

**SECOND SCENE**

(MAX'S OFFICE.MAX IS IN THE BATHROOM.ORDELL IS WAITING FOR HIM SITTING AT HIS DESK WITH HIS FEET ON IT.TOILET FLUSHING.MAX OPENS THE BATHROOM'S DOOR)

ORDELL - Uh-uh-uh. I didn't hear you wash your hands...

MAX - Comfortable?

ORDELL - Yeah...Door was open, so I just come on in.

MAX - I can see that...Why?

ORDELL - Got some more business for you...

MAX - Oh, yeah? What did he do?

ORDELL - SHE is an airline stewardess...Got caught coming back from Mexico with some blow...They set her bond this afternoon at \$ 10.000 ...Now, I'm figuring you could take that \$ 10.000 you owe me from Beaumont...move it over to the stewardess...

MAX - The bond for possession's only a thousand.

ORDELL - Hmm. Yeah...Man, they fuckin' with her. They callin' that shit „possession with intent.“.A 44 year-old black woman caught with less than two ounces...they call that shit „intent.“.The same thing happens to a movie star, they call it „possession.“.

MAX - Still sounds high...

ORDELL - Well, um, she had on her, I believe it was 50 grand in cash...

MAX - All right, before we start talking about stewardesses...lets get Beaumont out of the way first...

ORDELL - You know, I think somebody already did...

MAX - What?

ORDELL - You ain't hear?

MAX - Hear what?

ORDELL - Somebody with a grudge blew Beaumont's brains out...Oh, shit. That shit rhymes...Blew Beaumont's brains out...

MAX - Police make contact with you?

ORDELL - Oh, hell, yeah. First motherfucking thing they did...You know, they see I pay a big money bond for my boy...they start thinking that „where there's smoke there's fire“ logic...Rousted my ass out of bed 10'O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING : in the morning...Scared the shit out of my woman Sheronda...She thought they was gonna take my ass away for sure...

MAX - This stewardess... You know her last name?

ORDELL - MM-HMM - Brown. Jackie Brown...

MAX - What does she do for you?

ORDELL - Who said she do anything for me?She's my friend. My friends get in trouble, I like to help them out...

MAX - Beaumont worked for you...

ORDELL - This you and me talking, YOU KNOW, like lawyer-client thing? You can't tell nothing I say to you?

MAX - You're not my client till you get busted and I bond you out...

ORDELL - Well, we ain't got no, uh... What you call that shit? Confidentiality...Why should I tell you anything?

MAX - 'Cause you want me to know what a slick guy you are...You got stewardesses bringing you 50 grand...

ORDELL - And why would a stewardess be bringing me 50 grand?

MAX - Now you want me to speculate on what you do...I'd say you were in the drug business, except the money's moving in the wrong direction...Whatever you're into, you seem to be getting away with it, so, uh, more power to you... All right. You want another bond? You want to move the 10.000 you got on Beaumont over to the stewardess...That means paperwork...I gotta get a death certificate, present it to the court...make out a receipt for return of bond collateral, type up another application...

ORDELL - Hey, hey, hey, hey.

MAX - another indemnity agreement...

ORDELL - Jackie ain't got time for this. I'm telling you what I have to do...

MAX - What you have to do, in case you forgot...is come up with a premium of a thousand bucks.

ORDELL - I can do that...You know I got the money. I just ain't got it with me...

MAX - Come back when you do. I'll bond out the stewardess...

ORDELL - Look, you got to look at this with a little compassion, all right? Jackie ain't no criminal. She ain't used to this kind of treatment...Gangsters don't give a fuck, but your average citizen...a couple of nights in County get to fuckin' with their mind...

MAX - Ordell, this isn't a bar. You don't have a tab...

ORDELL - Listen to me, all right? You got a 44 year-old, gainfully employed black woman falsely accused...

MAX - Falsely accused? She didn't come back from Mexico with cocaine on her?

ORDELL - Falsely accused of „intent.“ If she had that shit... and mind you, I'm saying if... that was her own personal shit to get high with...

MAX - Is white guilt supposed to make me forget I'm running a business?

ORDELL - Oh, it's like that, huh? All right... I got you a thousand bucks...