

The Freshman

Carmine

General motors went down ten points
and you haven't called me? What about
Polaroid...it went down...down what? Charlie
I told you before, I don't like it when they go down.
You know I used to have another broker and he
bought stocks for me and they went down.
It got very unpleasant Charlie...very unpleasant.
So the next time you call me I want good news,
only good news. (hangs up)
(to Clark)
I must be getting soft you know... but ahh
forget it.
How about a nice espresso?

Clark

No thank you.

Carmine

Due espressi

Clark

Sir, I have to talk to you

Carmine

You know I want to tell you something.
Just before Larry London called me
and he starts talking about you, he
starts talking and talking....he went
on and on.

Clark

He seems like an interesting man.

Carmine

(Smiles)

I heard you had a little adventure at
the mall.

Clark

(pales)

You did?

Carmine
Of course

Carmine laughs. Lorenzo brings two espressos over.

Carmine
Grazie!!
(to Clark)
So Clark what's on your mind?

Clark
I have to talk to you.

Jimmy gestures to Clark to talk

Clark
It's about these animals....these reptiles...

Carmine
What about them?

Clark
They're endangered.

Carmine
Not anymore. They're in Jersey.
They're fine.

Clark
No No... its against the law to bring them
into this country. Its a crime!

Carmine
Now you're speaking in generalities...

Clark
You assured me that my Work was
completely legitimate.

Carmine
What are you talking about, its
perfectly Legitimate.

Clark

No its not. I'm illegally transporting endangered species. Please, Sir, I'd like to be let out.

Carmine
That's an impossibility

Clark
What do you mean? Why can't you...

Carmine
Look Clark, I have a certain standing in the business community. How does it look, some college kid makes me look like a fool. It's a humiliation, an infamnia. People think there's something wrong with me. You understand?

Clark
I would never tell a soul... I mean it wouldn't leave this club.

He stares at Clark. Clark has crossed the line. He knows it.

Clark
I only mean that-

Carmine
You trying to hurt my feelings?

Clark
No No No NO!...that's not the issue...

Carmine
Because let me tell you something you're a great boy. One of a Kind...

Clark
Thank you...

Carmine
No really, the kind of Kid I used to have working

for me...Mooks, Muscle heads...But you,
are from Connecticut...

Clark
Its nothing personal...It has nothing to
do with you.

Carmine
And in any discussion of our
relationship, obviously we can't forget
about the most important thing.

Clark draws a blank

Clark
Which is?

Carmine
You marrying my daughter.

Clark's systems basically go dead.

Carmine
You should of heard her, Clark this Clark that
She wants to get married yesterday.
I said you gotta wait till
spring, you can't plan these things
overnight--the food, the
invitations...the time of year,
who to invite.....
...who not to invite. You gotta figure
my business associates alone, its two
thousand people. I'm only talking about
the senators the congressman the judges
and don't forget the police department.
But you know love, love doesn't
ask these questions, am I right?

Clark
Yeah, I guess

(Carmine rises, throws his right around the stunned Clark.)

Carmine
I want you to come outside. I've got
a little Little surprise for you.

Clark

Sir I don't know where talk about marriage began, but I mean, I'm really not ready. I would really like to sample life a little bit first.

Carmine starts wailing Clark out through the social club.

Carmine

After you get married you sample life. that's what men do. Marriage is an institution, its the bedrock of society. You're talking about a little Va-Voom...

(makes unmistakable hand gestures)

...that's self understood. But I'm talking about the social order.

Clark

Sir, try to put yourself in my position.

Carmine

I wish I could Clarkie...your such a beautiful boy. You know why I'm so nuts about you?

Clark

I don't , no

Carmine

Because your not a sneak, because you come down here to my club, you open your heart to me and tell me what's on your mind. That's how I know you'll never be a snake in the grass, that you'll be loyal to me until death.

Carmine

Until death. Like a real son.

Clark

Oh...I don't know...

Carmin
The son I never had.

He suddenly grabs Clark's head between his hands

And now Carmin suddenly with his great force Kisses
Clark full on the lips.

He crosses himself