

DIRT MOUTH

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INT. BREEZY POINT MOTEL - DAY

NICO (20's) knocks on motel door. It opens up to MOSES (60's), an African American man from the south who wears a smokey beard and chews a damp cigar at the corner of his mouth.

MOSES

What can I do for you, son?

NICO

Are you Moses?

MOSES

Might be, might not be.

NICO

I'm Nico. (beat) We spoke on the phone two days ago about the Smith and Wesson.

MOSES

You were referred to me by Ricky, that right?

NICO

Yeah, Ricky's a good friend of mine.

MOSES

That so?

NICO

Yeah, I know him a long time.

MOSES

Well, alright, then.

Moses holds door open. Nico enters the motel room.
You ever been to Niagara Falls?

NICO

What? Oh, no, never.

MOSES

Just got back. You should go sometime. You got a sweetheart?

NICO

Ah, yeah, yeah I do.

MOSES

They say it's good for lovers, honeymooners but I go once a year by myself. I don't go with my wife, it's just strictly business only. Never did make much sense to me about the whole romantic bit about it. Just a Goddamn movement of water and a long way down is all. Millions of people visit the place each year and it's always the same...pointing and staring, pointing and staring and pictures. I could never understand it.

NICO

Maybe I won't go then.

MOSES

Maybe you won't...I don't really give a monkey fucking a rat's ass about whether or not you've gone to the falls, son. What I do care about is if you're the po-po.

NICO

I was recommended by Ricky.

MOSES

You claim. I'm not too worried none, though. You see, I pay strict attention to two things: answers and listening. I have a sixth sense when it comes to police. Been doing this a long time. I travel a lot and I've seen a lot, enough to know you ain't never shot a gun before in all your life...

NICO

No, I never did.

Moses pulls out a Nine Millimeter.

This here's a Nine Millimeter, designed by Georg Luger and introduced in 1902 by the German weapons manufacturer Deutsche Waffen-und Munitionsfabriken, for their Luger semi-automatic pistol. I personally call him the ONE SHOT DEAL but you can call him whatever the hell you so desire. Hold it...

Moses hands it to Nico.

Nowadays, nobody cares none about
knowledge or history...everybody

NICO (CONT'D)

just wants to shoot up schools and
all kinds of goings on cause it's
fun like a video game and that
pisses me off much but I can't do
nothing about it regardless cause
I'm out here trying to make a
living. What you think? I like it.
It weighs good.

MOSES

It's loaded. Fire it at that t.v.
set over there.

NICO

What?!

MOSES

Go on and do it. I own the Goddamn
motel and I need to start fancying
up the place with some new flat
screeners. Go on!

Nico fires a round and blows up the t.v.
Is that what you're looking for,
son?