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PRE- CREDITS

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4. 2 I NT. RECEPTI ON. FASTCASH4U. EDI NBURGH. - DAY.

The room is quiet, apart from the off-screen tapping of a computer keyboard.

Long beat and then...

The door BURSTS OPEN and MAX storms in...

TI NA

Max?

We REVEAL that TINA is the previously unseen Receptionist.

Max ignores her, walks on and we follow him into...

4.3 INT. FRONT OFFICE. FASTCASH4U - DAY.

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The front office, and on into...

4.4 INT. BACK OFFICE. FASTCASH4U - DAY.

4.4

Cameron's office, where CAMERON, ROY and ARCHIE await him.

Max closes the door behind him, then...

CAMERON

OK, gentlemen, let's keep (this)...

MAX

Where is he?

Roy views Max with intrigue.

MAX (CONT'D)

You' qo' d1. 8898 cm o8' qo' d1. 8898 cm o8' qo' d1. 8898 cm o8' qo'

ROY

I don't know, but I shouldn't think that he's got far.

He and Max size each other up.

ROY (CONT'D)

This city is full of dark corners, Max. Sometimes you just have to wait for them to seek the light.

Beat. Then Max, frustrated, defeated, moves to leave. He's surprised to see Archie, who blocks his way and looks to Roy. Roy shakes his head. Archie steps aside, Max storms OUT.

Long beat. Then...

CAMERON

I think we can (trust him)...

ROY

(to Archie)

Follow him.

Archi e LEAVES.

4.5 EXT. STREET. / MAX'S OFFI CE. EDI NBURGH - DAY.

4.5

Max's car pulls up at his office.

Beat. Then...

Archie's car pulls up nearby.

Max gets out, and enters...

4.6 INT. COMMUNAL AREA. MAX'S OFFICE - DAY.

4.6

We follow Max as he walks through the communal area into a...

4.7 INT. STAIRWELL. MAX'S OFFICE - DAY.

4.7

Where he walks down the stairs then out a fire door into...

4.8 EXT. ANOTHER STREET - DAY.

4.8

Another street. Where he hails a taxi.

4.9 EXT. PUB. CRAI GM LLER - DAY.

4.9

We're on the outside of the same dodgy pub we've seen before, where Max and Kenny have met. It remains a thoroughly uninspiring sight.

Beat. Then the taxi pulls up.

Max gets out and walks into the pub...

4. 10 INT. PUB - DAY.

4.10

And keeps walking...

Behind the bar as usual is JAFFA. He and Max swap a nod then Jaffa Leads Max to a well-locked door at the back of the pub.

He works through the locks, then opens it for Max who walks into...

4. 11 INT. BACK ROOM PUB - DAY.

4. 11

A dingy back room where Max says, with a jarringly upbeat air...

MAX

Morni ng!

And we REVEAL JAKE.

Who is not upbeat, not at all. And he looks at Max with utter bewilderment then says, with mounting fury...

JAKE

What the f-

CUT TO:

4. 12 TI TLE CARD.

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GUILT

CUT TO:

4. 13 EXT. JAKE'S SHOP. LEITH - DAY.

4. 13

Jake's shop is darkened, empty. ANGLE stands outside. She looks confused, a little angry.

CUT TO:

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4.15 INT. BACK ROOM PUB - DAY.

4.15

JAKE

You kidnapped me?!

Jake is in disbelief, Max in defiant justification...

MAX

That's a little dramatic...

JAKE

It was dramatic Max. I near enough shat myself.

MAX

Well, (that's)...

JAKE

I thought it was, like, ISIS or something...

MAX

Do you think you'd be a target (for)...

JAKE

Obviously not. That was when the hood went on. But then I had time to think. About you. And about my shop.

MAX

It was for your own good, Jake...

JAKE

(anger peaks)

How the (fuck)...

MAX

Roy Lynch.

That takes the wind out of Jake. Beat. Then...

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{MAX (CONT'D)} \\ \text{You've heard of him?} \end{array}$

JAKE

Obvi ousl y.

MAX

I've been working for him.

JAKE

Then you're insane.

MAX

And so have you.

JAKE

(beat, realises)

The accounts.

MAX

Money laundering would be more accurate. Which is why I told you to leave the system in place. When you wouldn't, Roy decided he was going to give you a scare, I thought I'd better get you out the way before he did, and here we are.

JAKE

Right. So, just to be clear, thanks to you I've been laundering money for a gangster?

MAX

You have. With great success if that (helps)...

JAKE

That feels like something I'd like to have known about....

MAX

It's not a time for regrets, Jake.

JAKE

That feels like something I'd like to have had the opportunity to turn down.

MAX

(firm)

I want you to focus.

JAKE

(equally firm)

I want my phone báck, and I want a taxi.

Behind them, the SOUND of the door being unlocked again.

MAX

I keep telling you, you're in danger.

JAKE

No, Max, this is all yours.

Behind them, the SOUND of the door being opened...

MAX

Jake, believe me, I wish you weren't involved...

JAKE

(confi dently)

I didn't even know I was working for him!

(MORE)

JAKE (CONT'D)

He's not going to come after me, what would be the point (of that)...

But Jake trails off as he speaks, his confidence vanishing, and we REVEAL the reason why.

KENNY. Sitting with difficulty next to Max. His face bruised, his body delicate...

KFNNY

You should listen. To your brother.

CUT TO:

4. 16 INT. RECEPTION. FASTCASH4U - DAY.

4.16

Coins being stacked. On top of bank notes. By a troubled Looking MAN. He finishes, totals up, Looks relieved...

MAN

We got there.

He's talking to Tina.

TI NA

Only nine payments to go... (the man is confused) With the penalties. Sorry.

There is some sympathy in her smile as she offers him a receipt and puts the money in an envelope.

The Man LEAVES. Tina stands, walks through...

4. 17 INT. FRONT OFFICE. FASTCASH4U - DAY.

4. 17

To the back where she knocks, enters...

4. 18 I NT. BACK OFFI CE. FASTCASH4U - DAY.

4.18

Where Cameron remains with Roy. Tina holds up the cash, Cameron nods. She walks to a safe. As she deposits the cash, they return to their conversation...

ROY

He's lying.

CAMERON

We don't know that.

Cameron handles Roy carefully...

CAMERON (CONT'D)

And we need him.

Nothing from Roy.

CAMERON (CONT'D)

Roy, we need him.

Roy turns to Tina, who is leaving...

ROY

Keep close to the wife.

TI NA

Sorry?

ROY

We might want to use her.

TI NA

Use her, how?

Roy ignores her. Cameron catches her eye, shakes his head. Tina LEAVES, showing concern.

We stay on Roy, in thought...

CUT TO:

4. 19 INT. BACK ROOM PUB - DAY.

4. 19

MAX

Here's the thing about Roy Lynch. He's a gangster who got lucky.

As Max confidently gives his plan, Jake is curious, Kenny fearful...

MAX (CONT'D)

What we've been doing, the money I aunderi ng. . .

JAKE

You' ve been doing...

MAX

(ignores, continues)
Is all a wee bit white collar for
Roy. There must be someone above him. Someone professional. If I can get to them, then I can explain that you're not needed. (beat, significant) And neither is Roy.

Kenny picks up on that...

KENNY

What does that mean, Max?

Max senses Kenny's resistance...

MAX

Kenny, this is business. I can make them more money than Roy and in a safer way. I can sell it, I just need to get to them.

KENNY

Max, I know a lot more about Roy than you, and none of it's good, and some of it's terrible, and I think you're getting a (wee bit)...

JAKE

OK.

That derails Kenny.

JAKE (CONT' D)

SHEI LA

Hello.

INTERCUT WITH:

INT. HENRY'S OFFICE - DAY. 4. 21

4. 21

HENRY, confused, on the phone...

HENRY

Sheila, Henry McKinnon.

Sheila cleanly switches to 'old lady mode'...

SHEI LA

Good morning Henry, how are you?

HENRY

I'm confused Sheila, is how I am.

SHEI LA

0h?

HENRY

I've just had an email. From Walter's niece.

From here, mounting fear for Sheila.

SHEI LA

Right.

HENRY

Jessie. In Australia.

Nothing from Sheila.

HENRY (CONT'D)
She had a note of condolence from a family friend. Which confused her. Because she didn't know Walter had died. Which confused me, Sheila. As you might imagine.

Sheila tries to buy time...

SHEI LA

I'm a wee bit poorly Henry, can I call you back in a few days?

HENRY

No Sheila, I need to get to the bottom of this, if you can't help me then I'll have (to)...

SHEILA
(nips in bud)
Tomorrow.
(ae+c (gets silence, then)
I'll come and see you tomorrow,
Henry, and we'll work it all out
then. OK?

She waits nervously, until...

HENRY OK, Sheila. Tomorrow. TI NA

This isn't what I thought it was.

We see a flicker of conflict from Cameron...

TINA (CONT'D)

I thought this place was legit. (beat, concedes) Ish. But the other stuff...

She points to the departed Roy...

TINA (CONT'D)

Him. No, that's not... (consi ders, then)

I shouldn't have done it. With her.

And now. . .

(consi ders, then)

This isn't what I thought it was.

Cameron looks at her, steels, then...

CAMERON

One thousand, eight hundred and fifty two per cent.

Tina recognises, is discomforted by the reference.

CAMERON (CONT'D)

On every form you get them to sign. Right there in front of you. One thousand, eight hundred and fifty two per cent APR. You see the people that come in, and you see what that number does to them.

Tina remains uncomfortable.

CAMERON (CONT'D)

This is <u>exactly</u> what you thought it was. So, as he said, stay close to the wife. Because we might want to use her.

Tina LEAVES, seemingly defeated. As Cameron watches her go, we see his conviction fade, replaced by conflict.

4.26 EXT. STREET. / I NT. MAX' S CAR - DAY.

4.26

Parked over the road from the police station, Max, Jake, Kenny and a tense Stevie sit in Max's car.

MAX

How did you get involved?

Stevi e hesi tates...

JAKE

I'm sure it was the same way you did, Max. Weakness and money.

Jake turns to Stevie...

JAKE (CONT'D)

My brother's weakness is hubris, and being a total prick. What's yours?

STEVI E

(beat, then)

Gambling.

(consi ders)

<u>Bad</u> gambling.

MAX

This is it Stevie. This is your way out.

Stevie doesn't look disinterested at that...

MAX (CONT'D)

I'm taking over. The whole thing.

Stevie is unimpressed. Max pushes on persuasively...

MAX (CONT' D)

And you'll be part of it. You'll still get your money, but legally. Security consultant. Not the first copper with a second job.

Stevie humours him...

STEVI E

You're taking over?

MAX

I'm taking over.

STEVI E

You're a lunatic.

MAX

No Stevie. I'm a professional. And I suspect that, above Roy, there are other professionals. All I need you to do is tell me who they are.

STEVI E

(consi ders, then)

I don't want to be part of this.

Max Laughs...

INTERCUT WITH:

4. 29 INT. LIVING AREA. WALTER'S HOUSE - DAY.

4. 29

Angle on the phone...

ANGI F

That would be accurate.

JAKE

You didn't get my text?

ANGI E

Oh, you mean "all good"? Yeah, I got it I just figured that "all good" didn't merit a response, what with your vanishing act.

JAKE

Sorry, things are a wee bit nuts. I'll be there soon. I just need to do something with Max...

ANGI E

(dry)

Of course you do...

Off her disapproval, Jake battles back...

JAKE

You said I needed a plan.

ANGI E

What?

JAKE

For you to stay. You said I needed a plan. Well, I've got one.

ANGI E

(concerned)

Jake, what are you (doing)...

JAKE

I'll be there soon.

He hangs up. He's holding the suit jacket. A moment's thought, then he puts it on while we...

CUT over to MAX. REVEAL Max is looking at a photo of himself and Jake as young boys with their MOTHER. Looking at the photo Max battles emotion, tearing up. He snaps back into action, wipes his eyes, turns and walks from the room while...

MAX

OK stop fannying about, let's go.

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4.30 INT. CAFE. EDINBURGH - DAY. 4. 30

Claire and Tina. Claire on an awkward monologue, Tina listening with equal awkwardness...

CLAI RE

And, as part of the whole, situation, or whatever you'd...

(gathers)

I mean, I'm not looking to define this, you know, I'm just wondering how it might fit into whatever I end (up)...

TI NA

I'm leaving.

Claire's thrown.

TINA (CONT'D)
I'm leaving Edinburgh.

CLAI RE

Right. I mean, in that case, you could have maybe stopped me a little sooner...

TI NA

(half-joking)
Want to come with me?

CLAI RE

That's not... (flails)

I mean, that feels a little beyond where (I am)...

TI NA

You deserve to be happy, Claire. And I don't think that involves Max.

CLAI RE

(considers, then)
You don't know Max. I mean, you're
not necessarily wrong, but you
(don't)...

TI NA

I know Max.

Claire's thrown. Beat, then...

TINA (CONT'D)

I recognised him. At your house, from the photos.

Claire is intrigued...

MAX

A man should have more than one suit.

Which Jake might have reacted to but doors open, and VICTOR steps in...

VI CTOR

(accented)

Gentlemen, come in.

4.34 INT. LIVING AREA. WALTER'S HOUSE - DAY.

4.34

An angry Angie packs up her stuff. Her attention drifts...

REVEAL it's a box, in which we might recognise the medication, the chequebooks and the letter from Walter's niece.

Angie thinks.

4.35 INT. VICTOR'S OFFICE. CONSULATE - DAY.

4.35

Max and Jake sit opposite Victor, whose accent appears to have thickened...

VI CTOR

I am sorry for my English. But I am a little confused.

MAX

We work for Roy.

VI CTOR

Who is Roy?

Jake is concerned, Max isn't.

MAX

Or more accurately, we work for you. For your money.

Max sees enough of a flicker from Victor to lead to...

MAX (CONT'D)

And I don't think your English can be that bad, what with all the wee

Victor considers Max, his confidence. Then, with his normal, lighter accent...

VI CTOR

Why isn't Roy with you?

MAX

That's what we want to talk to you about.

VI CTOR

(beat, vague)

We can talk.

Max steadies then goes confidently into his pitch...

MAX

Without me, you couldn't do it. Without Roy, you could do it better.

Victor shows no reaction. So Max continues...

MAX (CONT'D)

Roy doesn't understand it. And because he doesn't understand it, he wanted to make it simple. He wanted it to go through one place, one person.

VI CTOR

(to Jake)

You.

JAKE

Me.

VI CTOR

And your shack.

JAKE

Shack?!

MAX

Roy thought he needed someone to watch. But that just holds it back. I can take your money, as much as you want, and send it through a hundred places. Places that don't know that it's happening, people that don't know that it's happening. It goes through them and it comes back clean.

VI CTOR

In such a hypothetical arrangement, what would be your cut?

MAX

What do you give Roy?

Beat, then Victor fully engages...

VI CTOR

Twenty per cent.

(thinks, then)

Ten.

Victor is teetering...

VI CTOR

Roy has a policeman.

JAKF

No he doesn't.

MAX

How do you think we found you?

Victor considers. Then smiles and we...

CUT TO:

4.36 EXT. FRONT DOOR. CONSULATE. / STREET - DAY.

4.36

Max and Jake Leave the Consulate, Jake nervous, Max's natural confidence shining through.

JAKE

Did that, I mean, did it work?

MAX

Of course.

JAKE

He didn't (say)...

MAX

No Jake, he didn't say yes, please take over our international money laundering operation. Because he's a professional. As am I, which is why it worked.

They stand on the pavement, consider...

JAKE

So, we're done?

MAX

Aye, I suppose we are. You'd best go and see your pal and I'll send you the money when it's sorted.

JAKE

Ri ght.

MAX

(beat, then)

You're not going to...

JAKF

What?

MAX

Thank me.

JAKE

Thank you?

MAX

For the money.

JAKE

(consi ders, then)

I think, what with the kidnapping, we can probably call it a draw.

A rare lightness between them. They swap a smile. Then...

MAX

Good Luck, Jake.

JAKE

Bye, Max.

Jake LEAVES. Max watches him go. Then he looks over to his car. Where Kenny waits, looking hopeful. Max sighs.

4.37 INT. MAX'S CAR. / EXT. PUB. CRAIGM LLAR. - DAY.

4.37

In the car, Max and Kenny, as they drive...

KENNY

I was thinking that I could do with an office, not a big one, just a bit of an HQ, you know? Somewhere for me to get my feet under the table.

Nothing from Max. Kenny is glowing...

KENNY (CONT'D)

I have to tell you, I let her know, about this, when I was dropping the kids off. And, well, it's a long time since she looked at me with respect. A long time.

Nothing from Max.

KENNY (CONT' D)

Oh, and by the way, Max, I think you got that wrong, about her and, you know, the new bloke because she (promi sed me)...

MAX

Kenny, I think, for now, let's just keep it as it was. And maybe, down the line, and if this, your whole new Kenny thing keeps up, then we can definitely chat about other options. But for now, let's just keep it as it was.

Max pulls the car over, smiles.

MAX (CONT'D)

0K?

JAKE

It was an accident.

ANGI E

I'm leaving tomorrow, Jake.

JAKE

It was an accident!

ANGIE

I don't give a shit!

Jake's thrown...

ANGIE (CONT'D)

But when you stayed, after the wake, it was, what? To keep an eye on me?

Jake's silence gives confirmation.

ANGIE (CONT'D)

And the paint samples going missing, and the dirt on his clothes?

More Jake silence, more confirmation...

ANGIE (CONT'D)

That's some dark stuff.

JAKE

Max told me to stay, after the wake.

Angie's anger reignites...

ANGI E

Oh, you didn't ____

SHEI LA

You' ve been avoiding me Gordie. Now, why would you be avoiding me?

GORDI E

You shouldn't have come up here, Mum.

SHEI LA

The solicitor knows that Angie's not Walter's niece, so I need you (to)...

GORDI E

No.

SHEI LA

Sorry?

Beat, then Gordie lays it out.

GORDI E

Ralph died. And you got his house. Walter died. And you're getting a house. I don't want to know what you've done. But I don't want to be involved. Not with this. And not with you.

SHEI LA

(gathers, then) Ralph was sick. And he died, and that was very sad. And I got a house, and you got your pub. So there you go. Now, Gordie, concentrate, the solicitor (knows)...

GORDI E

You're on your own, Mum.

A beat and then, with sympathy, concern...

SHEI LA

You were always weak.

A beat and then, with similar concern...

GORDI E

SHEI LA

Good. Because that's how I got like this. When you have to fight that hard to survive, you can't have the same rules as normal people. Safe people. I look at you, and I think what a miracle it is that you're a good man. And you can look at me, Gordie, and think anything you fucking want.

She turns, and is leaving when...

GORDI E

Wai t.

Sheila stops, turns...

GORDIE (CONT'D) It's too late to drive back.

SHEI LA (beat, smiles) Don't worry, son. I'm not scared of the dark.

She LEAVES.

4.40 **CM TTED** 4.40

4.41 INT. LIVING ROOM MAX'S HOUSE - NIGHT. 4.41

Max watches football on TV.

Claire ARRIVES, stands watching him, then..

CLAI RE

How are we doing, money wise? (off Max confusion) The business.

Max is confused, on edge...

MAX

Great. Always great.

CLAI RE

You're not in any debt?

MAX

(unimpressed) No, Claire, I'm not in <u>debt</u>. (consi ders) Where's this come from?

CLAIRE

Someone phoned earlier. A man. He said he had to speak to you, about money.

A building discomfort from Max. He MUTES the TV. Then...

MAX

Who?

She sits beside him...

CLAIRE

I wrote it down.

And hands him a note. We don't need to see it. She watches him as he reads. And she knows, immediately, that he's lying when he says...

MAX

Oh right. No, he's just...

(flails)

It's a work thing. I've taken a client from him, which he's not happy about obviously, but, well, that's business, isn't it? Anyway, thanks. And sorry, he shouldn't be calling here.

He turns up the VOLUME again. It murmurs away...

CLAI RE

(building tension) Why do you lie to me, Max?

MAX

(building tension) What?! Claire. This is, it's work, you don't need to know this stuff.

CLAI RE

What could be so important, so bad, that it's worth lying to me about? That it's worth pushing me to the point where I wonder every day if I should still be here?

That throws Max. He considers Claire...

MAX

What does that mean, Claire?

Claire considers Max...

CLAI RE

What else could it mean, Max?

Max's phone RINGS. He looks at it.

CLAIRE (CONT'D)

Don't.

Max answers...

MAX

I can't talk (right)...

He hears something on the call. Beat.

MAX (CONT'D)

How?

And he stands and walks towards the door to the garden, making a gesture of apology to Claire as he does so...

Claire watches him go. And we see a note of decision from her as we...

CUT OUTSIDE TO:

4.42 EXT. GARDEN. MAX'S HOUSE - NIGHT. 4.42

Max in the garden and...

INTERCUT WITH:

4.43 INT. LIVING ROOM JAKE'S FLAT - NIGHT. 4.43

A distraught Jake. Sitting on his couch. Eating pizza.

JAKE

Who told her?

Max knows (Sheila).

MAX

It doesn't matter.

JAKE

How can it (not)...

MAX

What's she going to do?

JAKE

Well, me and her are done.

MAX

What else?

JAKE

Oh, that doesn't count?

Max, as ever, finds himself battling to control his anger...

MAX

It's just a wee bit less important than some of the other possible repercussions Jake. Like imprisonment.

JAKE

She's not doing anything. She's leaving tomorrow, and that's it.

MAX

You're sure?

JAKE

(growing anger) Yes Max, I'm sure.

MAX

OK. Well, that's manageable.

JAKE

Manageable?! Max, I thought that was it. I thought <u>she</u> was it. My way out. And now I'm back in my flat and I didn't make the shops and so my tea is pizza from downstairs and the pizza they make downstairs Max, I mean, they're good people, but it's barely edible...

MAX

Jake...

JAKE

(losing it)

And that's going to be me Max, that's going to be me forever, sitting here, on my tod, eating bad pizza and not even caring Max, just

4.44 EXT. JAKE'S SHOP. / STREET - DAY.

4.44

Jake, sits in the street (on a rescued chair) watching smouldering embers. He looks broken.

A beat. Then Max ARRIVES. Stands beside him. Beat. Then...

MAX

Are you OK?

JAKE

No.

They look at the embers (Jake's shop, we gradually realise)

MAX

Was anyone...

JAKE

No. They caught it quickly. Though the water did as much damage as the fi re.

Beat.

JAKE (CONT' D)

They say it looks like an accident. But it wasn't an accident was it, Max?

MAX

(beat)

No.

Long silent beat. Jake devastated, Max curious. Then...

MAX (CONT'D)

Maybe Roy just needed to make a poľnt.

(consi ders, then)

If all he does is nuisance calls and this, then we're cool. (adds quickly)

Not <u>cool</u>. But, you know.

Jake, simmering with fury...

JAKE

No Max, I don't. But what I <u>do</u> know, is that my shop has been burnt down. And that those records were all I had. And that I'm not insured.

MAX

0h, Jake...

JAKE

I'm not insured Max, because when evaluating whether to make the payments, I didn't know that I was involved with a gangster. Which is something that I'd have factored into my decision.

Max sighs. He studies the ruined shop then, sensing he should show contrition but internally tuned against doing so...

MAX

I, obviously, regret any part I might have played in the journey that led to this.

(beat)

Although, to be fair, gangsters or no gangsters, some form of basic insurance would have (been)...

JAKE

Why me?

Max is confused. Jake considers the ruined shop...

JAKE (CONT'D)
Why would Roy go for me? And not you.

Max thinks, and we see his building concern...

CUT TO:

4.45 INT. LIVING ROOM MAURICE'S HOUSE - DAY.

4.45

A plate of scones.

MAURICE (0.C.)
I'm going to say something that's going to shock you.

We're still on the scones.

MAURICE (CONT'D) Bi carbonate of soda.

REVEAL MAURICE and a confused Kenny.

MAURICE (CONT'D)

Just a pinch, and a lot of sconers
would say it's sacrilegious, and I
can't say they don't have a point,
I can't say that, but I do it
anyway, just a pinch, and well, you
be the judge.

Beat. Then Kenny points at the TV and stack of CCTV DVDs...

KENNY

I want everything from the night that Walter died to now. Everything, and every copy. And don't bullshit me pal, because l'II know if you are. And if you don't bullshit me then I forget all about your limp, and your benefits, and your tragic history with manholes.

Maurice looks uncomfortable. Kenny knows why. And, in response, a little softer...

KENNY (CONT' D)

I know that you're frightened, probably by her over the road.

Long beat of decision from Maurice, then...

MAURI CE

Fifteen years I did, on the bins.

KENNY

Christ.

MAURI CE

Fifteen years of following that lorry. In the rain, in the wind, following that lorry, lifting bins. And dreaming. Dreaming of escape.

KENNY

(considers, then)

The manhole.

MAURI CE

I was in traction for six months and I loved every minute of it. So, aye, I'm scared of her. Because she knows I could be back behind that lorry tomorrow. And she's twisted enough to send me there.

KENNY

But she won't. Because if she gives you any hassle, you'll tell her ťhat ľm your friend.

Long beat of decision from Maurice. Then he walks to the DVDs, starts stacking.

INT. RECEPTION. / MAX'S OFFICE. MAX'S OFFICE - DAY. 4.46 4.46

Max arrives. And it's a spooky journey as we follow him in, to see the office is empty, all staff gone.

ROY (CONT'D)
You see Max, those people, Victor's people, value one thing more than any other. Loyalty. And I might be a little... (considers, concedes)

ROY (CONT' D)

And that's one of them. He's got all the paperwork. Sign it, Max. And get on with your life. That nice house of yours. That nice wife.

Max reacts to the Claire mention. But not much. After all, this is about him. He looks at the pound coin. A long beat of decision and then...

MAX

No.

We (not Max) see Roy make a small gesture through to the Reception as Max continues, his aggrieved reaction temporarily overpowering the fear...

MAX (CONT'D)
I've worked my whole life for this.
And I'm not giving it away to a
jumped-up gangster who fancies
sticking on a Moss Bros suit and
having an office uptown. Now I
suggest you leave before I
(call)...

We're on Max as he speaks, so we see Archie's hand arrive at the back of his head, grip his hair and...

BANG MAX'S FACE off the desk.

And we see Max, in shock, his nose cut and bleeding, and gasping for breath.

Long beat. Then Roy Leans over the desk...

ROY

You know Max, you might think I'm a jumped up gangster. But here's the thing. I'm still a gangster.

He pushes over the pound coin and we...

CUT TO:

4.46A EXT. FRONT DOOR. WALTER'S HOUSE. - DAY.

4.46A

Angie opens her door...

JAKE

I know I shouldn't be here...

ANGIE

Jesus Christ...

JAKE

But someone burnt down my shop and now you're all I've got, and I know that sounds ridiculous but it's (true)...

ANGI E

They burnt down your store?!

JAKE

Aye. And so I know I shouldn't be here, but I couldn't not come, I couldn't not see you one more time and try and (explain)...

She stands asi de...

CUT TO:

4.46B INT. LIVING AREA. WALTER'S HOUSE - DAY.

4.46B

Angie and Jake...

ANGIE

Who would do that to you?

JAKE

(considers, then)
Max got involved with money
Laundering, and then he got me

involved. Which wasn't something he felt I should know about.

ANGIE

(considers, then)

That's why he did your accounts.

JAKE

Angie. However this started, me and you, it's real now. And honest. And I'm sorry. I'm so sorry, for what

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4.49 INT. HENRY'S OFFICE. EDINBURGH - DAY.

4.49

A terribly 'befuddled' Sheila...

SHEI LA

Truth be told, Henry, I'm as confused as you are.

And Henry, listening curiously, giving nothing away...

SHELLA (CONT'D)

She told me she was his niece. She told everyone that. She was in his house, Henry, towards the end. What was I supposed to think?

Henry listens, Sheila works away...

SHELLA (CONT'D)

I'm angry, Henry. And there's not much gets me angry. But to get tricked like that.

Sheila 'sighs sadly'...

SHEILA (CONT'D)

Maybe I'm just too trusting, Henry.

She smiles ruefully...

SHELLA (CONT'D)

The curse of a sheltered life.

Henry considers. Beat, then...

HENRY

Well, Sheila, we'll let the authorities take care of it, shall we? And I'm sure everything will come out in the wash.

Sheila tenses, then recovers, tries again...

SHEI LA

I wonder if that's really necessary?

Henry's confused. Sheila continues carefully...

SHELLA (CONT'D)

It's just that...

(gathers)

I went over there, to give her a piece of my mind, and she's gone. (MORE)

And the records, well, they're still there. So, really, there's no harm done, Henry, apart from a wee bit of embarrassment.

Beat. Then carefully, with significance...

SHEILA (CONT'D)

For both of us.

Henry considers Sheila, then...

HENRY

I see.

Sheila sees hope. Beat, then she smiles...

SHEI LA

How is a man like you not married, Henry?

And, finally, Henry shows his hand.

HENRY

I sent everything to the police this morning. I'm sure they'll be in touch.

A beat. Sheila manfully battles down her fear. Then...

SHEI LA

JAKE

But you were skint, and desperate, and she offered you twenty grand. Maybe you shouldn't have given me quite as much shit (about)...

ANGI E

I know.

JAKE (considers, then)
It kind of feels like we're even.

AYoure enot staying ANGILE

(considers, then) I guess we are.

Jake smiles. As does Angie, but with an element of evasiveness which 285 T3M3.1s.

4.51 INT. RECEPTION. POLICE STATION - DAY.

4.51

A deeply uncomfortable Jake sitting in the reception.

Max ARRIVES, hurriedly. He's patched his face up the best he can. He speaks with angry urgency...

MAX

Tell me exactly what's happened.

JAKE

What's going on with (your)...

MAX

Doesn't matter.

JAKE

They just said they wanted her to come and answer some questions. She wanted a lawyer, so I (thought)...

MAX

Is she a witness or a suspect?

JAKE

I don't know.

MAX

Jesus Christ, Jake. So I'm going in there blind?!

Strangely, now it's Jake calming a nervous Max...

JAKE

Look, she's overstayed her visa. It's probably just that.

Max considers. Beat. Jake sees an opportunity...

JAKE (CONT'D)

Hey, once this is sorted, Angle and I are Leaving.

MAX

What?

JAKE

We're going. So I need that money.

Max is irritated by the distraction, tries to dismiss it...

MAX

Jake, why don't you take the current state of my face as an indication of how the Roy situation worked out? There's no money.

JAKE

Are you taking the piss? My shop was bloody torched because of you (Max)...

MAX

(snaps, brisk)

Jake there's no money, and you're not going anywhere, and even if you did you'd be back in Leith in a week with your tail between your legs. So just shut up and let me (thi nk)...

NI COLA (0. C.)

Max McCall?

Max turns, sees her...

MAX

Yeah.

NI COLA

Room 5. Conspiracy to defraud.

Max and Jake consider that new information. Max looks hopeful. He smiles, heads for Nicola...

MAX

Great.

4. 52 INT. OFFICE. POLICE STATION - DAY.

4. 52

A computer screen shows a streamed horse race...

NI COLA (0. C.)

Busy?

Stevie looks up, clumsily clicks closed the race...

STEVI E

Yeah, mental morning actually, I was just having a wee (breather)...

NI COLA

Come in with me.

STEVI E

(standing)

What is it?

NI COLA

(walking away)

Some pretty weird shit.

4.53 INT. RECEPTION. POLICE STATION - DAY.

4. 53

Jake gets a TEXT from **KENNY**...

We need to talk

He replies...

Can't right now

In return...

Phot o downloading...

A BEEP. Jake looks at his phone. And we see it too...

A SCREENGRAB of the Maurice CCTV. It's an image from the sequence that Max/Kenny saw before. Walter's driveway, the night they killed him. It's dark and grainy, so it takes Jake a minute. But he's looking at him and Max. And, when he realises, he's terrified. He LEAVES.

4.54 EXT. FRONT DOOR. / TI NA'S HOUSE. EDI NBURGH - DAY.

4. 54

Tina opens her door to Claire...

CLAI RE

I'm coming with you. I don't how long for. Maybe a few days, maybe, you know, in general. But I'm coming with you, and I'm leaving him, so, here we are. (off nothing from Tina) Oh Jesus, don't tell me you were

joking? Because that would be, well, it's fair to say that would be a considerable fucking blow.

Beat. Then Tina smiles.

TI NA

I wasn't joking.

Claire is relieved then, a little awkwardly...

CLAI RE

Then I suppose the other thing I should tell you is that I've got nothing. For now, anyway. I mean, if I was to get divorced (then)...

TI NA

Don't worry about that.

CLAI RE

(beat, smiles)

OK.

4.55 INT. INTERVIEW ROOM POLICE STATION - DAY.

4. 55

Angie sits alone. Max ENTERS, speaks briskly while he sits...

MAX

Let me do the talking. Don't say anything you don't have to say. In particular, don't say anything that could, in any way, place me, Jake, or you in legal jeopardy. In that order of concern. If you do that, I'll get you out of here.

ANGIE

(beat, then)

What happened to (your)...

MAX

Doesn't matter.

The door opens. Nicola and Stevie COME IN, sit down...

NI COLA

Right then. Let's have a wee chat...

As Nicola starts setting up for the interview, Max and Stevie battle their discomfort at the sight of the other.

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INT. BACK ROOM PUB. CRAIGM LLER - DAY. 4. 57

4. 57

Jake arrives to find Kenny.

JAKE

He said it was a dummy camera.

KENNY

Max shouldn't get away with it, Jake. With the way he is. He's got away with it for far too long.

JAKE

Who's got that tape?

KENNY

Me. And Max shouldn't get away with it.

JAKE (beat, then)

What are you suggesting?

KENNY It's Max's car. He was driving. He hit Walter. He tried to cover it up. You got a taxi back from the wedding. You weren't even there.

Jake, confused...

JAKE How do you know (about)...

KENNY

NI COLA

You presented yourself as the niece of Walter Wood.

Angle thinks, then, calmly...

ANGIE

Yeah.

NI COLA

Are you the niece of Walter Wood?

ANGI E

(equally calm)

No.

Max is thrown...

MAX

Sorry, can I get a moment with my (client)...

ANGIE

Some old lady paid me to say I was.

NI COLA

Why?

ANGIE

Honestly, I've got no idea. You'd have to ask her. I can tell you where to find her.

(beat, gestures Max)

Or he can.

MAX

(steps in)

This is new information that I need to discuss with my client. She's clearly co-operating, and I'd ask at this stage that she's released pending further enquiries.

NI COLA

(considers, then) Well, don't go far, the exhumation's tomorrow.

Angle is thrown but Max is worse. He looks a little unwell.

MAX

Sorry?

NI COLA

The niece, the <u>real</u> niece, has requested it. What with all the... (considers, then)
Confusion.

She looks at Angle, tests...

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{NICOLA (CONT'D)} \\ \text{That's not a concern for you is it?} \end{array}$

Angie Looks back, Levelly, and says honestly...

ANGI E

I never even met him.

Nicola considers, then turns to Stevie...

NI COLA

THE DOOR OPENS.

But we stay on Tina. And we see the panic. Then the acceptance. And then the thought...

TI NA

(re: safe, money) This is just me. Not her.

4.64 INT. OFFICE. POLICE STATION - DAY.

4.64

Angle is being processed (fingerprinting). Nearby, Nicola says to Stevie...

NI COLA

Give me an hour to write this up, then we'll head out. Don't disappear.

STEVI E

I won't.

Max heard that. As Ni col a leaves, he approaches Stevie.

MAX

I need you to take charge of this.

STEVI E

(humouring him)

And how would you suggest I do that, Max?

MAX

Oversee the exhumation, put together the report...

STEVI E

No.

Max is thrown.

STEVIE (CONT'D)

I told Roy. About your plan. He knew you were at the Consulate before you even got there.

Stevie Looks at Max, and there's a new firmness to him as

4.67

CLAIRF

Is this where Tina worked?

Nothing from the other two.

Another long beat. Then...

CLAIRE (CONT'D)

Is this where Max came?

Building discomfort between Roy and Cameron.

ROY

We don't know a Tina. And we don't know a Max.

Roy and Claire stare each other down. She's unnerved, but she's not afraid. Beat. Then...

CLAI RE

What's your name?

Cameron Looks fearful. At Roy, and how he might react. Roy stares back at Claire. And we see her falter slightly...

CLAIRE (CONT'D)

I just want to find her.

Roy thinks, then reacts by smiling...

ROY

Why don't you come through to the offi ce?

And Cameron, his worst fears realised, steps in, smoothly...

CAMERON

No, no, it's OK. It's OK. There's obviously been a misunderstanding. If anyone came in here, then they must have passed right through.

He gestures to a door. He smiles, charms Claire...

CAMERON (CONT'D)

You can get out there, you see? Back out to the street. Kids use it all the time, we have to chase them out.

Claire looks to the door. Cameron guides her out, with Roy following on. Claire goes out to...

INT. PASSAŒVAY./EXT. STREET. FASTCASH4U - DAY. 4.67

> Where it is darkly lit. Sure enough, at the end of the passageway, there looks like a door.

Claire walks tentatively towards it. And it's dark. And spooky. And she looks back and sees the shadows of Roy and Cameron.

She walks on. She looks back. They've gone.

She gets to the door. She opens it. And sure enough, she's out on another street.

She takes a deep breath. A mixture of relief, and confusion. Is this what Tina did?

Claire gets a TEXT. It's from TINA. And it says...

SORRY. GOOD LUCK X

And now Claire knows. She's been ditched.

We stay with her, as she deals with that. Then we...

CUT TO:

4.68 INT. RECEPTION. FASTCASH4U - DAY.

4.68

Where Cameron holds Tina's phone.

ROY

If we see her again...

CAMERON

I know.

EXT. CAR PARK. POLICE STATION - DAY. 4.69

4.69

Angie, Max and Jake Leave the station. Jake panicking, Max deep in thought...

JAKE

They're digging him up?!

MAX

Tomorrow.

ANGIE

Man, that guy's had no luck.

JAKE

But you took care of everything, didn't you Max? We'll be OK?

Max thinks, then, smiles. And it's an unusual smile. Comforting, assuring...

Yeah. It's not ideal. But we'll be OK.

He looks to Angle and, 'casually'...

 $$\operatorname{MAX}$$ (CONT'D) When are you flying?

ANGI E

Toni ght.

MAX

Good. You two should head to the airport, get away from the house, just in case.

JAKE No, he wouldn't...

ANGIE (urgent) We need a taxi.

CUT TO:

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SHEI LA (considers, then)

OK.

MAX

No, it's not OK. Because Walter is being exhumed. At the request of the real niece who, I'm sure, is a wee bit confused.

Sheila is shaken...

 $$\operatorname{MAX}$$ (CONT'D) And that's bad news for me. And I think it's bad news for you.

SHEI LA

Why would you think that?

MAX

Because you

MAX (CONT'D)

He called you. That's why you were up. That's why you saw what happened. He was coming to you. For help.

Sheila looks at Max levelly, and then...

SHEI LA

All I know is that Walter was in a lot of pain. So much pain, he'd even talked about ending it (all)...

MAX

Yeah you can say that, and you'll probably have to, because they'll run a toxicology this time around. But it won't end it. Not with the bruises. Not with the internal injuries you've got to imagine they'll find.

SHEI LA

Then I'll tell them what I saw.

MAX

You have to. It's your way out. You'll say you're so sorry you didn't call them before. You were scared. You're an old lady. But you need to tell them...

SHEI LA

That you hit him.

MAX

I didn't hit him. I wasn't driving.

SHEI LA

That's true.

MAX

In fact, it turns out I wasn't there at all. I got drunk at the wedding. My brother took my car keys from me. That's the last I saw of him and the car. And, well, you saw what happened next. You saw that there was only one of us.

Sheila looks at Max in curiosity.

MAX (CONT'D)

Go with that, and it's done. You get out the same way I do, because I say that all I know is that my car came back dented, and that my wee brother hasn't been quite the same since that night. And no-one will ever know any different. And no-one will ever know about an old man in the dark, just trying to get some help.

Sheila considers Max. Long beat. Then, in wonderment...

SHEI LA

Your own brother.

Max doesn't convince her, or us, or himself with...

MAX

He'll be OK. He's leaving. And when he finds out, he won't come back. (stands, repeats) He'll be OK.

We see his inner conflict as he LEAVES. Long beat. **ANGIE**

They'll be here soon.

SHEI LA

(considers, then)

What am I going to tell them?

Angie Looks to Jake for confirmation. Beat. Then, with a note of hesi tati on.

JAKE

What Max said. There was only one of us.

Sheila looks at Jake, at the conflict, at the pain. Then...

SHEI LA

You're not of this world, are you son?

She gestures to Angie...

SHELLA (CONT'D)

She is. Your brother is. And God knows I am. But you're not of this world.

Jake considers. Then hardens, musters all the pain, looks at Sheila, and repeats, without the hesitation...

JAKE

There was only one of us.

INT. LIVING ROOM MAX'S HOUSE - DAY. 4. 74

4.74

An exhausted Max arrives home. Sees something, and smiles genui nel y. . .

MAX

Hey.

REVEAL Claire. Wrung out, clearly having been crying. But with a cold firmness building at the sight of Max.

CLAI RE

I tried.

Max is confused. But then he sees the suitcase.

CLAIRE (CONT'D)

You can't say I didn't try.

Max, with growing discomfort...

What's this? You're leaving?

Long beat. Then...

No.

Glimmer of hope for Max...

CLAIRE (CONT'D)

You are.

Less hope for Max...

CLAIRE (CONT'D)
I've been alone in this house for a long time, Max, now I'm going to do

long time, Max, now I'm going to do it properly. And you can go and do whatever you want, without having to worry about what lies to tell me.

Max takes a breath, battles back calmly, taking control...

MAX

OK, look, you've made your point. Let's just (talk about)...

CLAI RE

It's over, Max.

Faced by her certainty, Max unravels...

MAX

No. No, Claire, this is...

(gathers)

This can't happen. I've lost everything else, I can't lose you. Because I can lose that stuff Claire, I mean, it's not fucking ideal, but I can lose that stuff, but not you Claire, I can't lose you, I can't, because you're...

(tears up)

I love you. And I know that's not something I'm brilliant at demonstrating, I know that but, please Claire...

(gathers)

This can't happen.

CLAI RE

(beat, calm)

You're going to leave now, Max. And you're not going to make things **CLAIRE**

Our house.

MAX

That's the same... (stops himself)

CLAI RE

You're not going to make things hard, Max. Because if you do then we'll have to get lawyers involved. And when lawyers get involved Max, who knows what might come out?

Long beat of thought from Max.

And now he's fearful, as control slips from him...

MAX

Who have you spoken to?

Claire looks back, with defiance, with confidence...

CLAI RE

I went there. The place that you went when you needed money. That's where I'd have a lawyer start, Max. That place. And you.

Max is thrown. Beat. Then Claire repeats...

CLAIRE (CONT'D)

You're not going to make things hard, Max.

A long, silent beat. Max looks at his wife. At the finality in her voice. At the situation. At everything that has happened. And, finally, he says...

MAX

Maybe, if you hadn't left the wedding early.

Beat. And Claire smiles, because that's all the confirmation she needs...

CLAI RE

Bye, Max.

Max takes the suitcase, makes to leave, then stops...

MAX

Why didn't you ask?

Claire's confused.

MAX (CONT'D)

Why didn't you ask, what happened to my face?

Claire thinks, shrugs...

CLAI RE

I didn't want to hear the lie.

4.75 INT. MAX'S CAR. CALTON HILL. - DAY.

4.75

Max sits in his car. Looking out over Edinburgh. He's in shock. His face continues to bruise.

Long beat. Then his phone RINGS.

He looks at it in confusion, then answers...

MAX

Jake?

4. 76 EXT. WALTER'S STREET - DAY.

4.76

A taxi waits outside Walter's house. Angle is in it. Jake leans against it.

Max's car approaches. Jake pushes off from the taxi and walks down the street.

Max stops, gets out. He looks to Sheila's, where there is a nondescript car parked in the street, which could or could not be linked to her house.

The brothers come together in the street. Where they hit Walter...

(In the background, Angle gets out the taxi, stands and watches)...

JAKE

We should have called the police Max, when we hit him.

MAX

This isn't the time Jake, you should be at the (airport)...

JAKE

But we couldn't. Because of you. And then everything happened. Because of you.

Max can't let that go...

MAX

Jake, I've lost my business, my house, Claire. And I'm coming round to the idea that I've broken my nose, so with all (respect)...

JAKE

You used to look after me, Max. When we were wee.

That stops Max in his tracks...

JAKE (CONT'D)

When it was the three of us. You used to look after me. And I think I've spent thirty years waiting for you to turn back into that kid.

And now it's just the two of them in the world, having a conversation they should have had long ago. Beat. Then...

MAX

It wasn't the three of us. It was you and Mum. And then me. She didn't like me.

JAKE

She Loved you.

MAX

She didn't like me.

Jake's silence is confirmation enough...

MAX (CONT'D)

And that's fine. I needed to be on my own, to get from there to here. The work, the libraries, the scholarships, the sacrifice. I had to lock everything else away. Pain. Rejection. And maybe...

Max falters. And it's the start of a steady disintegration...

MAX (CONT'D)

Maybe I locked away some other stuff as well. And I wish I hadn't, Jake. And I wish... (falters further) I wish I knew how to get it back. But I don't. So I've lost Claire. And you've got to go.

Jake sees something over Max's shoulder, and he says...

JAKE

Not yet.

Max turns, sees what Jake sees...

Stevie and Nicola are leaving Sheila's. They speak to Sheila at the door, they haven't seen the Brothers.

Max snaps into urgency...

MAX

Go, Jake. Go with her and enjoy your life.

JAKE

What kind of life would it be? With that hanging over me?

MAX

Jake, (please)...

JAKE

I can't lock things away, Max. I never could. Pain. Rejection. Guilt.

Now Stevie and Nicola have seen the Brothers. They walk towards them, down Sheila's drive...

MAX

I'm trying to help you, I'm trying to protect you...

JAKE

You stopped protecting me a long time ago.

Nicola, Stevie continue their approach...

And now Max Looks broken, tearful, full of regret and guilt.

As Nicola and Stevie near them, Max takes a deep, defeated breath and turns to Jake and it doesn't feel specific to this, it feels deep and meaningful and encapsulating a lifetime when he says...

MAX

I'm sorry.

Jake looks at his Brother, the police, the street...

JAKE

And look what had to happen, for you to say it.

He hugs Max, who hugs back.

Just as...

Nicola handcuffs Max, reads his rights...

NI COLA

Come on then Max, as you know you do not have to say anything, but, it may harm your defence...

(continues in b/g)

And Max is confused as he's led away...

MAX What's going on?

As Max is led to the car, he sees Sheila, standing watching.

As Max gets in the car he sees Kenny, watching from his car nearby.

As Nicola and Stevie get in, Max Looks back. To Jake.

And Max knows now. What's happened.

And he looks at Jake, at his Brother, for a long time...

And then...

Max smiles. Out of respect.

And Jake smiles back.

*** END OF SHOW ***