

ESCAPEMENT

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We see nothing but a close up of an escapement. A fork like structure hammers back and forth on a gear, creating the ticking sound that we are so familiar hearing from every watch. It is responsible for keeping time perfectly, one of the most pivotal parts of a watch, the anchor that holds the whole mechanism together. If it fails it sends the hundreds of gears, springs, and shafts into absolute chaos.

EXT. GEORGE WASHINGTON TOLL BRIDGE PAY STATION - DAWN

A line of cars wait to pay the toll at a bridge. A man is collecting payment from the various people in their cars.

ADAM (mid to late 20's) moves his head to see how many cars are in front of him. He wears a Carhartt work jacket and cheap Levi's jeans. He looks like he hasn't genuinely felt joy since the Mets last won the world series.

He checks his watch and grimaces. He finally pulls up to the pay station and rolls down his window.

PAY STATION CLERK  
16 dollars please.

ADAM  
It's 11.75 everywhere else why is it more expensive here?

PAY STATION CLERK  
(rolls eyes)  
Then go somewhere else.

ADAM  
The other bridge is under construction.

PAY STATION CLERK  
Look I don't make the rules. 16 dollars please.

Adam holds his phone out with his Apple pay activated.

PAY STATION CLERK (CONT'D)  
We are cash only, no card.

ADAM  
You guys are cash only?

PAY STATION CLERK  
That's what I just said. You have a hearing problem? 16 dollars please.

ADAM

It's 2023 how do you not take Apple pay? Literally everywhere takes Apple pay.

PAY STATION CLERK

Well last time I checked, Tim Cook didn't build this bridge so either pay the 16 dollars or find another way into the city.

ADAM

I don't have any cash on me.

PAY STATION CLERK

One moment please.

The Pay Station Clerk goes into his booth for a moment. Adam's eyes start darting around in worry.

PAY STATION CLERK (CONT'D)

Sir there are multiple tolls and fines that are unpaid associated with this license plate. Please pull over to the holding area we need to call the state troopers.

Cars start honking behind Adam, he is feeling the pressure.

ADAM

Ok that is not necessary. Look we can definitely work something out here. Can you please just make an exception this one time? I'll pay them as soon as I park, I swear. The bridge is not going to collapse over 16 dollars.

PAY STATION CLERK

I don't have time for this. Sir please pull over to the holding area before this gets any more serious.

ADAM

You have venmo? I can send you the money and something extra to let me through.

PAY STATION CLERK

Sir bribing a state worker is a felony. Pull over to the holding area now.

Adam checks his watch again, he looks around panicking. He thinks for a moment and then spots the watch the man is wearing. A Seiko Tank. Price, 125 dollars. A direct dupe of the same watch Cartier makes, the Tank Louis Cartier. Price, 8,000 dollars.

ADAM

Seiko Tank, thats a good watch.  
Classy, elegant not to loud. You  
ever thought about getting the real  
thing?

PAY STATION CLERK

Sir I am going to call the police  
if you do not pull over.

ADAM

What if I could get you the real  
thing?

PAY STATION CLERK

I do not care about your-

ADAM

For free.

Now Adam has the clerks attention.

PAY STATION CLERK

Yeah fucking right.

Adam shows the Pay Station Clerk the watch that he is currently wearing. His eyes immediately light up. It's the Tank Louis Cartier. The cars behind Adam continue honking.

PAY STATION CLERK (CONT'D)

Hey! Quit it! You want to get  
somewhere faster? Move to  
Connecticut!

(to Adam)

So what you going to give me that  
one?

ADAM

Not for sale. But how about I get  
you another one and we forget about  
this whole Apple pay toll and fine  
thing.

PAY STATION CLERK

How do I know you won't just skip  
this time and not come back.

ADAM  
What's your name?

PAY STATION CLERK  
Johnny.

ADAM  
Well Johnny my name is Adam and  
here is my ID.

Adam hands Johnny his ID.

ADAM (CONT'D)  
If I don't come back in 24 hours  
with your watch you can turn me in  
and say I was harassing you and you  
had to let me in for your safety or  
some bullshit. Mazal?

Adam puts his hand out for a handshake. Johnny thinks for a moment. He shakes Adam's hand.

JOHNNY  
Mazal.

Johnny opens the gate and Adam drives through into New York City.

TITLE SEQUENCE

EXT. 47TH ST. DIAMOND DISTRICT - DAY

The Diamond District is full of life. Stands everywhere lit up with sparkling diamonds, jewels, and watches.

MONTAGE

- Two people argue over the price of a watch throwing profanities around like they are nothing.
- One man hugs another and drops off a watch to him.
- A woman is eating pizza and handling the watches while effortlessly negotiating a deal.
- People are constantly running around buying, trading, selling, yelling it is controlled chaos executed beautifully.

END MONTAGE.

INT. ERIK'S WATCH SHOP - DAY

Adam runs through the crowd of people into a small shop where he sees a man named ERIK (mid to late 50's). He has a gold chain around his neck and the belly of someone who has had dollar pizza one too many times. He's a legend in these parts and has had his shop for over two decades.

He is frantically dealing with customers and other watch dealers. He rarely makes eye contact with Adam he is so busy.

ERIK

Where the fuck were you? It's a madhouse this morning.

ADAM

Sorry. The guy at the toll booth was being a dick, you know they don't take Apple Pay?

ERIK

(to a customer)

Thank you for stopping by. Have a fantastic day!

(to Adam)

What the fuck is Apple Pay?

ADAM

Nevermind, what you got for me?

Erik turns around and grabs two watches and shows them to Adam. They are vintage Rolex Datejusts. Reference 1601 price, 4,000-8,000 dollars.

ERIK

Two 1601s. I paid 24 each for them.  
I need 6 grand in total by lunch.  
Anything over that you can keep.

Adam pauses and looks at Erik. Erik continues to close deals and greet customers. TONY (40's another watch dealer) walks through the doors

ERIK (CONT'D)

Tony! Come here I have that GMT for you!

ADAM

Come on Erik are you serious? 1601s again? I thought we talked about this, let me sell the bigger stuff.

A delivery man walks into the store.

ERIK

No. You're not ready, these are good watches!

DELIVERY MAN

I'm here to pick up a package from Erik note says it's a-  
(looks at clipboard)  
A "Panda Daytona".

ERIK

Ah yes! One moment let me find it!

A customer walks in and Erik shakes his hand.

ERIK (CONT'D)

Hello sir what can I help you with today?

CUSTOMER

I'm looking for something sporty.

ERIK

Great give me one moment.

Adam follows Erik to the shelves behind them.

ADAM

I've already sold enough 1601s.

ERIK

(grinning)  
So sell some more!

Erik hands Tony a Rolex GMT.

ERIK (CONT'D)

Take a look at that and let me know what you think.

(to Adam)

The other watches are more shiny and give you something to brag about, but these watches are the workhorses of the industry! They keep the lights on here. You can make good money off of them!

TONY

You selling those? How much?

ERIK

(to Adam)  
Look at that you already have a buyer!

Erik give Adam a loving slap on the cheek and walks back to the customer. Adam ignores Tony and dodges all the people in the shop, struggling to keep up with Erik.

ADAM

The people I talk to don't want  
Datejusts anymore.

ERIK

Find new people!

ADAM

We can make so much more money if  
you would just let me sell the  
other watches.

ERIK

No. Not yet.

ADAM

Come on.

Eriks show the customer a series of watches.

ERIK

Ok I have a Black Submariner for  
you, a Daytona, and a GMT. I can  
give you a great price on each.

CUSTOMER

Thanks I'll try the Daytona on  
first.

ERIK

I'll make you a deal, if it fits  
you have to buy it!

Erik starts laughing. The customer also laughs with him.

DELIVERY MAN

Why is it even called a Panda in  
the first place?

Adam grows frustrated with the chaos. He moves past the customer to get closer to Erik.

ADAM

I've been talking to Julien and his  
buddies and they are in the market  
for some good stuff. Stuff that we  
have. We can make good money  
selling to them.



Erik stops laughing and glares at Adam. They have been over this. Not around the customers.

Erik walks back to the shelves.

ERIK  
(hushed tone)  
Are you out of your fucking mind!?  
You have been talking to who!?

ADAM  
They're fine.

ERIK  
Go tell that to Andy. Oh yeah  
that's right you can't.

Erik looks at the empty stand 20 feet away.

CUSTOMER  
Who is Andy?

Looks like Erik wasn't quite enough.

ERIK  
(to the customer)  
Just an old friend who is currently  
on vacation. On a farm.

The customer shrugs and goes back to trying on the watches.

DELIVERY MAN  
You find the watch?

ERIK  
My apologies! Where did I put that  
damn watch...

Erik walks across the store back to Tony, searching for the watch.

ADAM  
He asked about that black dial gold  
Day-Date that we have. Let me close  
that deal.

ERIK  
Absolutely not. I will not have our  
watches be sold to those crooks-

TONY  
What's your price?

ERIK

Can you do 26 for it?

(To Adam)

You didn't tell him we have it right? Please do not tell me you told him we have it.

ADAM

No of course not. His boy brought it up and I said no but I can try to find one.

ERIK

Good, stop talking to them.

Adam huffs out of his nose in frustration.

TONY

20 and we have a deal.

ERIK

What do you need the extra 6 for? Your sister finally found a surgeon who can fix this situation?

Erik is gesturing to his face.

TONY

(laughing)

Watch it Erik.

ADAM

(to Erik)

Do you hate money? You do realize where we are right? If you want to I can go open a non-profit for you and we can just go burn money that way.

ERIK

Rolex is a non-profit.

TONY

It's a non-profit?

ADAM

I's a non-profit in the same way the lettuce on a burger makes it healthy. My point is we should be working as partners instead of me under you.

CUSTOMER

I think I'll take the Submariner.  
How much?

ERIK

12 thousand for that one.  
(to Adam)  
There are still things you need to  
learn about this business.

CUSTOMER

11 grand and we have a deal.

DELIVERY MAN

Guys I have like 5 more deliveries  
to make I really need that watch-

Adam has had enough. He reaches across the display case and  
grabs the Panda Daytona and hands it to the delivery man.

ADAM

Here! It's called a Panda because  
it's a white dial with black  
circles. Like a Panda. You have a  
great day.

The delivery man leaves the store. Adam turns to the  
customer.

ADAM (CONT'D)

The watch is 12 grand. Box and  
papers included. You won't find a  
better price anywhere else. You  
want to buy?

CUSTOMER

Fine. Deal.

Adam and the customer shake hands.

ADAM

Great come back in 30 minutes and  
we'll have everything boxed up.

The customer leaves and Adam finally turns to Tony.

ADAM (CONT'D)

Let's split it down the middle. 23  
and dinner is on us next time.  
Mazal?

TONY

Mazal. I'll be back with a check.

Tony leaves.

Finally peace and quiet. Adam looks at Erik.

ADAM

I have been with you for 3 years  
and you know better than anyone how  
much my Dad taught me. I am ready  
for this.

ERIK

Your Dad would have wanted you to  
sell these Datejusts.

Adam pauses. That hit him deep. Erik notices.

ERIK (CONT'D)

Look, next week I'm meeting up with  
some people to close the Patek  
deal. You can come with me, I'll  
introduce you and you can take over  
for me there. But for now just sell  
the datejusts, they are in great  
condition.

Erik gives Adam a fatherly pat on the cheek. Adam folds into  
it.

ADAM

(beat)

Fine. But I need Dewey to look at  
them first and give me his opinion.  
Then I'll sell them.

ERIK

Where is he? Doesn't he usually  
come in with you?

EXT. NEW YORK STREETS - DAY

DEWEY (early 20's) saunters down the street. We hear  
"Bombtrack" by Rage Against The Machine blasting through his  
headphones as he readjusts his shades. He walks carefree  
dancing and skipping around the crowd of people around him.

He walks by a store that has some cheap vintage watches in  
the display window and he stops to look at them. After a  
moment, he snaps back into reality and continues his walk.

He continues walking until he finds a bench right across from the Met Life Insurance Tower where business men and women who make more money than they know what to do with walk in and out of the doors. There is a giant clock on the building towering over the people below.

Dewey looks at all of the business people's wrists before looking at their faces. There is a homeless man next to the entrance with a cup in front of him. Tens of thousands of dollars pass by him every second and no one bats a eye. It's disgusting.

Dewey surveys the crowd, he is looking for someone in particular. He does a double take and lowers his shades. Found him.

A man in a suit and briefcase walks out of the building and checks his phone. As he takes his phone out of his pocket we see his watch. A yellow gold Rolex Day-Date with a black dial and factory diamond baguettes. Reference number 228238, price 50,000-60,000 dollars. The same one Erik has in his shop.

Dewey gets up and starts walking towards the man. He reaches into his pocket and pulls out a watch that looks exactly like the one the man is wearing. Dewey waits for his moment then strikes.

Dewey runs into the man knocking him over. As they are on the ground Dewey unlatches the mans watch and puts it in his pocket and drops the other one on the ground. The man is furious and immediately grabs the watch.

MAN

ARE YOU FUCKING KIDDING ME. LOOK WHERE YOU'RE GOING ASSHOLE. I CAN'T BELIEVE IT ALL YOU FUCKING LOW CLASS PIECES OF SHIT ARE THE SAME. DO YOU EVEN KNOW HOW MUCH THIS WATCH COSTS? IT'S WORTH MORE THAN YOUR HOUSE, CAR, AND LIFE COMBINED. YOU ARE LUCKY I DON'T SUE YOUR ASS FOR ASSAULT. I COULD OWN YOU IF I WANTED YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I AM CAPABLE OF.

The man puts the watch back on.

DEWEY

I am so sorry I am such a klutz sometimes. I am so so deeply sorry about your watch, but I mean it still tells the time right? That's all that should matter.

MAN

Of course you wouldn't fucking get it. I don't give a fuck what time it is dipshit I look down at my wrist to remind myself of how more money I have than you.

The man gets up brushes himself off and walks away. Dewey gets up and walks in the other direction. As he walks away he takes the watch out of his pocket looks at it and smiles.

EXT. 47TH ST. DIAMOND DISTRICT - DAY

Adam waits outside a watch shop smoking a cigarette anxiously looking around. He checks his phone and shakes his head. He throws the cigarette out and walks into the shop.

INT. ALLISON'S SHOP - DAY

Adam walks up to the counter and daps up ALLIE (late 30's).

ADAM

Allie how are we doing?

ALLIE

You know, same shit still making sure your broke ass is still in business.

ADAM

About that... I have something for you.

Adam takes out the two datejusts and shows them to Allie.

ALLIE

What the fuck is this?

ADAM

1601s pie-pan dials, great condition looks like they have never been polished.

ALLIE

Yeah I know what they are, why did you bring them to me?

ADAM

Because you're my friend and friends help each other out.

ALLIE

How much do you want for them?

ADAM

Can you do 6 for each?

ALLIE

6? Are you fucking crazy? Are you sure that jacket wasn't used in a radioactive plant or something because it's fucking with your head.

ADAM

Come on we both know these are hot watches everyone always wants them. 6 is a fair price.

ALLIE

I'll do 25 hundred each.

Adam is shocked. How did she know what Erik paid for them?

ADAM

Allie do you want me to starve? I need to eat too, ramadan was last month, work with me here. 55 hundred.

ALLIE

28.

ADAM

4 grand.

ALLIE

3 grand is as high as I'll go. I just can't justify paying any more.

ADAM

Why not? I'm looking at everything you have and I'm not seeing these.

ALLIE

That's because I actually try to make money on sales unlike you.

Allie smiles at Adam. She knows she has the leverage here.

ADAM

Cute. Real cute.

ALLIE

Awww you think I'm cute?

ADAM

I think you should buy these watches at 4 grand each.

ALLIE

Tell me why. Convince me. They are both naked, I'll probably have to polish them because they look like shit and I'll have to get them serviced.

Allie has Adam on the ropes. He is running out of ideas.

ADAM

Come on Allie please just buy them at 4 grand.

ALLIE

We all gotta eat here. Not just you sweetheart.

Adam accepts defeat.

ADAM

(beat)

3 grand for each and I'll get both of them serviced for you. Mazal?

Adam puts his hand out for a handshake. Allie thinks for a moment. And then looks at Adam.

ALLIE

You have the same stubbornness as your father you know that? Mazal.

Adam dismisses that comment, he doesn't make eye contact with Allie he is just staring at the watches. They shake hands.

ADAM

(finally looking up at Allie)

Great. I'll drop them off later this week.

Adam is about to leave the shop when he spots a Cartier Tank in the display glass.

ADAM (CONT'D)

How long have you had this?

ALLIE

I don't know a few days why?



ADAM

I have a pretty big deal that I am going to close in the next few days. I'm talking next level shit. I'll cut you in on it if you let me have that Tank.

ALLIE

With who? Does Erik know about this?

ADAM

No Erik doesn't know and I'd like to keep it that way.

ALLIE

I don't know this seems sketchy...

ADAM

You just fucked me on those datejusts this is the least you could do for me. Come on it will be worth it. You owe me.

Allie thinks for a moment.

ALLIE

Fine, but I want the value of the watch plus five percent.

ADAM

Mazal.

They shake hands. Allie hands Adam the tank and leaves.

INT. ANWAR'S MEDITERRANEAN SPOT - DAY

Adam walks into Anwar's Mediterranean spot. He spots Dewey sitting at a booth. He waves hi to ANWAR (late 50's) and approaches the counter where MAYA, Anwar's daughter (Hijabi mid to late 20's) is at the register. Her smile immediately lights up the whole room.

MAYA

Anything fun come in today?

ADAM

No just some datejusts that I got absolutely shafted for.

MAYA

I keep telling you, I can get you my little brothers Spiderman watch.

(MORE)

MAYA (CONT'D)

It could go for a lot it might even cover the loss of those datejusts.

Adam laughs. He can actually relax and be a human around her.

ADAM

I do not want to be responsible for the emotional trauma that would bring him if I sold that watch. But maybe next time.

MAYA

Ok, the offer still stands. I do want my commission though. Your margins are high enough you so can take the hit. Just call it a finders fee on the balance sheet.

ADAM

Wow your Yale degree is showing.

Maya frowns but smiles at Adam's teasing comment.

MAYA

You want the usual?

Adam smiles nods.

MAYA (CONT'D)

Coming right up.

ADAM

Has Dewey stopped by?

MAYA

He came in like 10 minutes ago and insisted we change the battery on the clock over there.

Maya points at the cheap clock on the wall. It is bird themed with each number being a different type of bird. The clock is stuck at 3:09.

MAYA (CONT'D)

Did you hear about what happened to Andy?

ADAM

Yeah, looks like he was in the wrong place at the wrong time.

MAYA

Be careful. I mean I know you don't mess with those guys, but he's is still hung up over your Dad and doesn't want anything to happen to you.

Maya points to her father.

ADAM

Just him?

Adam smiles.

MAYA

(smiling)

Take your number.

ADAM

(chuckles)

Thanks, I'll see you later.

Maya watches Adam as he goes to his booth, she looks down and smiles reveling at how good that interaction just was.

INT. ANWAR'S MEDITERRANEAN SPOT - CONTINUOUS

Adam goes over to Dewey and sits down in a booth with him.

DEWEY

Why do you have a clock on the wall if it isn't going to work? If you want a decoration buy a painting.

ADAM

Where were you? I just got fucked trying to sell some datejusts.

DEWEY

How much did you sell them for?

ADAM

3 grand each. We made no money on the deal. I could have really used your help.

DEWEY

Sorry man I was tracking down that Day-Date.

ADAM

And?

DEWEY

Oh we got it.

Dewey pulls out the watch and shows it to Adam. Adam's eyes light up.

ADAM

And you're sure he didn't notice you swapping it out for the fake?

DEWEY

No shot. He was too busy yelling at me about how I have "no idea what the watch is worth." And how "the diamonds alone are worth more than my life" or something.

Dewey starts laughing.

DEWEY (CONT'D)

But the joke is on him because I don't give a shit. None of those rich fucks ever know what they are buying. They just see the gold and diamonds and they are sold.

ADAM

Ok good, I have a buyer lined up. We'll meet with him tomorrow and close the deal.

DEWEY

Why can't we just use Eriks Day Date?

ADAM

Because he won't let us. He doesn't believe in the plan.

DEWEY

Why not?

ADAM

He thinks Julien and his guys are the mob and we'll get in trouble.

DEWEY

I think we should listen to Erik.

ADAM

And why would we do that?

DEWEY

Because he looks out for us.

ADAM

No I look out for us. He doesn't  
does shit for us so we need to take  
matters into our own hands.

Dewey looks worried. He is fidgeting and darting his eyes  
around. Their food arrives.

DEWEY

Why can't we just buy one from  
someone else on 47th and sell it to  
him?

ADAM

With what money Dew? One more  
missed payment and we are evicted.  
That Day-date is 40 grand at least.

Dewey does not look convinced. The regret of what he just did  
sinks in.

ADAM (CONT'D)

It's fine everything will work out.  
We've done this hundreds of times.

Dewey is not convinced.

ADAM (CONT'D)

It will be ok, I am not going to  
let anything happen to you. Hey  
look at me.

Dewey looks at Adam.

ADAM (CONT'D)

I got this, I got us.  
(beat)  
Soon we will be living in one of  
those apartments on the upper east  
side that are so high up you can  
basically see the earth curve.

Dewey smiles.

DEWEY

And then we can get a huge  
Grandfather clock put in the living  
room.

ADAM

That's your dream? A Grandfather  
clock?

DEWEY

What's wrong with that?

ADAM

Nothing, nothing I just figured you would want something normal like a Ferrari.

DEWEY

Why would I get a Ferrari when I could get a Grandfather clock?

Adam's checks his phone.

ADAM

Come on it's time to get to work.

Adam and Dewey get up and leave Anwar's.

BEGIN MONTAGE:

- Adam and Dewey walk into the various stalls at the Diamond District. It's just after lunch and everyone is getting back to work. It's time to make some money. Superbowl by Conway the Machine plays in the background.
- Adam walks up to a shop owner and gives him a hug. The shop owner hands him a watch he immediately hands it to Dewey who pulls out his loupe and examines it.
- Adam and Dewey walk up stairs at different locations.
- Adam argues with various people negotiating prices while Dewey studies the watches.
- At one point Dewey whispers into Adam's ear. Adam yells at the man pointing at an imperfection on the watch. The man is forced to accept Adam's offer and they shake hands.
- Quick shots of handshakes. We hear each person say "Mazal".
- Adam gets heated with a shop owner and they are about to get into a fight. Dewey has to pull Adam away.
- They both deliver watches to various people who hug and kiss them. Some hand them wads of cash.
- Dewey points at a watch. Adam asks how much it is and starts negotiating.
- Quick shots of shiny watches being set on glass displays, grabbed by hands, and traded between people.

- Adam is flirting with a girl at one of the stands, Dewey walks by and pulls him away without looking.
- Adam is now hugging the man he almost fought. They shake hands and Adam hands him a watch.
- Quick shots of checks being signed, cash changing hands, and wire notifications on phones are shown.

END MONTAGE.

INT. DIAMOND DISTRICT - DAY

Adam inspects a GMT he just bought. Dewey walks up to him.

Adam gets a notification on his phone. He checks it.

ADAM

It's Erik. He wants us to do one more drop off. Come on let's go.

EXT. SUBWAY EXIT - DAY

Adam and Dewey walk up the stairs out of the subway station. Dewey is holding a brown paper bag. They walk a few blocks down and stop in front of a building and look up at it.

DEWEY

Are you sure this is the right place?

ADAM

This is the address Erik gave us. I triple checked it.

They are staring up at a building that says "Martha Washington Retirement Home for the Deaf"

ADAM (CONT'D)

I guess there is only one way to find out.

Adam walks into the building and Dewey follows.

INT. MARTHA WASHINGTON RETIREMENT HOME FOR THE DEAF - DAY

Adam and Dewey walk up to the front desk where a man is sitting on the computer playing solitaire. There are boxes all around him.

ADAM  
Hey how are you doing? I am looking  
for a man named-  
(looks at his phone)  
Jerry Schwartz.

MAN  
Of course may I ask what it's  
regarding?

ADAM  
We have some watches we need to  
drop off to him.

Dewey holds up the brown paper bag.

MAN  
Got it well Jerry and everyone else  
are currently watching a movie in  
the screening room. It is down that  
hall to the right.

ADAM  
Amazing thank you and have a great  
day.

INT. SCREENING ROOM - DAY

A group of senior citizens are watching Happy Gilmore. There are subtitles and half of the people in the room are asleep. Adam and Dewey are in the back of the room behind everyone.

DEWEY  
How do we know which one is Jerry?

ADAM  
I guess we just ask.  
(to the whole room)  
Is there a Jerry Schwartz here?

No one turns around.

DEWEY  
They are deaf you idiot they can't  
hear you.

Adam looks around frustrated until he finds the DVD player.

ADAM  
Hit the lights for me.

Adam walks over to the DVD player and hits the pause button and Dewey turns on the lights.



Adam walks up to the front of the room and stands in front of the TV. He starts to speak slowly and loudly as if that will do anything.

ADAM (CONT'D)

Hello everyone my name is Adam I have some watches here for a man named Jerry Schwartz. Jerry please raise your hand so I can give them to you.

The whole room is silent. In one full swoop all of the old people start yelling and aggressively signing to Adam. Adam has no idea what they are saying as he is an idiot and does not know ASL.

One man flips off Adam.

ADAM (CONT'D)

I think I know what that one means.

Dewey runs up to the front. He has [babysignlanguage.com](http://babysignlanguage.com) pulled up on his phone. He waves his hands to get everyone's attention.

Dewey starts signing "Hello, I am Dewey. I am looking for Jerry Scwartz"

Dewey signs "I have a witch for you"

Everyone stares at Dewey puzzled.

DEWEY

Oh shit wrong one uhhh...

Dewey signs "I have a *watch* for you"

Everyone realizes and nods their heads. A man stands up and walks to Dewey.

Dewey signs "Jerry?" The man nods his head and takes the brown bag. He looks inside and then smiles at the boys. He shakes Dewey's hand.

Dewey signs "Thank you" and walks to the DVD player he hits the play button and Adam turns the lights off. They walk out of the screening room and out of the building.

EXT. UPPER WEST SIDE STREETS - DAY

Adam and Dewey walk towards the subway station.

ADAM

I'm just saying we learn some ASL.  
There is a whole untapped market we  
can hit. You don't need to hear to  
tell the time.

DEWEY

I mean I guess you're right-

A man steps in front of both of them.

ADAM

Hey man watch where you're-

BEN (6'6 extremely ripped) towers over both of them.

BEN

Do you have it?

Adam looks at the man and immediately freezes. It's one of  
Julien's boys.

ADAM

I'm working on it. Don't worry I'll  
have it by tomorrow.

Ben is not giving Adam an inch of space to even breathe.

BEN

You said you had it. Don't make me  
go back and tell him you don't. He  
doesn't like liars.

ADAM

I'm not lying I have it don't  
worry.

BEN

You just said you didn't so do you  
or don't you it's a simple  
question. We aren't at the Garden  
this isn't a fucking game.

ADAM

Yo relax I have it ok. I'm not  
trying to play games.

BEN

Do you like fucking me?

ADAM

I mean I don't really swing that  
way but-

BEN  
Don't get fucking smart with me.

Adam is visibly shaking.

ADAM  
You literally asked the question I  
was just-

BEN  
If you show up tomorrow with  
anything different than what we  
agreed on we are going to have a  
big problem. Do I make myself  
clear.

Ben moves his coat revealing a gun.

ADAM  
Yes.

BEN  
Good. A man is nothing but his  
word. Don't fuck this up. You have  
people who care about you.

Ben looks at Dewey.

BEN (CONT'D)  
You know where to find us.

Ben walks through the both of them and doesn't look back.  
Adam and Dewey are shook.

EXT. NEW JERSEY APARTMENTS - NEXT DAY

Adam leans on his car smoking a cigarette. Dewey walks up and  
gets in the car. Adam puts out the cigarette and gets in the  
drivers side and turns on the car. They pull out and drive  
away.

INT. CAR - DAY

Adam drives on the road in silence. He is on edge. Dewey  
turns on the radio. Pressure In My Palms by Aminé starts  
playing.

Dewey bops his head to the music. Adam is stone cold, does  
not move.

ADAM  
Can you turn that off.

DEWEY

Why?

ADAM

It's distracting.

DEWEY

From driving? The route that we drive on every day and have been for our whole lives?

ADAM

Yes.

DEWEY

Whatever.

Dewey turns off the radio.

DEWEY (CONT'D)

I want to look at the subs today, I have been getting more into them lately and I think the no date ones are honestly underrated.

Adam is not responding. He turns right.

DEWEY (CONT'D)

(turning his head back)  
Hey this is not the route we usually take.

Adam and Dewey pull up to the toll both.

EXT. TOLL BRIDGE PAY STATION - DAY

Adam lowers his window and hands Johnny a 20 dollar bill.

JOHNNY

What why are you-

ADAM

Just take the money.

Johnny takes the money and unfolds the bills revealing the Cartier Tank.

JOHNNY

You have a nice day.

Johnny opens the gate and Adam drives through.

INT. CAR - MOMENTS LATER

DEWEY  
What was that about?

ADAM  
Ask Tim Cook.

DEWEY  
What?

Adam and Dewey make their way into the city.

INT. ERIK'S WATCH SHOP - DAY

Adam and Dewey walk in and see Erik at the counter helping out a customer. He hands them a Rolex GMT-Master II Ref 126720VTNR. Price, 25,000-30,000 dollars.

ERIK  
What a great purchase, you have a good day.

CUSTOMER  
Thank you!

Adam and Dewey walk up to Erik.

ERIK  
That kid just bought a lefty Sprite. He said Tik Tok told him to buy it. Can you believe that? Tik tok of all places. What do they know about watches? He's not even left handed. He signed the fucking check with his right hand.

ADAM  
Anything to drop off?

ERIK  
I don't have anything for you right now, but I will need you both to deliver this to Jake at 5pm.

Erik puts a box on the counter.

ADAM  
Wait 5pm? We can't do 5pm.

ERIK  
Why not?

Adam pauses and looks at Dewey thinking.

ADAM

We have something at 5pm.

ERIK

What do you have that is so important you need to leave your job for?

ADAM

We have something we need to go do.

Erik grows suspicious.

ERIK

What is it?

ADAM

Don't worry about it.

ERIK

Don't tell me what to worry and not worry about. Are you closing a deal without me?

ADAM

What? No. Why do you think we are closing a deal without you?

ERIK

Because why else would you need to leave during the work day?

ADAM

It's none of your business.

ERIK

Actually it is my business because you work for me and I am responsible for making sure you don't go and do something stupid that puts us all in jeopardy.

ADAM

Why do you always think I am going to do something that puts us in jeopardy?

ERIK

Who is the deal with?

ADAM

Maybe if you let me actually work with you instead of making me run your stupid errands we wouldn't be having this problem.

ERIK

Hey watch your fucking tone when you talk to me.

ADAM

Stop treating me like I'm a fucking kid.

ERIK

You are a fucking kid.

ADAM

Fuck you. I don't need this.

Adam starts to turn around.

ERIK

Hey don't you walk away from me. Who are you doing the deal with?

ADAM

There is no deal.

ERIK

I don't believe you.

ADAM

There isn't a deal. Just drop it.

ERIK

Adam don't fucking lie to me.

Adam and Erik are inches away from each other.

ADAM

There. Isn't. A. Fucking. Deal.

ERIK

You are going to end up just like your Father doing shit like this.

There is a dead silence in the air. Adam's eyes are welling up.

DEWEY

Hemorrhoids! Adam has this hemorrhoid that he has been dealing with and so he needs to see the doctor at 5pm today but he is feeling nervous so he needs me to come with him.

Erik looks at Adam puzzled.

ERIK

A hemorrhoid? You are like 26 is that even possible.

Adam shoots Dewey a mean side eye.

ADAM

(beat)

You'd be surprised what the human body is capable of.

DEWEY

It's really bad and he is really embarrassed about it so he hasn't told anyone except for me.

Erik studies Dewey for a moment and then looks at Adam.

ERIK

Where are you going?

(beat)

I have a friend who specializes in hemorrhoid treatment and can take a look for you, here let me give you his card.

Erik searches around his counter, finds the card and gives it to Adam who takes it.

ADAM

No thanks, it's handled. We are going to start our rounds to see whats available.

ERIK

Fine. I'll get Allie to deliver the package.

Adam and Dewey turn towards the exit.

ERIK (CONT'D)

Hey be careful, I hope it goes well.



EXT. NEW YORK STREETS - DAY

Adam and Dewey walk the streets of Manhattan.

ADAM  
Hemorrhoids??? Are you serious?

DEWEY  
What! We needed something that he  
wasn't going to question!

ADAM  
(holding the business  
card)  
And yet here we are.

EXT. UNDISCLOSED LOCATION IN MANHATTAN - 5:00PM

Adam and Dewey are walking in an alley. They walk up to a door that looks like it hasn't been opened since World War 2. Adam knocks on the door and Ben opens it.

BEN  
Come in.

Adam and Dewey walk into the building succumbing to the shadows inside.

INT. ELEVATOR - EVENING

Ben leads them into and elevator and hits the 3rd floor.

BEN  
The second floor is a tapestry  
shop.

DEWEY  
Tapestry? I feel like most fronts  
have like a restaurant or something  
set up.

BEN  
Do you know how many yoga studios  
and tourist shops have rugs on the  
wall and shit?

DEWEY  
I guess that's a good point. You  
guys do custom pieces? I really  
want to-

ADAM  
Dewey. Shut. The fuck. Up.

DEWEY  
Sorry.

They reach the third floor and the elevator doors open.

INT. JULIEN'S LAIR - EVENING

Adam and Dewey walk out into a loft that is dimly lit and decorated with lavish paintings and furniture all around.

They see a man sitting on a couch that is draped in bear fur. The head of the bear is at the center of the couch mouth open daring the two of them to sit down.

Adam and Dewey approach the man.

JULIEN (50's straight out of a bond movie) stands up and puts his hand out for a handshake.

JULIEN  
Hello boys, pleasure to meet you  
I'm Julien.

Adam shakes his hand.

ADAM  
Pleasure is all mine, I'm Adam and  
this is my partner Dewey.

Dewey also shakes Julien's hand.

JULIEN  
Ben tells me you have something  
that I have been looking for.

ADAM  
Yes we do, just one second.

They all sit down and Adam pulls out a box. Dewey notices men all in suits and with guns surround them blocking all the exits.

Dewey sees one of the guards is wearing a 18k yellow gold Cartier Pebble, only 150 were made. Price, who the fuck knows. That's how rare it is.

Adam opens a box and the watch shines bright almost illuminating the entire room.

ADAM (CONT'D)  
Here it is black dial, yellow gold  
Day-Date with factory baguette  
diamonds.

Julien gestures to the watch.

JULIEN  
May I?

ADAM  
Yes of course.

Julien takes the watch and tries it on. It fits perfectly.

JULIEN  
(looking at the watch)  
You are Ali's son right?

Adam tries to maintain a brave face.

ADAM  
Yes that's right.

JULIEN  
Such a shame what happened to him.  
I am sorry for your loss.

ADAM  
Thank you.

JULIEN  
You know, there are lessons in  
everything. Everything has a  
consequence. I heard you father was  
a kind man. A good man. But he  
lacked something very important.  
(beat)  
Trust.

Julien looks up at Adam.

JULIEN (CONT'D)  
He thought he could change the  
system, do things his way. I guess  
the apple doesn't fall far from the  
tree there.

Adam is sweating. He is looking around at the exits. All of  
them are blocked.

JULIEN (CONT'D)

(staring at the watch)

But you do have one thing he didn't have. My trust.

(beat)

I enjoy these things. They are pretty, they're a status symbol.

(beat)

They are not, however, important enough to lose a life over. Wouldn't you agree?

ADAM

Yes sir of course.

JULIEN

Great. I hope that this is the start of a fruitful business with you. Now that Andy is gone, that poor boy, I need someone new who can handle my collection and its needs. I have some items that I would like you to take care of for me. Do you think you can be that person Adam?

One of Julien's henchmen walk up and open a box. It shines 3 times as bright as the box Adam and Dewey had. Inside the box is a Jacob and Co. Astronomia Art Dragon Mother of Pearl. Price, 1,000,000+ dollars.

Adam and Dewey are stuck in a trance.

JULIEN (CONT'D)

Adam?

ADAM

(snapping out of it)

Yes absolutely.

JULIEN

Just what I wanted to hear! So how about we start this partnership off on a good note then. 15,000?

Adam and Dewey are silent. Absolutely shocked. Less than half of what the watch it worth. They could have just sold some more 1601s for that price.

Adam braces himself for the worst.

ADAM

Well actually we were hoping to get a little more for it if possible. That price seems a bit low.

JULIEN

Well isn't that a shame. It's obviously clear you don't understand how this works. Ben take care of them.

Ben pulls out his gun and starts walking towards them.

Adam and Dewey start panicking.

ADAM

Woah woah wait ok ok you know 15,000 is good we love that price. That's a great price actually we'll take it.

Ben does not stop moving. Dewey starts tearing up.

ADAM (CONT'D)

I really think we can work this out without doing this please just-

Ben cocks his gun and points it right at Adam's head. Adam stares straight down the barrel of the gun. He can see the bullet that is about to enter his head. He closes his eyes ready for what's about to happen.

Ben stops. Julien bursts out laughing. He is almost in tears from laughing so hard.

JULIEN

Oh my goodness that was so good!  
You should have seen your faces!  
(to Dewey)  
Were you about to cry? Oh man I have never seen that happen before that was too good.

Adam and Dewey are stunned. Dewey wipes his nose. They both try to laugh with Julien.

JULIEN (CONT'D)

I am just fucking with you two. I would never lowball you like that. 50,000 and we have a deal. Mazal?

Julien puts his hand out. Adam shakes it.

ADAM

Mazal.

JULIEN

Amazing I look forward to speaking  
to you soon.

EXT. NEW YORK STREETS - NIGHT

Adam and Dewey are dancing in the Manhattan streets.

ADAM

50 thousand dollars! Dew that's it  
we are set! I can't believe we just  
did that.

Adam screams into the night. This is the first time he has  
genuinely felt joy since the Mets last won the world series.

DEWEY

We did it! We fucking did that!

They both hug and run up and down the street like mad men.

ADAM

Dinner is on me get whatever you  
want. This is cause for  
celebration. We are really in it  
now!

INT. ANWAR'S MEDITERRANEAN SPOT - NIGHT

Adam and Dewey walk into Anwar's and Dewey sits down at a  
booth. Adam walks up to Maya.

MAYA

Hey! How's the backside feeling?  
Doctor fix that hemorrhoid?

Adam goes bright red. Maya starts laughing.

ADAM

Erik has such a loud mouth huh.  
It's doing-  
(beat)  
better. I think I'll be alright.

MAYA

Well thank God you'll live to see  
another day. You want the usual?

ADAM

Actually can I get a number 9, a number 6, 3 baklava's, and a box of Maamoul but one of the good ones, not one of the ones that is about to go bad.

MAYA

Wow you ok? What is the reason for celebration?

ADAM

We just closed a huge deal. Big time. Life is beautiful.

MAYA

Well congratulations I guess you didn't need my brothers Spiderman watch after all.

Adam smiles and walks over to Dewey and sits down. He is on his phone scrolling through social media when he hears the TV volume increase.

ANWAR

Ya Allah, I never thought I'd see the day.

Adam turns and looks at the TV.

The news is on. The headline reads "JULIEN SHARP, BUSINESS MAN AND LONGTIME MOB LEADER ARRESTED ON GRAND LARCENY CHARGES"

NEWS ANCHOR

Julien Sharp was taken into police custody this evening after posting a video of him holding a watch on social media.

Adam and Dewey are frozen.

INT. ALLIE'S WATCH STAND - NIGHT

Allie is lounging in her chair on her phone. The TV has the same news story up. Allie sees the headline and leans forward turning up the volume.

NEWS ANCHOR

The watch was reported stolen a day prior and the video helped link Julien to the crime.

ALLIE

Oh fuck.

INT. ERIK'S WATCH SHOP - NIGHT

Erik is also watching the news on the TV.

NEWS ANCHORS

The NYPD ran a year long sting operation on Sharp monitoring his every move and building evidence against him which they will now use to prosecute him for far more than just Grand Larceny. This could see many more arrested including the various parties Sharp was engaged in business with.

ERIK

God damn it! Where is my phone!

Erik finds his phone and starts dialing.

INT. ANWAR'S MEDITERRANEAN SPOT - NIGHT

Everyone is gathered around the TV.

MAYA

What an idiot! You steal a watch and immediately post it on social media!? I'm glad he's finally going to jail he has ruined so many lives.

The TV shows a video of Julien in handcuffs being escorted by police into the back of a police car. Julien at one point looks directly into the camera. The TV freezes on that frame.

ANWAR

Damn TV always breaking.

Adam stares at Julien who stares back at him.

ADAM

Holy shit. Dewey we are so fucked.

END OF PILOT