ON BLACK:

"A MAN MUST LOOK AT HIS LIFE AND THINK LUXURY."

FADE IN:

EXT. GUARJIRA, COLOMBIA - 1989 - DAY

A majestic panorama of the lush green slopes that are the Columbian highlands. A faint chopping sound IS HEARD and then another. WHOOSH. WHOOSH. The view changes and tiny dots appear on the hillside vegetation. WHOOSH.

CLOSER

We realize the dots are people. Workers swinging long steel machetes in slow methodical rhythm. WHOOSH. WHOOSH. WE SEE the South American Indian MEN clearly now. Their tar stained teeth. Their gaunt faces riddled with crow's feet. Their jaws chewing away on huge wads of coca leaves as they collect the harvest.

EXT. DIRT ROAD - COLOMBIA - DAY

Old rickety trucks carrying the huge green tractor-sized bales speed along the narrow road.

EXT. CLEARING - COLOMBIA - DAY

The bundles are undone and Columbian women separate out the leaves. Tribes of underweight workers carry armload after armload of the harvest and ritualistically dump them into a gigantic cannibal pot which sits on top of a raging bonfire. The leaves are being boiled down and a huge plume of smoke streaks the sky. Wizened Indios brave the heat and shovel ashes into the pot to cool the solution.

INT. JUNGLE - COLOMBIA - DAY

A primitive but enormous makeshift lab contains all the equipment. The machinery. The solutions. The over-sized vats. Dark-skinned bandoleros smoke cigarettes and sport automatic weapons at all the points of entry. The coca is now a "basuco" paste and is being sent in for a wash.

INT. LABORATORY - COLOMBIA - 1989 - DAY

A conveyor belt pours out brick after brick of pure cocaine hydrochloride. The bricks are wrapped, tied up, weighed, and stamped with a "P" before being thrown into duffel bags.

EXT. JUNGLE AIRSTRIP - COLOMBIA - DAY

A small twin-engine Cessna is loaded with dozens of duffel bags and the plane takes off.
EXT. VERO BEACH AIRFIELD - NIGHT

The Cessna touches down.

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I know.

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SUPERIMPOSE: MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA 1968

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TUNA (CONT'D)
Figured it out.

GEORGE
Figured what out?

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Tuna takes the paper bag and empties its contents on the kitchen table. It's a grey mound of stocky, seedy marijuana.

Barbara examines the reefer.

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Tuna, this is crap.

TUNA
I know it's not the greatest. It's commercial.
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INT. THE WHIPPING POST - MANHATTAN BEACH - 1968 - CONTINUOUS

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DEREK

Barbie!

Derek's female entourage rush over as well. Kisses all around.

DEREK (CONT'D)

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GEORGE

George.

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DEREK (CONT'D)

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GEORGE

No.

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TUNA
Look what the cat dragged in.

**GEORGE**

Holy shit, Dulli. What the hell are you doing here?

**KEVIN**

Well, I'll tell you. I was walking down the beach, minding my business, when who did I see but this fucking guy. I didn't know you guys were living in California.

**GEORGE**

Yeah, but what are you doing out here?

**KEVIN**

I'm on vacation. On my way back to school.

**GEORGE**

This calls for a joint. You want to do the honors?

**KEVIN**

No, man. I'm too fucked up.

**TUNA**

Nice weed, huh?

**KEVIN**

Fuck yeah. I never seen nothing like it. I'm fucking wasted.

**GEORGE**

Right on.

**KEVIN**

G-d, I'm stoned. I'm stoned. I'm really...

**GEORGE**

Stoned?

**KEVIN**

I wish there was shit like this back home.

**GEORGE**

Yeah?

**KEVIN**

Shit, yeah. Do you know how much money I could make if I had this stuff back east?

**TUNA**
No shit, Kevin?

KEVIN
That's right.

GEORGE
Yeah?

KEVIN
When there's something to move, it's too easy not to. Do you know how many colleges are in a twenty mile radius? U. Mass, Amherst, B.U....

TUNA
Smith. Hampshire....

KEVIN
Right. And Holyoke. There are a hundred thousand rich kids with their parents' money to spend, but there's never anything available. Nothing good, anyway. I'm paying four hundred dollars for shit.

INT. THE WHIPPING POST - MANHATTAN BEACH - 1968 - DAY

Derek, George and Barbara sit around. The blinds are drawn.

GEORGE
The way we figure it, Barbara flies to Boston twice a week. Two bags per flight. Twenty-five pounds in each bag.

DEREK
You're kidding, right? That's a hundred pounds a week.

GEORGE
Yeah, I know, it's a lot of weight.

BARBARA
We're gonna call it California sinsemilla. Sounds exotic.

GEORGE
I'm telling you, Derek, it will sell.

DEREK
I don't know...

GEORGE
Here's the best part. We can charge five-hundred a pound.

DEREK
Come on, George, no one is going to pay
that.

GEORGE
It's already been negotiated. It's done. The money is there waiting.

Derek looks at Barbara. She nods.

DEREK
Goodness.

GEORGE
Goodness is right. If you do the math, that's over thirty grand a week profit. I want you to be my partner on this, Derek. Fifty-fifty. That's fifteen thousand a week for you, my friend. In your pocket, free and clear.

DEREK
And I only deal with you?

GEORGE
Barbara and me. No one else.

Derek thinks about it.

BARBARA
It's gonna work, Derek.

DEREK
I don't know. East coast. Airplanes. It all sounds pretty risky.

GEORGE
She's a flight attendant. They don't check her bags.

EXT. LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - 1968 - DAY

George drops Barbara off in her uniform curbside. They kiss and she walks away with two big, red Samsonites. She checks them with a SKYCAP and tips him.

EXT. SKY - 1968 - DAY

A huge jet goes right to left through frame.

INT. LOGAN AIRPORT - GATE - BOSTON - 1968 - DAY

Barbara is greeted by KEVIN DULLI with a hug. A baggage claim check is slipped into Kevin's hand.

BARBARA
Any message?

KEVIN
Keep it coming.

INT. LOGAN AIRPORT - BAGGAGE CLAIM - BOSTON - 1968

We see Barbara's two red Samsonites being taken off the belt by Kevin.

INT. LOGAN AIRPORT - GATE - BOSTON - 1968

Same scene repeated, except different clothes on all. Maybe Kevin is dressed a little better.

KEVIN

More.

INT. LOGAN AIRPORT - GATE - BOSTON - 1968

The same scene repeated, same things changed again; now Kevin is definitely dressed a little better.

KEVIN

I need more.

BARBARA

What do you want me to do? I can only take two bags, and I can't fly back here everyday.

KEVIN

I know, but I've got a feeding frenzy on my hands. Tell George this is small potatoes. We're missing out on some serious cash. You tell George. He'll think of something.

EXT. WINNEBAGO - 1968 - DAY

MUSIC CUE:

Tuna drives the big Winny. Maria rides shotgun. Barrelling cross-country, it's a party on wheels.

EXT. WHITE OAK LODGE - AMHERST - 1968 - NIGHT

Kevin and his girl, RADA, are the welcoming committee as the RV pulls into the parking lot. They wave, slap the sides of the Winnebago, and greet the prodigal sons with hugs and handshakes.

INT. WHITE OAK LODGE - AMHERST - 1968 - LATER

George's room is rustic and plush. A log fire burns and empty champagne bottles adorn the surroundings. The girls have taken to each other. The music is loud, and they dance while the boys do business. Kevin counts out the money. It's stacked in piles all over the table.
KEVIN
Twenty, forty, sixty, eighty, nine.
Twenty, forty, sixty, eighty, a
thousand. It's all there. Wow. A
hundred and twenty-eight thousand
dollars.

TUNA
Jesus Christ, I'm getting a boner just
looking at it.

But George isn't paying attention. His wheels are turning.

KEVIN
What's the matter, George? Something
wrong? You look like you just fucked
your mother.

TUNA
Cheer up, man. Half this money is ours.
We're fucking rich.

GEORGE
It's not enough.

KEVIN
What?

TUNA
What the fuck are you talking about,
man?

GEORGE
The set-up is wrong. We're doing all
the legwork, and at the end of the day,
we're still paying retail. We're
getting middled.

KEVIN
So?

GEORGE
So, we need to get to the source.

TUNA
Source? What about Derek?

GEORGE
He's getting middled, too. And Derek's
our partner. What's good for us is good
for him.

KEVIN
Okay. So we need a source. Where do we
start?

GEORGE
EXT. PUERTO VALLARTA - MEXICO - 1968 - DAY

MUSIC CUE.

SUPERIMPOSE: PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO

We PAN OFF the beautiful waters of Puerto Vallarta. This is a local beach on a Saturday afternoon. The girls on the beach are drinking coco-locos and swimming.

SERIES OF SHOTS - THE GANG LOOKING FOR A CONNECTION

George with a bartender.

Tuna and Dulli with cabbies.

George and Derek talking with a local man, RAMON, at a corner bar.

Barbara, Maria and Rada talk with local girls.

EXT. OCEANA BAR - PUERTO VALLARTA - 1968 - DAY

TUNA
This is bullshit, George. We're never going to find anything down there.

KEVIN
You know, he's got a point. We're fucking Americans. We stick out like sore thumbs.

DEREK
I don't think so.

GEORGE
You guys are such babies. You want to go home, go. Me, I'm not going to stop until I find the fucking motherlode.

RADA
Georgie, we're gonna get busted if we keep this up.

GEORGE
We're not gonna get busted.

KEVIN
George, we'll wind up in a Mexican prison getting fucked up the ass by one of Maria's relatives.

MARIA
Hey, fuck you, Dulli. I'm not Mexican. I'm Italian.
BARBARA
You're Italian?

KEVIN
Yeah, right. Gonzales. What is that, Sicilian?

TUNA
As far as I'm concerned, we're on fucking vacation.

He grabs Maria, runs and does a huge belly-flop into the water. They all laugh.

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George and Barbara with local musicians on the beach.

George and Derek at a cab stand.

George talks with a bellboy in the lobby of a local hotel.

INT. COCOS FRIO BAR - PUERTO VALLARTA - 1968 - DAY

George, Barbara, Tuna, Derek, Maria, Kevin, and Rada are at the bar. Ramon comes up to George, they briefly discuss and George follows him out of the bar.

EXT. STREETS - PUERTO VALLARTA - 1968 - DAY

George and Ramon climb into a beat up V.W. bug and take off.

EXT. COUNTRYSIDE - PUERTO VALLARTA - 1968 - DAY

Fields and Farms. The V.W. bug pulls up to an old ranch. They get out of the bug and are greeted by SANTIAGO and his THREE SONS.

SANTIAGO
Ramon tells me you are looking for some mota.

GEORGE
Yes, I am.

Santiago moves to a tarp and pulls it back to reveal many bales of green, seedless sinsemilla.

SANTIAGO
For instance, something like this?

GEORGE
Very nice. I'll take it.

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Ha ha ha. You are funny. Really, how
much will you be needing?

GEORGE
All of it. As much as you've got. A couples thousand pounds. I'll be back in a week with a plane.

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GEORGE
I don't need a little. I need a lot.

SANTIAGO
Marijuana is illegal in my country, and I believe in yours, as well. We must be careful.

GEORGE
What if I brought you, let's say, fifty thousand dollars? Would that eliminate some of your concerns?

SANTIAGO
Amigo, you bring me fifty-thousand dollars, and I have no more concerns.

EXT. SANTA MONICA AIRPORT - 1968 - DAY

A pair of boltcutters snaps the chain off a single-engine Cessna.

TUNA
I can't believe we're stealing a plane.

KEVIN
Don't be such a pussy.

GEORGE
It's fine. We're not stealing it. We're borrowing it. And try to look natural. We've got company.

A MECHANIC working on the adjacent plane is giving them the hairy eyeball.

GEORGE (CONT'D)
Be cool.

The three boys nod their heads in acknowledgement and give a small wave. The mechanic smiles and waves back.

INT. CESSNA - 1968 - DAY
The engine is on and the propeller is spinning. Kevin is at the controls. Tuna is not making the trip. He pokes his head in before shutting the cockpit.

**TUNA**
You guys are fucking insane.

George reads from a flight manual.

**GEORGE**
Alright, pull back the throttle...

The engine screams.

**GEORGE (CONT'D)**
Not that far, only halfway. You sure you know what you're doing?

**KEVIN**
Relax. I've flown with my old man a million times. And he always told me, the taking off part is easy, it's the landing you've got to worry about.

**EXT. SANTIAGO FARM - MEXICO - 1968 - DAY**

The plane tries to land. It's a clumsy one. The Cessna is tipping and touching, first one wheel, then another, almost sideways before straightening out and stopping. George and Kevin hop out of the plane. They are greeted by Santiago and the Mexican contingency.

**AMIGOS**
Hola, George! Bienvenido!

George hands out presents to everyone. He's like Santa Claus, giving gifts to every man, woman and child. They love him. Santiago pumps George's hand.

**SANTIAGO**
Good to see you, Jorge. You are a man of your word.

**GEORGE**
Actually, I've got some news. That fifty thousand I promised you, I couldn't get it.

George throws Santiago a duffel bag.

**GEORGE (CONT'D)**
So I brought you sixty.

**EXT. DRY LAKE BEDS - TWENTY-NINE PALMS, CA. - 1968 - DUSK**

Rada sits in the Winnebago and keeps flashing the headlights. Barbara, Tuna, and Maria stand on top of the Winnebago waving
big, white towels. The plane descends from the sky and touches down, making another extremely shaky landing.

**INT. FOREAL'S HOUSE - MANHATTAN BEACH - 1968 - NIGHT**

It's on the water and beautiful. The furnishings are distinctly Derek Foreal. It's a surreal scene. The holiday decorations are up, TOPLESS WOMEN in elf outfits sip champagne, and a thousand pounds of cannabis lays on the living room floor.

**GEORGE**

Are you sure you want to do this in front of everyone?

**DEREK**

Don't be ridiculous, these are my babies.

George empties the pot all over the floor.

**DEREK (CONT'D)**

George, you're a genius. We're rich. Come, children.

The girls dive on top of Derek, caressing and kissing him.

**DEREK (CONT'D)**

George, get my camera.

Derek poses with a load of marijuana like it's a new fur.

**DEREK (CONT'D)**

Take a picture of me, George. Take a picture of me with my new friends. It'll be a fabulous Christmas card.

**INT. VILLA - PUERTO VALLARATA - 1970 - DAY**

A Mexican Real Estate Agent shows Barbara and George a sprawling Villa in Puerto Vallarta. It's amazing. White marble on the water. George looks at Barbara.

**GEORGE**

Should we buy it?

**BARBARA**

Are you kidding?

**GEORGE**

We'll take it.

**EXT. VILLA - PUERTO VALLARATA - 1970 - MAGIC HOUR**

The team is there. All of them. George, Barbara, Kevin, Rada, Tuna, Maria and Derek with a couple of new senorita friends. They all wear identical Mexican sombreros. A
MEXICAN BOY approaches them with a camera.

MEXICAN BOY

Picture?

They pose, their arms thrown around each other in camaraderie, and FLASH. The picture freezes and WE DISSOLVE.

INT. THE BUGGY WHIP - WEYMOUTH - 1972 - NIGHT

George is taking Barbara and his parents out to dinner. The Buggy Whip is Ermine's favorite.

ERMINE
I just can't get over the size of that ring. I just love it. Fred, look at it. Tell me you don't love that ring.

FRED
I'm just happy that George has found someone he cares for.

ERMINE
Yes. Of course. But, I'm talking about that ring. It's something else. Let me tell you.

BARBARA
George has exquisite taste.

ERMINE
What is that, two carats? That's got to be two carats.

BARBARA
I don't know.

ERMINE
Yes. It's at least two carats, darling. Treasure it.

FRED
Hard to imagine being able to afford a ring like that on a construction salary.

All eyes turn to George, who fumbles.

GEORGE
Well, you know. It's um...

ERMINE
Oh, shut up, Fred. Shut your big fat mouth. You don't buy it all at once. It's called layaway.

FRED
Layaway shmayaway.
ERMINES
That's right. Layaway. Something you wouldn't know anything about, you cheapskate.

FRED
Who's the cheapskate?

ERMINES
You, you big old tightwad. He still has his communion money. Tell him, George. Tell your father about layaway.

GEORGE
Yeah, layaway.

ERMINES
The boy is happy, Fred. Don't be such a killjoy.

FRED
Killjoy?

George looks to Barbara, whose nose is bleeding.

GEORGE
Honey, your nose!

BARBARA
Oh my G-d, I'm so sorry.

ERMINES
Barbara, here, take my napkin.

BARBARA
Thanks. I'll be okay.

GEORGE
You wanna split?

BARBARA
Yeah, I don't feel so well.

GEORGE
Okay, guys, we're gonna leave. Let's get the check.

EXT. THE BUGGY WHIP - WEYMOUTH - 1972 - LATER

George and Barbara exit the restaurant.

GEORGE
Are you sure you're okay? You're pale.

BARBARA
I feel like shit. Me and my frigging
nosebleeds.

GEORGE
I'm taking you to the doctor when we get home, and I don't want to hear any arguments.

BARRBRA
Would you be bummed out if I didn't go to Chicago with you?

GEORGE
No, not at all. Sure. You're right. You fly home and get some rest.

BARRBRA
Nice first impression. A nose bleed in front of your parents.

GEORGE
Oh my G-d, how embarrassing were they? I wanted to shoot myself.

BARRBRA
Oh, they weren't that bad. I mean, they were kind of cute.

GEORGE
Promise me that we'll never be like them. I don't want to wind up like that.

BARRBRA
Relax, baby. We're going to wind up like us.

INT. POLICE STATION - CHICAGO - 1972 - DAY

SUPERIMPOSE

MUG SHOTS of George. Left, right, center. George sits handcuffed to a chair. Piles of marijuana bricks roll past him.

GEORGE (V.O.)
I had a little problem in Chicago. Something about trying to sell a truckload of dope to an undercover officer. So I applied the three rules of the game under if and when arrested.

INT. COOK COUNTY COURTHOUSE - CHICAGO - 1972 - DAY

George and his COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY stand before the JUDGE at the arraignment.

GEORGE (V.O.)
Rule one: don't fight. A trial will cost you a fortune in lawyer's fees and the jury will chop off your balls and hand them to you on a platter.

JUDGE
George Jung, you have been accused of possession of six-hundred and sixty pounds of marijuana with intent to distribute. How do you plead?

GEORGE (V.O.)
Rule two: plead not guilty and get bailed out of jail.

GEORGE (CONT'D)
Your honor, I'd like to say a few words to the court.

The court appointed attorney puts his head in his hands.

JUDGE
By all means.

GEORGE
In all honesty, I don't feel like what I've done is a crime and I think it's illogical and irresponsible for you to sentence me to prison. None of the real criminals of the world ever end up behind bars. I mean, when you think about it, what did I really do? Cross an imaginary line with a bunch of plants? You say that I'm an outlaw, you say that I'm a thief, but where's the Christmas dinner for the people on relief?

George stops when his attorney stamps on his foot. The court officers roll their eyes and the judge smiles.

JUDGE
Those are very interesting concepts you have, Mr. Jung. Unfortunately for you, the imaginary line you crossed is real, the plants you brought with you are illegal, and what you did constitutes a crime.

The judge slams his gavel.

JUDGE (CONT'D)
Bail is set at twenty-thousand dollars.

EXT. COOK COUNTY COURTHOUSE - CHICAGO - 1972 - NIGHT

George walks out, free on bond, to find Barbara waiting for
him. She doesn't look so good.

BARBARA

Surprise.

GEORGE

Baby, you didn't have to come.

BARBARA

What, and miss all the fun? C'mon, not a chance. So, what's the verdict?

GEORGE

Lawyer says he can plead it down to five years. I'll serve two.

BARBARA

Two years. George, I can't wait that long.

GEORGE

What? You're not going to wait for me?

BARBARA

George, I went to the doctor. I don't have two years.

GEORGE (V.O.)

Which brings me to rule number three: which says, fuck rules one and two, skip bail and take off.

EXT. RENT-A-CAR - 1972 - DAY

George hits the gas and the car screams down the road.

EXT. VILLA - PUERTO VALLARTA - 1973 - GOLDEN HOUR

George and Barbara sit on the veranda drinking champagne and watching the sun go down over the Pacific. Barbara is completely bald. Rail thin, eyes sunken. But it doesn't matter. They're having a great time. They laugh and hold hands and laugh some more.

EXT. CEMETERY - PUERTO VALLARTA - 1973 - DAY

Everyone is there. All in black. Barbara's casket is lowered into the ground and George climbs to his knees to push the first dirt on the grave.

GEORGE (V.O.)

Time is such a funny thing. I look at where I am now, and in here, time inches along. So slow, it hardly seems like it moves. But back then, time went fast.

EXT. OTISVILLE F.C.I. - NEW YORK - 1999 - DAY
George pushes dirt along the edge of a flower root. Still planting those sunflowers, he presses down firmly, standing before him is Barbara, still beautiful and young with flowing locks. George raises his hand and makes a small wave. Barbara opens and closes her hand. Bye bye.

GEORGE

It went too fast.

George looks down and Barbara is gone. No Barbara.

EXT. JUNG HOUSE - BACKYARD - WEYMOUTH - 1973 - NIGHT

George hops the fence like he did when he was a boy and goes in the back door.

INT. JUNG HOUSE - KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

Ermine looks at George blankly.

GEORGE

Hi, Mom.

Ermine just keeps looking at him.

GEORGE (CONT'D)

Surprised to see me?

ERMINA

Take your boots off. You're tan.

GEORGE

Mexico.

ERMINA

Yeah. We heard all about it. I want you to know I'm deeply sorry about your girlfriend.

GEORGE

Barbara.

ERMINA

Yes, Barbara. She was very pretty.

GEORGE

Thank you. Have you been getting the money I sent you?

ERMINA

You mean the drug money? Yes, I got it.

Ermine's hands are trembling. She is emotional. She hugs George ferociously, not letting go.

ERMINA (CONT'D)
G-d, son.

GEORGE
Okay, Mom. It's okay. Where's Dad?

George turns around to see Fred's beaming face.

INT. JUNG HOUSE - KITCHEN - LATER

George and Fred sit at the table, a bottle of Scotch sits between them. The glasses are raised.

GEORGE
May the wind always be at your back and the sun always upon your face...

FRED
...and the winds of destiny carry you aloft...

BOTH
...to dance with the stars.

The glasses clink and the drinks are sucked down.

INT. JUNG HOUSE - LATER

The bottle is dwindling. George and Fred are feeling it.

FRED
You alright?

George nods.

GEORGE
Just low.

FRED
You loved her, didn't you? You really loved her.

GEORGE
Yeah, Dad. I really did. What am I gonna do?

FRED
Tough spot.

The glasses are refilled.

GEORGE
You mad at me?

FRED
Not mad.

GEORGE
Yeah, you are. I can tell by the way you look at me.

**FRED**
I just don't know what you're thinking. I don't understand your choices. You know, the police are looking for you.

**GEORGE**
I know. I'm great at what I do, Dad. I mean, I'm really great.

**FRED**
Let me tell you something, son. You would have been great at anything.


**FRED (CONT'D)**
Where are you going?

**EXT. JUNG HOUSE - NIGHT**
The front door opens and FEDERAL AGENTS pour into the house.

**INT. JUNG HOUSE - CONTINUOUS**
George is up the stairs in a flash.

**ERMINE**
George!

**INT. GEORGE'S BEDROOM - CONTINUOUS**
George slams the door behind him, moves over to the window, and opens it. Cops everywhere. He's trapped. Out of options, he folds. He moves to the corner and sits down, turns on the train set. A KNOCK on the door is heard. FBI Agent, JAMES T. TROUT.

**TROUT**
George Jung, you are under arrest.

**FRED**
Open the door, son.

**EXT. JUNG HOUSE - LATER**
They lead George outside in handcuffs. Ermine and Fred watch.

**ERMINE**
I had no choice.

George stops and looks at his mother, for the first time realizing her betrayal.
ERMINE (CONT'D)
Don't look at me like that. What was I supposed to do? You're in our house. What, was I supposed to be an accomplice?

As George is led to the police car, Ermine follows.

ERMINE (CONT'D)
You don't think people know you're a drug dealer? Everyone knows. It's no secret. How do you think that reflects on me? Every time I go out, I'm humiliated. I see the stares. I hear the whispers. How do you think that makes me feel? Did you ever once stop and think of me?

George's head is pushed down as he is put in the squad car. He looks up at his mother.

ERMINE (CONT'D)
So you go to jail. It's for your own good. You need to straighten your life out.

INT. DANBURY F.C.I. - 1974 - DAY

SUPERIMPOSE:

George is being led through a series of gated corridors.

GUARD
Prisoner in.

As he walks, he takes in the faces of the other inmates. He arrives at his cell and notices he has a ROOMMATE.

GUARD (CONT'D)
Prisoner in.

The cell door opens and George steps inside. There are books and papers spread out over both bunk beds. George watches as his cellmate quickly clears everything off the top bunk. Apparently, the papers are private. George puts his things down and the little man proffers his hand. He is dark, polite and Colombian.

DIEGO DELGADO
My name is Diego Delgado. How do you do?

INT. DANBURY F.C.I. - MESS HALL - 1974 - DAY

George pushes his tray through the cafeteria line. Diego is behind him.
DIEGO
If you don't mind me asking, what is the reason you are in this place?

GEORGE
What?

DIEGO
Your offense? Why are you here?

GEORGE
I don't want to talk about it.

DIEGO
Intriguing. I see. Would you like to know my crime?

GEORGE
Not really, no.

DIEGO
No?

GEORGE
I don't like a lot of conversation, Diego.

DIEGO
Me, too. Too much blah, blah, blah, blah is no good. But we are roommates, okay? And we must talk to each other. I am arrested for stealing cars. For the grand theft auto. Okay? So, now it is your turn. Now you will tell me, okay? You will tell me why you are here?

George says nothing. He keeps eating his food.

DIEGO (CONT'D)
Oh, come on, George. If we are to be friends, we must trust each other.

GEORGE
Murder.

DIEGO
Ah, yes. The murder.

INT. DANBURY F.C.I. - GEORGE'S CELL - NIGHT

George lays on his bunk, smoking. Diego is on the bottom bunk, furiously writing on a notepad. He flips through his books and rustles his papers. George peeks over the side to see what Diego is doing.
GEORGE
What do you got there, Diego?

DIEGO
Nothing. Just a little project.

GEORGE
What kind of project?

DIEGO
Never mind. Not for you to worry.

GEORGE
I thought you said we were roommates. That we should talk about everything.

DIEGO
You have your intrigues. I have mine. This is a happy day for me, George. Nine months from today, I will be in Medellin sipping champagne. In nine months, I am free. How much time do you have?

GEORGE
Twenty-six months.

DIEGO
Twenty-six months? For murder? I must be your lawyer.

GEORGE
I've got to get out of here, Diego.

DIEGO
Only two ways I know to leave here early. One is to escape.

GEORGE
What's the other one?

INT. DANBURY F.C.I. - CLASSROOM - DAY

George is trying to teach basic education to the inmates. The room, mostly black and hispanic, is hostile. They don't want to learn.

GEORGE
Alright, let's open our books.

INMATE #1
Man, fuck you.

INMATE #2
We ain't opening shit.

INMATE #1
You just the warden's boy. We on to you. You just trying to knock some time off, asskissing motherfucker.

Diego watches as the room reacts with laughter. This ain't going to be easy.

**GEORGE**

Alright. You're right. I want to get out of this shithole as fast as I can. And I don't want to do this any more than you do. But for me to walk early, some of you have to graduate. You, forget about it. You're hopeless, go to sleep.

The room laughs again.

**INMATE #3**

Damn, homeboy, you got ruined.

**GEORGE**

But the rest of you could get diplomas and get jobs when you're on the outside.

The room looks at him. They ain't buying it.

**INMATE #1**

Shit, I'm in for life.

**INMATE #2**

I'm a criminal. I ain't getting no motherfucking job.

**GEORGE**

We can learn some criminal shit, too. Alright, I'll make you a deal. What if half the time, we learn about George Washington, and the other half, I'll teach you how to smuggle drugs?

**INMATE #2**

Man, you don't know dick about smuggling no drugs.

**GEORGE**

I was arrested in Chicago with six hundred and sixty pounds of grass. I think that qualifies me.

Diego looks up from his desk, suddenly very interested.

**INMATE #1**

How did you get a hold of six-hundred and sixty pounds of dope?

**GEORGE**
Flew it in from Mexico on a single engine Cessna. Now, do we have a deal or not?

They react. They're in.

GEORGE (CONT'D)
Alright, the first thing you need to know about smuggling drugs is that it's easy. The DEA are a bunch of losers. They couldn't find their dicks in a whorehouse. They don't know what the fuck they're doing...

Diego watches George winning over the room. He listens intently to George's every word. His wheels are turning.

INT. DANBURY F.C.I. - GEORGE'S CELL - NIGHT

Lights out. Diego and George lay in their cots. George is tired. Diego is not.

DIEGO
George? Hey, George? I listen to what you say to the class today about the smuggling. You are a magico, ah?

George doesn't respond.

DIEGO (CONT'D)
I never believed you were a murderer. I knew. I knew you are a magico. I have seen it in you. It's in your spirit.

GEORGE
I'm tired, Diego. Go to bed.

DIEGO
You like to make the boundaries disappear. It's not only the money, is it, George? The adventure is part of the victory. It's the thrill, ah?

GEORGE
Good night.

DIEGO
In my country, I am a magico. A man with a dream. A man on the rise. To take nothing and make it something, okay? I have failed my dream, but I will accomplish. That is why I am in your country. Yes, I lose my freedom. But they do not take my dream. Do you have a dream, George?

GEORGE
I would if I could get some sleep.

**DIEGO**
Yes, you have a dream. And maybe you accomplish your dream. But yet you failed. Why?

**GEORGE**
Because I got caught.

**DIEGO**
No, my brother.

**GEORGE**
Because they caught me?

**DIEGO**
You failed because you had the wrong dream.

Diego climbs off his bunk and looks George square in the eye.

**DIEGO** CONT'D
George? What do you know about cocaine?

**INT. DANBURY F.C.I. - MESS HALL - DAY**

**GEORGE**
I don't know, Diego. I've got a good thing going already. Everybody smokes pot. It's easy. Cocaine is a rich man's drug. It's too expensive.

**DIEGO**
No, no. That is where you are wrong. For us, it is cheap. In Medellin, we buy for six-thousand dollars a kilo. IN Miami, we sell for sixty.

George's interest is piqued.

**GEORGE**
That's over fifty-thousand dollars profit per kilo.

**DIEGO**
And that's wholesale. Cut it a few times and retail, you're looking at two, three-hundred thousand.

**GEORGE**
Oh my G-d.

**DIEGO**
Yes. And a kilo of coca is smaller than a kilo of your precious marijuana. Everything is the same, George, except
instead of thousands, you are making millions.

GEORGE
Jesus Christ. Jesus fucking Christ.

DIEGO
Now do you see what I am saying?

GEORGE
Getting it here is no problem. Trust me. I'll fly it in myself if I have to. What about supply? How much can we get?

DIEGO
Don't worry. We will talk of everything. We have the time. You arrive here with a Bachelor of Marijuana, but you will leave with a Doctorate of Cocaine.

INT. DANBURY F.C.I. - GEORGE'S CELL - NIGHT

Diego and George pouring over Diego's plans. Discussing, planning, plotting.

DIEGO
What type of planes do you have?

GEORGE
Four passenger, single engine Cessna.

DIEGO
How many kilos can we fit in these planes?

GEORGE
I don't know. A hundred, hundred and fifty. How many miles is it from Colombia to Miami?

DIEGO
Fifteen hundred. We'll have to stop somewhere to refuel.

GEORGE
We'll refuel in the Bahamas. I know someone there.

DIEGO
Great. I love the Bahamas.

EXT. LIQUOR STORE - WEYMOUTH - 1976


George is at a payphone. He drops in about a million
quarters until he is finally connected.

GEORGE
Diego Delgado, please?

DIEGO
Allo?

GEORGE
Diego? It's George.

DIEGO
George, hallo! Today is the day, ah? Are you out?

GEORGE
Yeah, I'm out.

DIEGO
Congratulations, brother. I've been waiting for you.

GEORGE
How are we doing?

DIEGO
Perfect, George. Perfect. Everything is fine down here. Everything is all set up.

GEORGE
Do we need a plane? How does this work? When do I see you?

DIEGO
Slow down, George. Slow down.

Fred exits the liquor store carrying two bottles of Dom Perignon. As he catches George's eye, he lifts the bottles showing them off. George holds up his finger, indicating he'll be just a second.

DIEGO (CONT'D)
You need to come down here, everybody meets everybody. Ho ho ho. Ha ha ha. We do one for good faith and then we talk about airplanes.

GEORGE
I can't go anywhere, Diego. I'm on parole. I can't leave the state.

DIEGO
But you must. It's the only way.

GEORGE
I just got released five minutes ago.
DIEGO
George, are we gonna do this or not?

EXT. BASSETERRE HOTEL - ANTIGUA - POOLSIDE - 1976 - DAY

George steps outside and spots Diego. Their eyes meet. Diego looks different, relaxed. He wears a straw hat, shorts, and sports a healthy tan. The two men embrace.

GEORGE
Good to see you, Diego.

DIEGO
Yes. Look around you. The sun. The water. The women. It's better than Danbury, no? Come on. I have some friends I would like you to meet.

EXT. BASSETERRE HOTEL - ANTIGUA - POOLSIDE - 1976 - DAY

Diego and George sit with five other Colombians, most notably, a man named CESAR ROZA. The mood is not friendly.

DIEGO
Fifteen kilos. Seven and a half in each suitcase. You receive a hundred thousand dollars upon delivery.

GEORGE
Okay.

CESAR
Not so fast. I would like to go over the details.

GEORGE
What details? I put the coke in the false bottoms and take it through customs.

CESAR
Tell me about the suitcases. What is the make and the color?

DIEGO
Samsonites. Red. No tags.

Cesar thinks about it.

CESAR
Hmm. I see. Will there be clothes in the suitcase?

GEORGE
What? Yeah, sure.
CESAR
Whose cloths? Your clothes?

GEORGE
My clothes, your clothes. What does it matter?

CESAR
I would like to know the contents. Every detail is important.

GEORGE
What are we doing here, Diego? This guy's a clown. He's talking about clothes.

CESAR
I demand to know everything. I do not trust six-hundred thousand dollars of coca to someone I don't know.

GEORGE
It's a lousy fifteen kilos. I piss fifteen kilos.

CESAR
The coca is my responsibility!

GEORGE
You're a fucking amateur!

DIEGO
Gentlemen, please. There is no need to be impolite. Cesar, this will be fine. You have my word. George, Cesar is just being thorough. That's all.

CESAR
Very well. But just remember, Mr. Jung. I will be with you the whole way. And I will be watching.

INT. LOGAN AIRPORT - CUSTOMS - 1976 - DAY

George carries the two Samsonites over to customs inspections. It's a long walk. George's heart beats hard. The sound is audible and grows with every beat. BA-BUMP. BA BUMP. Cesar lurks at the baggage carousel.

GEORGE (V.O.)
When you're carrying drugs across the border, the idea is to remain calm. The way I do it is to think of something pleasant, a fun party, a moment of triumph. A sexual encounter. I actually project myself to that place. Anything to keep your mind off the fact
that you're going to jail for a very long time if they find the fifteen kilos of cocaine in your suitcases.

George stands in front of the customs agent. He tries his best to look relaxed as the agent reviews his documents.

CUSTOMS AGENT
On vacation?

GEORGE
Yes.

CUSTOMS AGENT
On vacation for only one day?

BA-BUMP. BA-BUMP. The heartbeats are very loud.

GEORGE
(weak smile)
My brother's wedding. Imagine that, huh?

George's breathing is labored and his swallowing reflex doesn't seem to be working. Cesar passes through, eyeballing George the whole time.

CUSTOMS AGENT
Open your bags, please.

George opens the Samsonites. Super dry mouth. BA-BUMP. BA BUMP. The beats are deafening now. Cesar nervously monitors the situation from the payphones.

CUSTOMS AGENT (CONT'D)
Whose clothes are these?

GEORGE
Mine.

The customs agent holds up a woman's undergarment. Cesar throws up his hands in frustration.

CUSTOMS AGENT
And this?

GEORGE
What can I tell you? Different strokes.

George winks at the customs agent, who shakes his head before finishing the inspection.

CUSTOMS AGENT
Alright, go ahead.

EXT. LOGAN AIRPORT - PAYPHONES - CONTINUOUS
George moves to the payphones, sets down the two suitcases, and pretends to make a call. Not inconspicuously, Cesar grabs the bags and walks quickly out of the terminal.

INT. BASSETERRE HOTEL - ANTIGUA - 1976 - DAY

Diego, Cesar, George and JACK STEVENS, a silver haired executive type, lounge around the mini-suite. Cesar still has that crazy look in his eye.

DIEGO
Three-hundred kilos it is, then.

A beautiful Latin woman enters and kisses both Diego and Cesar. Her name is INEZ, and friendly she is not.

DIEGO (CONT'D)
Has everyone met Inez? This is George. I've told you about him. And this is friend, Jack Stevens.

The men proffer their hands, but she just looks at them like ants before sitting down next to Diego.

DIEGO (CONT'D)
Try to be more respectful, darling. My apologies. But she is mistrustful of Americans. Shall we proceed? Let's hear it again, Mr. Stevens.

STEVENS
I'll fly down on a Friday, refuel in the Bahamas, and then to Medellin.

INEZ
Friday?

Inez addresses Diego and Cesar only. She speaks in Spanish. The conversation is about "Why Friday?" Inez has some problem with it. Diego explains. And Inez is reassured.

DIEGO
Please, continue.

GEORGE
We make the pick-up, refuel once more in the Bahamas, and fly back on Sunday with the mom and pop traffic.

CESAR
Why are you speaking?

GEORGE
Excuse me?

CESAR
You. Your responsibility is over. You
do not fly. You are not a pilot. You are not a distributor. You introduced us to Mr. Stevens and the use of his airplane. That is all. You make a percentage. A generous one. And you're lucky to get that.

**GEORGE**
I see. How much?

**CESAR**
Padrino will pay ten-thousand per kilo. For everyone. For you, and you, and you.

He indicates George, Diego and Jack Stevens.

**CESAR (CONT'D)**
There is no negotiation. Three-million dollars. That is all.

**STEVENS**
I want two.

**GEORGE**
Gee, Jack, a million each had such a nice ring to it.

**STEVENS**
No way. I'm doing all the work. Taking all the risk, and it's my plane.

Diego and George look at each other.

**STEVENS (CONT'D)**
Hey, you guys don't have to do shit. Just sit back and collect your money.

**GEORGE**
You good with this?

Diego nods.

**GEORGE (CONT'D)**
Alright.

This is too much for Inez to handle. She starts screaming machine gun Spanish. Something about a "lousy two-hundred and fifty-thousand dollars," and how Diego is "such a coward" to give away all his money. Diego is embarrassed but tries to remain calm.

**DIEGO**
You will watch what you say. Especially around George. He is my brother and he speaks as good Spanish as you.
But Inez is wild. She starts in again, a log of "Putos (SOB's)", and "Cojones" and "Maricones (gay/sissys)." Even Cesar is uncomfortable. Diego stands.

DIEGO (CONT'D)
Okay. That's enough.

INEZ
Get your hands off me.

Inez takes a swing at Diego and catches him full across the face. Time stops in the room. Question. What will Diego do? Answer: SMACK! Diego swings back and a full scale is on. Cesar continues the conversation. It's surreal. As if Diego and Inez weren't beating the shit out of each other right in front of them.

CESAR
Do you have pictures of your kids?

STEVENS
What?

CESAR
I'll need to see them. Also need their names and the names of their schools. We are trusting you with ninety million dollars worth of coca, Mr. Stevens. Without your children, there is no deal.

Stevens thinks about it. Kids as collateral. Inez and Diego are still duking it out. But Diego finally gets the upper hand and drags her into the bedroom.

STEVENS
Fine. So if that's all, I'll be leaving now.

Cesar walks him to the door.

CESAR
Don't forget the pictures.

Diego calls from the other room.

DIEGO (O.S.)
George. George, come in here.

INT. LA BELLE MER - BEDROOM - LATER

Diego has put Inez in the bathroom and is holding the door closed. She pounds and kicks and screams in frustration, but he pays no attention.

DIEGO
What's the matter, George?
GEORGE
What's the matter? We're moving three hundred fucking kilos and we're making dogshit.

DIEGO
A million dollars for our first run is not bad, George.

GEORGE
It is bad. It's chump change. We might as well be hauling suitcases across the border. We're getting screwed.

DIEGO
I know.

GEORGE
And what happens when these guys stop paying? Sooner or later, these guys are going to cut us out. Then where are we?

DIEGO
That's my George, always thinking.

The door is yanked open to reveal Inez. She is in a rage. Diego slams it in her face.

DIEGO (CONT'D)
This is only part of the business, George. A very small part. Don't worry, there is so much more to do. Which reminds me, I need a favor from you. I must go to Colombia.

GEORGE
What is it, George? Because I have to get home. I've got a parole officer waiting for me.

DIEGO
I need you to go to Miami.

EXT. VENETIAN KING APTS. - MIAMI - 1977 - DAY
George gets out of a taxi to find SEVERAL COLOMBIAN MEN hanging around outside an apartment. He checks the address and moves over to the men.

GEORGE
I'm George. Friend of Diego's?

The Colombian men are not impressed. They grab George and pull him inside.

INT. VENETIAN KING APTS. - CONTINUOUS
George is pinned against the wall and the Colombian men all start screaming at him in Spanish. There seems to be a problem. A man, ALESSANDRO, steps forward. He is the one who speaks English.

ALESSANDRO
QUIET! Callate! Where's Diego?

GEORGE
I don't know. He sent me. I'm George.

ALESSANDRO
Oh, I see. George. Well, that explains everything. Open your mouth, George.

George's puzzled look is replaced by a gun barrel in his face. Alessandro presses it against George's front teeth.

ALESSANDRO (CONT'D)
Now, you listen to me. Are you hearing me?

George nods.

ALESSANDRO (CONT'D)
You see this?

He indicates two duffel bags stuffed with fifty kilos of cocaine.

ALESSANDRO (CONT'D)
I've been holding this shit for him for three weeks. You tell Diego I don't appreciate it. You tell him I want my money by Friday. Can you do that?

GEORGE
Um-hmm.

INT. JUNG HOUSE - GEORGE'S ROOM - DAY

George sits on his bed, reading. Two duffel bags are tucked away in the closet. Ermine pokes her head in.

ERMINE
You have a phone call.

George picks up the phone.

DIEGO (O.S.)
George.

GEORGE
Jesus Christ, Diego, where are you? It's been eleven days and these guys want their fucking money.
DIEGO (O.S.)
Bad news, George. I'm in Colombia.

GEORGE
Well, you better get here fast. I'm sitting on...

George notices Ermine is loitering in the hallway, eavesdropping.

GEORGE (CONT'D)
Hi, Mom.

George acknowledges her before shutting the door in her face.

GEORGE (CONT'D)
I'm sitting on fifty fucking keys. Get your ass up here.

INT. CARCEL DE VARONES - MEDELLIN, COLOMBIA - CONTINUOUS

It's a South American prison. Diego is on the pay phone.

DIEGO
It's a little hard to get away right now. I'm afraid you're on your own.

INT. FOREAL'S HOUSE - MANHATTAN BEACH - 1977 - NIGHT

George and Derek sit in the living room with MR. T, a hippie looking professor. On the table sits various paraphernalia. Scales, beakers, test tubes, and a hot box. George and Derek watch as Mr. T scoops some of George's cocaine and sets it onto the two-inch metal plate.

MR. T
What we're doing is measuring the purity. Pure coke melts out a hundred and eighty-five, a hundred and ninety degrees. Cutting agents melt much lower. About a hundred degrees. Quality product starts melting at a hundred and forty degrees. That's what I'm hoping for.

Mr. T turns the dial. 120. 130. 140.

MR. T (CONT'D)
Good.

150. 160.

MR. T (CONT'D)
Jesus Christ.

170. 180.
MR. T (CONT'D)
Holy fucking Mary! Jesus, fuck me running! Where did you get this shit!

At one-hundred and eighty-seven degrees, the white powder dribbles off the hotplate and melts away.

MR. T (CONT'D)
Damn! Can I do a fucking line?!

Mr. T puts his nose in the powder. George pulls Foreal aside.

GEORGE
What did I tell you?

DEREK
It's great and everything, but what am I going to do with all this?

GEORGE
Sell it?

DIEGO
Jesus Christ, George, I don't see you in two years, and you show up at my door with a hundred and ten pounds of cocaine?

GEORGE
Just sell it, Derek.

DEREK
Alright, but it's gonna take me a year.

INT. THE WHIPPING POST - MANHATTAN BEACH - 1977 - NIGHT

Money everywhere. All over the floor, the counters, the chairs, and even in the sinks. George and Derek count the money patiently, writing the dollar amount in yellow high lighter on the top of each stack, before wrapping it with a rubber band.

DIEGO
Thirty-six hours. I can't believe it. Everything is gone in thirty-six hours.

GEORGE
I think it's fair to say you underestimated the market there, Derek.

DIEGO
Touche.

GEORGE
But to the victor belong the spoils.
George divides the money. There's a hell of a lot.

GEORGE (CONT'D)
Half a million for you. Half a million for me. One-point-three five for the Colombians.

DEREK
Nice doing business with you, George.

GEORGE
Not bad for a weekend's work, huh?

INT. AIRPORT - MIAMI - DAY

Immaculate in his white turtleneck and sunglasses, George walks with two aluminum cases. He is greeted by Alessandro and his thugs.

ALESSANDRO
Greetings, Mr. George.

GEORGE
Where do you guys want to count?

ALESSANDRO
On the plane.

GEORGE
What plane? We going someplace? Where we headed? You have your money. It's all there. What the fuck is going on?

They usher him away.

EXT. OLAYA HERRERA AIRPORT - MEDELLIN - DAY

SUPERIMPOSE: MEDELLIN, COLOMBIA

The lear jet lands.

EXT. DESERTED SUGAR FACTORY - LOS RIOS, COLOMBIA - DAY

The blazer pulls into a long driveway. They approach a gate where SHIRTLESS TEENAGERS with MAC-10's stand guard. The gate opens. YOUNG SOLDIERS open the door for George and roughly usher him over to a Jeep within the confine. They frisk him top to bottom. Diego is leaning against another Jeep and waits for George to be released.

DIEGO
George, good to see you, my brother.

GEORGE
What the fuck is going on? When did you get out of jail?
DIEGO
Pablo used his influence. Now, George, watch what you say. Everybody hears everything. A lot of things get said and done that, well, let's just say this isn't America. Life is cheap here, you know? No offense, but you know what I'm saying?

GEORGE
Yeah. Keep my mouth shut and let you do the talking.

DIEGO
Right. Now who is the person in California? The connection?

GEORGE
Just a friend.

DIEGO
Who? I need to know. Ah, never mind. We'll talk about it later.

GEORGE
Yeah. You do the talking.

The sound of a young man, a MALETON, struggling can be heard in the distance. From another area, PABLO ESCOBAR emerges. He is singular in purpose. He is handed a pistol and moves quickly over to the man and quietly speaks a few words. And then, without emotion, he shoots the maleton in the head. George and Diego, who is visibly shaken, watch. Escobar is handed a towel, and he wipes the splattered blood off his hands, as he moves back.

LARGE COLOMBIAN MAN
He will see you now.
(to Diego)
Not you.

DIEGO
There must be some kind of mistake.

LARGE COLOMBIAN MAN
No mistake. Mr. Escobar will see Mr. Jung alone. You are to wait here.

George hesitates.

DIEGO
It's alright, George. You go.

LARGE COLOMBIAN MAN
This way, please.
The large Colombian man escorts George towards the area where
the maleton was just shot. George looks back at Diego as he
is led away.

ESCOBAR
So, this is the man who takes fifty
kilos and makes them disappear in one
day?

GEORGE
Actually, it was three.

ESCOBAR
The man who gives us the airplanes. The
man from America. The mafia. Chicago.
Boom boom. Hollywood. You are going to
open for us the gates of Hollywood,
George?

GEORGE
It would be my pleasure.

ESCOBAR
Good. Very good. Welcome, my friend.
Welcome to my country.

Escobar moves over to embrace George. George returns it, and
their hands come together. George can’t help it. He
reflexively looks at his hands. Escobar understands.

ESCOBAR (CONT’D)
The man in the garden. He was full of
courage.

GEORGE
Un sapo?

ESCOBAR
Un rata - no good. But he could have
run, fled the country. Gone to the
policia. But then his wife, his
children, his parents, his friends, many
people would die.

GEORGE
Yes.

ESCOBAR
But, never mind. I am thinking we can
do much together. This problem with
Diego, the stolen car, the jail, is very
silly business. To release him from the
carcel, it causes me much inconvenience.
The fifty kilos could have been a big
problem. And I don’t like problems.

GEORGE
With all respect, Padrino. Diego is my partner. I do not do business without him.

Escobar looks at him with a cold stare. But George doesn't flinch. His face reveals nothing. Finally, a smile breaks across Pablo's lips.

**ESCOBAR**

I like you, George. You are loyal. That is good. That is rare. Maybe crazy. Yes. I can tell already. You are like me. I look at you and I see myself. It's in the eyes, no, George?

**GEORGE**

Yes, it is.

**ESCOBAR**

So, you are wanting to sell the cocaine for me in your country, George?

**GEORGE**

Yes, sir. As much as you can give me.

**ESCOBAR**

As much as I can give you? Ha ha. Very good. I like that. Come, George. Let us drive. We have much to talk about.

Diego watches the two men walk outside. Escobar throws an arm around George's shoulder. Pablo hops into a Jeep and motions for George. The bodyguards come running. But Pablo waves them away.

**EXT. MOUNTAINSIDE - COLOMBIA - DAY**

Escobar pulls the Jeep off the road and parks it. Before them is a stunning panorama.

**ESCOBAR**

I like to come up here. To make the decisions. To be one with nature.

**GEORGE**

It's beautiful.

**ESCOBAR**

People tell me that I am crazy. That my business will never work in your country. What do you think, George?

Escobar looks out over the vista, allowing George the time to respond in full.

**GEORGE**

What do I think? I don't want my answer
to be influenced by what I want, so I'm going to have to say I don't know.

ESCOBAR
Yes. I do not know, either. What do you want, George?

GEORGE
I want money.

ESCOBAR
Yes. Money. Which is what, George?

GEORGE
Freedom.

ESCOBAR
Power?

GEORGE
Yeah, maybe.

ESCOBAR
Family.

GEORGE
Sure.

ESCOBAR
Beautiful girls?

GEORGE
Keep them coming.

ESCOBAR
Keep them coming? Ah, yes. Ha ha. You are right. But money.

GEORGE
Money.

ESCOBAR
And Diego?

GEORGE
Diego is my brother.

Escobar looks at George a long time. He's inscrutable.

ESCOBAR
Good. Take care of him, George. I'm fond of him, but he is sometimes like a baby. Keep an eye on him, okay?

EXT. DESERTED SUGAR FACTORY - ENTRANCE - DAY

Diego is a little pissed off for being left for so long. He
taps his foot and picks at his fingernails. Escobar and George pull up in the Jeep. Diego leaps to his feet.

**DIEGO**

Padrino.

Escobar wraps his arms around Diego in an embrace.

**ESCOBAR**

Diego, mijo. I've made a decision. We are going into business and I would like to start right away.

**MONTAGE - GEORGE AND DIEGO TAKING OVER THE WORLD**

The following images are overlaid with snow falling and money dropping through frame. CLOSE SHOTS of George and Diego on the phone, wheeling and dealing, hands counting cash, and lines being drawn off mirrors. The effect is surreal and dreamy.

**INT. WAREHOUSE - DAY**

A duffel bag is unzipped, revealing bricks and bricks of cocaine. Each marked with a "P." A knife punctures one of the bricks. A mound of white powder is brought up to a man's nose. It's George who samples, and then it is sampled by the man he is doing business with. The shot widens TO REVEAL all the participants and dozens and dozens of duffel bags. A handshake seals the deal.

**STILL PHOTOS**

Handshake after handshake after handshake.

**INT. MIAMI HOUSE - NIGHT**

George and Diego counting cash. It's everywhere. All over the floor, in two-foot stacks.

**MORE STILL PHOTOS**

Various transactions completed.

**INT. MIAMI HOUSE - NIGHT**

George and Diego count. It's ridiculous how much money there is. The stacks are now waist high and spill into other rooms. Inez is there, pacing the floor and rapid-fire talking on the phone.

**MORE STILL PHOTOS**

George and Diego, the Banditos. Cigars. Champagne. Arms around each other in camaraderie. In Diego's yellow Ferrari. With Inez, sunning on a yacht. More coke and more transactions. When the deals are with Derek Foreal, Diego is
always notably absent.

INT. MIAMI HOUSE - NIGHT

The money is so high, it almost reaches the ceiling. There is nowhere to put it. George and Diego sit at the coffee table, dwarfed by the stacks of bills. There is a discrepancy in the count.

GEORGE
Three million. I counted it twice.

DIEGO
It's two-point-five, George. I am sure.

George starts to pick up the money.

GEORGE
I'm calling it three.

DIEGO
We're half a million off.

GEORGE
Fuck it. I'm not counting it again.

DIEGO
Weight it. If it's sixty pounds, it's three. If it's fifty, it's two-point five.

GEORGE
I don't give a shit. Close enough.

George moves down the hall looking for a place to stack the money, but there is no more room.

GEORGE (CONT'D)
Where do I put this!?

DIEGO
Try the back bedroom.

George opens the back bedroom door to find wall-to-wall money. It's packed.

GEORGE
There's no room.

DIEGO
Try the closet.

No luck there, either. George drops the money on the floor and moves back into the living room.

GEORGE
We've got to do something about this.
**INT. BANCO DE FEDERALE - PANAMA CITY - DAY**

SUPERIMPOSE: PANAMA CITY, PANAMA

George and Diego watch as their money is hauled into a huge wall safe. Armed Panamanian soldiers stand guard. The Panamanian officials and the BANK PRESIDENT oversee the proceedings.

**GEORGE**

Are you comfortable with this?

**DIEGO**

George, we've got sixty-one million dollars. It's either here or someplace else. We've got to put it somewhere. Unless you want to launder it.

**GEORGE**

And keep only forty-percent? No thanks.

**DIEGO**

Then relax. It's a federal bank. Guaranteed by the government. And Senor Noriega has very lenient banking principles. No questions. No problems. All the pesados keep their money here. Even El Padrino. What do you worry? Everyone knows we are with Escobar. Who is going to fuck with us?

**INT. BANCO DE FEDERALE - PRESIDENT'S OFFICE - DAY**

George and Diego sign papers. The bank president congratulates them and hands them documentation.

**GEORGE**

I love it.

**BANK PRESIDENT**

I'm sorry.

**GEORGE**

I give you thirty-million dollars and you give me this little book.

MORE STILL PHOTOS

Diego and Inez's wedding. The ceremony. The ring. The kiss. The lineup with all of the bridesmaids. George is the best man, and the only American.

**INT. BILTMORE HOTEL - BALLROOM - NIGHT**

A huge reception. All the pomp and circumstance Colombian money can buy. Politicians. Policemen. And every smuggler
north of Colombia. George sits with Diego and Inez at the table of honor. Inez is opening presents. Diego's tipsiness is a little out of character, but hey, it's his wedding day and a little champagne never hurt anyone. He drunkenly throws his arm around George's shoulder.

DIEGO
I'm married, George. Me. I can't believe it. Can you believe I'm married, George?

GEORGE
You're a lucky man, Diego.

DIEGO
I love you, my brother, do you know that?

GEORGE
I love you too, man.

George notices MIRTHA showing teeth across the room.

GEORGE (CONT'D)
I'll be right back, Diego.

INEZ
Look, honey, a power boat.

DIEGO
Great, baby, great!

They kiss. George walks across the dance floor directly towards Mirtha.

GEORGE
Hello.

MIRTHA
Hello.

GEORGE
Do I know you?

MIRTHA
I don't think so.

GEORGE
Why are you smiling?

MIRTHA
Why are you smiling?

GEORGE
I don't know. My name is George.

MIRTHA
I know who you are, El Americano. Mister George.

GEORGE
What is your name?

Cesar arrives.

CESAR
Mr. Jung, I see you've met my fiancee, Mirtha.

He kisses her.

GEORGE
Mirtha.

CESAR
Diego needs to see you right away, please. Excuse us, Amorcito.

They leave. George looks back, Mirtha is giving him more teeth. George arrives at the table. Various greetings.

AUGUSTO
Pleased to meet you finally, George. I am Augusto Oliveras.

GEORGE
My pleasure, Augusto. Diego has told me much about you.

RAMON OCHOA
Congratulations on your conquest of the West Coast. How much bigger can we get?

GEORGE
Sky's the limit. We're just beginning to tap the market. If it's accepted by actors and musicians, the rest will follow.

They all agree. Mirtha still gives George the teeth from across the room. Diego returns to the table.

AUGUSTO
We are talking about George's West Coast operation.

DIEGO
Ah, George's mystery man.

RAFAEL OJEDA
Yes, where is this man? When do we meet him?
DIEGO
You don't meet him. George keeps this a secret. He's here meeting everyone, goes to Colombia and meets Pablo, but still keeps his secrets. Even from his brother.

JUAN CARLOS "THE GUAPO"
Come on, George, we're all in this together.

EMILIO OCHOA
Yes, George, there's enough for everybody.

GEORGE
I think Padroni is happy with the current situation. Will you please excuse me?

George exits after Mirtha.

INT. BILTMORE HOTEL - BALLROOM - CONTINUOUS
George steps into the empty lobby looking for Mirtha. He can't find her. She appears from the shadows and startles him. George embraces her and plants one on her.

MIRTHA
You better know what you're doing, George. You're playing with fire.

GEORGE
I like fire.

MONTAGE - MUSIC CUE - LIVING THE GOOD LIFE
CLOSE UP - George does a huge line, left to right.
CLOSE UP - Mirtha does a huge line, right to left.

EXT. MIAMI DRAG - DAY
A stretch limo flies by, left to right. The windows are open and Mirtha and George whoop it up as they go by.

INT. MIAMI NIGHTCLUB - NIGHT
George and Mirtha out on the crowded dance floor, grooving to the Salsa rhythms.

STILL PHOTOS
Champagne bottles in hand, George and Mirtha on the tarmac running from the limo to the waiting private plane.

EXT. FIVE STAR HOTEL - LOS ANGELES - DAY
George and Mirtha poolside, wearing shades, getting some sun. She blows him a kiss from the adjoining lounge chair. He blows one back. She licks her lips and it's on. He's out of the chair, pouring champagne over her tan body, and licking it off. She squeals with delight. A table gets knocked over as they cause a commotion. A hotel manager comes over, but George hands him a wad of cash and he quickly fucks off.

INT. MIAMI NIGHTCLUB - NIGHT - MAGICAL REALITY

The dancing is in SUPER SLOW MOTION now. Passionate, carnal, intimate.

STILL PHOTOS

George buys gifts for Mirtha and she shows them off for the camera. A fur. A ring. A house.

INT. EASTHAM HOUSE - DAY

Overhead shot of George and Mirtha's bedroom. It's completely covered with money. Completely covered. George and Mirtha make love on the sea of cash. As CAMERA PULLS UP we see money slowly falling from the ceiling.

INT. SILVER STAR WEDDING CHAPEL - LAS VEGAS - 1978 - DAY

There is no white dress. There is no tuxedo. George and Mirtha haven't even taken off their sunglasses.

MIRTHA
I do.

They kiss. Mirtha wipes her red nose.

MIRTHA (CONT'D)
I need a fucking drink.

INT. EASTHAM HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

George moves to the bedroom. Mirtha is pregnant and she's showing. She's also bent over a mirror with a straw in her hand. George opens the door and takes her by surprise.

GEORGE
Jesus Christ.

MIRTHA
Oh, don't be such a fucking hypocrite. I quit smoking, didn't I?

GEORGE
Put that shit away, they're here.

INT. EASTHAM HOUSE - DOWNSTAIRS - LATER
Mirtha and George lead Fred and Ermine from room to room, showing off the house. The decor is, well, eclectic. It doesn't match the architecture.

ERMINE
It's all so beautiful.

MIRTHA
What do you think, Dad?

FRED
Yeah. Nice.

ERMINE
Look at this credenza. If you don't mind me asking, how much is something like that? It's got to cost a fortune.

GEORGE
(quickly)
It's a family heirloom.

ERMINE
I've seen those in magazines. They're not cheap.

GEORGE
Mirtha comes from a very wealthy family.

ERMINE
Oh, I see.

MIRTHA
Come on. I'll show you the rest of the house.

George and his father move outside.

EXT. GROUNDS - CONTINUOUS

George and his father walk.

GEORGE
So, business is going good. I've got this import/export thing going on in Miami that's been very profitable. With my investments...

FRED
Don't bullshit me, George. I don't see you very much, I don't want to waste the time.

They move along the rear of the house. Classic cars line the driveway.
FRED (CONT'D)
You come from my body, remember? You're my baby boy. The same kid who would jump off a mountain if someone told him he couldn't do it. You haven't changed much. I know the things you do. Not everything. But I get the picture and I don't care. I don't like it. It's not what I would have chosen for you, but it's your life. It doesn't have anything to do with me.

He turns and looks at his boy.

FRED (CONT'D)
You're like your mother. You love money.

GEORGE
Dad.

FRED
No, it's good. You have a family. It's good if it makes you happy. It's nice to have nice things. Are you happy, son?

GEORGE
Yeah, Dad. I'm happy right now.

INT. HOLIDAY MOTEL - LITTLE HAVANA - 1978 - DAY

Diego puts a straw in his nose and snorts a big gakker. His eyes are wide, his pupils dilated, and a weapon sticks out of the back of his pants. He knocks the dust off his nose before moving outside. George is on the porch, smoking a cigarette.

DIEGO
Three years. How long have we been in business? Three years. Does she get to meet your connection? Was she good enough?

GEORGE
Shut up, Diego. They're going to be here any minute. I'm trying to concentrate.

DIEGO
I'm very angry with you, George. Very angry. You don't take me to California, but you take your bitch wife? A woman? I understand you love her, but it was you and me who started this. You and me.
GEORGE
What do you need my connection for, Diego? What are you going to do with it?

DIEGO

George doesn't have time for this. He checks the cylinders on his weapon and runs over possible scenarios in his mind. But Diego won't get off the soap box.

GEORGE
Jesus fucking Christ, Diego. I ain't telling you. It's just business. Now, shut up. You're driving me crazy.

DIEGO
I'm driving you crazy? No. You're driving me crazy. We had a dream. What happened to our dream?

A black sedan pulls up and FIVE PUERTO RICAN MEN approach the room. George and Diego greet them and lead them inside. It's game time. The atmosphere is charged with danger and everyone is acutely aware of everything. The guys sit down, their guns bulging through the inside of their suits. The suitcases are opened. The rules are the same. No English. No raising voices. No sudden movements. George offers their leader, TONY, beers for his men, and is politely declined. The count starts. George and Diego riff through ten thousand dollar bundles. Diego is still acting pissy. He's mumbling to himself, making faces, slamming the money all around. The guys keep a close eye on him. Diego finishes a stack, throws one of the bags on the ground. The conversation is in Spanish unless otherwise indicated.

TONY
Algun problema?

GEORGE
No no no... no problema, amigo. El dinero esta todo aqui. Lleves las "llaves" y mas tarde lo contaremos. Okay? No problem.

TONY
Que problema? Nosotros esperamos.

The pressure is getting to one of the hoods. His name is BENNY. He's got a crazy eye and he seems ready to snap. George resumes the count, but Diego won't get off it.

DIEGO
(English)
You embarrassed me, George. You make me look very bad.

**BENNY**
Que esta diciendo?

**GEORGE**
Nothing. Todo esta bien.

**DIEGO**
(English)
Everything is not alright. I bring you in, and you slap my fucking face!

**GEORGE**
This is not the time, Diego.

The men all reach for their pieces and all hell starts to break loose.

**TONY**
Hay algun problema? Hablame!

**DIEGO**
(English)
You fucked me in front of my whole family!

**GEORGE**
Fuck you...I didn't fuck you.

**BENNY**
Maldita sea, que diablos esta diciendo?

**GEORGE**
Esta todo aqui, amigo...take the keys. Take 'em and go.

**TONY**
Que esta pasando aqui, jefe?

**DIEGO**
Sientese ye no se meta en lo que no le importa.

The guns are out and pointed. It's out of control now.

**GEORGE**
Take it easy! Everything's okay!

**DIEGO**
Que es lo que quieren de me, hijueputas campesinos?

George steps forward with the keys.

**GEORGE**
Take the fucking keys!

BLAM! Courtesy of Benny, George is hit. The shoulder, the collarbone. It's hard to tell.

GEORGE (CONT'D)
Estoy bien, okay? Everything is alright. There's no problem. Okay? This never happened. No one has to know anything about this. Diego, I want you to calmly tell them where the fucking coke is. Do it now.

DIEGO
Es un Ford blanco junto a una pick-up.

Tony very carefully takes the car keys.

GEORGE
No problem, gentlemen. Goodbye.

The men slowly back out the door. George looks at Diego.

GEORGE (CONT'D)
Derek Foreal.

DIEGO
What?

GEORGE
Derek Foreal. Derek Foreal. Derek fucking Foreal. Alright? The answer to all your dreams. Are you happy now?

EXT. LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - DAY

George and Diego exit the terminal. George's arm is in a sling. The familiar sight of Derek Foreal is Lincoln Continental.

The three men come together, and Diego and Derek are introduced. The men's hands come together and the FRAME FREEZES on their handshake.

EXT. EASTHAM HOUSE - UPSTAIRS - DAY

Fred pulls into the driveway in his new car and honks the horn. Fred and Ermine get out of the car.

FRED
Hello, hello.

INT. OLIVEROS MANSION - MIAMI - NIGHT

It's a New Year's Eve party. A lavish Colombian celebration. George and a very pregnant Mirtha move through the crowd to find Augusto.
AUGUSTO
I'm so glad you two could make it. Mirtha, look at you. So beautiful. You look like you're about to burst.

MIRTHA
Thanks. I am. Where's Martha?

AUGUSTO
I don't know. Drunk somewhere. Try the bar. And if you find her, tell her to come, it's almost midnight.

As Mirtha leaves, Augusto throws his arm around George's shoulder.

AUGUSTO (CONT'D)
It's good you came down, George. We need to discuss a few things.

DIEGO
Where's Diego?

AUGUSTO
He's not here, George.

GEORGE
Yeah, well where is he? And who is this Norman K. guy? That's all anyone is talking about. Norman K. Norman K. Do I know him?

Augusto lets out a big laugh.

AUGUSTO
Norman Cay is not a person. He is an island, George. In the Bahamas. From what they say, it is free and it's Diego's new home.

GEORGE
What?

Augusto throws an arm around George's shoulder.

AUGUSTO
Let us walk. From what I understand, Diego has bought a hundred and sixty acres, a marina, a hotel, and an airstrip.

GEORGE
Motherfucker works fast.

AUGUSTO
The word is that soon he is to be king
of the middle empire. He is doing multiple runs right now and using the island as a jump-off point.

GEORGE

He what?

AUGUSTO

Yes. Jack Stevens is already a very busy man. Along with many others. You shouldn’t stay away so long.

GEORGE

That's impossible. We can't be up and running. Who's distributing?

Augusto says nothing. But the ball is dropping in Times Square. 10, 9, 8, 7...

GEORGE (CONT'D)

Oh, no.

Happy New Year. Streamers, confetti, and champagne. George marches through the kissing guests and over to a phone. He's steaming. The music is up, so he has to scream.

GEORGE (CONT'D)

Hello, Derek? This is George. Am I wearing lipstick? I said, am I wearing lipstick? Because when I'm getting fucked, I want to make sure my face is pretty. You're buying directly from Diego, aren't you, you son of a bitch?

INTERCUT

Derek Foreal in full New Year's regalia, complete with party hat.

DEREK

I don't want to get caught in the middle of this. That's between you and Diego.

George's face scrinches in pain.

DEREK (CONT'D)

It's nothing personal, George. Just business.

GEORGE


The song ends, and George is left standing there screaming.

GEORGE (CONT'D)
I bring you in, and this is how you repay me? You little homo! Hey, Derek? Derek?

INT. OLIVEROS MANSION - DINING ROOM - 1979 - LATER

It's late. The family is all there. Fifteen, twenty strong. Cuban coffees all around.

MIRTHA
Que va hacer?

AUGUSTO
Que quieres decir. Que es lo que el va hacer? Pues, no va hacer nada.

MARIA
Alguna cosa tiene que hacer.

FAMILY MEMBER #2
De otra manera, es un marica.

FAMILY MEMBER #3
Un hijueputa

FAMILY MEMBER #1
Maricon.

FAMILY MEMBER #2
Mira, vos sos responsable por el exito de Diego.

FAMILY MEMBER #3
El se esta burlando de vos. Debes hacer algo, hombre.

MARIA
No Puedes hacer ni un culo.

AUGUSTO
El no va hacer nada. Hay un problema. Aquí, hubo un error y nosotros lo vamos ha arreglar.

BLANCA
No le escusches a mi yerno. A el solo le importa la plata.

Blanca reaches into her purse, pulls out an ice pick folded in a piece of linen cloth, and puts it down in front of George.

BLANCA (CONT'D)
Vos lo tenes que matar, ahorita mismo. De lo contrario vas a quedar como un marica sin horror.
FAMILY MEMBER #3
Mejor dicho vos sos un aculillado.

FAMILY MEMBER #1
Maricon.

BLANCA
Sabes que, vos no tenes pantalones. Nadie te va a respetar. Usa esto. Deja solo un huequito tan pequeño, que ni sangre le va a salir a ese malparido del Diego.

AUGUSTO
Blanca, por favor.

MIRTHA
Mama, vos sos bien antigua. Como lo va a matar con un picahielo. Eso era en su tiempo, estamos casi ya en los ochenta. El lo va a meter un tiro, lo va a volar, le va a hechar un hijueputa carro encima.

AUGUSTO
Dejen la maricada pues! No jodan! Nadie va a matar a nadie! George, debemos hablarle al Patron, es la única manera, mano.

GEORGE
No, no, no, no yo puedo arregarlo solo.

EXT. NORMAN CAY - BAHAMAS - 1979 - DUSK

EXT. NORMAN CAY - DOCKS - DUSK
Waiting for him is Cesar.

CESAR
Good to see you, George. It's been a long time.

INT. THE YACHT CLUB - SUNSET
The Yacht Club is a tavern style bar that juts out over the water. The crimson sky streaks the windows. Diego looks like Che Guavera. His hair is long, and a graying beard sticks through his gaunt face. The bar has been taken over by Diego's BANDITOS. Automatic weapons and PROSTITUTES accent this drunken setting. George is escorted through the door by Cesar, and the room quiets. All eyes on Diego and George. Diego rises.
DIEGO
George, I am happy to see you. How are you, my brother?

GEORGE
No more brothers, Diego.

DIEGO
Of course we are brothers. Why do you say that? You hurt me, George.

GEORGE
You fucked me, Diego.

DIEGO
I did not.

GEORGE
You went behind my back and you cut me out.

DIEGO
No, I never. I would not do that, George. Never.

GEORGE
I talked to Foreal, Diego.

There is a pause. Diego's goons ready their weapons as Diego scoops up a cringer with his pinky and sniffs.

DIEGO
Maybe you are right. I did betray you a little bit.

One of the men says something in Spanish and everyone laughs. George is furious. He starts to tremble and his face turns red.

DIEGO (CONT'D)
Oh, boo hoo, boo hoo. So sad, George. I stole your California connection. So what? Who introduced you to Pablo Escobar? Me. Who introduced you to your fucking Colombian wife? Me. Who protected you when my friend Cesar Roza wanted to slice your fucking throat, huh? Who mad you millions and millions of dollars? Me. And what do I get in return? This? Accusations? I have always given you everything, George, but that is over now. This is my operation. My dream. So go home, George. Go back to your stupid little life. You can sell half grams to your fucking relatives for all I care. Because you
George lunges at Diego and is immediately grabbed.

GEORGE
You'd better kill me now, Diego, because you're a dead man.

DIEGO
George, don't be so emotional. This is business. Besides, I can't kill you, you are my brother.

They lead him away.

EXT. YACHT CLUB - CONTINUOUS

George is getting the shit kicked out of him. His teeth broken, kicked in the head, the body, the groin. His arm stomped. Blood and broken bones. It's a king size beating. The men prop him up and Cesar reaches back and hits him with a haymaker. CRACK. George's nose is broken. Blood spurts everywhere. George is dropped to the ground, spit on, and left for dead.

CESAR
Say "hi" to your pretty wife for me.

EXT. HACIENDA LOS NAPOLES - COLOMBIA - POOL - DAY

A beautiful, sprawling estate. A family barbecue, Colombian style, is in full swing. Kids play soccer. Zoo animals run wild together.

George is led outside by TWO OVER-ARMED BODYGUARDS. Pablo sees him and gives George a big hug.

ESCOBAR
George, you look terrible.

GEORGE
Yeah, well...

ESCOBAR
Diego?

GEORGE
Yeah.

ESCOBAR
Please. Sit down. We'll drink some scotch.

GEORGE
I didn't come here to drink scotch.

ESCOBAR
I see. I'm sorry about this, George. I'm not happy about this situation. It's bad. You now know who your Brutus is.

GEORGE
You know why I'm here. You know what I have to do. I came here for permission. Out of respect, Pablo. This is bullshit, he's making me look like a punk.

ESCOBAR
It is very difficult. Diego makes me a lot of money. If Diego goes so does the money. You were an excellent teacher, George. When the student has learned well, the teacher is no longer necessary. We must remember we have wives, friends, familia. Even familia that has not been born. But sometimes, we must forget as well. I am like you. I must teach the lesson. We want to teach the lesson. But we cannot. We must remember that life is the teacher.

GEORGE
You're saying life will take care of Diego?

ESCOBAR
Life will take care of everybody. Diego, me, you. It is the teacher.

GEORGE
I get it. I'm really pissed, Pablo. You know the DEA knows about Norman's Cay. For Chrissakes, Diego worships Adolf Hitler and John Lennon, that's fucked up!

ESCOBAR
I'm sorry, George.

GEORGE
Yeah, well, what are you gonna do? You and me, Pablo? Are we good?

ESCOBAR
Of course, George. We are beautiful. We are brothers. Real brothers. Not like Diego. We started this, George.

Escobar embraces George for a moment, and then George starts to move away.

ESCOBAR (CONT'D)
And, George? The vengeance? It is best served cold.

**INT. EASTHAM HOUSE - GEORGE'S BEDROOM - NIGHT**

Mirtha is sleeping. She's so big, she looks like she's gonna explode. George sits on the bed and rests his hand on Mirtha's face. He looks like the Elephant Man.

**MIRTHA**

George. Oh, Jesus Christ, George. Look at you.

**GEORGE**

Shhh, honey, never mind. It's alright. It's over. I quit the business. I'm out.

**MIRTHA**

Pablo said no?

**GEORGE**

Pablo said no. It's all over. And I'm never going back. I have you. We have the baby. And there's nothing else. It's just the family now. Shhh. Sleep now.

**EXT. EASTHAM HOUSE - DAY**

Fred, Ermine and Mirth are waiting for George in the car. Mirtha's water has broken. Ermine honks the horn from the back seat and screams out the window.

**ERMINE**

George, it's time! George! George!

**INT. HOUSE - CONTINUOUS**

George is high and in a panic. He races around, trying to get a suitcase packed and find his keys.

**GEORGE**

Coming!

He finally gets it together, but before he runs out the door, he does one last blast.

**INT. CAPE COD HOSPITAL - HYANNIS - MATERNITY - DAY**

Mirtha is on the birthing table and screaming in pain. She's crowning. George wears hospital scrubs and a surgical mask. He and his saucer pupils hold Mirtha's hand in comfort. The baby comes, and DOCTOR MICK BAY slaps it's behind and cuts the cord. Tough ass Mirtha breaks down and sobs hysterically. But something is wrong with George. The color drains from his face. He grabs his chest and falls over onto
the floor. The MEDICAL STAFF attends to him.

GEORGE (V.O.)
Watching my baby girl born did something to me.
They talk about religious experiences, I didn't believe in religion. But when Kristina Sunshine Jung came into this world, something in me changed. I looked at her and I knew right then that I could never love anything but my daughter ever again. It sounds sappy, but it was like, click, I knew what I was put on this planet for. It was the greatest feeling I ever had followed by the worst feeling I ever had.

NURSE
He fainted.

MIRTHA
George!

The doctor grabs George's wrist.

DR. BAY
He's in tachycardia. George, your heart is racing. Have you been using drugs?

GEORGE
Coke.

DR. BAY
Cocaine? How much?

GEORGE
I don't know. Maybe eighteen grams.

DR. BAY
In how long? A week?

GEORGE
Today.

DR. BAY
Oh, Jesus, Get me a 12-lead e.k.g. and start an i.v. stat! This man is having a heart attack.

INT. CAPE COD HOSPITAL - HYANNIS - LATER

George lies in the recovery room, sedated, tubes everywhere. He's hooked up to IV's, monitors, and machines. Dr. Bay enters.

DR. BAY
I've reviewed your toxicology report
three times, George. I've never seen anything like it. Eighteen grams. The lethal dose is a gram and a half. You should be in the Guiness Book.

George cracks a faint smile.

DR. BAY (CONT'D)
It's not funny, George. You should be dead right now. Absolutely. I cannot come up with one logical explanation for why you're still breathing. I'm not here to give you lectures, I've got no moral interest in what you do. But, take it easy, George. Stay with us a while. You've got a daughter now.

INT. EASTHAM HOUSE - DAY

Kristina is crying. Daddy George to the rescue. He picks her up, cuddles her. Gives her a bottle and she quiets.

EXT. EASTHAM HOUSE - FRONT YARD - 1980 - DAY

A one-year-old Kristina is being coaxed by George to take her first steps.

GEORGE
Come on. Come on, honey. You can do it. Come to Daddy.

Kristina tries, stumbles. Gets up again. She looks like a drunk, but she's doing it.

GEORGE (CONT'D)
Good girl!

Mirtha enters. She's all pinned out, dressed in Ungaro, Cartier, and dark sunglasses.

GEORGE (CONT'D)
Look, Mirtha. She's walking.

MIRTHA
She did that before.

GEORGE
No. These are her first steps. Watch her.

MIRTHA
Yeah. I know. She did that before.

GEORGE
But this is...

MIRTHA
I said, I've seen it before.

GEORGE

Alright.

MIRTHA

Can you lift the furnace. I need money.

GEORGE

Where are you going?

MIRTHA

Out.

MONTAGE - SERIES OF SHOTS - 1980-85

HOME MOVIE STYLE & PHOTOGRAPHS

The years go by and they are SUPERIMPOSED as they pass. George, clean and sober, enjoying family life. Healthy and happy. Mr. Mom. Mirtha looks worse and worse as her habit becomes bigger and bigger. As George and Kristina grow closer and closer, Mirtha is stepping out on the town. Blowing money right and left. Shopping with Mirtha, buying clothes, furs, and diamonds. As Kristina gets older, WE SEE her birthday parties. George and Kristina wearing paper hats and eating ice cream. She's two years old, she's three, four, five, six...

INT. EASTHAM HOUSE - 1985 - NIGHT

The Eastham house is all done up for a party deluxe. Fully catered, with bartenders, waiters, music, the works. And of course the three c's, champagne, caviar and Colombians. George is laughing with Augusto and Martha Oliveros, but when Derek Foreal appears in the doorway, George excuses himself and walks over.

DEREK

Happy Birthday, George. Mirtha invited me.

GEORGE

Yeah. She told me.

DEREK

Look, I'm sorry about everything. I feel like an idiot. You were right. I did fuck you. And then Diego fucked me. Cut me out, too.

GEORGE

I heard.

DEREK

I lost sight of everything. Forgot who my friends were.
GEORGE
It's in the past. I'm out of the business now, so forget about it. No hard feelings. We need to move on. And besides, I'm sorry, too.

DEREK
You?

GEORGE
For calling you a homo.

DEREK
That was out of line.

George throws his arm around Derek's shoulder.

GEORGE
Good to see you, Derek.

Mirtha runs in with a giant crystal punch bowl filled with mother of pearl. She holds it over her head triumphantly.

MIRTHA
Now let's fucking party, motherfuckers! Let's have some fucking fun.

DEREK
Jesus, is that Mirtha!?

A very underweight Mirtha nervously runs around the party, shoving coke up everyone's noses. She is gakked to the gills and out of control. Her pupils a mile wide.

DEREK (CONT'D)
Christ almighty, George. Feed her a cheeseburger or something. What does she weight, eighty pounds?

GEORGE
I know. She needs to slow down. She's going to blow an O-ring.

Singing. The birthday cake is brought in, the candles are blown out and everyone cheers. Mirtha runs over to her husband, still holding the cocaine. She's sweaty, her hair matted down on one side.

MIRTHA
Happy birthday, baby. Do a line.

She tries to push a line up his nose.

GEORGE
No, that's alright.
MIRTHA
Oh fucking relax. Let your hair down for once. It's your fucking birthday, for Chrissakes. You're such a fucking pussy. I swear to G-d, I married this big time drug dealer and wound up with the maid.

Mirtha's loud now and making a scene. He thinks about it.

GEORGE
No honey, I'm alright.

AUGUSTO
A toast! To Mister George Jung. Mr. I 95, north and south. My brother-in-law. Happy birthday!

Everyone raises their glasses.

EVERYONE
To George!

A party guest comes running inside.

PARTY GUEST
Cops! They're all over the place.

The WAITERS, in their white jackets, exchange knowing looks. The BARTENDER comes out from behind the bar.

BARTENDER
Freeze!

In an instant, all of the waiters' guns are out.

WAITER
Massachusetts State Police Department! Everybody on the floor!

EXT. EASTHAM HOUSE - LATER

Police cars everywhere. All the party guests are filed out the door, and are being led away. Mirtha is dragged out, spitting and screaming. George, in handcuffs, is pushed to a squad car. He looks through the window to see a FEMALE POLICE OFFICER escorting Kristina out of the house.

INT. M.P.D. - INTERROGATION ROOM - NIGHT

George, still dressed in his party clothes, sits at a desk. TWO DETECTIVES set a confession in front of him.

GEORGE
What's this?

DETECTIVE #2
It's your statement. How it was all yours, the pound of coke was for personal use and none of the guests had any idea it was there, yeah, right.

George looks through the papers.

GEORGE
I want my kid out of protective custody. Now. No fucking around. My wife and my kid on a plane tonight. I sign when they call me safe and sound.

DETECTIVE #1
No fucking way.

GEORGE
Fuck you, then. I sign nothing.

The detectives ponder.

DETECTIVE #2
Do it.

Detective #1 walks to the door.

DETECTIVE #1
George? You better get yourself a good lawyer this time. We're gonna nail your ass to the wall on this one.

GEORGE
Oh hey, one more thing?

DETECTIVE #1
What's that?

GEORGE
Get me a six pack.

EXT. EASTHAM HOUSE - GARAGE - NIGHT

It's the middle of the night. George walks through a dark and lonely house. He goes to the furnace, opens it up and sees that there are only five stacks left.

GEORGE
Fuck.

EXT. JUNG HOUSE - WEYMOUTH - PORCH - MORNING

George pulls up to the front.

GEORGE
Hi.

FRED
I heard. Ermine, your son is here.

ERMINÉ (O.S.)
Tell him I don't want to see him. Tell him he's not welcome here.

GEORGE
Mom.

Ermine's back is to George. She won't look at him.

ERMINÉ
Don't you dare step one foot in this house. You're not my son, you hear me? I don't have a son anymore.

She disappears into the house. The sound of a door slamming.

FRED
She's angry. It's all over the news.

GEORGE
Yeah. Listen. I'm going to be going away for awhile.

FRED
You're not going to trial?

GEORGE
No.

FRED
Good.

They stand there and look at each other for a while. There's a lot to say but nothing's coming out. George hands Fred a gym bag.

GEORGE
Give this to Mom, will you?

FRED
Money. You and your mother. All the time chasing it. I never understood it.

GEORGE
Give it to her, Dad. It'll make her happy.

FRED
Yeah, I know. This is it, isn't it?

The two men throw their arms around each other and hold on to one another in the doorway of the old house.

GEORGE
Tell Mom, you know...
FRED
I'll tell her.

George breaks away and moves to the T-bird.

FRED (CONT'D)
Take care of yourself.

INT. BANCO DE FEDERALE - PANAMA CITY - 1985 - DAY

George walks through the bank.

INT. BANCO DE FEDERALE - PANAMA CITY - CONTINUOUS

George sits at a desk in front of a Panamanian BANK EMPLOYEE. He slides his bank book across the table.

GEORGE
I'd like to make a withdrawal.

The employee opens the book and gets a funny look on his face. Nervous.

BANK EMPLOYEE
Excuse me, please.

He gets up and moves to the BANK MANAGER. They move to another MANAGER TYPE. And another. And then everyone disappears behind closed doors. Finally, the BANK PRESIDENT emerges and moves over to George.

BANK PRESIDENT
I'm afraid there is a problem, Mr. Jung. The banks have gone through a change, a nationalization. I'm afraid your funds have been appropriated by the Panamanian Government...

George starts to shake. The bank president tries to explain, but whatever he says is unimportant. George is paralyzed.

INT. APARTMENT - LIBERTY CITY, FLORIDA - NIGHT

An inexpensive one-bedroom furnished apartment. It ain't much, but it's home. Mirtha has just received the news and is losing her mind. Clara Blanca is cooking dinner.

MIRTHA
What are we going to do?! What are we going to use for money?!

GEORGE
Please, Mirtha. I'll start working for Augusto. I'll talk to him tonight. I'll do something.
MIRTHA
Don't touch me. Tell me. Just answer the question. What do I spend? What? How will we live?

Kristina sits there. She hears everything, so does Clara Blanca.

GEORGE
Not in front of the kid.

MIRTHA
Don't give me that shit. You just better do something.

She storms into the bedroom and slams the door. George stands there. Awkward silence. George goes to Kristina.

GEORGE
Everything's gonna be okay, sweetheart. Don't be upset.

KRISTINA
What's happening to us?

Tough question to answer.

GEORGE
I don't know.

KRISTINA
Are we gonna split up?

GEORGE
No, never. Don't even think about that, it's impossible. I love your mother. And you are my heart. Could I live without my heart? Could I?

Kristina nods "no." They embrace.

INT. GEORGE'S THUNDERBIRD - MIAMI - NIGHT

The car moves along I-95. George is driving while a jacked up Mirtha does a speed bump. A cop is following in the distance. It is not okay.

GEORGE
There's a fucking cop behind us, Mirtha. Be cool, will ya.

MIRTHA
Fuck you, George, just fucking drive.

GEORGE
Hey, why don't you just put a "I'm doing cocaine" sign on the car. What is your
fucking problem?

MIRTA
My problem? We're broke, that's my fucking problem. And you're a fucking spy.

GEORGE
What?

MIRTA
That's right. Always spying, always judging. Everyone's laughing at you, you fucking pussy. You let Diego fuck you in the ass. Maybe you are a fucking faggot. You must be fucking Diego because you're not fucking me.

Mirtha grabs nuts.

GEORGE
Those are my nuts!

George tries to fend her off. The car swerves all over the road. It's turned into a full scale fist fight. The red lights of Florida's finest come up behind them and George is pulled over.

EXT. I-95 - CONTINUOUS

Mirtha leaps out of the car, teary eyed, crazed and bloodied. The policemen step from their car.

MIRTA
He's a fugitive and a fucking cocaine dealer! There's a kilo in his trunk right now! Take this sorry motherfucker to jail!

George sits behind the wheel. He knows it's over.

INT. M.C.I. WALPOLE - VISITING AREA - 1989 - DAY

SUPERIMPOSE: FOUR YEARS LATER

Visiting day. Inmates sit across from their families. Mirtha is sitting at the glass. George walks to his seat.

MIRTA
I'm divorcing you, George. I'm getting custody of Kristina. And when you get out next week, you're going to pay support and that's the end of it. Alright? There's someone else. I'm sorry.

George just looks at her. His face is stone. But he is
MIRTHA (CONT'D)
You should have taken better care of me, you know? You've been away a long time. Four years. Say something.

GEORGE
What do you want me to say? I'm in prison. You should know. You put me here.

MIRTHA
Fuck you, George. I knew you'd say something like that. Always thinking about yourself.

She moves away and drags nine-year old Kristina into the room. Kristina yanks her arm away and they get into a heated argument. Through the glass, George can't hear the words but it's clear that Kristina doesn't want to be here.

GEORGE
My baby. She's so big.

Mirtha forces Kristina over to the glass and keeps showing her, prompting her to talk. Kristina stares at George through the glass. Cool. Defiant. Angry. She picks up the phone and speaks, every word an accusation.

KRISTINA
I thought you couldn't live without your heart.

She drops the phone, walks away, and doesn't look back.

INT. PHONE BOOTH - MIAMI STREETS - DAY
George puts in the quarters.

GEORGE

EXT. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - MIAMI - DAY
Nine-year old Kristina Jung leaves school. George, fresh out of prison, moves across the street to meet her.

KRISTINA
What are you doing here?
GEORGE
Nothing. I just wanted you to know I was out. I just wanted to see you.

KRISTINA
Well, here I am. See?

GEORGE
How are you doing?

KRISTINA
George, you just can't show up, tell me you love me, and have everything be okay.

GEORGE
Dad.

KRISTINA
What?

GEORGE
You can call me Dad if you want.

KRISTINA
I don't want, alright? It's not funny. I'm really pissed off, George. You blew it, now leave me alone.

GEORGE
Kristina, c'mon, I'm sorry. I'm going to make this right. I've got a few things going on...

KRISTINA
What do you want from me?

GEORGE
Just to walk with you. I want to be your dad again.

KRISTINA
Do what you want, it's a free country.

She walks away. He follows.

INT. THE PALM LOUNGE - MIAMI - DAY

George sits at the bar with a man named LEON MINGHELLA.

LEON
It's a four-man operation. Two on the ground. Two in the air.

GEORGE
Who's the co-pilot?
LEON
You're looking at him. We provide the plane, transportation cost, U.S. landing spot, and take it to wherever you want it to go. You provide the pick up point in South America, and are responsible for payment. You assume all the bust risks. We take sixty-five percent of all transportation fees, ten percent of the gross, plus our expenses. This is not a negotiation, so if this is okay with you, we can talk further. If not, we can forget we had this conversation.

GEORGE
Sounds fine. I'll need to meet everybody.

LEON
They're over at the booth.

Leon leads George over.

LEON (CONT'D)
Gentlemen, this is George. George, this is Ben, G.G. and...

George's eyes widen as he looks at the last man. It's Kevin Dulli.

GEORGE
Holy shit, Dulli!

KEVIN
Georgie, oh man, hold the mayo!

GEORGE (V.O.)
That was it. Seeing Dulli after fourteen years sealed the deal for me. The rest was just details. My end was roughly five-hundred thousand. Kristina and I could have a good life for five hundred grand. Start over somewhere. One final score. That's all I needed.

INT. OLIVEROS MANSION - MIAMI - DAY

AUGUSTO
Three-hundred kilos is a very big load, Georgie. Why don't we start small?

GEORGE
No. I have the space. I figured it out. This is what I want to do.
Alright. I'll ask Pablo, tell him it's for you. I don't think there will be a problem.

GEORGE
Five-thousand per kilo.

AUGUSTO
Ha ha. That's too much, Georgie. Those days are over. The rate is one-thousand dollars. Inflation, you know?

GEORGE
This is a one time thing, Gusto. One and I'm out. Give me a good price for old time's sake. What do you think?

EXT. RESIDENTIAL STREET - MIAMI - DAY

George and Kristina walk through the neighborhood. He carries her books.

GEORGE
Let me ask you something. If you could go anywhere in the world, anywhere, where would you want to go?

KRISTINA
You mean, like a trip?

GEORGE
Yeah, sure, whatever.

Kristina thinks about it.

KRISTINA
I don't know. Maybe California.

George is amused by her answer.

GEORGE
California? You can go anywhere in the world. India. Tibet. Australia. Paris. And you choose California?

KRISTINA
Yeah.

GEORGE
What is it? A Disneyland thing?

KRISTINA
No. I just kind of like the sound of it.

GEORGE
California, huh?
They turn a corner and arrive at Kristina's house. Mirtha is standing in the doorway.

GEORGE
Go on inside now. I want to talk to your mom alone.

He kisses his daughter goodbye.

KRISTINA
Bye, Dad. See you in the morning, okay?

GEORGE
I'll be here.

George moves over to Mirtha. It's been a while.

MIRTHA
What do you want?

GEORGE
You knew I was seeing Kristina, right?

MIRTHA
Yeah. She told me. You walk her to school.

GEORGE
Yeah, so I've been thinking. I love her, y'know? I kind of want to have her. I've been away for so long. Make up for the missed time, you know?

MIRTHA
I haven't seen one dollar from you. You haven't paid me one cent in child support, alimony.

GEORGE
Yeah, well. I'm working on that. I've got something going.

MIRTHA
Yeah? I better see some money out of it.

GEORGE
Yeah, you will. Of course.

Mirtha looks at her ex-husband. It's not all bad.

MIRTHA
Hey, look. You start paying, who knows
what will happen. You're a good father, George. I always gave you that. But you've got to talk to her.

GEORGE
Yeah.

MIRTHA
She's getting big. Getting her own ideas.

GEORGE
I know. Well, that's all I really wanted to say. So, okay, then.

He moves down the steps and heads for the sidewalk.

MIRTHA
Hey, George. You okay?

GEORGE
Yeah. I'm fine. I'm good.

INT. THE PALM LOUNGE - DAY

The restaurant is filled with the team. They discuss, argue, re-examine every little detail.

KEVIN
We take off from Lauderdale, Sunday, refuel, and be in Medellin by Monday.

LEON
Overnight, refuel, and back Wednesday night.

GEORGE
Where are you coming in?

BEN
Vero Beach.

G.G.
It's good. It's small.

LEON
Then we drive it to the Lauderdale house where it stays until pick up and payment the next morning. You want to go over it again?

GEORGE
No. All set. Piece of cake.

INT. GEORGE'S STUDIO APARTMENT - MIAMI - NIGHT

George is cooking dinner for Kristina. He's only got a hot
GEORGE
I'm thinking about getting out of town this week. You want to come with me?

KRISTINA
Where are you going?

GEORGE
I don't know. Maybe California.

KRISTINA
You swear?

GEORGE
Yeah. Go out there, check it out, see what it's like. I've got some stuff to do this week, but I'm thinking maybe Thursday. Thursday after school.

KRISTINA
You know I can't. Mom will never let me go.

GEORGE
You let me take care of your mother. You just pack your bags.

KRISTINA
But I've got school.

GEORGE
There's schools in California.

KRISTINA
You swear?

GEORGE
That's right. Three o'clock. Thursday. At your mother's. You and me. It's a date.

KRISTINA
I don't believe you.

GEORGE
I swear. On my life.

KRISTINA
Swear on my life.

GEORGE
I swear on your life.

EXT. VERO BEACH AIRFIELD - DUSK
George, Ben and G.G. wait on the tarmac. George is pacing. The sound of a Cessna is heard and soon it is dropping out of the sky. The plane lands and taxis over.

Kevin and Leon stick their fists out of the airplane in triumph. The men quickly unload the plane into the trunks of two Broncos and the back of a truck.

**INT. FT. LAUDERDALE HOUSE - NIGHT**

WE FOLLOW the duffel bags out of the Bronco into the house. The boys sit around as George samples the product.

**KEVIN**

Are we good?

**GEORGE**

Are we good? Yeah, we're good. We're beautiful. We're perfect. This is A grade, one-hundred percent pure Colombian cocaine, Ladies and Gentlemen. Disco shit. Pure as the driven snow. Good riddance.

He looks the boys over.

**GEORGE (CONT'D)**

You saved my life, Dulli. You'll never fucking know. All you guys. Everyone just got a raise. Instead of ten percent, you get fifteen.

**LEON**

Jesus, George, fifteen percent. That's an extra two-hundred large.

**GEORGE**

I don't give a shit. Split it up. Have a great life. I'm done. I'm out. Starting over. Cheers.

They clank. George gets up and does the Snoopy Dance to the bathroom.

**GEORGE (CONT'D)**

Yeah! Unbelievable. Dulli, pour us another round. I gotta hit the head.

George leaves the room. The camera slowly pans back to the guys. Something doesn't look right. They have not moved. They look bummed. Leon looks at G.G.

**LEON**

What?

**G.G.**
I feel bad.

**BEN**
Me too. He's not such a bad guy.

**KEVIN**
Fuck you guys. All of you. I've known him for thirty fucking years. Fucking George.

**LEON**
Yeah, I like him, too. But what's done is done. So let's not get all sentimental about it, okay?

The CAMERA PANS BACK SLOWLY to the bathroom door, George comes back into the room, dancing. He goes and sits down with the guys.

**GEORGE**
(laughing)
Dulli, I was just thinking about that time we landed in Mexico. You've gotten a lot better since then, huh pal? Remember that fucking landing strip? Huh?

George is the only one smiling. No one is looking at him.

**GEORGE (CONT'D)**
Hey, what's wrong fellas? Why the long faces?

He looks at each one. He slowly realizes something's up. He looks to Dulli finally.

**GEORGE (CONT'D)**
(defeated)
No. C'mon, Dulli.

The front door busts down, agents pour in. The CAMERA SWISH PANS to George. Lights out. Slow motion. Slow dolly into XCU.

**EXT. OTISVILLE F.C.I. - NEW YORK - 1999 - DAY**

George has tears in his eyes. He is frozen. Paralyzed by the memories.

**GEORGE**
Oh, no.

**INT. FT. LAUDERDALE HOUSE - 1989 - DAY**

The voices from the bust can be heard as the CAMERA PUSHES SLOWLY into George's face. Surreal.
GEORGE (V.O.)
I was busted. Set up by the FBI and the DEA. That didn't bother me. Set up by Kevin Dulli and Derek Foreal to save their own asses. That didn't bother me. Sentenced to sixty years at Otisville. That didn't bother me.

EXT. MIRTHA’S HOUSE - MIAMI - 1989 - DAY

Nine-year old Kristina Sunshine Jung sits on the front porch as the sun goes down. Her bags are packed and ready to go.

GEORGE (V.O.)
I had broken a promise. Everything I loved in my life goes away.

INT. OTISVILLE F.C.I. - 1989 - DAY

George is led into a small room and greeted by his lawyer, ARCHIE ZIGMOND.

ZIGMOND
Here's the deal, George. You're not getting out. I tried to get you furloughed, but your mother squashed it. Said it would only upset him. I'm sorry.

George takes it in. Blinks. The years have not been kind.

GEORGE
How's he doing?

ZIGMOND
Well, he's out of the hospital, but there's not much anyone can do for him. It's just a matter of time. Listen, I brought a tape recorder in case you wanted to say something to him. That way he could hear your voice.

GEORGE
Right.

Zigmond sets the tape recorder down and leaves the room. George stares long at the machine. He pushes the record button and looks at the red light.

GEORGE (CONT'D)
Hello, Dad...

EXT. JUNG HOUSE - DAY

A sixty-nine year old Fred shuffles from his house to the blue LTD. He gets in, turns the key, and puts his son's tape into the deck.
GEORGE (V.O.)
You know, I remember a lifetime ago, I was about three-and-a-half feet tall, weighing all of sixty-pounds, every inch your son...

EXT. JUNG HOUSE - 1953 - DAY

Six-year old George runs through the leaves to the truck and rides to work with his father.

GEORGE (V.O.)
...those Saturday mornings going to work with my Dad. We'd climb into that big yellow truck. I used to think it was the biggest truck in the world.

INT. FRED'S LTD. - 1989 - CONTINUOUS

CLOSE ON FRED

visibly moved.

GEORGE (V.O.)
I remember how important the job we did was.
How if it weren't for us, people would freeze to death. I thought you were the strongest man in the world.

FLASHBACK - VISUALS MATCH DIALOGUE

Ermine as Loretta Young.

Fred Jung and his son tossing a baseball.

Tuna and George driving off in the black Oldsmobile convertible.

The FBI arresting George in his old bedroom.

GEORGE (V.O.) (CONT'D)
Remember those home movies when Mom would dress up like Loretta Young? And the ice creams and the football games? Waino, the Tuna, and the day I left for California only to come home with the FBI chasing me?

INT. JUNG HOUSE - GEORGE'S BEDROOM - 1973 - NIGHT

James J. Trout pulls a handcuffed George's boots over his socks as Fred and Ermine watch.

GEORGE (V.O.)
And that FBI agent, Trout? When he had
to get on his knees to put my boots on?
You said...

FRED
That's where you belong...

INT. FRED'S LTD. - 1989 - CONTINUOUS

A choked up Fred repeats the words.

FRED
...you sonofabitch. Putting on George's boots.

GEORGE (V.O.)
That was a good one, Dad. That was really something. Remember that?

INT. OTISVILLE F.C.I. - NEW YORK - 1989 - DAY

George's eyes well up and he sparks a cigarette, as he keeps trying to tell his father goodbye.

GEORGE (V.O.)
And that time you told me that money wasn't real? Well, old man, I'm forty two years old. I finally learned what you tried to tell me so many years ago.

INT. FRED'S LTD. - 1989 - CONTINUOUS

Tears come crashing out of the old man's stoic face.

GEORGE (V.O.)
I finally understand. You're the best, Dad. I just wish I could have done more for you. I wish we had more time.

EXT. OTISVILLE F.C.I. - NEW YORK - 1999 - DAY

A vision of Fred Jung sits on the ground before his fifty-two year old son.

GEORGE
I guess I kind of lost sight of things. "May the wind always be at your back and the sun always upon your face, and the winds of destiny carry you aloft to dance with the stars." Love, George.

FRED
That was a beautiful message.

GEORGE
I meant every word of it.

FRED
Did you know I died two weeks after you sent me that tape?

The apparition of Fred disappears and George is left alone once again.

    GEORGE
    Yeah, Dad. I knew that.

INT. OTISVILLE F.C.I. - NEW YORK - 1990 - DAY

George is led into the room where THREE FBI MEN await him. One of them is named FRED GARCIA.

    GARCIA
    How are you doing, George?

    GEORGE
    What do you guys want?

    GARCIA
    You hear about your old friend, Diego?

    GEORGE
    What about him?

Garcia tosses a newspaper onto the table. The Miami Herald. Inside is a full page letter addressed from Diego Delgado to Vice President George Bush. In the letter, Diego offers to make a deal. In exchange for immunity, Diego will rat out the entire cocaine business. Americans, Colombians, Noriega, Escobar, everybody. Just let him free.

    GEORGE (CONT'D)
    What the fuck? Is he going to walk?

    GARCIA
    He's going down, George. It's election year. We're not making any deals.

    FBI GUY #1
    He's never getting out. Orders from the top.

    GARCIA
    So, how would you like to help us put him away?

    FBI GUY #2
    We've done our homework. We know you hate this motherfucker.

    GEORGE
    I don't think so.

    GARCIA
    Don't be stupid, George. We've got him.
We've got him dead to rights. But like I said, this is top priority so we're handing out free passes on this one. And the first one's got your name on it. Cut your sentence in half, maybe more.

GEORGE

No thanks, fellas. You've got the wrong fucking guy. I'm not a rat.

INT. OTISVILLE F.C.I. - VISITOR'S ROOM - 1990 - DAY

George sits in the chair behind the plexiglass. Mithra enters and takes a seat on the other side.

GEORGE

Mithra, what's going on? Everything okay with Kristina?

MIRTHA

Kristina's fine.

GEORGE

Is she here? Is she coming?

MIRTHA

Is she here? George, Kristina hates you. You fucked her over one too many times. And I'm not here to socialize. Did you hear about Diego?

GEORGE

Yeah.

MIRTHA

Well, I got a call from Pablo. He said this thing with Diego is a disaster. He's giving up lab locations, names, bank accounts, he was very pissed off. Pablo said to take him down. His exact words were "Fuck Diego."

GEORGE

He wants me to testify? Is that what he's asking me to do?

MIRTHA

George, he wasn't asking.

Mirtha gets up and starts to move away.

GEORGE

Mithra, how are you doing?

MIRTHA

Better than you.
George, Archie Zigmond and two armed guards walk down the corridor.

GEORGE
Hey, Arch, you think the judge will let us get a cocktail after this is all over?

ZIGMOND
I'll see what I can do, George.

GEORGE
Thanks, Arch.

They walk into the crowded courtroom.

Packed. Nuts. Standing room only. The courtroom buzzes as George is led down the center aisle and is handed off to the bailiff. Over this we hear...

CLERK
Sir, please state your name.

GEORGE
I'm George Jung. Spelled J-U-N-G.

CLERK
Thank you.

PROSECUTER
Mr. Jung, do you know Diego Delgado?

GEORGE
Yes, I do.

PROSECUTER
Do you see him here in the courtroom?

GEORGE
Yes, he's sitting right there at the end of the table.

PROSECUTER
Let the record state the witness has identified, Diego Delgado.

The following sound bytes are dissolved together in montage style...

PROSECUTER (CONT'D)
Mr. Jung, can you describe the circumstances of how you began talking about cocaine with Mr. Delgado?
GEORGE
Shortly after I arrived at Danbury Federal Correctional Institute I related to Diego that the crime I was in for was smuggling marijuana. Diego told me he had high level connections in Colombia and they needed to find someone to help them transport cocaine into America...

GEORGE (CONT'D)
The first run was fifteen kilos, which we smuggled into Logan Airport in hard shelled suitcases.

GEORGE (CONT'D)
We wrapped the cocaine in kitchen cabinet paper, and duct tape, that way if there were any dogs in customs...

GEORGE (CONT'D)
I introduced Diego to a pilot named Jack Stevens, who helped us fly 300 kilos of cocaine per week into the United States via twin-engine Cessnas. Jack would fly into North Carolina, we'd meet him there and drive it down to different distribution points...

GEORGE (CONT'D)
I never met Pablo Escobar. Diego Delgado was my only connection to cocaine from Colombia...

GEORGE (CONT'D)
Diego convinced me to keep most of my money in a Panamanian bank. Diego had a close relationship with Manuel Noriega. In exchange for allowing us to keep our money there, we paid him a percentage.

GEORGE (CONT'D)
There was an 85% chance that if you snorted cocaine between 1977-1984, it was ours. Initially with my LA connections, we invented the marketplace. In 1977, there was no other real competition.

GEORGE (CONT'D)
The first year we made about 100 million dollars between us. It was an expensive operation. Eventually we built up to three different pilots doing multiple runs per week, connections on both coasts, everything was running smooth.
We were like a corporation...

GEORGE (CONT'D)
he was very anti-government. He talked about revolution, forming his own country or island, he was looking for power as well as money. I was just looking for money.

GEORGE (CONT'D)
He disliked the United States, thought it was a police state. He hoped that by flooding the country with cocaine, it would disrupt the political system and tear down the morality of the country.

GEORGE (CONT'D)
Well, yes, Derek Foreal was my connection, I met him back in 1968 when I first moved to Manhattan Beach. It was Foreal's marijuana connections that kicked off our cocaine market.

GEORGE (CONT'D)
Yes, it was my idea to bring the kilos to Los Angeles. When Diego finally got Derek Foreal's name from me, it was only a matter of months before he'd cut me out.

GEORGE (CONT'D)
I'm not sure how my relationship with my daughter and ex-wife have anything to do with this trial. I mean we're here to talk about Diego Delgado, aren't we?

CALIBANOS
Yes, we are Mr. Jung.

We come out of the montage, the defense attorney Diego Delgado, Joe Calibanos, a sleazy-Greek-like-ex-basketball weight lifter guy is now doing the questioning.

CALIBANOS (CONT'D)
Mr. Jung, you're a convicted felon, correct?

GEORGE
Yes, I am.

CALIBANOS
Do you have any agreement or understanding whatsoever with the United States government in regards to your testimony?

GEORGE
No, I cam here out of my own volition.

CALIBANOS
Excuse me?

GEORGE
Something about vengance being best served cold.

CALIBANOS
Really. Are you getting paid, Mr. Jung?

GEORGE
Excuse me?

CALIBANOS
Mr. Jung, don't you have an agreement or understanding with the United States Government in connection with your testimony in this case?

GEORGE
I'm doing sixty years at Otisville, no chance of parole. Even if they cut my sentence in half I'll be seventy-three years old. That's some fucking deal. I don't know if the parole board, the judge, the pope or Jesus Christ himself can get me out of here. I have a really bad record, I'm not sure what's going to happen.

CALIBANOS
So you do have an agreement with the United States Government, Mr. Jung, correct?

George can't respond. Looks to Diego. Looks from the jury, the judge, George is on the spotlight and it's uncomfortable. He feels suddenly sleazy.

CALIBANOS (CONT'D)
I thought so. No more questions.

Silence. The judge tells George he can step down. Calibanos laughs quietly with associates. George is bummed. He walks by Diego. They look at each other.

GEORGE
You shouldn't have taken the 30 million, Diego, I was out.

George is lead away.

CLERK
The court calls Mr. Jack Stevens.
Jack Stevens is lead to the stand. WE SLOWLY DISSOLVE TO:

INT. CAR - 1999 - DAY

The green of the New York State countryside drifts by as a brown Mazda moves along Highway 19. Behind the wheel is a beautiful 20 year old woman wearing dark sunglasses. She drives absently, her mind somewhere else.

INT. OTISVILLE F.C.I. - VISITOR'S ENTRANCE - 1999 - DAY

The woman is buzzed through the double doors. She moves to the MAN behind the desk and takes off her sunglasses.

KIRSTINA
I'm here to see my father.

ADMISSIONS OFFICER
Name?

KIRSTINA
Kristina Sunshine Jung.

EXT. OTISVILLE F.C.I. - LATE AFTERNOON

The GUARDS are rounding up the other prisoners and escorting them inside, but George is still planting sunflowers.

GUARD
Hey, George, five more minutes, buddy.

INT. VISITOR'S ENTRANCE - CONTINUOUS

The admissions officer looks up from his paperwork.

ADMISSIONS OFFICER
Jung.

Kristina grabs her papers and moves to the counter.

ADMISSIONS OFFICER (CONT'D)
Belongings in here.

Kristina empties her pockets and deposits her possessions into a locker box. She is handed a key.

ADMISSIONS OFFICER (CONT'D)
Feet on the blue line.

Kristina stands on a blue piece of tape and the admissions officer buzzes open the giant metal door. But Kristina doesn't move.

ADMISSIONS OFFICER (CONT'D)
Miss?

He presses the buzzer again, but she just stands there.
ADMISSIONS OFFICER (CONT'D)
Miss? Something wrong?

EXT. OTISVILLE F.C.I. - CONTINUOUS

George turns around as a GUARD taps him on the shoulder.

GUARD
George? George, come on. You've got a visitor.

George looks up to find Kristina being buzzed through the gate. She moves through the open area and onto the grass quickly. SLOW MOTION: Father and daughter come together at last in a long embrace.

GEORGE
I'm sorry, baby. I'm so sorry.

KRISTINA
It's alright, Dad.

GEORGE
I didn't mean to...

KRISTINA
I know, Dad. I know...

He hugs her hard.

GEORGE
I fucked up.

KRISTINA
Shhhh.

GEORGE
I love you. I love you so much. You've got to know that. You've got to know.

KRISTINA
I know, Dad. I love you too.

GEORGE
After everything. After everything, the only thing left out of my whole life is you.

Kristina looks at her father, smiles, and disappears. There was no Kristina. The guard continues to tap.

GUARD
George? George, come on. It's getting dark.

George looks up to find a prison guard. His name is GUS, and
he helps George to his feet.

GEORGE
But I have a visitor.

GUS
Not today, George. Time to go back.

GEORGE
But I want to put her name on the list for tomorrow. My daughter.

GUS
Okay, George.

GEORGE
Because she's visiting me.

GUS
We'll do that tomorrow, okay? It's lockdown time.

The shadows grow long, and Gus leads George down a cement path that cuts through the grass. The huge structure of Otisville looms dark against the sky, and Gus and George take the long walk back.

EXT. OTISVILLE F.C.I. - NEW YORK - DUSK

Standing outside the fences, Kristina smokes a cigarette as she watches her father being led away. After a few moments, she turns around, walks to her car and gets in. Time to go home. And as the brown Mazda pulls out of the driveway, the taillights turn red, growing smaller and smaller, until they finally disappear.

THE END.