N.E.T.WORK

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INT. KRANK'S BAR & PUB - NIGHT

The bar is dimly lit with tables and booths scattered throughout. There is no occupants in this bar, except for DETECTIVE SHEILA BRYCE (28).

The music coming from the jukebox is low and mellow. Sheila is cleaning the bar off just as there is a loud knock at the door.

BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM

The knock is constant and urgent making her rush while pulling her service weapon out of the holster.

She peeks out the hole, then unlocks the dead bolts.

Barging in full of distress and fear is MARK (36).

Mark is a light skin man with unkept facial hair and wearing clothes like he is trying to attempt a bad disguise.

MARK I can't do this shit. They gon kill me-

SHEILA Wait, calm down Mark, who's going to kill you?

MARK You know who gon kill me. The niggas I roll with, the same niggas you want me to tell on, Network...

She leads him to a booth and sits down across from him so they can talk.

SHEILA

Look just calm down Mark we are almost there. We just need to know the identity of all the hitmen involved, so we can have a solid RICO case against them.

MARK

I told you all them niggas is killing shit now. They getting more cake for blowing candles than the dope they sale now.

SHEILA Blowing candles what do you mean?

MARK

We refer to these as kills-

SHEILA

Hold up WE, lets be sure to separate ourselves from this as much as possible. The bureau owns the place and it's completely bugged it'll pick up everything you say.

MARK

You right they, they refer to kills as blowing candles, you know issuing these guys their death dates. Whoever blow the candle gets the cake...

He makes hand gestures signaling money.

SHEILA

Gets the money okay ...

Sheila is now writing on a note pad.

SHEILA (CONT'D)

Continue.

Mark looks at her and stumbles over his words then shuts down. He looks at her note pad.

MARK Excuse me Sheila I can't do this…

He gets up to leave she gets up with him.

SHEILA Life in a super max prison...

He stops in his tracks.

SHEILA

Leave out that door snd there's no turning back? Let's not forget why you're here, two bricks of fentanyl and some guns, for an already convicted felon. That means you're fucked, unless I get what I want...

He frowns his brows in frustration.

SHEILA

My boss want these guys bad. And if I build this case and secure their indictments, it could be the biggest bust this city has ever scene possibly the nation.

She looks him square in the eye.

SHEILA

Because the cold hard truth about this gang is they are all going down. And anybody around them is going down with them.

Mark returns to the booth and takes a seat.

MARK

What made y'all get on me anyway? By y'all I mean you. Because nobody else has asked me to cooperate I've only been talking to you. That makes me think you don't have nothing on me...

SHEILA

You willing to bet on that? I do know you stay at forty two fifty Red Rock. I know you meet with Gotti every Tuesday where he supplies you with ten bricks of fentanyl and you pay him for the previous batch...

Mark looks at her for a moment then gets comfortable on the booth.

SHEILA Up until these bodies started popping up we didn't have a real interest in this criminal organization.

MARK

I always knew that when these bodies pop up it was going to get ugly.

SHEILA That should let you know their time is limited because these bodies... (intensely) Are popping up. He takes a deep breath.

MARK What do you wonna know?

SHEILA

Well we already know that Boo Gotti is being funded by Rita. Rita has been on the bureaus radar for years. They haven't been able to build a case on her or her niece bcuz she lives in Jamaica...

Sheila smirks then pulls out a Manilla envelope. She takes some photos out and lay them on the table. The first photo visible is BREEZE.

A young dark skin man in his mid twenties with some fly glasses and nice jewelry. He could easily be mistaken for a rapper.

SHEILA I need you to tell me about the ones that help her criminal organization stay lucrative.

MARK Well that's Breeze. He's real smooth and low key, every hit he commit to comes with an escape plan...

FLASH

EXT. CITY STREETS - DAY

In this rural area only thing is heard is the grass being cut by a man riding a lawnmower.

The yard is huge and the man has on headphones.

Breeze has on a highlighted construction uniform.

He creeps through woods as the man riding the lawnmower is cutting a straight line towards his position.

Breeze is putting a silencer on the barrel of his gun.

The lawnmower comes to the end of the grass towards the woods, and the man tries to shield himself from the shots that Breeze is putting in him.

The lawnmower is still running with the man dead.

Breeze is creeping back through the woods.

Past a few houses then into another set of woods.

Then over a creek, and into more woods.

And finally into a construction site where multiple men working in the same uniform he has on.

Breeze is walking towards a car that sits just outside the construction building.

He gets in the car all smiles.

INT. BIANCA'S CAR - DAY

Breeze enters the car with a warm hug and a kiss from his gorgeous girlfriend BIANCA (35).

BIANCA Hey baby how was your day?

BREEZE Terrible I just quit...

BIANCA What, why?

BREEZE Just drive baby I'll tell you about it...

MARK((V.O.) Even his girlfriend has no idea about his street involvement.

The two drive off from the construction site.

BACK TO PRESENT

Mark is shaking nervously then pulls out a cigarette and lights it.

Sheila is looking at him then puts her hand on his to calm him down.

SHEILA Please calm down Mark I assure you that we are going to protect you.

She sets another photo on the table.

This photo is of another young black male. His name is KILLA (21) and he has the look of a menace.

MARK Now he is a real problem, that's Killa and for that cake he'll blow a candle wherever...

FLASH

EXT. GARAGE SALE - DAY

This husband and wife is showing off their antiques and plenty of customers are gathered in the driveway.

Killa is sliding thru on a Venom Motorcycle.

The husband is showing a customer some of their kitchen ware, while the pregnant wife is sitting in the garage on a rocking chair.

The customer pays, the husband waves and out of nowhere Killa rides up and shoots the man in the chest.

Killa rides off swiftly.

The husband falls to the ground while the wife cries hysterically, attempting to comfort him.

BACK TO SCENE

Sheila gets up.

MARK

Killa don't mind killing wherever but this is where he lose at. Because if for any reason a love one suffers by being a witness or anybody innocent gets hit, the payment of funeral and hospital bills comes out of the blowers pay...

Mark starts laughing.

MARK

That's what make him so dangerous because he obviously don't care about the money.

Mark takes a deep sigh.

SHEILA

Mark...

He looks at her.

SHEILA Calm down you're safe now. I'm gonna pour us a drink. You good with Remy?

Mark shakes his head.

Sheila grabs another photo then puts in front of Mark.

Then she goes behind the bar not far from where they're sitting.

SHEILA Keep talking as I said the place is bugged.

MARK

That's Boss ...

BOSS is a thirty year old man who looks like he is posing for a year book.

MARK And he extremely intelligent. He read books and into all that meditation stuff. He the reason that got me nervous, because I can never get a hood read on him.

Mark is tapping on the photo.

MARK But don't let his look fool you. This nigga the most ruthless of them all because he don't give a fuck who he kill.

FLASH

INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

Boss and a Woman is having sex passionately. She has her legs spread wide as he thrust into her.

He wraps one hand around her neck which makes her go even harder.

He puts both hands around her neck and he pounds her furiously.

She is now attempting to free herself from his grips.

Unable to breathe her eyes are bulging and she begins swinging violently.

BACK TO SCENE

Mark is shaking his head with disgust.

Sheila stands over him and hands him a drink.

He downs the shot.

SHEILA Shit. Can we share a toast sir?

MARK It's Boss. He the one that take the jobs that nobody want of women and kids. He don't have a heart.

Sheila grabs his glass and goes back to the bar to pour him another.

SHEILA You telling me they kill kids to.

MARK Not yet but it's only a matter of time, before somebody's baby see something and gotta go to the police. And he'll be just the man to do it.

Sheila pulls out another photo. A dark skin man spotting a Rick Ross beard and some shades.

SHEILA Tell us about the one who killed his own Uncle...

MARK Cane is going to live by the code and die by the code...

SHEILA And what's the code. MARK The network code. N.E.T. Nobody ever tell...

FLASH

INT. CANE'S UNCLE MAC'S HOME - NIGHT

Cane is sitting at a dining room table across from his Uncle Mac. A line of tears is coming down both of their faces.

CANE You taught me the game Unc. You the one that told me stand on everything you do, love a man and die a man, and to never tell about shit...

UNCLE MAC Nephew they had me. I'm almost sixt years old they talking about I'm gon have to do thirty years-

CANE Then you should of did thirty years then-

UNCLE MAC I can't. I can't, I have cancer man and not too much longer to live...

Cane stands up and points his .38 revolver at him.

CANE You got damn right you don't have too much longer to live...

Uncle Mac sits back and looks at Cane square in the eye.

UNCLE MAC So who sent you here to kill me? Gotti?

Cane shakes his head "NO" then pulls his hammer back.

CANE I signed up for this one Unc.

He puts two bullet holes in his chest. He then begins crying as his uncle is taking his last breaths.

Mark has now gotten a little more comfortable in the booth. Meanwhile Sheila sits another drink in front of him.

She then turns over a photo of GOTTI then places a photo just above him of RITA a near sixty year old woman with menacing gaze.

SHEILA

Gotti is at the top but just above him is Rita. She is the one that we are after. She's so elusive we have never been able to bring her down.

MARK

Yeah she got to get out of here first. She's the one that been paying Gotti for the hits. She pays him at least twenty a body but sometimes it range up to a hundred...

Sheila's eyes raise with shock.

MARK

Yeah, she getting paid by street niggas, police, even politicians. That bitch is the devil. She got her granddaughter pulling hits and placing a fucking Jamaican card on her victims as a sign.

Sheila pulls out her pen.

SHEILA And who is this granddaughter can you tell us more about her?

MARK

Her name is Messa, Mossa or something like that. I never met her, Rita told Gotti to keep me away she don't trust me. If it wasn't for Gotti and his love for me she would had killed me a long time ago.

SHEILA

Yet here you are, telling on Gotti ...

Mark's demeanor switches.

SHEILA

I'm not saying that to throw anything in your face I know you're doing the right thing. You have kids to be out there for, graduations and proms. Gotti has nothing to live for. Look what he did to the trash man.

MARK

You should of seen that shit, it was like something from a movie.

FLASH

INT. N.E.T.WORK OFFICE - NIGHT

In this office space there is a gangsta nostalgia. Portraits of John Gotti, Scarface, Tony Soprano and Big Meech, are hanging from the red tinted walls.

There is a big round table in the center of the office where all the Network gang sit. Breeze, Killa, Boss, Cane, and Mark.

Standing at the head of the table is Gotti.

A clean cut black man with a commanding presence.

GOTTI Rita got a present for y'all.

All the men get excited.

Gotti tosses multiple envelopes on the table.

Each man gets one. They pull the photo out one by one.

GOTTI Yeah Rico is a big present for you boys. This cake worth forty to the man that blow his candle...

KILLA Yeah I gotta have his ass.

They are all examining photos of Rico while Gotti explains.

GOTTI This a lay-up for y'all because of his routine, he on trash duty every day of the week. And they want this done fast...

MARK So who did he tell on?

The room goes dead silent with all eyes on him. Boss cocks his head to the side.

> CANE Do that fucking matter man?

GOTTI

Let's just say he told on his brother and his plug and one of them ain't forgiving his ass. But frankly I don't give a fuck and you shouldn't neither...

KILLA I know I don't. I'm giving that nigga all seventeen-

BREEZE You better get to him before I do...

KILLA

Yo sneaky ass gon have to watch me work.

BREEZE You know it don't take me no seventeen shots to get my man's, yo boy got aim...

Cane and Boss smirk as these two young guns go at it verbally.

Mark seems a bit out of it.

GOTTI Y'all go ahead and get to work, this a early one.

They all form out and Gotti calls Mark to him.

GOTTI What's to you? You seem a little out of it... MARK Yeah bra you know all this killing shit don't really be for me. I'm a hustler that's what I'm good at... GOTTI

You down with us, then you all the way down. Ain't no some this way and a little that way. It's all the way or no way. You got me?

Mark shakes his head.

GOTTI

You the only one without a candle blown bra. You starting to make me think you ain't built for this. I'm gon give you a hook, aye Cane...

Just before Cane leave out the door he heads back to Gotti.

GOTTI I need you to let Mark ride with you on this one bra...

Cane instantly turns his face up then look at Mark.

CANE Gotti come on.

GOTTI Do this for me. If you don't get

the hit you got my cut.

Boss reluctantly shakes his head in agreement.

CANE Don't fuck this up nigga.

FADE TO:

EXT. NEIGHBORHOOD - DAY

It's early morning and birds are chirping as the sun light is shining. No pedestrians are seen but there is traffic being heard nearby.

An Impala sits on the curb with the car running.

INT. MARK'S CAR -DAY

Mark is looking in a panic out of each rear view.

MARK (to himself) I cant believe this shit they got me in...

He is looking around the neighborhood while he is a nervous wreck.

His phone rings.

SPEAKERPHONE

CANE (0.S.) Aye man look I can see the garbage truck up the way...

EXT. BUS STOP - DAY

Cane is on his phone wearing a black bubble coat and a hoodie, while talking to Mark.

CANE We need to get this nigga before they do. Aye, aye Man do not fuck this shit up.

EXT. NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS - DAY

The garbage truck is on its regular routine. Hanging from the back is RICO, a forty something year old man. Judging by his upbeat attitude he takes pride in his work, as he listens to music in his headphones.

He jumps off the truck and attaches the trash can onto the device that empties the trash.

He returns the cab to the curb then moves on to the next one.

INT. CITY STREETS - DAY

Killa is riding a ninja 650. He is riding down a street and slows to a halt.

He has the truck and Rico in his visual a couple of blocks away.

He goes in the glove box and pulls out a Mac 10. He then straps it over his body, and lets it hang off his back.

He starts his motorbike and takes off.

EXT. NEIGHBORHOOD - DAY

Creeping through between homes is Breeze. He has on a black Covid mask and is dressed as a utility worker.

He is now walking next to a garage where he crouches down then pulls out a 9mm.

He cocks his gun then waves the beam on his free hand. Breeze leans against the garage.

INT. MARK'S CAR - DAY

Mark is looking at a person not far from him rushing their trash to the curb.

They look at him, he waves.

Cane is screaming in the phone.

BOSS Aye nigga what the fuck is you doing? Why ain't you creeping out?

Mark starts moving in a haste and speed off.

He hits the corner in an attempt to cut off the garbage truck but the truck just hits the horn then turns in the alley.

Cane goes off with verbal insults.

CANE You stupid muthafucka I knew you was gon fuck this lick up. Drive we gon catch him at the end of the alley...

They skirt off.

Just as they turn on the street Killa cuts them off. He sticks up his middle finger then rides pass them popping a wheel.

CANE Hurry up go go go. Fuck that just pull in the alley, and I'm gon bust him right there...

EXT. ALLEY - DAY

Breeze is inconspicuously leaned against the garage.

The truck is heard driving down the alley.

He is positioning himself for the kill.

AT THE TRUCK

The garbage truck stops at a line of three trash cans.

Rico does his routine with the first can.

EXT. NEIGHBORHOOD/ALLEY - DAY

Killa turns in the alley. He rev's the engine on the motorbike.

Rico is now returning the first can.

Killa heads straight toward the truck.

AT THE TRUCK

Rico grabs the second trash can and begins his dumping routine.

INT. MARK'S CAR - DAY

Mark looks petrified. Cane is mugging him.

CANE Turn right in here and pull right in front of the truck.

Mark does as he's told and Cane gets out the car with gun in hand.

He signals for the driver to be quiet, as he's walking pass.

AT THE TRUCK

Rico is now returning the second can.

Killa is hopping off the bike and running towards Rico with Mac in hand.

Rico is still oblivious to what's going on around him until he looks down and spots a red beam on his chest.

Breeze has perfect aim, all he has to do is squeeze.

Rico looks up and to his surprise the third trash cans lid raises.

He is looking down a double barrel shotgun that Boss is holding.

BOOM

Rico is blasted back into the truck.

FADE TO:

INT. KRANK'S BAR & PUB - NIGHT

Mark is shaking while smoking another cigarette.

SHEILA Whoa you right that was heavy. But I will say this, we almost have everything we need to bring them down, and that's worth celebrating...

She lifts her glass to toast. He taps her glass with his and they both down there drinks.

SHEILA Now tell me of this niece that Rita has making hits. So is she apart of Network?

MARK Its her granddaughter, and no she not a part of Net- Network...

Mark adjust his collar and let's out a subtle cough.

SHEILA How do you know?

MARK How do I know what?

SHEILA How do you know her niece isn't a part of this Network organization?

MARK You mean her granddaughter?

SHEILA No I mean her niece…

Mark is now blinking and choking up through his speech.

MARK It's her granddaughter-

SHEILA No, my name is Musa and I'm her niece.

Mark is grabbing his throat and falls to the ground shaking convulsively.

Boss and Gotti appears and stands next to Sheila.

BOSS Told you this nigga wasn't right.

GOTTI Rest in piss pussy.

Mark is foaming out his mouth as he takes his last breath.

Sheila places the Jamaican symbol on his chest.

FADE OUT.

THE END