

## 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.

Carmin  
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