
You need to be a threat.

BORDY
Right.

DARNEL
Intimidate. Evoke fear. Make
people scared of you.

BORDY
I think the gun alone will scare
people.

DARNEL
Yeah but you need to let them know
you ain't playing.

BORDY
Maybe you can give me some
dialogue to use.

DARNEL
When you pull out the gun say
something like, "Don't freaking
move, I'll blow your head off!"

BORDY
That's...(sighs)...that's uh, I---

DARNEL
Try it man. Put on your mask and
say, "If anybody moves, I will
blow your head off!" Try it with
the mask!

Bordy puts on the clown mask.

BORDY
Why's it so violent sounding?

DARNEL
Try it, try it.

BORDY
Doesn't feel real to me.

DARNEL
What are you talking about?

BORDY
Feels fake.

DARNEL
Bro, how else are you supposed to
rob a place? This is the shit
people say?

BORDY
Is it?

DARNEL
Yeah man.

BORDY
Is that the shit you've said
before?

DARNEL
Something like that, yeah.

BORDY
What if I held the gun up and said

CUT TO:

INT. STORE - DAY

Bordy holds a gun aimed at the person standing behind the store counter.

Darnel swivels around the counter with a hand truck. He loads the ATM on top of it and swivels back around. Darnel's actions move in accordance with Bordy's dialogue.

BORDY (TO STORE OWNER)
I don't want to hurt you. I'm
sorry to be aiming my gun at you,
this is the last thing I wish to
be doing in my life. I don't have
a choice...I can't get work, I'm
struggling...I'm not some crack
head druggie from the streets...
(MORE)

BORDY (TO STORE OWNER) (CONT'D)
 I'm trying to make good...I have
 no food to eat, I can't pay my
 rent...if I ever get to where I'm
 going I'll pay you back...I'm so
 sorry...please don't---

By now Darnel has swiveled back opposite side of counter at
 front door.

DARNEL
 Yo, let's go!

BORDY
 I'm really sorry about all this.

DARNEL
 Let's go!!!

BORDY
 This isn't how I imagined my life
 being.

CUT TO:

INT. APARTMENT - DINING ROOM - QUEENS - SAME TIME

Darnel is on his knees prying open the ATM. Bordy looks on
 smoking a cigarette and drinking a beer.

DARNEL
 Yo, help me with this shit man.

Darnel and Bordy pull open the ATM together. Darnel looks
 inside.

DARNEL (CONT'D)
 Shit!

BORDY
 What? What?!

DARNEL
 It's empty...