

~~CHARLIE (CONT'D)~~

~~Over here we have Michael
Druzhinsky, Michael Anikovich and
Michael Slobo. The three Mikes.~~

~~CHARLIE draws three "M"s and puts a circle around it.~~

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~~CHARLIE (CONT'D)~~

~~The three Mikes run a chain of
corrupt medical clinics and they've
been committing insurance fraud,
wire fraud and mail fraud on an
epic scale. Over here is the
Taiwanchik-Gershen Organization.~~

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~~CHARLIE writes "TGO" and draws a circle around it.~~

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~~CHARLIE (CONT'D)~~

~~They're a worldwide bookmaking
operation handling hundreds of
millions of dollars a year in
illegal sports betting. And over
here is the Habib-Gershen
Organization.~~

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~~CHARLIE writes "HGO" and draws a circle around it. The three
organizations are now in a triangle on the white board.~~

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~~CHARLIE (CONT'D)~~

~~Also an illegal bookmaking
operation but this one financed by
an art gallery owned by Hillel
Habib who everyone calls--~~

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~~MOLLY~~

~~Helly.~~

~~MOLLY and CHARLIE both understand that MOLLY just admitted to
knowing these guys.~~

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~~CHARLIE~~

~~(pause)~~

~~This is the Russian mafia. And the
three are tied together in the
indictment through...? A poker
game.~~

~~CHARLIE writes "Molly" in the middle of the triangle and
draws a circle around it.~~

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~~MOLLY~~

~~Were they tapping my phone?~~

~~CHARLIE~~

~~No.~~

MOLLY

Thank God.

CHARLIE

They were tapping the phones of everyone you talked to.

MOLLY

Okay.

CHARLIE

Druzhinsky's phone was tapped. They've got you confirming that you ran raked games at various locations in New York and they've also got a confidential informant confirming that you ran raked games at various locations in New York. You were in violation of 1955-- that's the part of the U.S. Code that makes it illegal to run an illegal gambling business.

(pause)

You know what you did? You finished writing your book before the good part happened.

MOLLY

You get a kick outta yourself, don't you.

CHARLIE lifts up a copy of *Molly's Game*--

CHARLIE

I don't like this picture.

MOLLY

Thank you.

CHARLIE

You look like the cat who ate the canary and then told the canary's parents about it.

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MOLLY

I don't like it either but it's the picture the publisher wanted and I wasn't given a vote.

CHARLIE

I liked the book though. A good story well told.

MOLLY

Thank you.

CHARLIE

I need you to tell it again. From the beginning and this time without leaving anything out. Would you like a glass of water?

MOLLY

I'd like a glass of bourbon.

CHARLIE

And one more thing.

MOLLY

Yeah.

CHARLIE

I need your hard drives.

MOLLY

Going back how far?

CHARLIE

What do you mean?

MOLLY

I kept my hard drives when I'd buy a new laptop.

CHARLIE

You're kidding.

MOLLY

It had records of who owed what and spreadsheets on the players.

CHARLIE

They have more than that. Every time you charge your phone by plugging it into your computer the computer records all your text messages and e-mails.

MOLLY

(pause)

Are you joking?

CHARLIE

I want to run a forensic imaging of your hard drives.

MOLLY

No, I'll be destroying those hard drives.

CHARLIE

You can't, they're evidence.

MOLLY

I'm going to blow them up. I'm literally going to use explosives and then scatter the remains in the Colorado River.

CHARLIE

You already told me they exist.

MOLLY

You're just gonna have to pretend I didn't tell you.

CHARLIE

I can't do that.

MOLLY

I don't have any hard drives, I work with an abacus.

CHARLIE

Molly--

MOLLY

There are no hard drives!

CHARLIE

If you destroy evidence and obstruct justice on top of the charges already brought against you in this case, you will, I promise you, be incarcerated.

MOLLY

You don't understand what's in those text messages.

CHARLIE

I understand that you've had boyfriends and that there are gonna be private exchanges.

MOLLY

You *don't* understand. There are going to be those messages and they'll be embarrassing but there are also going to be messages that would destroy lives. Other lives. There are messages that would end careers and obliterate families. If the text messages were made public--

CHARLIE

They won't be.

MOLLY

If they were--

CHARLIE

They won't be.

MOLLY

--it would be catastrophic for many people.

CHARLIE

I'm a lawyer. I'm legally--

MOLLY

No.

CHARLIE

Listen to me, I'm legally prohibited from disclosing--

MOLLY

My last lawyer sold my deposition to the National Enquirer, Charlie!
(beat)

That happened. But the information in that deposition will be nothing compared to the consequences of those text messages--

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CHARLIE

Hang on.

~~CHARLIE walks to his desk and picks up his copy of Molly's Game.~~ *

MOLLY

~~Children will find out their fathers--~~

CHARLIE

~~The movie stars you named in the book--you'd already named them under oath in the Bad Brad Marion deposition.~~

MOLLY

~~It was that or perjure myself and Brad had already named everyone in the game.~~

CHARLIE

~~That's not what I'm getting at. Your lawyer back then--Butterball--~~

MOLLY

~~Butterman.~~