

“RUNAWAY JURY”

MARLEE

Mr. Rohr? May I sit down?

ROHR

I know you're playing both sides.

MARLEE

We are. May I sit down?

ROHR

Yeah, go on. Sit down. Sit down. Now you tell me... you tell me why I shouldn't go to the judge, get a mistrial and have that provocative little bottom of yours thrown into jail. You know how serious we are about jury tampering down here?

MARLEE

You wouldn't do that.

ROHR

Oh, don't you be so sure.

MARLEE

You wouldn't put Mrs. Wood through the pain and the expense of a mistrial. She couldn't afford it.

ROHR

You don't know anything about Celeste Wood. You don't know what drives her. Unlike you, young lady, she's not in it for the money.

MARLEE

And what are you in it for, Mr. Rohr?

ROHR

Oh, you're something, aren't you? What do you think I'm in it for?

MARLEE
You tell me.

ROHR
I'd like to get the law changed.

MARLEE
That's why you're here. But you need help. It's up to you. You can be a good boy,
play by the rules... or you can win a huge victory for gun control. The choice is yours.

ROHR
You know, this may come as a surprise to you, but I don't have to make that choice.

MARLEE
Don't tell me. Your whistle-blower from Vicksburg is gonna testify his company knows about
the number of guns that wind up on the black market.

ROHR
That's right. That's precisely what he's gonna happen.

MARLEE
Mr. Rohr.

ROHR
What?

MARLEE
What makes you think this witness is ever gonna make it to the stand?

ROHR
Because that whistle-blower came to us.

MARLEE
Fitch is gonna get to him.

ROHR
We didn't call him. He came to us.

MARLEE
He's your star witness.

ROHR
We didn't... Listen to me.

MARLEE
You don't know what this man's capable of!

ROHR
Sweetheart! Hey! Hey! Hey! He came to us. He's tucked away right now. I'm not gonna tell you where. The man, out of conscience, cannot wait to get on that stand and testify.

MARLEE
Anyone can be gotten to.

ROHR
What do you know? Hm? How much are we talking about here? What do you wanna bleed me for? Five, six, seven million?

MARLEE
Ten million.

ROHR
Ooh, that's a... big number. That's a big number.

MARLEE
With Rankin Fitch in the game, you can't win. So if you just match his offer, I'm gonna swing it your way. Good-bye.

ROHR
Who hurt you? Who made you this way? Come on. You know what you're messing with here? You know how important this is?