OLD PEOPLE

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Some time in the near future hovering above the City of Tallahassee, FL. On ascent, a suburban neighborhood comes into view. Houses need roofs, pools are filled with trash, lawns are waist high with weeds. No vehicles travel the streets.

EXT. A SUBURBAN BACKYARD - DAY

Once a beautiful garden, the fenced backyard of this suburban home is now an unkept mess.

Toby, a short roundish man of eighty, hatchet in hand, breathlessly chases a chicken. Each time Toby attempts to grab her, HELEN, the chicken, SCREAMS and escapes.

> TOBY Helen, ma coco. Cooperate with Papa.

JANET ROBERTS, a towering full figured woman in her late seventies appears on the deck. Like her husband, she is breathless; unlike her husband, Janet is low keyed and understated.

> JANET Toby, I need Helen. Now.

TOBY She never ran from me before. Come to me, mon ange.

He dives at Helen who quickly evades him with a SCREAM.

TOBY

She knows, Janet! She knows!

JANET Put the hatchet down before you kill yourself and try not to frighten the dear thing. You grew up in Louisiana -- you should know how to kill a chicken.

The doorbell CHIMES.

JANET That'll be Nancy.

Janet enters the house almost in a run.

INT. THE HOUSE

We follow Janet. Bare spaces appear where furniture, lamps, curtains and hanging art used to be.

EXT. THE FRONT STOOP OF THE HOUSE

NANCY stands on the stoop sadly surveying the overgrown lawn; her Jack Russell Terrier, Sparky, accompanies her. She is a pretty little woman in her early eighties. She has a handful of freshly pulled carrots. She shakes soil from them.

As Janet opens the door, a scream is heard from the back of the house from Toby, then:

TOBY (O.S.) I can't do this, I cant!

JANET Hello, Nancy love.

Janet gives Nancy a perfunctory hug.

NANCY Happy anniversary, darling.

JANET Thank you. Those are beauties, Nancy! You have such a green thumb.

NANCY Are they going to be enough?

JANET Plenty for soup -- give me just a sec.

INT. THE HOUSE

Janet rushes through the house leaving the door open; Nancy peers into the empty living room and sympathetically shakes her head.

EXT. THE DECK

Janet races out to the deck. She sees Toby holding and petting Helen. She takes Helen from her husband and rings her neck.

TOBY No, I'm not ready! I wasn't ready! She releases Helen, who flops about on the ground. Toby stares at the sight holding back a scream, as Janet re-enters the house.

INT. THE HOUSE

Janet turns on the vacuum and races with it to the front door doing last second cleaning on the run. Janet pushes the vacuum right to the doorway, presses a button on the vacuum and the chord automatically RECOILS and lands with a SNAP. Toby finally SCREAMS.

Janet offers the vacuum to Nancy, who hands Janet the carrots.

NANCY Is everything all right?

JANET

Yes, dear.

NANCY When are you leaving?

JANET We check in tomorrow. Do you still want the table?

NANCY

Oh, yes.

JANET We'll bring it over early tomorrow.

NANCY Oh, any time. Janet, I will miss you and Toby so much.

JANET

Thank you, Nancy.

Nancy sadly turns to go with the vacuum.

EXT. FRONT STOOP

Nancy struggles with the vacuum as she descends the steps to the sidewalk.

INT. BLACK GO! SEDAN

Over the shoulder of the driver, MERCY LOPEZ, we see the sedan swerve to hit Nancy as she steps to the street. THUD! SCREAM. Nancy and the vacuum go flying.

EXT. THE STREET

Mercy leaves her car and checks Nancy's pulse. Nancy isn't dead. Mercy kneels on Nancy's throat. Sparky growls and barks. Mercy lifts her revolver and aims at Sparky.

Janet comes out of her house.

JANET (from her porch) Oh, no!

MERCY It's OK, Ma'am. I'm with Geriatric Options. How you doin' t'day?

Mercy takes a shot at Sparky, but misses.

JANET What are you doing!?

MERCY We're required to eliminate unattended pets.

JANET That's my dog. Come Sparky.

Sparky growls and lunges at Mercy before running to Janet for refuge.

Mercy speaks into her shoulder mounted communications device.

MERCY Case JX-167 resolved. Clean up requested. Right in front of her house. Make it snappy. (calling to Janet) Beautiful day, huh?

Mercy smiles and waves before driving away. Janet stands motionless for a moment before entering her home holding Sparky.

INT. DINING ROOM - NIGHT

Toby (holding Sparky) and Janet are seated at the ends of their dining room table.

Also seated are their son, ROB ROBERTS and his wife, CARLA; he is plump, she is thin. Both Rob and Carla are mid-fifties -- they look affluent in casual dress. HAL, their younger son, is in his early fifties; he's lean and wears old jeans and a t-shirt.

The table is set oddly. There is a center piece composed of carrot tops, a few blooming sprigs from the back yard and a couple of white chicken feathers.

At each place at the table are plastic forks, knives and spoons, and an odd assortment of bowls ranging from cereal to small mixing bowls. The bread plates are paper. Water glasses are plastic.

The soup tureen is highly decorative depression glass, egg shell blue and adorned with song birds and gold leaf.

One light of the six in the lighting fixture above the table glows.

The family eat in silence.

ROB OK, I'll ask. What's happening here?

HAL

Yeah --

CARLA -- Don't interrupt, Hal.

Toby and Janet look at each other. Finally Toby responds.

TOBY Geriatric Options ran over our neighbor today.

JANET

Nancy Goodman. She grew the carrots in our soup. Do you boys remember her?

HAL

Who?

ROB I meant the house. It's empty.

JANET

Oh.

After a silence.

ROB Mom, why is the house empty? TOBY We've sold, bartered some things. ROB Why? TOBY At first, for survival. HAL You're kidding. JANET More recently we just had to liquidate. CARLA Liquidate? JANET Yes. We're moving. ROB What? Moving? Moving where? JANET To the mall. After a long pause. ROB The mall? JANET We hope. HAL That's funny. ROB What's funny? HAL They're joking. TOBY Whose joking? --

CARLA -- You've sold the house? --

HAL -- Don't interrupt, Carla.

A brief silence. Hal and Carla stare at each other.

JANET We lost the house. We have to go somewhere.

Another silence. Toby and Janet look at Rob and Carla. Rob and Carla look at their hands, food, whatever.

Hal breaks his plastic spoon and tosses it in his empty bowl.

CARLA But you own this house out-right, don't you?

JANET

We did.

TOBY It was like Dominos.

HAL What was?

JANET Let's see, first, first we lost our jobs.

CARLA I thought you retired --

HAL -- Mom just said --

CARLA

-- I heard!

There is a silence. Both Toby and Janet stare at Carla.

TOBY When all people over sixty-five had to give up their jobs to younger people, yes we retired.

Janet places her hand on Toby's, comforting him.

JANET High school French was being phased out anyway to make room for more ignorance.

TOBY

C'est vrai! But you, my darling girl, you could still be teaching English -- it hasn't been phased out, has it?

JANET

Not yet. And within weeks of our <u>forced</u> retirement, the State pension fund went bust <u>and</u> I had that hip replacement . . .

TOBY Damned Young American Party.

JANET They killed what was left of Medicare while I was in surgery!

TOBY Your Mama's derriere cost me a pretty penny.

JANET

(with a wink) It's the only time you ever had to pay for my behind, Dear. Anyway --

TOBY

-- we had to mortgage the house in
. . Oh, when was it?

ROB How can you be so glib?

JANET

Glib? (very dour) Who's being glib?

TOBY Back in '28 wasn't it?

JANET That was your knee replacement.

TOBY Oh, yes. '28? HAL Dad, you had a knee replacement? --

JANET -- I had my surgery about three, no four years ago not that any of you would have noticed. CARLA But you had some kind of health insurance, right? --

HAL (to Carla) -- Mom just said --

CARLA (to Hal) -- Did I address you?

TOBY (to Janet, loudly) -- So. It was in '31? --

ROB

What was?

JANET

That's right, '31 --

TOBY

-- the year after retail --

JANET

-- brick and mortar retail --

TOBY -- Yes, brick and mortar retail finally drew its last --

JANET

-- gasping breath! --

TOBY

-- and the fucking Young American Party dissolved Social Security, those --

JANET -- No, that was before, after the '28 election. Little bastards. TOBY Oh, whenever. Ass holes . . . those --JANET -- war mongering, damned

avaricious . . .

Janet gives Toby "the nod" to continue and pretends to cover her ears.

TOBY

Cunts!

A pause.

ROB Mom, Daddy . . . When did you start swearing?

Janet strains to remember.

JANET It's been a while . . . It sort of . . .

TOBY . . . sneaked up on us. Sorry kids --

JANET --actually, I said my very first "fuck" when the pension system went belly up.

A brief, tense silence.

HAL The mall? What mall?

TOBY Governor's Square. It stood empty for years and --

JANET -- Now it's full of old people. A lot of cities are doing that -wasn't Denver the first? Or was it Miami?

TOBY Yes, Miami, but they were moving people into empty Walmarts --

JANET

-- Oh yes. I would die first. In New York they are using the Dayton model -- they have all those hotels. Anyway, in Florida they're moving old people off the streets and into malls --

TOBY

-- no use wasting all that space, and it puts "the wrinkled masses out of sight" as the Young American Senator from --

JANET

-- Texas --

TOBY -- Texas said on TV!

JANET Ignorant Bile thumping dick head.

TOBY Its what you Young American fogeyphobics call a win-win situation.

HAL I didn't vote for them.

CARLA

You didn't vote.

ROB

But, Mom --

JANET

-- <u>And</u> when social security failed we couldn't make house payments anymore, so . . .

TOBY We're moving to the mall.

JANET

We hope. Actually, we'll get final approval tomorrow.

CARLA Do phone us and let us know how you like it.

A moment of <u>loud</u> silence.

TOBY

No can do.

JANET

No phone.

HAL You're kidding.

TOBY Still not kidding, Bucko.

JANET You boys would know that, had you attempted to reach us. I borrowed Nancy's phone to invite you here tonight.

Silence. Carla pats her mouth with her paper towel napkin and rises to collect bowls.

CARLA Now stay off your feet, Mom. Rob and I will clear the table.

Rising to help.

ROB It was great, Mom. So fresh.

JANET You've no idea.

Rob gives his Mother a kiss on the cheek.

ROB Carla made you an anniversary cake.

JANET

Yes, I saw.

Rob and Carla enter the kitchen with all the bowls except for Hal's.

HAL How in the name of sweet Jesus could they afford that car? It's got to be one of the last ones Tesla made. JANET They seem to be doing very well. Who can afford cosmetic surgery these days?

TOBY Is that what happened to her?

JANET Well, proctologists will always have jobs --

TOBY -- so long as there are assholes.

JANET Toby, that's no longer funny.

HAL I took the train from Atlanta, had to sell my computer to pay for the ticket.

His parents look at him without emotion.

HAL (CONT'D) John and I are splitting up. I thought I'd move back home for a while.

TOBY What happened?

HAL A guy named Leonard.

They stare a moment longer.

TOBY I'm sorry, son.

JANET (referring to Rob and Carla) They are not going to offer to take us in, Toby.

TOBY So, we'll start our fifty-fifth year together . . .

JANET In a mall. Janet is upset. Toby caresses her cheek.

JANET (CONT'D) I refuse to live in Sears. I asked for Macy's on the application.

TOBY There's still a stock of tools at Sears.

JANET Macy's has the beds.

HAL What about me?

JANET

You are too young, Sweetheart. You have to be over seventy-five. And in good health.

HAL That's not what I meant. I don't know what I'm going to do?

JANET You've had fifty years to work that out, my boy.

INT. KITCHEN

Rob and Carla discard the paper cups and plates and stack the bowls in the sink.

CARLA Their dishwasher's gone, too.

ROB (observing the hole) It would seem so. Jesus.

CARLA

Think about it, Rob. When they die they'll have nothing to leave us but chicken feathers. You know what we're going to have to do.

She stabs the cake.

ROB

No.

CARLA Honey, they're old, they've lost everything.

ROB I can't ask them to volunteer --

Hal enters with his bowl.

HAL Volunteer for what?

CARLA They don't have to volunteer.

ROB

No!

HAL Volunteer for what?

CARLA My parents didn't volunteer and you didn't have a problem then.

ROB Your parents were assholes --

CARLA

-- It's the only way, Hun. It would be a kindness. Besides, we may have a little money now, but what about next year? Your practice is dwindling and --

HAL -- What are you talking about?

Carla and Rob finally look at Hal. Meaningfully.

INT. DINING ROOM

JANET We need to be at the hospital before nine. Dot and Sid, our last surviving friends -- it's just unthinkable.

TOBY They always spoiled that daughter of theirs. I cannot believe she expects this of them.

JANET

Both Sid and Dot are ill . . . Otherwise I don't think they would have agreed to be "put down" like dogs.

TOBY

It's poor Nancy I don't understand. Why she chose to end her life that way! She was against euthanasia. She was Catholic.

JANET

And why would she have taken the vacuum and asked for this table? She made no arrangements for her little dog. But then, she would have done anything for that lazy daughter of hers. Still its so hand to believe.

She shudders. The kids enter with cake.

CARLA Happy Anniversary, Mom and Dad!

ROB Hard to believe what, Mom?

JANET That Carla baked a cake.

CARLA

Oh, now . . .

ROB Here, Daddy.

TOBY Is this real chocolate?

CARLA

Sure is.

JANET Oh, my! Where did you find chocolate?

CARLA I didn't see any coffee.

JANET Coffee? What's that? ROB She bought it on-line -- how else do you buy anything anymore.

HAL Yeah, if you have a computer. And money.

CARLA (with a wink) Maybe both are in your future, Hal.

Hal, who has just taken a drink, chokes and coughs.

ROB OK! Let's eat.

They eat cake.

TOBY I'd forgotten how chocolate tastes!

JANET You used to say I tasted like chocolate.

Toby and Janet share a moment and lick chocolate icing from their lips. He kisses her.

After a moment, Toby and Janet notice how intently the kids are looking at them.

JANET (CONT'D) So, Carla, how are your parents?

CARLA How sweet of you to ask.

They all eat cake.

TOBY So? How are they?

After a moment, Carla manages to swallow.

CARLA

Dead.

INT. A HOSPITAL ROOM - LATER

An elderly couple, DOT and SID DORN lie side-by-side in hospital beds, each with saline IV's inserted in their arms.

On the wall is a large photo of Salvo De Sock holding a large GO! logo. Toby stands near Sid, Janet near Dot.

SID (to Janet and Toby) Hell, you look so depressed.

DOT No need to be sad.

JANET But we are, dear.

DOT Well, cheer up. No more complaining about arthritis --

SID -- or hemorrhoids!

Dot and Sid look at each other and laugh.

NURSE DOWNS knocks and enters simultaneously.

NURSE DOWNS Mr. And Mrs. Dorn, it seems your daughter isn't coming.

DOT Please, give her a few more minutes.

SID Yeah -- give us a break. We're dyin' here, Lady!

Sid and Dot laugh.

DOT Oh, Sid, you're killing me.

Dot and Sid just crack up.

A pissed off Nurse relents.

NURSE DOWNS You have five minutes.

The Nurse leaves.

SID For fuck's sake, Toby, stop crying. DOT Don't be a party pooper.

Toby wipes his face.

TOBY

Sorry.

SID Where were we?

DOT

Uh . . . I was saying or about to say that we are sick of being sick, and life is so hard on the young folks now, so few jobs --

SID -- and what with the economy gone to shit.

DOT Our sweet girl can really use the -what is it they call it, Sid?

SID Comfort Cash. That's what they call it. Comfort Cash.

JANET Horrible name.

DOT Well, they had to call it something.

Nurse steps in briskly.

NURSE DOWNS

Sorry.

DOT You said five minutes.

A Hospital Administrator steps in.

HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR (to Nurse Downs) We've waited more than an hour and we're stacking up in the prep room.

NURSE DOWNS I'm on it, Sir. The Administrator leaves. Nurse Downs steps to the IV pole and releases poison into the saline.

TOBY What are you doing? NURSE My job. (meaning Toby and Janet) You two need to go now. SID Is that it? NURSE That's it. DOT Wait. NURSE You won't feel a thing. Done. JANET But --NURSE -- They signed up for medical euthanasia not a memorial service. DOT Goodbye, Sid. SID Goodbye, Sweetie. See ya, Toby. DOT Bye now, Janet, Toby . . . TOBY/JANET Goodbye. SID (to Nurse) Fuck you. The old people are gone. NURSE (casually) Same to you, sport.

She goes to the door. To Janet and Toby:

NURSE (CONT'D)

Out.

They hesitate to leave their friends.

NURSE (CONT'D) Now, please.

Janet and Toby exit. Nurse Downs opens a door on the opposite side of the room. Two orderlies step out and stack the bodies on one gurney.

NURSE (CONT'D) Make it fast, we're behind!

EXT. GERIATRIC OPTIONS BUILDING - DAY

The huge GO! Building is flanked by an expansive cement courtyard. Hundreds of people stand in lines leading to entrances labeled: "Initial Applicants," "Applicants w/ Appointments," and "Power of Attorney Designates."

The older people are very quiet. Many have papers in hand or carry everything from cigar boxes to brief cases. Some sit on portable stools or suitcases or lean on walkers. They wear old clothes and are generally unkempt.

The younger crowd in the Power of Attorney Designates line are a bit rowdy. People of all ages smoke pot.

Huge screens mounted over the entrances to the GO! Building loop an infomercial describing elder options. Each screen is flanked by large photos of Director De Sock.

CLOSE ON

One of the screens. A very sincere, smiling INFO-HOSTESS speaks.

INFO-HOSTESS . . . And of course, many of you healthy seniors who have met with economic misfortune will opt for one of the mall residency programs.

BACK TO SCENE

Janet and Toby stand at the rear of "Applicants w/ Appointments" line. Each carries a suitcase. Toby holds Sparky. Past the checkpoint as the CLERK calls the next client, Hal sneaks into the building behind the clerk.

CLERK Next! Appointment ticket, please!

Hal makes his way quickly through throngs of people entering and leaving the building.

INT. GO! BUILDING

Hal knocks on office M-13.

As he waits he looks about nervously. The door opens a crack. We see one eye. La'Tricia Dominica speaks through the cracked door.

> LA'TRICIA And you are . . .?

HAL Hal Roberts.

LA'TRICIA And who are you here to see?

Hal refers to a slip of paper. He struggles with the pronunciation.

HAL La-Trisha Do-'min-ica

LA'TRICIA La-'Tree-sia Dom-in-'EEk-a

HAL

Oh.

La'Tricia opens the door and quickly admits him.

LA'TRICIA Close enough. Sit, Hal.

She makes her way to behind her desk, aware of the tightness of her skirt and her sumptuous curves.

HAL

Thanks.

LA'TRICIA Why are you here?

I'm Hal Roberts--

HAL

LA'TRICIA -- Established, Hal. You must answer my questions that's how this works. Now. Why are you here?

She leans forward squeezing her ample breasts together so that they erupt out of her plunging neckline.

HAL Oh, God. About my parents -- I'm here about my parents . . .? I called earlier?

LA'TRICIA You did? What about?

HAL My parents . . . ? Janet and Tobias Roberts.

LA'TRICIA Very good. Who referred you?

HAL My sister-in-law.

LA'TRICIA She got a name?

HAL

What?

LA'TRICIA The sister-in-law. She got a name?

HAL Carla Messinger Roberts.

LA'TRICIA

(checks a file)
Oh, yeah. That one.
Her number? Cell number? She got
a cell?

HAL Yes. (checks his phone) Uh, yes, (shows her his phone) LA'TRICIA Check. (tosses file aside) OK, talk to me.

INT. GO! BUILDING

Toby and Janet carrying their suitcases are stopped by a GUARD.

GUARD No Pets! TOBY

But --

GUARD No Buts. (Taking Sparky) The dog will have to wait outside.

JANET Sparky, darling, we'll be back soon.

Sparky whimpers. Toby and Janet push their way down a hallway crowded with other seniors coming and going via stairwells and offices.

Video monitors, flanked with images of De Sock, are mounted along the hallway -- each playing the looping infomercial.

Hal steps out of office M-13 as his parents pass. He immediately turns away, avoiding detection. Once they pass he grabs his stomach and runs toward an exit, banging into old folks as he goes.

EXT. GO! BUILDING

A door marked *No Entrance* swings open and Hal exits the building, and throws up. Sparky sits near by. Sparky snorts and trots away.

INT. GO! BUILDING, OFFICE B-52 WAITING AREA

Janet and Toby enter with their luggage. The room is small, littered and dirty. A TV monitor loops the informational video. One other couple waits.

MAN They're running late.

Toby and Janet sit. They are a little out of breath. The Info-Hostess chirps away.

INFO-HOSTESS Today there are more geriatric options than ever before!

CLOSE ON

The monitor.

INFO-HOSTESS (CONT'D) Let's review some of them together.

A video of a forty bed ward is shown. The beds are single hospital beds, each with white sheets and a grey blanket.

The ward is occupied by people of both sexes age seventy and up. There is a toilet between each bed. Toilets beside unoccupied beds are in use.

The sounds of weak voices calling out "Hello" is quite unappealing. All the inhabitants smile and wave to the camera.

INFO-HOSTESS (V.O.) Those who wish to languish, may opt for one of our lovely Federal Wards. All of which are considered final destinations.

BACK TO SCENE

JANET Can that be turned off?

WOMAN

Nope.

CLOSE ON

The TV monitor

INFO-HOSTESS Consensual euthanasia remains a popular option for all people over seventy-five.

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Video is shown of "children" in their fifties dancing about with hands full of cash.

INFO-HOSTESS (V.O.) Children of elders who volunteer for one of our compassionate forms of euthanasia receive Comfort Cash.

BACK TO SCENE

The video drones on as the door to the interview room opens. The voice of MS KNOX is heard as a couple exits quickly.

> MS KNOX (0.S.) Anybody else out there?!

> > JANET/MAN

Yes!

Ms Knox appears at the door with a Kleenex over her nose.

MS KNOX Give me five.

CLOSE UP

The TV monitor

INFO-HOSTESS (V.O.) Some of our seniors prefer a more natural life ending experience which comes when they least expect it. A variety of scenarios are created by our caring and creative GO! Staff for those who prefer to "go" with a quick and painless surprise ending.

As she speaks, we see a woman swinging on her porch. A GUN SHOT is heard, the woman smiles and gracefully slumps.

A man turns on his electric shaver. As he is electrocuted, he beams and then falls out of frame.

Another man bends to pick up a McDonald's burger wrapper from his driveway and a bat cracks his head; as we hear the WHACK, the man smiles pleasantly as he falls.

INT. COFFEE SHOP

Rob and Carla sit in the rear of a coffee shop whispering over café lattes. Through the window we see the huge screens outside the GO! Building. Carla pours whisky from a small bottle into hers, then Rob's. Rob is biting his fingernails. Hal hurries in to join them. He sits and covers his face. CARLA So . . ? HAL Oh, boy. ROB What?! CARLA Christ, your breath stinks. HAL She's coming here. CARLA Who is? HAL She is. God, I feel sick. ROB Why? HAL Why do you think? ROB I don't know -- I'm confused. CARLA Rob, honey, take a breath. ROB Hal, who is coming here? HAL The agent, La'whatsherface. She's meeting us. Here. CARLA Why? ROB When? HAL Now. Can I have some coffee?

CARLA I thought you were nauseated. ROB (to Carla) We shouldn't be seen with her. Should we leave? CARLA

No!

ROB (to Hal) Why is she coming here?

HAL It'll have to be a rush job.

CARLA

When?

HAL She didn't say exactly.

ROB I don't want to know when!

CARLA (to Rob) Get a grip, sweetheart.

Rob takes a breath, starts to relax, but quickly loses it again.

ROB You said she is coming here, now?

HAL

Yeah.

ROB But, why? And, why is it a rush job?

CARLA (to Rob) Hun, they're moving to the mall tomorrow and that complicates things. Relax. Fuck.

HAL You should have come with me. She wants to be sure you're in.

Carla I knew it! ROB What? CARLA You <u>have</u> to sign! HAL I signed the contract and I forged their signatures. I didn't forge yours --ROB Damn. CARLA Relax! It's just a signature. HAL Christ, I almost ran into them. ROB Who? HAL Mom and Daddy! CARLA What?! --ROB -- Did they see you? --CARLA (to Rob) -- I told you you might have to sign --HAL -- She said you'd have to since we both get money! CARLA Keep your voice down! How much? ROB Hal. Did they see you? HAL No!

CARLA Shhhh ---- Why couldn't you just sign for me? HAL She wouldn't let me ---- CARLA -- What's their take? --HAL, -- Let me finish! OK?! ROB Sorry.

A moment.

HAL That was one stressful situation.

CARLA Thought you were going to finish.

HAL Eat me, Carla.

CARLA Eat yourself -- oh, that's right, you can really do that.

HAL (to Rob) You told her?

ROB Sorry. So they didn't see you? Right?

CARLA How much? Can you at least tell us how much we get? Things may have changed since I took care of my parents. Well?

There is a long silence. Hal takes a deep breath and closes his eyes. Finally:

HAL These guys use the same payment schedule the Feds use for voluntary euthanasia.

ROB What guys?

HAL

Them.

CARLA

Them who?

HAL

Her!

INT. GO! BUILDING, OFFICE B-52 - CONTINUOUS

Ms Knox, an exhausted and frazzled woman of forty, sits at a desk piled high with equipment: computer, scanner, camera, three boxes of Kleenex, photos of her dog and empty, half empty and unopened water bottles.

She looks at her schedule on her computer screen.

MS KNOX Abernathy. Right?

JANET

Wrong.

Knox blows her nose, takes a deep breath, and is suddenly confused.

MS KNOX So, you are . . ?

JANET We're the Roberts. Tobias and Janet Roberts.

MS KNOX But my schedule says . . . Oh, no it doesn't -- fuck me, I am so sorry. (blows her nose again) OK. Have a seat.

JANET

We did.

Ms Knox finally really notices them. She looks from one to the other, realizing what an odd pair they are. She almost laughs, but quickly stifles it.

> MS KNOX OK. Let's see . . . You brought your . .

JANET Car title. Yes.

Janet hands it over.

MS KNOX You left the car --

JANET -- in the designated area --

MS KNOX

Keys?

TOBY Here! What do you do with the cars?

MS KNOX Your car will be assigned to one of the GO! Facilities or sold for scrap.

TOBY

Oh.

He extends the keys to her, but holds tightly. Knox carefully and firmly jerks the keys from him with a snap.

INT. COFFEE SHOP

CARLA I got two hundred thousand, a hundred thousand per parent.

HAL

Right, and we'd split that. Less La'whatsherface's percentage for rigging the paperwork. I think twenty percent is high.

CARLA I paid fifteen! Talk about inflation! Wait! Why should you get half? HAL (to Carla) You spit on me.

CARLA I should get my own cut, after all it was my idea and I had the bitch's number!

HAL You spit on me, Carla.

ROB She's right, little Brother.

INT. GO! BUILDING, OFFICE B-52

MS KNOX

So . . . Oh, so yeah, you are allowed one object of value. You have an object of value?

JANET Yes. It's in my suitcase.

MS KNOX

What is it?

JANET My great grandmother's soup tureen.

MS KNOX You're kidding.

JANET (a challenge) Why would I be kidding?

Brief silence.

MS KNOX Other valuables?

TOBY That's it. Except for our clothes, you want'um?

MS KNOX No. Bank accounts?

JANET

Closed.

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MS KNOX House? Bank has it. MS KNOX Good. JANET Is it? MS KNOX (refers to check list) Uh, let's see . . .

JANET (not quite a threat) And now you tell us we can live in the Governors Square Mall. Macy's wing.

Ms Knox consults her computer, then looks at Janet whose look cannot be misunderstood.

MS KNOX Governors Mall, Macy's wing.

Ms Knox fumbles around for a form.

MS KNOX (CONT'D) Where'd I put it?!

Janet moves a box of Kleenex on the desk. Ms. Knox hands a form from under it to Janet, wipes her nose with her hand, then fumbles about for a pen.

MS KNOX (CONT'D) I... have a pen here someplace.

Toby quickly hands his pen to Janet.

JANET

I have one.

MS KNOX OK, as I read this out to you, initial that you understand and will comply.

TOBY -- Wait. May I ask a question?

Ms. Knox nods and blows her nose as she responds.

TOBY (CONT'D) We had to be out of our house today and you're taking the car . . . MS KNOX Right . . .? JANET We can't check in at the mall until . . . MS KNOX (checks screen) Tomorrow, five pm. JANET But . . . MS KNOX Yeah, you have your bags packed and no where to go. JANET May we check in today, a day early? She checks the screen. Shakes her head "no" and blows a major load. MS KNOX Glitch in the system, Sorry. Shall we go on now? JANET No. May I please use your phone? INT. COFFEE SHOP Rob's phone rings. CARLA Who is it? ROB I don't know that number. HAL La'whatsherface said we shouldn't answer calls from unknown --

Carla grabs the phone and silences it. They look about fearfully.

La'Tricia enters the shop wearing sunglasses, a large floppy back hat and a trench coat with the collar turned up. She carries a black laptop bag.

HAL (CONT'D) Here she comes.

ROB

Who?

HAL Her. La'Whatsherface.

She stops near their table, looks around, then stripper like, sheds the coat, hat, and glasses. She sits and opens her bag and places papers on the table. As she opens her laptop:

LA'TRICIA

You Rob?

Rob nods. Rob sits across from her eyeing her breasts.

LA'TRICIA (CONT'D) Sign by the red X.

La'Tricia is aware of his interest. He hasn't moved.

LA'TRICIA (CONT'D) (to Rob) Sign, Robbie. And, one more on . . . the bottom.

Rob smiles at her and signs. She touches his hand slightly as she takes the form.

LA'TRICIA (CONT'D) (looking at computer) It's coming up now.

CARLA (looking at Rob) What is?

LA'TRICIA Damn. For sure they check in at the Governor's mall <u>tomorrow</u>.

La'Tricia squeezes her elbows together forcing her cleavage to rise and fall.

ROB Wow . . . Is that bad? LA'TRICIA It's difficult getting to them once they're in a mall. Turn around time is frickin' tight. Needs to happen tonight.

ROB I didn't want to know when.

CARLA The sooner it happens the sooner we get paid.

LA'TRICIA You are so right, sister. I'll put a rush on it.

Hal begins to cry.

CARLA Oh, for the love of God, Hal!

La'Tricia types furiously, and enters.

CARLA (CONT'D) Where are they now?

LA'TRICIA They're still at the GO! Building. How they getting to the mall?

HAL How? They'll drive, I guess.

LA'TRICIA Nope. GO! has the car.

ROB My God, that was <u>them</u> calling. They have no money and no place to stay the night. This is horrible.

LA'TRICIA No, this is good.

La'Tricia closes her computer and rises. She gathers her things.

LA'TRICIA (CONT'D) Be very careful who you share my number with. I mean, share it. But, I get caught, you get caught. (MORE) LA'TRICIA (CONT'D) I get caught, my boss get's caught, and that would be a fucking shit storm nightmare for all of us.

INT. GO! BUILDING, OFFICE B-52 - CONTINUOUS

Dirty Kleenex wads have covered the desk and lie on the floor. Toby and Janet look exhausted.

MS KNOX Did you initial that?

JANET

Yes.

TOBY So, that's it?

MS KNOX It is. Oh, fuck me no -- I always forget this one. Turn the page over.

They do.

Ms Knox sneezes, grabs a Kleenex.

EXT. STREET CORNER

Hal, Rob and Carla walk out of the café. Rob sees his car across the street.

ROB I parked across the street.

HAL Can I stay on with you guys until we get our checks?

Long awkward pause.

ROB It's fine with me. Carla?

CARLA Well . . . OK, but no fuck buddies.

Hal gives her a withering look.

HAL

Thanks.

They walk in silence for a moment.

ROB Will it be humane? Did she say how?

HAL I forgot to ask.

CARLA Of course it's humane.

Traffic lights change. An ELDERLY MAN starts across the street ahead of them. A black GO! sedan turning right on red strikes and kills the elderly man.

ROB

Oh, God!

Rob freezes as though he's just been punched in his fat stomach.

Carla, holds Rob and pets his head as she would a puppy.

CARLA That was humane. Totally.

ROB No it wasn't!

CARLA He never knew what hit him.

They cross the street, carefully.

HAL Carla, how did your parents . . . ?

CARLA

Drowning.

Rob pulls away. The men are shocked.

ROB

I never wanted to know that.

HAL You had your parents drowned?

CARLA They loved the water. EXT. A CITY PARK - NIGHT

Toby and Janet are huddled on a bench. Sparky sits at their feet.

JANET My bum's gone to sleep.

They hold hands and walk through the unkept park, carrying suitcases with their free hands. They are weary.

Sparky trots along after them.

They pass several under-seventy homeless people who huddle under blankets.

TOBY Happy anniversary, Sweetheart.

JANET

Is it?

Janet drops her suitcase; her breathing is fast.

TOBY Janet? Are you OK?

JANET No. I'm old and tired, I'm hungry and my feet hurt! And I want a bed!

She covers her face and then balls her fists. She begins to cry.

TOBY Oh, love --

He attempts to hold her, but she stops him.

JANET -- I have never been so angry.

TOBY

At me?

JANET No! Not with you! (angrily) Why would I be angry at you?!

TOBY I...I'm not sure.

JANET

We did everything right, Toby. This is all wrong. Getting old shouldn't be a crime. We've lost everything, everything. And why? Because we're still alive.

TOBY

Not everything, Sweetheart. Our fifty-five years together -- no one can take that from us. We raised our boys, had wonderful teaching careers. We may have lost our house . . . But we're still together.

JANET

(gathering herself) You're right. Of course, you're right.

TOBY Fifty-five years together -- who has that anymore?

JANET (laughing) Who wants that anymore?

She sees Toby's forlorn face, his eye's welling with tears. She holds his face.

TOBY

We do.

JANET We certainly do. I'm sorry. I'll try not to be big ole baby.

He steps up on a bench -- a bit wobbly, but successful.

TOBY

(lustily) Come here, you, big baby doll you.

Janet embraces him. He kisses her. She laughs, then cries again. Sparky sits nearby and watches with interest.

TOBY (CONT'D) Oh, now mon chien doux.

JANET

Dog?

TOBY

It's a sexy French dog which makes it romantic.

Janet laughs and squeezes him. He farts.

TOBY/JANET

Houp-la!

They laugh. Then after a silence:

JANET

I'm afraid.

TOBY Moi aussi, cheri.

JANET

We're so vulnerable, Toby. I've never felt fear like this before, not ever in my life.

TOBY (stepping down from the bench) I guess I've done a lousy job managing our affairs.

JANET

Stop it. I managed our affairs. The world just turned upside down and shook us out. I'm grateful you're still here to live through this nightmare with me.

She withdraws.

JANET (CONT'D) Oh, Toby, we've been such fools. In our lifetime we've spent so much money and energy on insurance and co-pays, yearly physicals, mammograms . . .

TOBY

. . . colonoscopies . . .

JANET Horrors. Pap smears, mamagrams --

TOBY -- digital exams -- JANET

-- which you confided you enjoyed --

TOBY -- and all those fucking vitamin supplements and --

JANET

-- dental checkups! And oh, those vaccinations for flu, pneumonia, shingles, and Covid!

TOBY And the goddamned gym memberships!

JANET Oh, yes! Those horrid aerobic classes! Which led to my hip replacement.

TOBY All that, so we would live longer. You know what pisses me off the most? All the delicious foods we denied ourselves because some expert on TV or a doctor warned it wasn't good for us. What a joke.

JANET A very bad joke!

TOBY Well, fuck'um!

JANET Amen to that, dear.

TOBY Let me hear <u>you</u> say it, ma femme! Please, it makes me . . . hot.

Janet hesitates, then is a low sexy voice:

JANET

Fuck them.

A lackluster chorus of "Fuck'um's", and a "fuck you" rises from the homeless.

Janet and Toby enjoy this.

TOBY Any of you homeless youth have a phone I can use? Silence.

JANET

Let's not call the kids again. Let's just try to enjoy this nightmare.

TOBY A nightmare becomes an adventure when I am with my sweetie. Buy ya' a cup of coffee and a muffin?

JANET

Such a tease.

TOBY Not teasing, Amoureux. I put away a little money for our anniversary,

She hugs him very tightly and cries. His face is buried between her breasts.

JANET Oh, you dear, dear man.

almost fifty dollars.

Janet composes herself and plays with his hair and bald spot.

JANET (CONT'D) Coffee and a muffin for fifty dollars? You are dreaming.

Toby's face pops up from between her breasts.

TOBY We'll share the muffin.

Sparky barks. Toby picks him up and rubs his head.

TOBY (CONT'D) (to Sparky) T'inquie`te, we'll share the muffin with you too, little one.

They walk arm-in-arm carrying their suitcases toward a park exit. Sparky follows.

EXT. PARK EXIT TO SIDEWALK

Janet, Toby and Sparky exit the park. They see a young couple ahead on the sidewalk. The YOUNG MAN kneels and places a ring on the YOUNG WOMAN's finger. She SCREAMS with joy and LAUGHS.

The young lovers embrace and kiss as Janet and Toby pass them and approach the corner.

JANET Oh, how darling. An old fashioned proposal.

TOBY Like ours . . . a lifetime ago.

The newly engaged couple laugh and follow Janet and Toby to the corner.

INT. BLACK GO! VEHICLE

Through the windshield and over the driver's shoulder we see Janet and Toby approach the corner.

The driver, WILL BANGER, lifts a cell phone into view.

CLOSE ON

On the phone's screen we see Janet and Toby. "CONFIRMED" appears and blinks on the screen.

EXT. STREET CORNER

Just as Toby and Janet step off the curb:

TOBY Wait -- I saw a coffee shop a few blocks back.

They reverse directions just as the newly engaged lovers run past them. Sparky stays with them.

INT. BLACK GO! VEHICLE

The SCREECH of tires is heard as the car suddenly accelerates. Through the windshield we see the car hit the young couple, sending them flying.

EXT. STREET CORNER

The GO! sedan stops with one tire up on the curb. Toby and Janet rush to the youngsters lying in the intersection.

TOBY No, no, no, no, no! As Will gets out of the car he looks directly at them. His face is grim and frightening. They freeze for a beat and then hurry away down the street. Sparky runs ahead toward the end of the block.

Will speaks into his cell phone, as a few people gather. Will returns to his car and follows Toby and Janet.

EXT. STREET

Toby pulls Janet into the darkness of an abandoned Kay Jewelry's storefront. They whisper.

TOBY Did you see that? JANET If looks could kill.

TOBY You don't suppose . . .

JANET I'm afraid I do . . .

TOBY We need to contact the Geriatric Options office -- someone's got his wires crossed.

JANET It's Friday. They're closed until Monday.

They withdraw into the darkness as Will parks directly in front of the jewelry store. He gets out with a gun in his hand.

They watch him through the glass of the empty display area as he walks down the sidewalk. They leave the storefront and head in the opposite direction.

Will stares down the street. Toby and Janet hurry away in the opposite direction. Will starts to turn, but something catches his eye.

Near an alley entrance, Sparky sits wagging his tail. He barks. Will fires. Sparky runs into the alley. Will follows.

EXT. DOWNTOWN STREETS

Toby and Janet hear the gun shot and panic. They run, stopping at deserted stores, trying the doors but finding them locked.

Finally Exhausted and ready to accept their fate, they look back expecting to see Will. He is not there.

Their determination to escape returns. They try more store fronts.

Janet attempts to flag a passing car, which speeds by.

JANET Help us . . . Please!

TOBY

Asshole!

Toby spots lights coming from a bar just ahead.

TOBY (CONT'D) Janet! Look they're open!

They rush to the bar.

INT. BAR

Toby and Janet hurry into a bar. Both are breathing heavily and unsteady on their feet.

The place is practically empty. The BARTENDER raises his palm assertively.

BARTENDER

Sorry.

TOBY

What?

They see through the windows Will speed past the bar.

BARTENDER Like, no one over sixty's allowed in here. Sign's on the door.

TOBY How do you know we're over sixty?

BARTENDER (derisive laugh) Out.

TOBY We need help. Could you call the police? BARTENDER Like, man, they don't come down here at night. Out! Toby opens the door, ready to comply. JANET (to bartender) Why? Why are older people barred from your . . . establishment? BARTENDER The owner says you old people are, like, bad for business. Janet surveys the joint. JANET What business? Toby sees Will speed back in the opposite direction. TOBY He's backtracking! Let's go! Toby pulls his angry wife through the door as she speaks. JANET (hanging in the doorway) You should expunge the word "like" from your active vocabulary. Using "like" as you do makes you sound stupid. The bartender has no clue as to her meaning. EXT. STREET They leave the bar, and they are on the run again, hurrying from one locked storefront to another.

INT. WILL'S CAR

Will Spots them in his rearview.

EXT. STREET

Will's car makes a SCREECHING U-turn.

TOBY He's coming back!

JANET I can't run anymore!

Toby helps Janet into an alley.

INT. AN URBAN ALLEY

They hide in shadows. Will passes the alley entrance. We hear him hit the BREAKS.

TOBY

Oh, shit!

They run toward the opposite end of the alley. Will drives into the alley and floors it.

Toby stumbles, almost falls. Janet helps him up.

TOBY (CONT'D)

Go, go go!

JANET We can't make it, Toby!

They do make it to the far end of the alley and round the corner just as Will explodes into the street and plows into a parked car.

INT. RICK'S SEX SHOP SECOND FLOOR

LITTLE BIT MOORE, a tiny woman in her eighties with binoculars spies through a second floor window overlooking the street. The room is dark.

Through the binoculars Little Bit sees Will stumble out of his car. He nurses a knee and limps after his targets.

EXT. STREET

Janet and Toby duck into another alley. They are badly out of breath.

As Will approaches the alley entrance. He turns on a flashlight and draws his gun.

INT. RICK'S SEX SHOP SECOND FLOOR

Little Bit hurries down a hall and into another room.

EXT. ALLEY

Sparky runs past him into the alley. Will fires at Sparky but misses.

EXT. RICK'S SEX SHOP, ALLEY SIDE, SECOND FLOOR

Through another open window we see Little bit speak into a Hello Kitty walkie-talkie. She speaks with KINKY FUCHS.

LITTLE BIT Kinky, they're in our alley now. Over.

INT. RICK'S SEX SHOP BASEMENT

KINKY Good, honey. Come back down. Over.

Kinky sits at a table drinking a coke. The basement is still stocked with sex toys, condoms, lubes, and DVD's, all neatly organized on shelves.

A hallway leads to stairs. Along the hallway are private rooms, the door to each decorated with life-size couples of various gender combinations engaged in sex acts.

The center of the basement is set up as a studio for making videos, featuring a round bed covered in pink fake fur and large pillows in the shape of male and female genitalia.

Kinky, a person in their eighties, wears a moo-moo, large loop earrings and noisy bracelets. Their head is shaved and tattooed. Kinky puts the Hello Kitty walkie-talkie down and picks up a Mutant Ninja Turtle walkie-talkie.

> KINKY (CONT'D) Bobo? You there? Over.

The voice of BOBO BOATWRIGHT responds.

BOBO (V.O.) Kinky, I'm close. Over. Rob stands at the open front door of their blinged-out home. La'Tricia Dominica rushes in wearing sunglasses, hat and coat.

INT. ROB AND CARLA'S HOME

Rob is stunned for a moment. He smiles and then realizes there's a problem.

ROB

Carla!

Carla yells as she enters from another room.

CARLA

What?

She sees La'tricia.

CARLA (CONT'D) Oh. Crap. What happened?

EXT. DARK DEAD-END ALLEY

The alley is blocked at the far end by a chain link fence. Janet and Toby huddle behind a dumpster; a pile of boxes are stacked behind them. Sparky joins them.

> TOBY (whispering)) Bonjour, mon petit chien.

Janet stands to see what's happening. She sees Will, weapon drawn, entering the alley. She squats quickly.

JANET (whispering) He's coming.

TOBY (looking back) This is a dead-end.

They embrace as though it is their last.

Will continues into the alley, kicking boxes out of the way.

When Will is very close, Sparky leaps out, barks, and races down the alley. Will rushes past them.

The boxes piled behind Janet and Toby rise as a unit, revealing a cellar entrance. Kinky emerges.

KINKY (whispering) Down here!

Janet and Toby are startled. Toby's gasp is muffled by a hand belonging to Kinky featuring a dazzling if gaudy collection of rings.

KINKY (CONT'D)

Shhhhh . . .

Kinky pulls them to the opening.

At the end of the alley, close to the ground, is an opening cut into a chain link fence. Will examines the hole with his flashlight. He holsters his gun crawls through the hole. It's a tight squeeze, and his uniform catches.

He struggles to free himself. Sparky appears again, and bites and shakes Will's hand as he reaches for his gun. A boat paddle WHACKS his butt repeatedly. Will cries out.

INT. ROB AND CARLA'S HOME

Rob, Carla, La'Tricia stand in the kitchen. Carla pours a drink for herself.

LA'TRICIA (to Carla) Can I have one of those?

La'Tricia removes her coat and hat.

CARLA (pours a very short one) How in hell could that happen?!

HAL (entering) What happened?

La'Tricia's phone rings. She answers.

LA'TRICIA Yeah. Oh, Will, you are shitin' me! Well find them!

She ends the call, and drinks her short one in one gulp.

HAL

What?

CARLA

SHHHHH!

Silence. The kids wait for La'Tricia to gather herself.

LA'TRICIA OK . . . so your parents survived the second attempt, also.

HAL

What?!

Carla whacks Hal's shoulder hard. He is stunned.

CARLA So they know.

HAL (to Carla) Why'd you do that?

LA'TRICIA I apologize. This is very highly unprofessional.

ROB I knew this was a mistake.

CARLA

(to Rob) Don't. Rob!

LA'TRICIA Have they tried to reach you guys?

ROB I knew what we were doing was wrong.

CARLA (hissing) Pussy --

HAL -- You think they might have figured it out?

LA'TRICIA Not necessarily. Maybe. Probably. Have they attempted contact? ROB

No.

CARLA What do we need to do?

HAL Oh, shit.

CARLA Enough with the shits, Hal! What do we do? Ms Do-min-i-ca, what should we do?

LA'TRICIA (icily) Wait. Do not panic. Just wait. My best man is on this.

Carla pours another drink and sits.

CARLA Your best man and he's missed them twice?!

LA'TRICIA If they call you or show up --

CARLA -- God forbid --

LA'TRICIA -- Then you call <u>me</u> ASAP at these numbers only.

La'Tricia gives Rob and Carla cards.

LA'TRICIA (CONT'D) These numbers cannot be traced to me.

HAL Do I get one?

CARLA

Shush!

HAL Shush your own damned self, Carla --

ROB -- What do we say to them. If they call or -- LA'TRICIA Under no circumstances admit to anything. Say its a system failure. (pouring another drink) You got a gun?

INT. RICK'S SEX SHOP BASEMENT

Little Bit quietly takes items from the shelves, boxes and prepares the boxes for shipping. She works from a small desk near the bed. When her laptop signals a new order, she checks it.

Toby lies on the bed, his head resting on a penis pillow. Janet sits on the edge of the bed, clearly uncomfortable, and Kinky Fuchs hovers with Cokes.

> KINKY You're safe here, darlings. Sit up Honey, and enjoy an ice cold Coca-Cola.

JANET (taking a Coke) Oh, my. Thank you. Toby, sit up, dear. She has Cokes.

KINKY

They.

JANET Oh, I am so . . .

Toby rises and tearfully takes the Coke.

TOBY Cokes? Janet, are we in heaven?

JANET (looking about) I don't think so.

Little bit giggles as she works.

KINKY That's Little Bit Moore, my assistant.

Toby and Janet acknowledge her with their Cokes.

LITTLE BIT (waving a dildo) Just call me Little Bit.

KINKY Janet, Toby . . . right? My name is Kinky Fuchs. I bought this business just before the bottom dropped, but we're still humping --

LITTLE BIT -- excuse the expression --

KINKY

-- with on-line sales. Thank God, UPS International didn't go under. Everything is marked "made in the USA."

LITTLE BIT

But, actually most of it comes from North Korea. That's why the dildos are so small.

KINKY Little Bit! She just has to say that --

LITTLE BIT

-- every time.

Little Bit and Kinky share a hearty laugh.

JANET

Lovely.

Toby burps loudly.

TOBY Pardonnez-moi.

KINKY

We've been monitoring you two since your names showed up on the GO! hit list earlier today.

TOBY Hit list? A terrible mistake has been made.

KINKY 'Fraid not. There's a grave pause.

JANET Please explain.

KINKY In the last week alone, how many, Little Bit?

LITTLE BIT In Florida alone, a hundred thirtythree, the most of any state.

KINKY A lot of people have been euthanized who never knew they signed on for it. It's their kids.

Toby and Janet exchange glance.

TOBY No. It's just not possible -it's a bureaucratic fuck-up, that's all.

Little Bit is at her computer, fingers flying.

JANET

It's got to be a breakdown in the system -- our boys . . .

KINKY

Little Bit is a computer whiz. She's hacked both systems at GO!. The legit system was easy, but the dark side, as we call it --

LITTLE BIT

-- finally! After weeks, I cracked it yesterday.

KINKY

We knew the Dark Side had to exist. You see, we would find people, like you, running from Geriatric Options officers.

LITTLE BIT Kinky would give them a Coke.

KINKY

They'd call their kids, then go to meet them and . . .

LITTLE BIT Ka-splat! Every damned time! This happened only to people with kids.

KINKY So we knew something was up.

JANET No, our boys would never.

LITTLE BIT (reading from the monitor) Let's see . . . You completed your mall application today with Knox, right?

JANET

Yes.

LITTLE BIT And apparently at the same time you filed euthanasia requests with Ms. Dominica, naming your sons Rob and Hal as beneficiaries.

TOBY No, we didn't do that.

Bobo enters. He's a man in his eighties, with a Mutant Ninja Turtles walkie-talkie hanging from his belt. He carries a boat paddle. Sparky trots in by his side.

> BOBO Man that was fun.

Sparky runs to Toby and sits in his lap.

LITTLE BIT

Bobo!

BOBO

Lil'bit!

Little Bit and Bobo embrace.

KINKY Bobo's kept an eye on you.

JANET Thank you, Bobo.

TOBY And, thank you, Sparky. INT. LA'TRICIA'S VEHICLE

La'Tricia drives fast through empty downtown streets. She has three cell phones on her dash -- blue, green, and red. She speaks into a fourth -- black.

LA'TRICIA Will, you took out two kids in their twenties. Very highly unprofessional. Baby really made a mess.

INT. ROB AND CARLA'S HOME

Rob paces with his cell phone in hand. It rings and he drops it.

ROB Oh, damn! Hello? Hello? Carla? Mom! Oh, God . . . Hello Mom.

He takes a photo of his parents off a table and holds it to his heart.

INT. RICK'S SEX SHOP BASEMENT

JANET Hello, darling. I hope I didn't call too late.

Toby sits on the round bed clutching a large vagina cushion tightly. Little Bit holds a cue card to which Janet refers.

JANET (CONT'D) We borrowed a phone, dear. Yes. (refers to cue card) A nice homeless man from Dayton. Daddy and I are hoping you might come pick us up, just for the night.

Janet holds the phone out -- Rob is now on Speaker.

ROB (0.S.) Well, sure. I guess. I mean, I'll have to check with Carla.

JANET Of course dear. Rob, is there something you want to tell me? ROB (O.S.) Ah, yes, Mom . . . (long pause) Carla's out. She's running an errand. May I call you back at this number? Kinky nods "yes." JANET Yes, dear. ROB (O.S.) Bye Mom. Janet and Toby are devastated. Little Bit and Kinky try to console them. INT. LA'TRICIA'S VEHICLE Her blue phone rings. She continues to talk on the black one. LA'TRICIA Will, Mama will deal with it. Where are you? INT. ROB AND CARLA'S HOME Rob holds a card La'Tricia gave him. He holds the phone waiting for La'Tricia to answer. ROB Come on, come on! Where the heck are you? He throws phone down on the sofa, but quickly retrieves it and re-dials. EXT. CORNER COPELAND AND DUVAL La'Tricia pulls up next to Will. His car is a mess. The blue phone still rings. They speak from their cars.

LA'TRICIA You were a darn good lay, Willy Banger. LA'TRICIA (wistfully) And I adore your vintage X-Men sheets. So damn cute.

WILL Yeah, you said.

LA'TRICIA But you are so really stupid.

WILL Yeah, you said that, too.

LA'TRICIA We just cannot have an investigation, baby.

She points a gun at him. Will gets out of his car. He has an obvious erection.

LA'TRICIA (CONT'D) No, baby.

WILL Let me give mama some sugar.

LA'TRICIA Not now, Willy. I got orders.

La'Tricia stares at his crotch. She shoots, hitting him in the crotch.

LA'TRICIA (CONT'D) Ooooh! Noooo! Sorry, baby.

Will collapses against La'Tricia's door. He hangs on to her window opening.

WILL

Oh, mama!

She cries and smashes his fingers with her gun.

LA'TRICIA Get off. Go away!

He holds on. She drives, dragging him.

WILL

Mama?

He eventually falls off. She turns her car around. He lies wriggling about on the road.

INT. LA'TRICIA'S VEHICLE

She sees Will moving about in the road.

LA'TRICIA

Oh, Fuck!

She guns it and runs over him. The car's shocks GROAN sharply when the big bump occurs.

La'Tricia wipes her eyes and then her nose with her hand. She turns her car around again. She sees that Will is still moving. She guns it again.

LA'TRICIA (CONT'D) So sorry, baby!

EXT. THE ROAD

Will lies in the road. The car speeds toward him. As it arrives he raises a hand.

WILL

Mama . . .

INT. LA'TRICIA'S VEHICLE

She is crying so hard she can barely see. The blue phone still rings, but the green cell phone now rings as well. She recovers miraculously and answers the green phone.

LA'TRICIA

Who!?

CARLA (O.S.)

Carla.

LA'TRICIA They call you?

INT. ROB'S CAR

Carla drives. Hal sits in the passenger seat holding a gun.

CARLA No. Any sign of them?

She slaps Hal's arm.

CARLA (CONT'D) Don't look at me -- look for them!

INT. LA'TRICIA'S VEHICLE

LA'TRICIA What?! Hold, Carla.

She does not disconnect the green call, but answers the blue.

LA'TRICIA (CONT'D) Rob? You hear from them?

ROB (0.S.)/CARLA (0.C) Yes!/ What?

LA'TRICIA Carla, I am talking to Rob. Hold on -- putting you both on speaker. (she does) So they called?

INT. ROB AND CARLA'S HOME

ROB Yes. They want me to pick them up.

LA'TRICIA (O.S.) Carla, you hear that?

CARLA (O.S.)

Yes.

ROB They want me to pick them up. What do I do!?

INT. ROB'S CAR

Hal is all over Carla trying to hear the conversation.

CARLA

Get off me!

HAL I hate you so much! CARLA Your breath! What <u>is</u> that?

ROB/LA'TRICIA (O.S.) What?/Hello?

INT. ROB AND CARLA'S HOME

Rob lies on the sofa, kicking like a small child. ROB What do I do?! They are waiting for me to call! What do I do?! LA'TRICIA (O.S.) Rob, you gotta relax. CARLA (O.S.) Jesus . . . ROB I heard that. LA'TRICIA (O.S.) Call your parents and tell them to meet you at the corner of College and Calhoun. ROB (searches for a pen) Wait. Can't find a goddamned -got one. College and . . . CARLA (O.S.) Calhoun! LA'TRICIA (O.S.) In say a half-hour? Nobody around there this time of night. Got that? Robby? ROB It's Rob. CARLA (O.S.) Jesus! ROB Heard that, too.

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Rob struggles to put on his shoes as he speaks.

ROB (CONT'D) Got it. So I meet them -- what then??

INT. LA'TRICIA'S VEHICLE - CONTINUOUS

LA'TRICIA Just park near the corner. Keep your doors locked. I'll deal with them. They need to see you or they might not bite.

ROB (O.S.) Bite? Wait --

CARLA (O.S.) -- Earth to Rob!

La'Tricia rolls her eyes and mouths curse words as she drives and listens.

INT. ROB AND CARLA'S HOME

ROB -- I hate it when you say that--

CARLA (O.S.) -- but, Robbie, you are forgetting something.

INT. ROB'S CAR

CARLA I have the car!

INT. ROB AND CARLA'S HOME

ROB

What**!**?

INT. LA'TRICIA'S VEHICLE

LA'TRICIA

What?!

CARLA (O.S.) We'll meet them! LA'TRICIA We? Who we?

INT. ROB'S CAR

HAL I'm in the car, too! Me, Hal!

CARLA Get out'a my face!

INT. LA'TRICIA'S VEHICLE

She pulls her hair and shakes the phone in the air.

LA'TRICIA You people . . .

INT. ROB'S CAR

CARLA We're only a few blocks from there--

HAL -- Wait, no! I don't want to be there.

CARLA Shut up, Hal! (back to phone) No problem -- I have a gun.

HAL Stop! Let me out. Let me out!

CARLA

No!

ROB (O.S.) Carla, just let him out!

CARLA You should have come with me but you were too big'a pussy!

LA'TRICIA (O.S.) Oh my God you people. Rob's car stops. Hal gets out with the gun.

INT. ROB'S CAR

CARLA Give me the Goddamned gun!

EXT. STREET OUTSIDE RICK'S SEX SHOP

Hal throws the gun into the car through the open passenger door. It bounces off the seat and hits the dash, causing it to fire striking Hal in the leg.

INT. ROB'S CAR

CARLA You stupid fucking cock sucker.

LA'TRICIA (O.S.)

Carla?

ROB (O.S.) What was that!?

CARLA Hal shot himself.

ROB (O.S.)

What?

LA'TRICIA (O.S.) Jesus, Mary and Joseph, you people.

EXT. STREET OUTSIDE RICK'S SEX SHOP

Hal is howling and writhing on the sidewalk. Carla leaves the car and kicks him.

CARLA Shut up, Hal. You are going to fuck everything up!

HAL You spit on me! Again!

CARLA Oh, for God's sake --

HAL -- and you kicked me where I'm shot! --CARLA -- Boo hoo! --LA'TRICIA (O.S.) -- Carla --HAL -- I hate you, Carla! Bobo, at the second floor, street-side window of Rick's Sex Shop lifts his Ninja Turtles walkie-talkie into frame. CARLA (at phone) He's only shot in the leg. Should I leave him? --LA'TRICIA (O.S.) -- Carla --ROB (O.S.) Don't leave him! -- No! Carla tugs at Hal with one hand, holds the phone with the other. CARLA OK. Come on, Hal. Get off your ass or I will leave you. Into phone: CARLA (CONT'D) He won't get up. LA'TRICIA (O.S.) -- Carla! --HAL

- (shouting) -- I can't get up!
- ROB (O.S.) Hal? Hal?
- LA'TRICIA (O.S.) -- Carla!? --
- CARLA -- Wait a sec.

She holds the phone near Hal's face. ROB (O.S.) Hal? HAL What? ROB (O.S.) Get up, Hal! HAL I'm shot, damn it! CARLA Get in the car, Hal! --LA'TRICIA (O.S.) -- Please, Hal! --HAL -- Rob, your wife's a horrible woman! CARLA That's it! Carla heads back to the car. INT. LA'TRICIA'S VEHICLE La'Tricia smokes, rolls her eyes. HAL (O.S.) She's leaving me! ROB (O.S.) Carla! CARLA (O.S.) I am leaving his ass! HAL (O.S.) Help! INT. ROB'S CAR Carla closes her car door. CARLA (to herself)

I hope he dies.

INT. ROB AND CARLA'S HOME

ROB I heard that!

Rob kicks anything he can. He holds the phone to his chest.

ROB (CONT'D) Why did I let that *bitch* talk me into this!

A muffled response is heard:

CARLA (O.S.) I heard that, wussy-boy!

INT. SECOND FLOOR RICK'S SEX SHOP

Bobo leads Janet, Toby, Little Bit and Kinky to the window.

BOBO You gotta see this. Oh. Damn, that mean girl is gone.

JANET Toby, is that Hal?

TOBY That's our son.

EXT. THE STREET IN FRONT OF RICK'S SEX SHOP

Hal manages to get up. He limps away crying and repeatedly saying "I hate you, Carla" as he heads into the dead end alley.

INT. SECOND FLOOR RICH'S SEX SHOP

TOBY He's bleeding. He needs us.

KINKY We need him. Fetch, Bobo!

INT. LA'TRICIA'S VEHICLE

La'Tricia wipes sweat from her neck and drinks from a gin bottle.

She negotiates the blue and green phones, the gin bottle, a cigarette and a handkerchief with amazing dexterity.

LA'TRICIA OK, Rob. Call your parents please.

A silence.

CARLA (O.S.)

Rob?!

LA'TRICIA Rob? You still there?

INT. ROB AND CARLA'S HOME

Rob holds a photo of his parents. He says nothing for a moment.

ROB (quietly) Yes. Corner of College and Calhoun?

LA'TRICIA (O.S.) That's right.

INT. ROB'S CAR

Carla checks the clip, loads. On phone.

CARLA I'll be there to meet them.

INT. LA'TRICIA'S VEHICLE

LA'TRICIA Carla. Keep your doors locked. Do not engage them. Understood?

INT. ROB AND CARLA'S HOME

ROB Wait -- I think we should cancel. Can we do that?

LA'TRICIA (O.S.) Robbie, you signed a contract. I'm breaking the contract.

INT. ROB'S CAR

CARLA Rob! Listen to me. Your parents are so old they'll die soon anyway and if they just die on their own we get nothing!

INT. ROB AND CARLA'S HOME

LA'TRICIA (0.S.) Honey, you cannot stop this -- it's too late.

CARLA (O.S.) Yeah, Robbie.

ROB OK . . . but Carla, if you shoot my parents I'll divorce you!

INT. ROB'S CAR

CARLA (scratching her nails on phone) What, honey? I'm losing you.

Carla disconnects her phone. Parks. Lowers the driver side window.

INT. ROB AND CARLA'S HOME

Rob sits very still. After a silence:

LA'TRICIA (O.S.) Robbie, you still there?

ROB It's Rob. Please.

LA'TRICIA (O.S.) Will you make the call now? Do it, Rob, and this will all be over soon. Tell them to meet you at, uh, better make it midnight, exactly. Got that? Rob disconnects the call. He refers to his call history and calls his parents.

INT. RICK'S SEX SHOP BASEMENT

Kinky pours Bourbon into Toby's coke. Janet paces with the phone.

JANET Thank you, Rob.

She hangs up.

JANET (CONT'D) Carla is meeting us. At midnight.

TOBY Well, it just got uglier.

Janet and Toby embrace tearfully.

INT. LA'TRICIA'S VEHICLE

The red phone rings loudly.

LA'TRICIA

Oh, fuck.

She fluffs her hair, adjusts her cleavage, takes a deep breath and answers the red phone.

LA'TRICIA (CONT'D) Hello, sir.

INT. ROB AND CARLA'S HOME

Rob drops the phone and collapses back on the sofa, about to cry. After a moment, as if struck by lightning, he picks up his phone, and presses an app.

EXT. AN URBAN ALLEY

Hal limps down a dead-end alley, bracing himself against the wall and on trash as he goes.

HAL Dead end? Shit! God, I hate you, Carlaaaaaaa . . . He loses his balance as he says "Carlaaaaa" and falls on a pile of boxes near a dumpster. The boxes rise from beneath him and he falls. He is pulled sharply down into the cellar of Rick's Sex shop, crying out as he disappears.

INT. RICK'S SEX SHOP BASEMENT

Hal sits on the round bed; his hands and feet are tied. He wears a dog collar; a wire leads from it. A bright studio light shines in his face.

It's dark all around him, but a bit of the pink bedspread and a penis pillow are lit. Also, we can make out Little Bit, who stands at a camera and tapes.

> HAL Hello? Hello?

> > KINKY (O.S.)

Hal.

HAL How do you know my name?

KINKY (O.S.) I know all about you, Hal.

HAL

Who --

KINKY (O.S.) --Quiet! You will answer my questions truthfully. Or else.

HAL Or else, what?

Dimly lit, we see Kinky's hand throw a switch. Hal begins to shake and SCREAM. Kinky's hand reverses the switch.

KINKY

That's what else.

Toby and Janet appear from the darkness. Looking stressed and worried.

KINKY (CONT'D) (to them) Can you believe some people actually like it?

Kinky throws the switch again.

TOBY That's enough, please.

HAL

Daddy?

JANET Hal, you tell this -- Kinky whatever they want to know.

HAL

Mom?

JANET And you tell the truth.

HAL

Yes Ma'am.

INT. RICK'S SEX SHOP, DOOR TO PRIVATE ROOM - A LITTLE LATER

The painting on the door depicts a torrid sex act. We hear the SOUNDS of Toby and Janet grieving behind the door -- their grief easily mistaken as the sounds of intense sex.

INT. RICK'S SEX SHOP, PRIVATE ROOM

Janet cuddles Toby. She looks around the dimly lit room, which is just large enough for the single bed on which they sit. The walls and ceiling are filled with sex scenes.

> JANET When I think of them, I always picture them as small boys. Rob pulling Hal around in that little red wagon . . .

TOBY Rob was the best big brother . . .

JANET They were good boys. Weren't they? A little lazy, maybe . . . but good kids all the same. So sweet, so affectionate. They loved us then.

TOBY Yes, they did.

JANET We have to report them. TOBY You mean to the police?

JANET

Yes.

TOBY But they'd go to jail.

JANET

Kinky's right. If we don't report this, the bad apples at Geriatric Options will just continue to kill people like us.

TOBY But they were such precious little boys.

JANET So was Adolf Hitler, I imagine.

They sit in silence for a moment.

TOBY Did we do something to make them hate us?

JANET They don't hate us, dear. They just don't love us. And, then there's . . . Carla.

EXT. CALHOUN NEAR COLLEGE

Bobo spies as Carla gets out of the car. She looks around and then hurriedly tosses the gun onto the drivers seat. She then moves to the curb side of the car, pulls down her panties, hikes up her skirt, squats and pees.

Bobo approaches her with his boat paddle. She hears him, attempts to rise, and gets a foot tangled in her panties. She loses her balance. She starts to fall, but Bobo manages to brace her until Toby appears with a wheelbarrow. She falls backward into the wheelbarrow, and SCREAMS loudly.

Bobo slips a bag over her head. She SCREAMS more loudly. Bobo has no choice but to bop her on the head with the paddle.

Carla, semi-conscious, is sprawled in the wheelbarrow with her panties down to an ankle and a bag over her head. She sounds drunk. Are you going to rape me? Oh. My. God. Am I being raped?

Toby pushes the wheelbarrow with Carla in it as Bobo jogs along side with the paddle. They disappear into an alley just as La'Tricia's vehicle parks on the street just ahead at the far end of the alley.

Toby and Bobo do a quick reverse.

INT. AN UBER CAB

Rob rides in the backseat of a beat up 2015 Prius, bouncing as the shocks are long gone.

The windows are down and wind blasts in his face. LUKA, a huge man with long hair and a beard, drives.

ROB Do these windows close?

LUKA

No.

Rob starts to speak and a bug flies into his mouth. He chokes and spits.

Through the window we see Rick's Sex Shop as they pass.

EXT. STREET

De Sock and La'Tricia get out of her car. Both are armed.

LA'TRICIA The rendezvous point is just around the corner, Sir. The old people were last seen around here somewhere.

They walk in silence.

LA'TRICIA (CONT'D) Really, Sir, you don't have to do this.

DE SOCK Wrong. This is a major fuck-up, and I have to be certain of a complete clean-up. La'Tricia fumes and fights back tears. She sniffles and one of her false eyelashes slips a bit.

The Uber cab rushes past them.

INT. UBER CAB

Rob doesn't see De Sock and La'Tricia -- he checks his watch; it's 11:55.

EXT. CALHOUN NEAR COLLEGE

Rob gets out, and the cab screeches away. He walks to his car.

ROB Carla? Hal?

He looks in the car and sees the keys in the ignition and the gun in the drivers' seat. He looks about and softly calls:

ROB (CONT'D) Mom. Daddy?

EXT. ALLEY

A toppled wheelbarrow rests at the mouth of the Rick's Sex Shop cellar entrance. The boxes covering the entrance are raised.

Carla's body lies on the pavement -- panties still at her feet. We see her body suddenly pulled into the cellar and the boxes slam down.

She cries weakly as she disappears:

CARLA

Rape . . .

EXT. STREET CORNER

De Sock and La'Tricia walk around a corner onto College Avenue.

EXT. COLLEGE AVENUE

They see Rob's car just ahead. They whisper.

DE SOCK So we euthanize the old people now.

LA'TRICIA

Check.

She looks at her watch.

LA'TRICIA (CONT'D) They should be here any minute.

DE SOCK And then the kids.

LA'TRICIA The daughter-in-law should be waiting in that car just ahead.

DE SOCK Good. And the wounded guy?

LA'TRICIA Around here somewhere. I think.

DE SOCK You think?! And the third?

LA'TRICIA

At home. I am so sorry about all this, Director De Sock. I know it is highly unprofessional --

DE SOCK

-- Shut up. If the wounded man gets medical help we're screwed. Find him! I'll take care of this.

De Sock continues forward. La'Tricia takes a right at the corner.

De Sock approaches Rob's car.

INT. ROB'S CAR

De Sock thrusts a gun in Rob's face through the driver's window. Rob is horrified.

DE SOCK You're not a woman.

ROB T know. De Sock flashes his GO! badge. Then hides it quickly. DE SOCK You know who I am? ROB No. You know who I am? DE SOCK No. Have you seen a woman in a car around here? ROB No. DE SOCK Get out. Rob places the gun under the seat. EXT. ROB'S CAR Rob gets out of the car. DE SOCK (suspiciously) Are you wounded? ROB No. DE SOCK Turn around. Slowly. Rob complies. De Sock checks him out. DE SOCK (CONT'D) What are you doing here? ROB Uh, I . . . don't know . . . I, ah . . . took an Ambien. DE SOCK Took an Ambien? ROB Yes. DE SOCK You need to go home.

ROB All right.

INT. ROB'S CAR

Rob hops in his car and starts the engine.

DE SOCK

Wait.

ROB

What?

DE SOCK (leaning in the window) Seen a wounded guy?

ROB

No.

DE SOCK How about an old couple?

ROB

No.

Rob raises the window and drives away.

EXT. STREET

We see La'Tricia stalking along the darkened street. She throws her back to the wall of a building at the edge of an alley and then whirls around, preparing to shoot anyone she sees.

EXT. AN URBAN ALLEY

La'Tricia enters the alley pushing debris our of her path with her foot.

She hears a car's ENGINE and BREAKS behind her on the street, she whirls around to see Rob's car slowing. She recognizes him.

LA'TRICIA What the . . ?

EXT. STREET

Rob's car parks.

Rob attempts to phone Carla.

ROB Carla, answer you bitch! Where on holy hell are you?

INT. RICK'S SEX SHOP BASEMENT

A bright light illuminates Carla whose feet are tied. She sits on the round pink bed. As with Hal, she wears a dog collar; a wire leads from it. Her cell rings several times.

Little Bit tapes.

CARLA What do you want from me?!

Carla's last word suddenly turns into a scream. She shakes violently.

EXT. ROB'S CAR

La'Tricia approaches the passenger side window, holding her gun out of sight.

INT. ROB'S CAR

La'Tricia, outside the car, presses her breasts against the window. She TAPS on the window with her free hand.

LA'TRICIA

Rob.

Oh!

Rob is shocked and points his gun at her.

ROB Sorry.

She taps the window again, points down.

LA'TRICIA Lower the window, I can't hear you.

As the window lowers, it drags the top of La'Tricia's blouse down more fully exposing her voluptuous breasts.

Rob, in his excitement and confusion, reverses the window, then again lowers it.

ROB Oops. Oh, God. Sorry.

He raises the window again by mistake.

ROB (CONT'D) Oh, wow. My mistake.

LA'TRICIA (seductively) Robbie . . .

ROB

Sorry!

He lowers the window again. All the way. He is captivated by her breasts.

LA'TRICIA

You big tease.

The window is fully lowered now. La'Tricia leans into the window. She sinks a bit, pushing her breasts up to their maximum grandeur. Rob cannot take his eyes off them.

LA'TRICIA (CONT'D) Baby, where is Carla?

ROB I don't know.

LA'TRICIA Is this your car?

ROB

Yes.

LA'TRICIA I thought Carla was in your car.

ROB

Me too.

LA'TRICIA How'd you come?

ROB Come? Oh, I come -- came in an Uber.

La'Tricia giggles, screws up her face, suffering major indecision.

LA'TRICIA Hal. Where is your brother?

ROB Haven't seen him.

LA'TRICIA Well . . . hell. What am I gunna do with you, Robbie?

ROB

Rob.

LA'TRICIA I like Robbie.

ROB

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INT. RICK'S SEX SHOP BASEMENT

Carla is still SCREAMING. Her hair stands up all over her head and her eyes are very wide.

KINKY Carla, dear, believe me. No one here wants to rape you.

TOBY I gag at the thought.

CARLA Mr. Roberts? Dad? Is that you --

Carla again SCREAMS and shakes.

EXT. STREET

Mr. De Sock stealthily stalks. He hears intermittent horn BEEPS. He looks about and in the distance he sees Rob's car. It is shaking. As he draws closer, he hears La'Tricia's and Rob's NOISY ENJOYMENT.

INT. ROB'S CAR

La'Tricia and Rob are going at it. It's awkward, but they manage. The windows are up and steamed.

Mr. De Sock peers into the car. He can't see clearly. He rushes to the rear window. He then climbs over the top to the windshield. He raps on the glass with his gun.

DE SOCK Stop that! You stop that!

INT. ROB'S CAR

Chaos. Rob and La'Tricia separate, she SCREAMS.

ROB

Jesus!

EXT. ROB'S CAR

De Sock goes to the passenger side door -- it's locked. He then runs around to try the driver's side door. As he does, the door opens, knocking him back on his ass.

Amid SCREAMS from La'Tricia, Rob bolts from the car wearing only a shirt and carrying his gun.

Rob moons as he runs barefoot down the street, passing a trash can, lid askew, with a boat paddle sticking out of it. The lid of the can rises slightly, and we see Bobo peering out.

INT. ROB'S CAR

De Sock, enters the car and points his gun at La'tricia who is still trying to dress.

> DE SOCK Who the fuck was that!

A frozen moment, then:

LA'TRICIA I -- I don't know.

DE SOCK

What!?

De SOCK searches the car pocket, finds registration. As he does this La'Tricia opens the passenger door and attempts to leave.

De Sock grabs her arm, stopping her exit.

DE SOCK (CONT'D) This car is registered to Robert R. Roberts! You were screwing one of the kids?!

LA'TRICIA

Was I?

She breaks free, grabs her gun from the roof of the car, and runs. De Sock fires at her. She returns fire from behind a derelict car.

LA'TRICIA (CONT'D) I can't believe you shot at me!

DE SOCK I can't believe you fucked one of the kids! You're fired!

LA'TRICIA

Fuck you!

They exchange fire again.

Further up the street, we see Rob still running. He hears the shots, stops, panics.

ROB

Oh, God!

Rob fires his gun blindly, then continues to run.

INT. RICK'S SEX SHOP BASEMENT

Carla and Hal sit, feet bound, on the round bed. They are fried. Little Bit continues to tape. Toby and Janet stand near by. Kinky holds the electric shock control.

> KINKY That'll do for the time being, Little Bit.

Carla tugs at her dog collar.

CARLA So can we take these damned things off now?

They all react to outside GUNSHOTS in the distance to their left.

HAL Mom, Daddy . . . If Carla hadn't --

CARLA -- shut up, Hal!

Kinky throws the switch; Hal and Carla SCREAM and shake. Kinky quickly turns off the current.

> KINKY No more of that, kids.

They all react to a GUNSHOT in the distance to their right. Kinky picks up a Ninja Turtles walkie-talkie.

> KINKY (CONT'D) Bobo? What's happening out there? Over.

EXT. STREET

We see Bobo standing in the trash can speaking into his walkie-talkie. He suddenly sits again as Rob runs back toward the car.

Rob stops next to the trash can.

INT. TRASH CAN

Through a space just under the trash can lid, Bobo spies Rob's fanny up close and personal.

EXT. STREET

Rob runs back toward his car and crouches out of sight at the front of the vehicle.

INT. TRASH CAN

Bobo starts to rise again, but sinks as he hears a GUNSHOT. Through a space under the lid he sees La'Tricia running toward the car from across the street.

EXT. STREET

As La'Tricia reaches for the driver's side door, Rob rises. Shocked, they both SCREAM and accidentally FIRE guns in the air.

She runs to the passenger side and gets in. Rob gets into the driver's seat.

INT. ROB'S CAR

ROB Who is that man?

LA'TRICIA De Sock, my boss -- he's crazy.

Another GUNSHOT is heard and through the windows they see De Sock running toward them.

ROB/ LA'TRICIA Crap!/ Drive!

Rob attempts to start the car. De Sock closes in, FIRING.

LA'TRICIA Start the fucking car!

The car finally starts. Rob puts it in gear.

EXT. STREET

They speed away just as De Sock reaches the car. De Sock fires again but can't -- he's out of ammo. He runs after the car.

Bobo gets out of the trash can, all the while reporting via the walkie-talkie.

INT. ROB'S CAR

La'Tricia sees De Sock chasing the car.

LA'TRICIA Turn around!

ROB

What?

LA'TRICIA

Do it!

She tries to turn the steering wheel. Rob brakes hard.

OK. OK.

EXT. STREET

We see the car back up, lurch forward, back again, and then head back down the street. De Sock stops, throws his gun at the on-coming car, then turns and runs.

INT. ROB'S CAR

LA'TRICIA

Faster!

ROB

ROB

Oh, God.

She puts her foot on the gas pedal and guns it. De Sock is directly in their path.

ROB (CONT'D)

Oh, God!

EXT. STREET

Just as Rob's car is about to run him down, De Sock darts into an alley.

INT. ROB'S CAR

And, just as De Sock evades, La'Tricia grabs the wheel and turns the car toward him. The car SMASHES into the corner of a building.

EXT. AN URBAN ALLEY

And, just as the car smashes into the building, a boat paddle CRACKS De Sock over the head.

Bobo, holding the paddle, speaks over his walkie-talkie:

BOBO I'm gunna need some help.

INT. RICK'S SEX SHOP BASEMENT - THE NEXT DAY

De Sock, La'Tricia and Rob, all sporting lumps and black eyes, sit with Carla and Hal on the round bed.

All wear dog collars. All have their feet tied. Rob holds a penis pillow in his lap to cover his privates. Rob and Hal cry.

Like Hal and Carla, De Sock, La'Tricia and Rob show signs of having been given electrical shocks.

Little Bit is again at her video camera with Bobo near by. Janet and Toby sit just outside the set area, and Kinky holds the electrical switch.

KINKY

So . . . We have everything on video. A sordid tale of greed and corruption. The question is what shall we do with it? Or, better yet, what shall we do with you?

The five on the bed simultaneously plead. Kinky flips the switch and they all fry a bit and bang their heads together. Kinky turns off the juice.

KINKY (CONT'D) Toby and Janet Roberts, whose only crime has been to outlive the love of their sons, have the privilege of passing judgement on you.

Toby and Janet rise. There is a long silence.

ROB Mom, Daddy, what are you going to do?

JANET You'll find out soon enough. Not another word.

DE SOCK

But --

Toby again throws the switch. When he releases it, the others on the bed slap De Sock about the face and head.

Toby picks up a suitcases.

TOBY You ready, sweetheart?

JANET (taking a suitcase) Yes, I am, dear. Let's go to the mall. Janet and Toby start up the stairs to the alley. TOBY Thank you Kinky, Little Bit and Bobo . . . for everything. JANET Yes. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. (pause) Are you sure it's no trouble? KINKY No trouble at all, dear. They deserve it and it'll be good for business. JANET Well . . . All right, then. They reluctantly start up the stairs. ROB Deserve what? Mom, Daddy, please --

Kinky delivers a shock.

CARLA Mommy, Daddy, what a pussy --

Kinky delivers a longer shock.

KINKY Come back and see us -- we'll always have Coke!

Little Bit waves a dildo.

LITTLE BIT We can have fun next time!

BOBO

Bye!

As Janet and Toby climb the stairs out of sight, Hal, Rob and others desperately CALL OUT to them.

EXT. ALLEY - DAY - CONTINUOUS

Muffled SCREAMS from the basement are heard. Janet appears from the stairs, puts her suitcase down and extends a hand to Toby, who follows. Toby puts his suitcase down and brings the box-covered door down, just as Sparky joins them. The screams from below are silenced.

> TOBY Well, ma mie, we never got that coffee.

They hold hands as they walk to the street with their suitcases. Sparky trots alongside.

JANET (with a wink) Nor the muffin.

SERIES OF SHOTS

Toby and Janet, hand-in-hand, walk out of the alley into the sunshine. Birds sing. Sparky trots along in front of them.

Toby and Janet stroll through a park past a fountain. Butterflies flutter by as Sparky leaps playfully at them.

They walk hand-in-hand into the coffee shop across the street from the GO! Building; the large screens still play the GO! Infomercial.

EXT. STREET

Rob, Hal, Carla, La'Tricia and De Sock are huddled together. They are nude and cover themselves with pieces of cardboard and trash from the alley.

They move cautiously as a clump, and although we cannot hear them, we see that they are insulting and cursing each other.

As the "nude bunch" approaches La'Tricia's car. Out of no where several police cars pull up, blocking their escape. Cops pour out of the cars and kneel, guns at the ready. Our "nude bunch" raise their hands, dropping their cardboard and trash.

INT. COFFEE SHOP - A LITTLE LATER

Janet and Toby sit outside the shop drinking coffee. They share one muffin. They stare off into the distance. Sparky sits in Toby's lap enjoying a bit of muffin as well.

Behind them, unnoticed, the large screens outside the Geriatric Options Building suddenly go dark.

EXT. GOVERNORS SQUARE MALL PARKING LOT - LATER

A very tired Toby and Janet walk through the expansive and empty lot followed by Sparky. They carry their suitcases.

TOBY

Look.

JANET

Can it be.

They approach a 2017 Subaru Forester. It looks like hell.

TOBY Our car. Here to greet us.

JANET How lovely. Our car's been assigned here as well.

Toby and Janet reluctantly continue to walk until they are near the Macy's entrance. They stop. After a moment, they look into each other's eyes.

> TOBY I love you, my sweet girl.

JANET And I love you, Toby. We're going to make the best of this.

We see their backs as they walk hand-in-hand with their suitcases, followed by Sparky, to the Macy's entrance doors.

Toby Opens the door for Janet. She stops. After a moment, she turns to Toby, and looks back to their car.

JANET (CONT'D) I wonder . . ?

After a pause, they move away from the Mall doors, and then hurry to the car.

Toby tries the driver's side door. It opens.

JANET (CONT'D) Oh, my . . Do you think . . ?

Toby lifts the floor mat, revealing a spare key.

TOBY Its still here. JANET

Oh, my . . .

And you always said "what's the use in leaving a spare Key --

JANET (CONT'D) -- in a car that should be locked?"

TOBY And now we know.

Sparky jumps into the car and barks.

They laugh. Energy returns. They dance, Janet twirls Toby under her arm, then pops the trunk. Toby tosses the suitcases in and SLAMS it closed. Janet starts the car, Toby hops into the passenger seat. Sparky stands between them with his front paws on the dash.

They drive away.

THE END