

DETECTIVE KING

In that piece o' shit? Mind if we come in and have a conversation about this.

MIKE

I do. As I *just* said, you cannot. I know my rights. Get a warrant or call my lawyer.

He closes the door.

They look at each other, not sure what to do.

80 EXT. DAHLIA'S APARTMENT BUILDING - DAY

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Parker watches them walk out of the building empty handed.

PARKER

No. No. What the fuck are you guys doing?

They get in their car and drive off.

81 INT. DUKE'S RESTAURANT - LATER

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Detective King casually enters the restaurant and takes a seat at the bar. Duke is watching TV. Onscreen: Kirk Douglas rides a horse down to a freeway filled with cars.

DETECTIVE KING

Know anything about the Mexican burritos I've got on ice down at the morgue right now?

DUKE

Since I was a boy, I always order my tacos with pig.

Detective King looks non plussed at Duke's remark.

DETECTIVE KING

Seems these weren't some small timers, but cartel in transit. Whoever is messing with this cat is out of their league.

DUKE

You really believe anyone cares about a bunch of dead Vato foot soldiers?

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DUKE (CONT'D)

Sounds like a case of survival of the fittest, A Tiger ate the pussy.

DETECTIVE KING

Someone's gotta take charge or its gonna be a fucking war zone. Someone will have to pay and it sure as fuck ain't gonna be me.

DUKE

You know the CIA helped out in the golden triangle, Afghanistan. Trafficking in Mexico's nothing new. NAFTA, and funneling money for secret wars, Black ops.

DETECTIVE KING

Ya poison the inner city to control the people. All that ole conspiracy mumbo jumbo. Its all good until they send a bullet to your doorstep, Ice comes knocking or some zombie robs you for a five spot. That's the reality.

DUKE

Reality is run by a bunch of fucking reality tv stars and we all gotta work for someone.

Duke slides a manila envelope over to the detective.

DUKE (cont'd) (CONT'D)

When these bricks enter the country, they're wrapped in an American flag and carrying a cross - wall or no wall. Entrepreneurs built this nation. The Cowboy's killed all the Mexicans n Indians, got slaves in their place to do the dirty work. Now get back to work boy...

Detective King takes the envelope, turns around and exits.

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EXT. CASINO - NIGHT

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Parker walks up to the entrance