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Season 1, Episode 3

Marty & Ruth
INT. BLUE CAT LODGE - DAY

MARTY walks into the bar area from the back office. Bob Seger’s “Still the Same” plays on the jukebox.

MARTY
Hey, Tuck. There are other songs in there, pal. Please. Different number, different letter.

RUTH enters.

RUTH
You owe me a job.

MARTY
What?

RUTH
Am I speaking Greek? You owe me a fucking job.

MARTY
How do you figure that?

RUTH
It’s not tough. You got me fired from the last one.

MARTY
You got yourself fired when you stole from our room under the guise of diligent service. Goodbye.

He walks away.

RUTH
I’m not leaving without gainful motherfucking employment.

MARTY
Why don’t you use the 20 grand that you took from me, and that should supplement your welfare.

RUTH
I’m not a welfare bum.

MARTY
No? There’s a million other places you could probably work.
RUTH
Not right before season. All staffed up.

MARTY
My daughter got an interview in under 3 minutes.

RUTH
I doubt she’s got a rap sheet like mine.

MARTY
Boy, you say that with such pride.

RUTH
Listen, Martin. Wouldn’t you agree that it’s always a good idea to keep your friends close and your enemies closer?

MARTY
Hey. You told your uncles to kill me. Do you remember that?

RUTH
You’re here, aren’t you?

MARTY
That’s right. I am.

RUTH
Isn’t it better having someone working under you who knows all your dirty little deeds? I mean, if I were in your shoes, I’d sure as shit rather have someone like me nearby instead of running my mouth to every Tom, Dick, and Harry about the 8 million cash you’re swimming in. Someone could get ideas, wanna take a little wade in that big pool of yours, and then when it’s over -- when it’s all said and done -- you’ll find all your money’s gone, and you’re at the bottom with an anchor tied around your torso. In theory.

MARTY
Follow me.

RUTH
What are we doing?
Marty grabs a bag of money.

MARTY
Take this.

RUTH
What? Why?

MARTY
Just do it.

She does.

MARTY (CONT’D)
Okay. Good.

RUTH
Good what?

MARTY
You, Ruth Langmore, just committed an overt act.

RUTH
Wh – what the fuck’s that?

MARTY
See this camera? It sees you. And it saw you just take my money. Now if I’m ever arrested for anything having to do with that money, you’re an accomplice. Simply put: if I ever go to prison so do you.

RUTH
Does that mean that I’m hired?

MARTY
You wanna wash dishes for minimum wage? You can be my guest.