"ON THE WATERFRONT"

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FADE IN:

1  EXT—ESTABLISHING SHOT—WATERFRONT—NIGHT

Shooting toward a small building (Hoboken Yacht Club) set upon a wharf floating about twenty-five yards off shore. A long, narrow gangplank leads from the wharf to the shore, and on either side of the wharf are large ocean liners which are being unloaded by arc light. In the B.G. is the glittering New York skyline. A great liner, blazing with light, is headed down river. A ferry chugs across to Manhattan. There is a counterpoint of ships' whistles, some shrill, others hauntingly muted.

2  CLOSER SHOT—SMALL BUILDING—ON WHARF—NIGHT

It is the office of the longshoremen's local for this section of waterfront. Coming along the gangplank toward the shore is an isolated figure. He is TERRY MALLOY, a wiry, jaunty, waterfront hanger-on in his late twenties. He wears a turtleneck sweater, a windbreaker and a cap.

He whistles a familiar Irish song.

3  SERIES OF WALKING SHOTS—TERRY MALLOY—WATERFRONT—NIGHT

Reaching the shore and turning away from the union office. Passing the burned-out piers.

Turning up a waterfront tenement street lit by a dim street lamp that throws an eerie beam. He is holding something inside his jacket but we cannot see what it is.

NOTE: MAIN TITLES TO BE SUPERIMPOSED OVER THIS SERIES OF SHOTS

4  EXT—WATERFRONT STREET—NIGHT

Terry walks along until he reaches an ancient tenement where he stops, hesitates, looks up toward the top of the building, and putting his fingers to his mouth lets out a shrill, effective whistle that echoes up the quiet street. Then he cups his hands to his mouth and shouts:

TERRY
Hey Joey! Joey Doyle!
THE WINDOW OF A THIRD-STORY ROOM, FROM TERRY'S POV. JOEY DOYLE, A youthful, rather sensitive and clean-cut Irish boy, pokes his head out the window.

JOEY
Terry?
(then a little suspiciously)
What do you want?

TERRY
Hey look-
He reaches into his windbreaker in a gesture associated with drawing a gun from a shoulder holster. But instead he draws out a live racing pigeon. As he does so the bird makes an effort to escape and flaps its wings, but Terry subdues it expertly and holds it up for Joey to see.

TERRY
(somewhat uneasily)
—one of yours. I recognized the band.

JOEY
Yeah? Must be Danny-boy. I lost him in the last race.

TERRY
He followed my birds into their coop. Here, you want him?

JOEY
(cautiously)
Well I got to watch myself these days. Know what I mean?

TERRY
I'll bring him up to your loft.

JOEY
(somewhat reassured)
I'll see you on the roof.

(CONTINUED)
Joey closes the window and turns away.

EXT—MEDIUM CLOSE—TENEMENT—ON TERRY—NIGHT

Tensely, as if going through something he wishes he could avoid, Terry looks in the direction of the tenement stoop and nods. Now for the first time we see two men standing there under the doorway so that Joey was unable to see them from his window. When Terry nods they enter the tenement hallway; he takes a few steps forward so as to be out of sight from Joey's widow. Then Terry raises the pigeon into the air and, inexplicably, releases it. As it wings out of sight he turns and starts up the street in the direction from which he came, walking crabwise as if trying to see the effect of what he has just done. A suddenly drunk, one-armed longshoreman, MUTT MURPHY, staggers toward him, singing in a hoarse voice...

MUTT
(as if it were a dirge)
Tippi-tippi-tim, tippi-tim, Tippi-
tippi-tan, tippi-tan...
(He stumbles into Terry.)
Gotta dime for a crippled-up docker?

TERRY
Go on, beat it!

MUTT
A dime, Terry, a dime for a cup of coffee?

TERRY
Don't give me that coffee, you rummy.
Now blow!

MUTT
Thanks for nothing, you bum.

With a certain battered dignity, Mutt moves off, picking up his song, "Tippi-tippi-tan, tippi-tan... ." Terry takes an anxious glance back toward the tenement.

EXT—TENEMENT ROOFTOP—NIGHT

In the B.G. on the far shore is the New York skyline. In the M.G. a ship is being unloaded on this side of the river. In the F.G. is a coop of racing pigeons. Joey comes out on the roof and looks around. The door from the tenement stairway creaks open and Joey turns.
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JOEY

Terry?

There is no answer. Joey is surprised.

JOEY

That you, Terry?

Two men step out upon the roof, their faces hidden in shadows. Joey looks startled and retreats a few steps.

JOEY

Where's Terry?

The two men (BARNEY and SPECS) advance, silently.

JOEY

He said he'd meet me up here.

CLOSE SHOT—JOEY—ROOFTOP—NIGHT

Now he realizes the intentions of the two men. He looks around for some means of escape.

MEDIUM CLOSE—BARNEY AND SPECS—ROOFTOP—NIGHT

From Joey's angle. Moving in.

MEDIUM CLOSE—JOEY—ROOFTOP—NIGHT

He makes a wild dash for the fire escape which leads him to the roof.

But when he reaches it, another goon, SLIM, appears, cutting off this escape.

LONG SHOT—ROOFTOP—NIGHT

Joey turns and runs along the edge of the roof, the illuminated skyline in the B.G. He disappears from view as if he has jumped off the roof.

MEDIUM SHOT—LOWER ROOFTOP LEVEL—NIGHT

This rooftop is one floor lower than the rooftops on either side of it, forming a trough between the two and providing no further avenue of escape for Joey. As Joey looks around desperately, Barney appears on upper level and another goon, SONNY, appears on the other. Now Joey is trapped between them. As they move forward he retreats backward toward the edge of the roof.

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JOEY
(defiantly)
You want me to jump so it looks like
an accident?

The assailants close in silently. Joey gestures them on.

JOEY
Come on. I'll take one of you with
me.

The goons edge in still closer, poker-faced, knowing they
have him.

15 EXT—FRIENDLY BAR—NIGHT

An old-fashioned corner saloon with swinging doors. Standing
on the corner, flanked by a goon aptly named the TRUCK is
CHARLEY, THE GENT, Terry's older brother, rather handsome if
a little too smooth, in his late thirties, a snappy dresser
in his camel hair coat and snap brim hat. He is quick-witted
and affable, more politician than mobster.

Terry enters to him.

CHARLEY
(gently)
How goes?

TERRY
(tightly)
He's on the roof.

CHARLEY
The pigeon?

TERRY
(resentfully)
Like you said. It worked.

TRUCK
(to Terry, tapping
his own temple)
That brother of yours is thinkin'
alla time.

TERRY
(tense)
All the time.

There is a short, shrill, almost human cry of a boat whistle.
It changes slightly in pitch and we are hearing an actual
cry.
CLOSE SHOT—BODY OF JOEY
Hurtling off roof, with a bloodcurdling shriek.

INT—CLOSE SHOT—WOMAN AT WINDOW (MRS. COLLINS)
She screams.

EXT—FRIENDLY BAR—FAVORING TERRY—NIGHT
Worried as he begins to wonder what happened.

TRUCK
I'm afraid somebody fell off a roof.

Terry stares at him. Longshoremen come running out of the bar toward the sound of the scream. Terry has to struggle not to be carried along with them. He works his way toward Charley, standing on the curb with Truck, calmly watching the Friendly Bar customers excitedly running past him. (Calls and commotion in the distance O.S.)

TRUCK
He thought he was gonna sing for the Crime Commission. He won't.

Truck winks at Charley significantly. Terry catches the meaning and is horrified.

TERRY
(accusingly)
You said they was only going to talk to him.

CHARLEY
That was the idea.

TERRY
I thought they'd talk to him. Try to get him to dummy up.

CHARLEY
Maybe he gave them an argument.

TERRY
I figured the worst they'd do is work him over a little.

CHARLEY
He probably gave 'em an argument.
TRUCK
(almost primly)
He's been giving our boss a lot of trouble.

TERRY
He wasn't a bad little fella, that Joey.

CHARLEY
No he wasn't.

TRUCK
Except for his mouth.

CHARLEY
Talkative.

TERRY
(muttering to himself)
Wasn't a bad little fella ...

TRUCK
(chuckling)
Maybe he could sing, but he couldn't fly.

Terry looks at Truck, stricken.

CHARLEY
(sympathetically, nodding toward bar)
Come on, kid. I'll buy you a drink.

TERRY
(bewildered)
In a minute.

Charley looks at him, slightly concerned, and goes in with Truck. Terry watches the longshoremen hurrying past him, in the direction of—

EXT—LANDING BELOW TENEMENT ROOF—NIGHT

Forming a circle around Joey are KAYO NOLAN, a hard little nut of a man; TOMMY COLLINS, a young longshoreman friend of Joey's; LUKE, a giant Negro; MOOSE, a good-natured, hulking longshoreman; and others.

The shot favors POP DOYLE, a short, stocky man with a small potbelly.
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POPO
(to someone running up)
I kept tellin' him: don't say nothin', keep quiet, you'll live longer.

POLICE SERGEANT
(to another cop)
Tell the ambulance to hurry.

SHOT OF ONLOOKERS—ROOFTOP—NIGHT

Including a hard-faced longshoreman, a careworn woman in her middle thirties (Mrs. Collins) and Mutt.

LONGSHOREMAN
He ain't gonna need no ambulance.

FATHER BARRY, a lean, tough, West Side priest, climbs a wooden fence and approaches the crowd.

FATHER BARRY
(roughly)
One side. Le'me through!

MEDIUM SHOT—MRS. COLLINS, MUTT—ROOFTOP—NIGHT

MRS. COLLINS
(to Father Barry as he passes)
Same thing they did to my Andy five years ago.

CLOSE ON BODY OF JOEY—TENEMENT LANDING—NIGHT

Father Barry prays. A police sergeant turns to Pop.

SERGEANT
You're Pop Doyle, aren't you, the boy's father?

POP
(angrily)
That's right.

SERGEANT
He fell over backward from the roof—like he was pushed. Any ideas?

POP
(aggressively)
None.

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MRS. COLLINS  
(coming forward) 
He was the one longshoreman with 
guts enough to talk to them crime 
investigators. Everybody knows that.

POP  
(wheeling angrily and 
pushing her away) 
Who asked you. Shut your trap. 
If Joey'd taken that advice he 
wouldn't be—  
(starts to crack up) 

MRS. COLLINS  
(protesting) 
Everybody know that...? 

POP  
I said shut up!  

SERGEANT  
Look, I'm an honest cop. Give me 
some leads and I'll... 

Pop stands silently, choked with grief.  

KAYO NOLAN  
Listen— don't bother him. Right, 
Moose?  

MOOSE  
(nodding)  
One thing I learned— all my life on 
the waterfront— don't ask no questions— 
don't answer no questions. 
Unless you... .  
(looks at the body 
and stops)  

LUKE  
(reverently)  
He was all heart, that boy. 
Enough guts for a regiment.  

POP  
(in a bitter rage)  
Guts— I'm sick of guts. He gets a 
book in the pistol local and right 
away he's gonna be a hero. Gonna 
push the mob off the dock 
singlehanded... .
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FATHER BARRY
(comfortingly)
Take it easy, Pop. I know it's rough
but time and faith are great
healers... .

23 CLOSE—ON EDIE—TENEMENT LANDING—NIGHT

Joey's sister, a fresh-faced, sensitive young Irish girl who has been kneeling over the body. She looks up and around at the Father in bitter grief.

EDIE
Time and faith... . My brother's
dead and you stand there talking
drive about time and faith.

FATHER BARRY
(taken aback)
Why Edie, I—

EDIE
(plunging on)
How could anyone do this to Joey.
The best in the neighborhood... .
everybody said it, not only me.

Who'd want to harm Joey? Tell me— who? -- who?

FATHER BARRY
(embarrassed)
I wish I knew, Edie,
But—
(starts to turn away
as if appealing to
the others)

EDIE
Don't turn away! Look at it! You're
in this too— don't you see, don't
you see? You're in this too, Father.

FATHER BARRY
(defensively, sincerely)
Edie, I do what I can. I'm in the
church when you need me.

EDIE
(bitingly)
"In the church when you need me."
Was there ever a saint who hid in
the Church?

(CONTINUED)
She turns from him angrily, toward the covered form of Joey.

CLOSE SHOT—FATHER BARRY

Father Barry stands there jolted and troubled.

MRS. COLLINS
(moves in to him)
Forgive her, Father. Them two was as close as twins.

Father Barry nods. Thinking hard.

MRS. COLLINS
Whoever was in on this'll burn in hell until kingdom come...

DISSOLVE:

INT—FRIENDLY BAR—NIGHT

The atmosphere is the sharpest possible contrast to the scene above. It is a rough waterfront bar full of half-gassed longshoremen and pistol boys. They are all watching a fight on TV above the bar, and there is much hoarse laughter and ad lib jokes at the fight. The only one not watching is Terry, who sits at a table by himself staring at a half-finished glass of beer. Mutt is wandering around in the B.G.

VOICE (O.S.)
Hey, Terry, Riley's makin' a bum outa that Solar—i Terry looks off and sees—

MEDIUM SHOT—BARNEY AND SPECS—AT BAR—NIGHT

Unconcernedly drinking and enjoying the fight. SPECS Come on over and have a shot.

INT—BACK ROOM OF BAR—NIGHT

A partition separates this room from the main bar, and a small corner of the bar extends through the partition. On the wall are old fight posters and some pictures of fighters, ball players and horses. At a table, flanked by Charley and a tall, muscular bodyguard, SONNY, is JOHNNY FRIENDLY. He is not tough in a conventional way, but with a sinister intent, a humorless sense of domination that is really dangerous. The boxing match can be seen on a smaller TV set.

JOHNNY FRIENDLY
Turn it off. Them clowns can't fight.
There's nobody tough anymore.

(CONTINUED)
JOCKO, the bartender, pokes his head through the archway behind the bar.

JOCKO
Hey, boss, Packy wants another one on the cuff?

JOHNNY
(with a generous wave of his hand)
Give it to him!

As Johnny finishes off a bottle of beer, BIG MAC, the bullnecked hiring boss, comes up to the table with a thick roll of bills.

BIG MAC
Here's the cut from the shape-up. Eight hundred and ninety-one men at three bucks a head makes—(puts on glasses, incongruous on his beefy face)—twenty-six seventy-three.

JOHNNY
(to Charley)
Here, you count it. Countin' makes me sleepy.

Terry enters during the above and sits at the bar, brooding. Johnny is glad to see him.

JOHNNY
H'ya, slugger, how they hangin'?

TERRY
(subdued)
So-so, Johnny.

JOHNNY
(pantomiming, defending against blows)
Don't hit me, now, don't hit me!

BIG MAC
We got a banana boat at forty-six tomorra. If we pull a walkout it might be a few bucks from the shippers. Them bananas go bad in a hurry.

(CONTINUED)
JOHNNY
We'll ask ten G.
(looks around)
Where's Morgan? Where's that big banker of mine?

As Johnny talks he holds on to Terry, and fondles him casually. MORGAN, a big-eared, large-nosed little weasel of a man, pokes his head in the door as if he were waiting just outside.

MORGAN
Right here, boss.

JOHNNY
(mockingly — Morgan is sort of court jester)
Well, J.P., how's business?

J.P.
Havin' trouble with Kelly again, boss. He Won't take no loans and Big Mac puts him to work anyway.

BIG MAC
(shouting at J.P.)
He's my wife's nephew.

J.P.
(right back at Big Mac)
But he don't take no loans.

BIG MAC
I got to give him work. She'd murda me...

J.P.
(shakes his head)
That's why I stay single.
(turns to Johnny)
Here's the interest on the day, boss.
Five thirty two.

JOHNNY
(taking it from him and handing it to Sonny)
Count it.

Now Sonny and Charley are both counting. SKINS, another runner for the mob, a nervous, pasty-faced man, enters.
JOHNNY
Hey, Skins—
(as Skins approaches
Johnny lowers his
voice)
--get away with that sheet metal all
right?

SKINS
Easy, that new checker faked the
receipt. Here it is, boss.
(offers receipt)

JOHNNY
Stow the receipt. I'll take the cash.

SKINS
(producing another
roll of bills)
Forty-five bills.

JOHNNY
(to Terry, sulking at
the bar)
Hey, Terry, front and center.

Terry comes over reluctantly and Johnny hands him the bills.

JOHNNY
Count this.

TERRY
Aw, you know I don't like to count,
Johnny.

JOHNNY
It's good for you. Develops your
mind.

SKINS
What mind?

He starts to laugh but Johnny stops him with a look.

JOHNNY
Shut up. I like the kid.
(tweaks Terry's cheek
fondly)
Remember the night he took Farella
at St. Nick's, Charley. We won a
bundle. Real tough. A big try.

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TERRY
(stops counting and
taps his nose proudly)
Not a dent.
(tweaks his nose)
Perfect.

JOHNNY
(laughs, rubs Terry's
head)
My favorite little cousin.

TERRY
(disconcerted as he
tries to count)
Thirty-six— sev— aah I lost the count.

JOHNNY
(tolerantly)
OK— skip it, Einstein. How come you
never got no education like the rest
of us?

BIG MAC
(good-naturedly)
Only arithmetic he got was hearing
the referee count up to ten.

TERRY
(hot-tempered, starting
to attack Big Mac)
Now listen, Mac—

Johnny laughs and pulls Terry back.

JOHNNY
(amused)
What gives with our boy tonight,
Charley? He ain't himself.

CHARLEY
(as if Terry were not
there)
The Joey Doyle thing. You know how
he is. Things like that— he
exaggerates them. Too much Marquis
of Queensbury. It softens 'em up.

(CONTINUED)
JOHNNY
(taking the money
from Sonny, Skins
and J.P. and dealing
out some bills to
each of them as if
the money were cards,
while Charley goes
on counting)
Listen kid, I'm a soft tough too.
Ask any rummy on the dock if I'm
not good for a fin any time they put
the arm on me.
(then more harshly)
But my old lady raised us ten kids
on a stinkin' watchman's pension.
When I was sixteen I had to beg for
work in the hold. I didn't work my
way up out of there for nuthin'.

TERRY
(sorry to have aroused
Johnny— who speaks
loud and with
frightening force
when stung)
I know, Johnny, I know...

JOHNNY
Takin' over this local, you know it
took a little doin'. Some pretty
tough fellas were in the way.
They left me this—
(suddenly holds up
chin to show a long
ugly scar on neck)
—and remember them by.

CHARLEY
(admiringly)
When he got up and chased them they
thought it was a dead man coming
after them.

JOHNNY
(to Terry)
I know what's eatin' you, kid. But I
got two thousand dues-payin' members
in my local— that's seventy-two
thousand a year legitimate and when
each one of 'em puts in a couple of
bucks a day to make sure they work
(MORE)

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JOHNNY (CONT'D)
steady— well, you figure it out. And that's just for openers. We got the fattest piers in the fattest harbor in the world. Everything that moves in and out— we take our cut.

CHARLEY
Why shouldn't we? If we c'n get it we're entitled to it.

JOHNNY
(nods)
We ain't robbin' pennies from beggars. We cuttin' ourselves in for five-six million a year just on our half a dozen piers— a drop in the bucket compared to the traffic in the harbor. But a mighty sweet little drop, eh, Charley?

CHARLEY
(wisely)
It'll do.

JOHNNY
So look, kid, you don't think we c'n afford to be boxed out of a deal like this— a deal I sweated and bled for— on account of one lousy little cheese-eater, that Doyle bum, who thought he c'd go squealin' to the Crime Commission? Do you?—

Terry is uncomfortably silent. Johnny raises his voice.

JOHNNY
—Do you?

TERRY
Well, no, Johnny, I just thought I should've been told if—

CHARLEY
(handing back the money)
I make it twentysix twenty-three. You're fifty short, Skins.

JOHNNY
(turning darkly on Skins)
Gimme.
SKINS
(frightened)
I— I musta counted wrong, boss, I—

JOHNNY
Gimme.

He reaches over and takes money out of Skins's pockets, stripping him.

JOHNNY
You come from Green Point? Go back to Green Point. You don't work here no more.
(impulsively he hands the bill to Terry—smiling)
Here, kid, here's half a bill. Go get your load on.

TERRY
 stil troubled)
Naw, thanks, Johnny, I don't want it, I—

JOHNNY
(roughly)
Go on— a little present from your Uncle Johnny.
(He pushes the bill into the breast pocket of Terry's jacket, then turns to Big Mac)
And Mac, tomorra mornin' when you shape the men put Terry in the loft. Number one. Every day.
(to Terry)
Nice easy work. Check in and goof off on the coffee bags. O.K.?

TERRY
(frowning)
Thanks, Johnny... .

CHARLEY
(a kind of warning)
You got a real friend here, kid. Don't forget it.

JOHNNY
(smiling)
Why should he forget it?

(CONTINUED)
As Terry turns away, toward the bar,

DISSOLVE:

EXT—TENEMENT ROOF—DAYBREAK

Terry, darkly troubled, is watching the pigeons he has just fed when

JIMMY CONNERS,
a freckle-faced fourteen-year-old boy, approaches along the same stretch of roof seen in the mugging of Joey.

JIMMY
Hi!

Terry turns around startled, as Jimmy comes climbing up out of the trough where Joey was trapped.

JIMMY
—I was gonna feed 'em, Terry.

TERRY
's all right, kid. I took care of 'em myself this morning.

JIMMY
Boy, you must've been up early.

TERRY
(as if he hardly slept)
Yeah, yeah, I was awake anyway so I figured—

(gestures toward feeding pigeons; then with admiration)

They got it made. Eat all they want—fly around like crazy—sleep side by side—and raise gobs of squabs.

O.S. or in B.G. a ship coming into port sounds its whistle, bringing him back to reality.

TERRY
I better get over there.

(O.S. sound of ship whistle again. Terry answers the ship irritably)

O.K., O.K., I'm coming.

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TERRY (CONT'D)

(starts off)
Don't spill no water on the floor
now. I Don't want them birds to catch
cold.

Jimmy signals the Golden Warrior salute— the first two fingers
raised together. Terry answers with the same salute as he
goes off, disturbed.

DISSOLVE:

29 EXT—LONG SHOT—PIER—DAY

Some three hundred men are standing around, men of all sizes
and ages, some in dungarees, some in baggy denims, wearing
battered windbreakers or service discards, and either caps
or woolen pullovers. A sprinkling of Negroes. A ship is
berthing in the B.G. The mood is somber and restless.

30 CLOSER SHOTS—LONGSHOREMEN

Muttering to each other.

AD LIBS He was a good boy, the Doyle kid. Sure he was, that's
why he got it in the head. Couldn't learn to keep his mouth
shut.

31 MEDIUM CLOSE—ON TERRY

With his chum, JACKIE, as another pal, CHICK, comes up. Terry
looks around as if trying to hear what the men are muttering
behind him.

CHICK
(to Jackie but really
to Terry)
Hey Jackie, what D'ya think of this
privileged character? Don't have to
shape up no more. Got himself a soft
touch up in the loft.
(mimics sound of
snoring)

TERRY
(defensively)
Who told you that?

CHICK
(winks at Jackie)
Waterfront Western Union.
(MORE)

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CHICK (CONT'D)
(business of putting
his hand to his mouth)
Terry looks around at the restless
men again.

JACKIE
You're doin' lovely, Terry, very
lovely.

TERRY
(hotly)
O.K., O.K., That's enough.

In the B.G. Pop can be seen approaching Nolan, Moose, Tommy,
and Luke with a windbreaker jacket over his arm.

JACKIE
(a little hurt)
What's the matter wit' you, success
gone to ya head?

TERRY
I told you lay off.

JACKIE
(to Chick in a falsetto)
My ain't we touchy this morning?

32 MEDIUM CLOSE—MEN BEHIND TERRY AT PIER ENTANCE—DAY

Nolan, Moose, Tommy, Luke, and others are muttering about
Joey. Pop comes up to them. The men quickly drop the subject
of Joey.

NOLAN
Go home, Pop. The lads who get work
Today'll be chippin' in gladly.

TOMMY
Sure, we'll take care of ya.

LUKE
That's the truth, Pop.

Others mutter expressions of bitter sympathy. "Tough about
Joey," etc.

POP
Thanks, boys, but I'm gonna shape.
Who do you think's gonna pay for the
funeral— Johnny Friendly and the
boss stevedore?
Reacting. Sonny, a few feet away, also hears and we follow him back to Pop and group.

SONNY
Hey, watch that talk. What you say?

NOLAN
He was just tellin' me how proud he was to belong to a fine honest local run by such an outstandin' labor leader as Johnny Friendly.

SONNY
Don't get wise now, you.

NOLAN
Wise! If I was wise I wouldn't be no longshoreman for thirty years and poorer now than when I started.

Sonny looks at him threateningly. Nolan holds his ground and Sonny goes on.

POP
Here— I brought you Joey's windbreaker— Wear it, Kayo. Yours is more full of holes than The Pittsburgh infield.

CLOSE SHOT—NOLAN
He is affected, but largely hiding his feelings.

GROUP SHOT—POP, NOLAN, MOOSE, TOMMY
J.P. Morgan pops up right behind Pop.

J.P.
Condolences. How you fixed for cabbage this mornin'?

NOLAN
Oh me and my chum are just rolling in the stuff. We only work down here for a hobby, J.P.

(Pop's cronies chuckle.)

MOOSE
Haw, haw, haw— that's a good one.
J.P.
(undaunted, to Pop)
You'll be needing a few dollars for your extras, Won't you, Pop? You're three weeks behind on the last twenty-five, but I'm willing to take a chance.

NOLAN
Some chance at ten percent a week!
And if he don't borrow, he don't work.

J.P.
(to Pop)
You'll work.

NOLAN
I ought to belt you one, J.P.

J.P.
(retreating slightly)
Raise a hand to me and... .

NOLAN
... .and you'll tell Johnny Friendly.

J.P.
You'd be off the pier for good.

POP
(ashamed)
All right, slip me a bill— and may you rot in hell, J.P.

J.P.
When I'm dead 'n gone you'll know what a friend I was.

NOLAN
Drop dead now, why don't you, so we c'n test your theory?

Moose leads the laughter. J.P. looks at them sourly.

J.P.
Condolences.

J.P. goes off with his shoulders bent over and his head down, like some mournful bird, and Nolan walks behind him, mimicking. Nolan notices Pop isn't laughing and stops. CAMERA FOLLOWS J.P. toward Terry, Chick, and Jackie and holds on them. Two men in business suits—one of them carrying a briefcase, looking decidedly out of place on the waterfront—approach.
GLOVER
(larger, more good-natured of the two)
Do any of you men know Terry Malloy?

JACKIE
Malloy? Never heard of 'im.

CHICK
(quickly)
Me neither They both turn away sullenly. Glover and his colleague, GILLETTE, look at Terry carefully. Gillette is scrappy and tough.

GLOVER
You're Terry Malloy, aren't you?

TERRY
(suspiciously)
What about it?

GLOVER
I thought I recognized you. Saw you fight in St. Nick's a couple of years ago.

TERRY
(impatiently)
O.K. O.K. Without the bird seed. What do you want?

GLOVER
Our identification.

He snaps out his wallet and holds it open for Terry's inspection.

TERRY
Waterfront— Crime— Commission— ?
(pushes wallet back indignantly)
What's that?

GLOVER
We're getting ready to hold public hearings on waterfront crime and underworld infiltration of longshore unions.

TERRY
(automatically)
I don't know nothing.
GILLETTE
You haven't heard the questions yet.

GLOVER
(pleasantly)
There's a rumor that you're one of the last people to see Joey Doyle alive.

TERRY
And I still say— I don't know nothing.

GILLETTE
We're not accusing you of anything, Mr. Malloy.

GLOVER
I hope you understand that.

GILLETTE
We only want to ask you a few things about people you may know.

TERRY
People I— You mean sing for you. Get out of here before I—

GILLETTE
(with a slight but confident smile)
I wouldn't advise that, Mr. Malloy. Unless you want to be booked for assaulting an officer of the law.

TERRY
Listen, I don't know nothing, I didn't see nothing, I ain't saying nothing. So why don't you and your girlfriend get lost.

GLOVER
(gently)
All right, Mr. Malloy, you have a right not to talk, if that's what you choose to do. But the public has a right to know the facts, too.

GILLETTE
(nodding in agreement)
We may be seeing you again.

TERRY
Never will be much too soon.

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GLOVER
(almost like a friend)
Take it easy.

The two men nod and turn away. Jackie and Chick, a few paces off, have been taking it in. Terry swaggers for their benefit.

TERRY
How do you like them jokers? Taking me for a pigeon.

JACKIE
(mimicking the investigators, in a falsetto)
Gimme the names, I'll write 'em down in me little book.

Chick laughs and punches Terry's arm with rough affection.

TERRY
(responding to the praise)
One more word 'n I would've belted the two of 'em, badge or no badge!

They nod and laugh approvingly. There is a blast from the ship in the B.G. which is just docking.

STEVEDORE
Here's the tabs for two hundred banana carriers.

Big Mac blows his whistle.

NOLAN
(trrying to cheer Pop up)
A banana boat. It would be bananas. One of these days me ship's comin' in from Ireland, God love 'er, loaded to the gunnels with sweet Irish whiskey!

POP
Nolan, me lad, ye're dreamin' again.

(CONTINUED)
They laugh, then Pop looks O.S. and frowns.

POP
—Edie?

From Pop's POV. Talking to a pier guard.

Standing with Kayo. About to start forward when the shape-up whistle blows, restraining him.

POP
(to Kayo)
What the devil is she doin' down here?

GUARD
(with a brogue)
Edie, I know your father well, and I'm sorry for your troubles. But there's been hundreds of murders down here and practically no convictions—hardly any arrests.

EDIE
Why, Mr. Rourke? Why?

GUARD
The last fellow who talked was awful dead when they pulled him out of the river. I guess the Sisters don't teach you things like that up at your school in Tarrytown.
(with a gesture of futility)
That's the waterfront.

He shrugs his helplessness and turns away. Edie stands crestfallen.

Then she turns in the opposite direction away from the pier.

Father Barry is approaching.
EDIE
(surprised)
Father Barry.

FATHER BARRY
Hello, Edie.

EDIE
I'm afraid I spoke out of turn last night.

FATHER BARRY
You think I'm just a gravy-train rider in a turned-around collar?

She says nothing.

FATHER BARRY
Don't you?
(with humor)
I see the Sisters taught you not to lie.

She smiles in spite of herself.

FATHER BARRY
I've been thinking about your question and the answer come up and hit me—bang. This is my parish. I don't know how much I can do but you're right, Edie— I'll never find out if I don't come down here and take a good look for myself.

She looks at him hopefully. O.S. a whistle blows again, shrilly. They turn in its direction.

42 MEDIUM CLOSE—BIG MAC—AT PIER ENTRANCE—DAY
Putting his whistle away.

43 GROUP SHOT—LONGSHOREMEN—PIER—DAY
Waiting silently, hopefully.

BIG MAC
The following men report to the loft—

44 CLOSER SHOT—FAVORING TERRY

BIG MAC
Malloy.
Terry steps forward.
Hendricks, Krajowski. Now, two hundred banana carriers.
He approaches the men.

Watching from the slip.

EDIE
Pop never talks about this.

Father Barry watches interestedly.

The men press closer to Big Mac, each one trying to attract his attention.

BIG MAC
Don't crowd me. Stand back.

AN OLD MAN
(seedy, toothless)
Give me a break, Mac. I been two weeks out of work.

MOOSE
I got five kids. I need a day bad.

A BEEFY LONGSHOREMAN
(old-fashioned looking in his knit stocking cap and heavy wool sweater)
How about me, Mac? I knew your old man.

BIG MAC
(roughly)
Come on, you bums, push back.
I'll do the pickin'.

From Big Mac's angle. One touches an ear—another strokes his chin—another begs with his yes—hungry, pleading, desperate faces.

Angrily trying to clear the way.
THE OLD MAN
I'll give four bucks for the job.

BEEFY LONGSHOREMAN
I'll kick in five.

BIG MAC
(shoving them hard)
Back! Get back!

The beefy longshoreman actually makes a grab for one of the tabs. The men begin to surround and engulf Mac. He is jostled and pushed. The beefy longshoreman, slightly behind Mac, suddenly knocks the box of tabs out of his hand.

BIG MAC
(desperately over his shoulder)
Hey, Sonny! Truck!

FULL SHOT–LONGSHOREMEN MELEE
Two hundred and fifty men scrambling on the ground, fighting for the tabs like animals.

CLOSE–ON FATHER BARRY AND EDIE
Horrified, as they watch the struggle.

A SERIES OF SHOTS DETAILING BATTLE CLOSE SHOT–KAYO NOLAN
As he begins to rise, tab in hand, a big longshoreman at least a head taller swings a vicious punch at him. Kayo, with old-time boxing skill, "slips" it by a fraction of an inch. The effect could be a moment of comedy relief.

CLOSE SHOT–MOOSE
On the ground—as he is about to pick up a tab, a heavy shoe steps on his hand and the tab is grabbed away from him.

CLOSE–ON FATHER BARRY AND EDIE
Watching helplessly.

EDIE
Pop!

FREE-FOR-ALL FAVORING POP & TERRY
Pop is battling near the edge of the free-for-all, in view of Edie and Father Barry. He sees a tab on the ground and is about to pick it up when another man only slightly younger

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and bigger punches him in the nose. He retaliates with a looping punch that knocks his adversary back; but he is unable to scoop up the tab because meanwhile a crony of Terry's has called over.

JACKIE
Hey, Terry. Grab me on!

Terry reaches for it with one hand while blocking Pop off with his leg.

He calls over to a crony.

TERRY
Here you go, Jackie boy.

As he hands it over to his chum, Pop comes charging in at Terry.

POP
Hey, give me that.

He swings wild punches at Terry. Just then Luke, the burly Negro longshoreman, sees a tab behind Pop, hurls himself toward it, carrying Pop with him, and back into the battle royal.

CLOSE SHOT—EDIE
She has seen the above action and makes a beeline for Terry. She is furious!

EDIE
Give me that. It belongs to Pop. He saw it first.

Terry is enjoying himself. Unconsciously Edie is pressing herself against him to get the tab and her rage is a kind of passion that pleases him.

TERRY
Oh, I thought you was gonna go to work— with all them muscles.
(winks at Jackie, who laughs)

EDIE
Give it to me— my Pop's job—

TERRY
What makes him so special?
EDIE
None of your business.

TERRY
(to Jackie; handing him the tab)
Things 're lookin' up on the docks, huh, Jackie?

JACKIE
Didn't you recognize him, dopey.
That's Old Man Doyle.

TERRY
(losing his bravado)
Doyle.
(looks around at Pop, the identity hitting him)
Joey Doyle's... ?
(stares at Edie)
... .You're his...

EDIE
(firmly)
Sister. Yes I am.

He runs his hand over his face and then, with a sudden impulse:

TERRY
You don't want to lug bananas in the rain anyway, do you, Jackie?

He reaches over and takes the tab back from Jackie.

JACKIE
Aah, give it to 'im.

Terry hands the slip to Edie and adds, for the benefit of his pals:

TERRY
Here you go, muscles. Nice wrastlin' with you.

He flexes his forearm and throws two quick jabs at an imaginary opponent, a characteristic gesture. He sets his cap at a jaunty angle and winks at his chums but we feel his manner is forced, barely hiding his guilt.

Edie looks after him with smoldering anger.

(CONTINUED)
She turns as Father Barry comes into view, leading Pop. Pop's nose is bleeding and he is pretty thoroughly battered. Nolan joins him.

FATHER BARRY
Pop, you all right?

POP
(brusquely)
Sure, just the beak—
(taps his nose)
It's been busted before.

Edie hands him the tab.

EDIE
Here—I got it for you.

Pop takes it, but he is humiliated, and bitter that she should see him in this moment of weakness.

POP
Okay, I can use it—
(glares at her)
Now go back to the Sisters where you belong.
(His anger mounting with his need to regain his self-respect, he turns on Father Barry.)
I'm surprised with you, Father, if you don't mind my sayin' so. Lettin' her see things ain't fit for the eyes of a decent girl.

Just then Big Mac shouts from the pier opening.

BIG MAC
Hey, Doyle, you got a tab?

POP
(holding it up angrily)
Yeah!

BIG MAC
Then get in there. Number three gang, number one hatch, puh-ronto.

Pop jumps and hurries.

(CONTINUED)
NOLAN
(following Pop)
Our welfare officer. He's been away three times for assault and battery.

MEDIUM CLOSE—EDIE AND FATHER BARRY

Watching him go. Around them are at least one hundred rejected men who linger in resentful silence. Some of them are rubbing hands bruised in the melee. A truck, hurrying into the pier, sounds its horn loudly. The men barely avoid being run down.

BIG MAC
(angrily, to the rejected group)
Outa the way. Come back tomorra.

Father Barry looks at all this in amazement.

FATHER BARRY
(to one rejected man)
What do you do now?

The man shrugs, too beaten down to answer. Father Barry asks Luke:

FATHER BARRY
What are you gonna do?

LUKE
(bitterly)
Like he says. Come back tomorra.

Luke goes along with Father Barry, who approaches Moose and Tommy, who have also been rejected.

FATHER BARRY
Is this what you do, just take it like this?

MOOSE
(carefully looking around and lowering his voice matter-of-factly)
Five straight mornin's I been Standin' here and the bum looks right through me. There's always a couple hundred left standin' in the street.

TOMMY
(undertone)
Shh. Sonny's over there.

(CONTINUED)
FATHER BARRY
And there's nothing you can do?

How about your union?

MOOSE
(in an undertone)
You know how a blackjack local works, Father. Get up in a meetin', make a motion, the lights go out, you go out.

TOMMY
If three guys talk on a corner, Johnny's—
(He takes a careful look around.)
—boys break us up. Look at 'em.

FATHER BARRY
Didn't the miners— sailors—garment workers— get rid of this years ago?

TOMMY
The waterfront's tougher— like it ain't part of America. Anywhere else you got the law protectin' ya. Here ya just get knocked off and forgotten. Like—
(He stops.)

LUKE
(frightened)
Shh, not here, across the street.

MOOSE
River Street, you might as well be in—

Sonny and Truck move in.

SONNY
What is this, a church picnic? Get outa here. Excuse me, Father.

They all start away from the pier.

MOOSE
(looking to see if he is out of earshot)
That's how it's been ever since Johnny and his cowboys took over the local.

(CONTINUED)
TOMMY
Name one place where it's even safe to talk.

FATHER BARRY
(impulsively)
Use the church.

LUKE
What?

FATHER
(after a significant pause)
The bottom of the church.

Father Barry has spoken in a normal voice, as contrasted with the whispering of the others, and they all look off toward Sonny and Truck to see if they have heard.

CLOSE—ON SONNY
Watching them suspiciously.

BACK TO FATHER BARRY, EDIE AND GROUP

MOOSE
 stil in an undertone)
You know what you're letting yourself in for, Father?

FATHER BARRY
Got a cigarette on you? (As he is given one, he looks off)

MEDIUM SHOT—SONNY
From Father Barry's angle.

MEDIUM CLOSE—FATHER BARRY

FATHER BARRY
(his voice decisive)
You heard me boys. Use the bottom of the church.

Father Barry looks at Edie.
INT—MEDIUM SHOT—PIER LOFT—DAY

In this long area atop the working pier various articles of cargo are stored. Elderly men work at a leisurely pace.

CLOSE SHOT—PILE OF COFFEE BAGS—DAY

On top of which Terry is lying comfortably reading a comic book.

Charley enters to him.

CHARLEY
Working hard?

TERRY
It's a living.

He wriggles himself deeper into the coffee bags.

CHARLEY
(looking up at him)
You don't mind working once in a while to justify this lofty position?

TERRY
I just finished work. I counted the bags.

CHARLEY
We got a little extra detail for you. The local priest and this Doyle girl are getting up a meeting in the church. We'd like a rundown on it. You know, names and numbers of all the players. You're nominated.

TERRY
(frowns)
Why me, Charley? I'd feel funny going in there.

CHARLEY
(indicating this job)
Johnny does you favors, kid. You got to do a little one for him once in a while.

TERRY
But going in that church, I'd be stooling for you, Charley. You make a pigeon out of me.

(continues)
CHARLEY
(tolerantly)
Let me explain you something, kid.
Stooling is when you rat on your friends, on the guys you're with.
(sees Terry frown)
When Johnny needs a favor, don't try to figure it out, just do it. Now go ahead, join the congregation.

DISSOLVE:

63 INT–ENTRANCEWAY TO LOWER LEVEL–CHURCH–EVENING

This is an overflow chapel for the church above. There are stained-glass windows, an altar, pews and the figures of saints, but all is utter simplicity; it has not lost its basement feeling, and the unadorned walls and low lighting may suggest the catacombs.

The above is seen from the POV of Terry as he approaches. Inside Father Barry faces a small group of longshoremen still in their work clothes,

including Nolan, Moose, Tommy, and Luke; Edie sits behind them. A thin-faced, rather ascetic-looking priest, FATHER VINCENT, sits disapprovingly in the rear. As Terry stands in the rear, not anxious to enter, Father Barry is saying:

FATHER BARRY
(rapidly, with a cigarette in his mouth)
I thought there'd be more of you here, but— the Romans found out what a handful could do, if it's the right handful. And the same goes for you and the mob that's got their foot on your neck. I'm just a potato-eater but isn't it simple as one— two three? One— The working conditions are bad. Two— They're bad because the mob does the hiring. Three— The only way to break the mob is to stop letting them get away with murder.
(He looks around at them. Everybody is silent, waiting.)
If just one of you would answer one question, we'd have a start.
(MORE)

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FATHER BARRY (CONT'D)
(pause)
And that question is— Who killed
Joey Doyle?

REVERSE—ON GROUP

Silence. Moose looks down at the floor. Nolan works his left
fist into the palm of his right hand. Tommy runs his hand
over his face, embarrassed. Luke stares straight ahead of
him. Terry sets his jaw stubbornly. Edie looks at all of
them with a hopeful, pleading intensity. Father Barry waits,
and then asks again—

FATHER BARRY
Not one of you has a line on—
who killed Joey Doyle?

Silence.

FATHER BARRY
I've got a hunch every one of you
could tell us something about it.

Silence.

FATHER BARRY
Then answer this one— How can we
call ourselves Christians and protect
these murderers with our silence?

Silence. The Father looks from one to the other, hoping for
some break in the ranks. Terry starts down the aisle, just
as Edie turns on Tommy.

EDIE
Tommy Collins, you were Joey's best
friend. How can you just sit there
and not be saying anything?

TOMMY
(miserably)
I'll always think of him as my best
friend, but—

He falls silent and shakes his head. Next to him, Nolan
notices Terry.

NOLAN
(muttering to Moose)
Who asked him here?
FATHER BARRY
(to Terry)
Have a seat. I'm trying to find out just what happened to Joey Doyle. Maybe you can help.

Terry is tight-lipped.

NOLAN
(whispering loudly to Moose)
The brother of Charley the Gent. They'll help us get to the bottom of the river.

TERRY
(turns around angrily)
Keep Charley out of this.

NOLAN
(spunkily)
You don't think he'd be helpful?

TERRY
( insolently)
Go ask him, why don't you? Ask him yourself.

NOLAN
Maybe I will— one of these days.

TERRY
(laughs scornfully)
One of these days.

They glare at each other. Edie regards Terry with curiosity.

FATHER BARRY
(cutting through)
Now listen, if you know who the pistols are, if you see them on the dock every day, are you going to keep still until they cut you down one by one?
(turns from one to the other)
Are you? Are you? How about you, Nolan?

NOLAN
Father, one thing you got to understand. On the dock we've always been D 'n D.
FATHER BARRY
(puzzled)
D 'n D?

NOLAN
(nodding)
Deef 'n dumb. Somethin' c'n happen right in front of our noses and we don't see nothin'. You know what I mean. No matter how much we hate the torpedoes we don't rat.

Moose, Luke, and others mutter agreement.

FATHER BARRY
Boys, get smart. I know you're Getting' pushed around but one thing we got in this country is ways of fightin' back. Getting' the facts to the public. Testifyin' for what you know is right against what you know is wrong. What's ratting to them is telling the truth for you. Can't you see that?
(turns from one to another)
Huh? Huh?

The men do not respond. A few look back at Terry apprehensively. Father Barry subsides, feeling defeated. Father Vincent comes forward and takes over the meeting.

FATHER VINCENT
(dismissing them)
This seems to be just about all we can do at this time, I think you'll agree, Father, and so I'd like to close with a few words from St. Paul, "Come unto me... ."

He is interrupted by the shattering of glass as a rock comes hurtling through the long narrow stained-glass window. Everyone looks at each other in alarm.

Some jump up.

NOLAN
(thumbing toward the window)
That's our friends.
CLOSE UP—TERRY 65

Looking at Edie; then he cases the room for other exits.

MEDIUM CLOSE—FATHER BARRY AND FATHER VINCENT 66

FATHER VINCENT
What did I tell you about sticking your neck out?

FATHER BARRY
These fellers need help, Vince.

FATHER VINCENT
(striding off)
Okay. Don't blame me when they pack you off to Abyssinia.

FATHER BARRY
I'll take my chances.
(turnstoward the group, picking up the rock)
We must be on the right track or they wouldn't be sending us this little calling card.
(pause)
Who's got a cigarette?
(as he takes one)
You better go home in pairs.

They all start out tensely, Father Barry helping to pair them off at the door. Edie lingers behind them, frightened. As she starts forward, Terry suddenly approaches.

TERRY
Not that way.

She looks at him in surprise. Terry pulls her back with rough solicitousness.

TERRY
Come on, I'll get you out.

Before she has time to protest he is leading her rapidly to another exit.

DISSOLVE:

EXT—LONG SHOT—CHURCH EXIT—DAY 67

Moose and Nolan come down the steps of the church. They do not realize they are being ambushed but the audience does. The goons leap out at them, and we see the effect of this

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action in the giant shadows across the face of the church, the flailing bats looming as large as telephone poles. We hear the cries of pain, then groans.

EXT—MEDIUM CLOSE—STREET—DUSK

As Father Barry runs up, Sonny and Truck are working Nolan over with baseball bats. Father Barry wrestles with them, taking a glancing blow in consequence, and the goons take off. Nolan sinks to the sidewalk with blood streaming from his head and Father Barry kneels beside him.

FATHER BARRY
You all right, Nolan?

NOLAN
(furiously)
Yeah, considerin' they was usin' my head for a baseball!

FATHER BARRY
(taking a handkerchief to blot the blood on Nolan's face)
Nice fellows.

NOLAN
(rubbing his head angrily)
Those blood suckers. How I'd love to fix those babies but—

FATHER BARRY
But you still hold out for silence?

Nolan hesitates.

FATHER BARRY
You still call it ratting?

NOLAN
Are you on the level, Father?

FATHER BARRY
What do you think?

NOLAN
If I stick my neck out, and they chopped it off, would that be the end of it? Or are you ready to go all the way?
FATHER BARRY
I'll go down the line, Kayo, believe me.

NOLAN
Baseball bats— that's just for openers. They'll put the muscle on you, turned-around collar or no turned-around collar.

FATHER BARRY
And I still say you stand up and I'll stand up with you.

NOLAN
Down to the wire?

FATHER BARRY
So help me God!

NOLAN
Well, I had my fun, I've drunk my fill and I tickled some good-lookin' fillies— I'm on borried time.

Nolan says this with a slight smile as he makes an effort to rise.

FATHER BARRY
(as he helps Nolan to his feet with a grin)
We're off and running, Kayo.

MEDIUM CLOSE—AT CHURCH ENTRANCE—DUSK
Father Vincent is nervously closing the doors.

EXT—RECTORY—FIRE ESCAPE—DAY
Leading down to a dark side street. Terry pulls Edie along at a flying pace. He jumps down from the bottom landing, then looks up to catch her, for whom the height is too great. He holds her for a moment. Then he stops and listens. Heavy rapid footsteps approach. It is Moose and Luke, closely followed by goons wielding baseball bats. Terry pulls Edie back against the wall into the shadows. The goons run past and Terry starts racing with Edie down a narrow alley in the opposite direction.
The one that meets the alley at the other end. As Terry reaches the street with Edie, he looks around to be sure all's quiet.

TERRY
   (looking back)
I think we're O.K.

EDIE
   (catching her breath)
Thanks.
   (shakes her head)
Steel pipes and baseball bats.

TERRY
They play pretty rough.

EDIE
   (puzzled)
Which side are you with?

TERRY
   (pointing to himself)
I'm with Terry.

EDIE
   (straightening her dress)
I'll get home all right now.

TERRY
I better see you get there.

She looks at him wonderingly. The rummy longshoreman, Mutt Murphy, shuffles over toward Edie with his hand out, frightening her closer to Terry.

MUTT
A dime. One thin dime for a cup of coffee.

TERRY
Coffee, that's a laugh. His belly is used to nothing but rotgut whiskey.

MUTT
   (ignoring Terry and coming closer to Edie)
One little dime you don't need.
   (MORE)

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MUTT (CONT'D)
(He brings his
whiskered, sodden
face very close to
Edie's and stares at
her as if througha
dense fog.)
I know you— you're Edie Doyle. Your
Brother's a saint—
(crosses himself
quickly)
—only one ever tried to get me my
compensation.

He points a wavering (unconsciously accusing) finger at Terry.

MUTT
Remember, Terry, you was there the
night he was'?

CLOSE UP—EDIE—STREET—NIGHT
Looking at Terry in surprise.

TERRY
(nervously reaching
into his pocket)
Yeah, yeah—
Here's half a buck, go have yourself
a ball.

MUTT
I can't believe it— a small fortune.
(He kisses the coin,
then pulls from his
shirt a small tobacco
pouchful of coins in
which he deposits
this one.) (then
turns on Terry again)
You can't buy me— you're still a
bum!
(raises his cap to
Edie with unexpected
formality)
'Bye, Edie. Lord have mercy on Joey.
(crosses himself
quickly and he goes
off)

TERRY
(sourly)
Look who says bum!

(CONTINUED)
EDIE
(looking after Mutt)
Everybody loved Joey. From the little kids to the old rummies.
(looks up at Terry)
Did you know him very well?

TERRY
(evasively)
Everybody knew him. He got around.

EDIE
(looking after Mutt)
What did that man mean when he said you were... ?

TERRY
(quickly)
Aah, he's a bottlebaby, he talks to himself, the joke of the neighborhood.

EDIE
(glancing at him and then hurrying her steps)
I better get home.

She gives Terry as wide a berth as possible.

TERRY
Don't be afraid of me. I ain't going to bite you.

She continues to walk apart from him.

TERRY
What's the matter, they don't let you walk with fellers where you've been?

EDIE
You know how the Sisters are.

TERRY
You training to be a nun or something?

EDIE
(smiles)
It's a regular college. It's just run by the nuns. The Sisters of St. Anne.
TERRY
And you spend all your time just learning stuff, huh?

EDIE
(smiling at the way he puts it)
I want to be a teacher.

TERRY
A teacher! Dong!!!
(He's impressed)

EDIE
(quietly)
It isn't brains. It's how you use them.

TERRY
(increasingly impressed, almost awestruck)
Yeah. Yeah. I get your thought. You know I seen you lots of times before. Parochial school on Pulaski Street? Seven, eight years ago? Your hair come down in—

EDIE
In braids? That's right.

TERRY
Looked like two pieces of rope. And your teeth were—

EDIE
(smiling)
I know. I thought I'd never get those braces off.

TERRY
(laughs)
Man, you were a mess!

EDIE
I can get home all right from here—

(CONTINUED)
TERRY
The thought I'm tryin' to get over
is you grew up beauteeful. Remember me?

EDIE
(nodding)
The moment I saw you.

TERRY
(strutting)
Some people got faces that stick in
your mind.

EDIE
(tenderly)
I remember you were in trouble all
the time.

TERRY
Now you got me! It's a wonder I wasn't
punchy by the time I was twelve. The
rulers those Sisters used to whack
me with!
  (cracks himself on
the head and laughs)
They thought they could beat an
education into me— I foxed 'em.

EDIE
Maybe they just didn't know how to
handle you.

TERRY
(warming to the subject)
How would you've done it?

EDIE
With a little more patience and
kindness. That's what makes people
mean and difficult. Nobody cares
enough about them.

Terry plays "Hearts and Flowers" on an imaginary violin.
Edie watches curiously.

EDIE
What's that?

TERRY
Pardon me while I reach for my beads.

(Continued)
EDIE
What?

TERRY
What-what? Where you been the last four five years? Outer space?

EDIE
When Mother died Pop sent me out to school in the country. He was afraid with no one home I'd— get into bad company.

TERRY
(righteously)
Well he played it smart. Too many good-for-nothin's around here. All they got on their mind's a little beer, a little pool, a little—

(looks at her and catches himself, his face registering:
I'm with a Nice Girl)
I better get you home.

DISSOLVE:

EXT TENEMENT SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Overhead a flock of pigeons sweep by, close enough for the flapping of their wings to be heard.

Terry and Edie approach the stoop.

TERRY
(looking up)
Boy, they sure fly nice, don't they?

EDIE
(surprised)
Do you like pigeons?

TERRY
That's my own flock up there, getting their evening workout. I won plenty of races with 'em.

(impulsively)
Listen, you want to see them? Come up on the roof with me and I'll show 'em to you.

They have reached the stoop of Edie's tenement.

(CONTINUED)
EDIE
I'd better go in.

TERRY
(not wanting to let

go of her)
I only live up there and across the
roof.

EDIE
(going in)
Thanks anyway.

TERRY
(following her)
Listen, Edie, am I going to see you
again?

EDIE
(simply)
What for?

TERRY
(suddenly bewildered)
I don't know.

EDIE
I really don't know.

Then she goes in abruptly. Terry is left standing there,
staring after her, confused by the unfamiliar emotion he is
feeling for her. Suddenly his thoughts are interrupted by—

MEDIUM CLOSE—MRS. COLLINS

The sound of a lower- floor window opening as Mrs. Collins
sticks her head out.

MRS. COLLINS
You got some nerve.

TERRY
What do you mean?

CLOSE SHOT—EDIE

Overhearing, as she enters the house.

MEDIUM CLOSE—TERRY AND MRS. COLLINS

MRS. COLLINS
You know what I mean. Leave her alone.

(CONTINUED)
TERRY
(apologetically)
I was only talkin' to her.

MRS. COLLINS
She's off limits for bums like you.
Leave her alone.

TERRY
I can look at her, can't I? It's a free country.

MRS. COLLINS
(as she goes)
Not that free.

She closes window.

EDIE—INTERIOR—ON STAIRS
She mounts the stairs, thinking about what she has just heard.
We are close on her face, as she approaches the door to their place.

INT—EDIE'S BEDROOM—EVENING
As Edie enters, Pop, in his undershirt, favorite attire, is just putting the last articles into Edie's suitcase. He snaps the suitcase shut. There is an old cat on the bed.

POP
You're all packed.
(reaches into his pocket)
And here's your bus ticket. You're on your way back to St. Anne's.

EDIE
Pop, I'm not ready to go back yet.

POP
Edie, for years we pushed quarters into a cookie jar, to keep you up there with the Sisters, and to keep you from things like I just seen out the window. My own daughter arm-in-arm with Terry Malloy. You know who Terry Malloy is?

EDIE
(simply)
Who is he, Pop?

(CONTINUED)
POP
(mimics)
Who is he! Edie, you're so softhearted
and soft-headed you wouldn't recognize
the devil if he had you by the throat.
You know who this Terry Malloy is?
The kid brother of Charlie the Gent,
Johnny Friendly's right hand, a
butcher in a camel hair coat.

EDIE
Are you trying to tell me Terry is
too?

POP
(shouting)
I'm not trying to tell you he's Little
Lord Fauntleroy.

EDIE
He tries to act tough, but there's a
look in his eyes that...

POP
A look in his eyes! Hold your hats,
brother, here we go again. You think
he's one of those cases you're always
draggin' in and feelin' sorry for.
Like the litter of kittens you had—the
only one she wants to keep has six
toes and it's cockeyed to boot. Look
at him. The bum! And the crush you
had on that little Abyssinian... .

EDIE
He wasn't Abyssinian, Pop, Assyrian...

POP
It's the same difference. Well don't
think this Terry Malloy is any six-
toed cockeyed Assyrian. He's a bum.
Charley and Johnny Friendly owned
him when he was a fighter and when
they ring the bell he still goes
into action.

EDIE
(musing)
He wanted to see me again.
You think we kept you out in Tarrytown just to have you go walkin' with a corner saloon hoodlum like Terry Malloy? Now get back to Tarrytown, before I put a strap to you.

(flaring)
And learn about charity and justice and all the other things people would rather talk about than practice?

Pop goes up to her and holds out his two arms, his right one closer to Edie; he trembles with emotion.

See this arm? It's two inches longer 'n the other one. That's years of workin' and sweatin', liftin' and swingin' a hook. And every time I heisted a box or a coffee bag I says to myself—this is for Edie, so she can be a teacher or somethin' decent. I promised your mother. You better not let her down.

Suddenly touched, Edie goes up to Pop and kisses him.

Pop, don't think I'm not feeling grateful for all you've done to get me an education and shelter me from this.

(becoming aroused)
But now my eyes are open. I see things I know are so wrong how can I go back and keep my mind on things that are only in books and that people aren't living? I'm staying, Pop. And I'm going to keep on trying to find out who's guilty for Joey. I'd walk home with a dozen Terry Malloys if I thought they could help me. I tell you I'm staying, Pop.

Pop starts to pull his belt out of his trousers.

You are like—
EDIE
(with regret and affection)
Pop!

She turns and runs out. Pop with his belt in one hand, takes a few steps after her and then stops and stares at the unused bus ticket.

POP
(shaking his head as he mutters)
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, keep an eye on her.

EXT—TENEMENT ROOFTOP—EVENING

Autumn on the roof. It is not particularly romantic—there are clotheslines, wooden boxes, etc. But to the people of this neighborhood it is a luxurious terrace. Terry's birds are aloft, flying in a great circle, nicely silhouetted against the sun-drenched evening sky. Jimmy Conners is with him.

Terry has a long pole with which he keeps the birds circling. Moose is leaning against the wall, playing an Irish melody on his harmonica. His wife, a heavyset woman, sits beside him.

MOOSE'S WIFE
(Moving her feet)
My feet feels like dancin'. But the rest of me just feels like settin' here.

MEDIUM SHOT—TERRY

As he swings his pole he looks off and sees—

LONG SHOT—EDIE—ROOFTOP—EVENING

Hurrying toward him across the rooftops.

MEDIUM CLOSE—TERRY—ROOFTOP—EVENING

Catching sight of her, and stopping to admire her as she comes toward him.

TERRY
(to Jimmy)
Okay— I guess they got enough exercise. Let 'em come in.

(CONTINUED)
He puts down the pole and the birds start flying down toward the coop.

He sees Edie approach.

**JIMMY**
I wonder how long she's goin' to hang around, huh, Terry?

**TERRY**
(indicating the pigeons)
Be sure they got enough water.

And he turns to await Edie.

**EDIE**
I changed my mind. I feel real mean tonight.

**TERRY**
(pleased)
Good. So do I.

As Jimmy goes off to fetch some water, Edie reads the fancy lettering on the back of his jacket.

**EDIE**
The Golden Warriors.

**TERRY**
I started them Golden Warriors. I was their first Supreme Commander.

Now Jimmy starts back toward them.

**TERRY**
My shadow. He follows me around like I was Mickey Mantle. Thinks I'm a big man because I boxed pro for a while.

(throws a few quick jabs)
Several pigeons swoop down and enter the coop. He nods towards her.

**TERRY**
Here they come! The champion flock of the neighborhood.
EDIE
You don't mind yourself at all, do you.
(turns to the birds)
Joey used to race pigeons.

TERRY
(darkening)
He had a few birds.
(pauses, nods toward
Joey's coop across
the roof)
I got up and fed 'em this morning.

EDIE
That was nice of you.

TERRY
(disconcerted, needing
to talk)
I like pigeons. You send a bird five
hundred miles away he won't stop for
food or water until he's back in his
own coop.

EDIE
I wouldn't have thought you'd be so
interested—in pigeons.

TERRY
I go for this stuff. You know this
city's full of hawks? There must be
twenty thousand of 'em.

They perch on top of the big hotels and swoop down on the
pigeons in the park.

EDIE
(slightly horrified)
The things that go on.

TERRY
(proudly indicating a
large pigeon in the
coop)
How do you like that one?

EDIE
Oh she's a beauty.

JIMMY
(critically)
She's a he. His name is Swifty.

(CONTINUED)
TERRY
My lead bird. He's always on that top perch.

EDIE
He looks awful proud of himself.

JIMMY
Why shouldn't he? He's the boss.

TERRY
If another fella tries to take that perch away from him, he lets him have it.

EDIE
Even pigeons aren't peaceful.

TERRY
One thing about them though, they're faithful. They get married just like people.

JIMMY
Better.

TERRY
Yeah, once they're mated they stay together all their lives until one of 'em dies.

EDIE
That's nice.

They look at each other, both strangely upset.

TERRY
(suddenly)
Listen, you like beer?

EDIE
I don't know.

TERRY
Want to go out and have one with me?

EDIE
In a saloon?
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TERRY
(imploring)
Come on, I know a quiet one, with a special entrance for ladies... .

DISSOLVE:

84 INT—SALOON—LADIES' SIDE—NIGHT

Perhaps a sign can emphasize Ladies' Entrance. As Terry leads Edie in, a tipsy Irish biddy is noisily protesting her enforced departure.

WOMAN
—I'm only after havin' one more wee bit—

BARTENDER
You and your one-mores. Now beat it.

As Terry and Edie reach the bar, the radio blares a baseball game. A roar goes up from the speaker. Bartender nods to Terry. In the corner a small well-oiled longshoreman sings "I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen" in a plaintive, cracking voice.

BARTENDER
Well, what do you know—Jackie just stole home.

TERRY
(glancing at Edie with a mischievous wink at the bartender)
I wouldn't mind doing that myself.

The bartender grins. Terry guides Edie to a small table.

BARTENDER
(to Edie)
What're you drinking?

Edie hesitates, obviously not knowing what to ask for. A customer at the bar says, loudly—

SINGER OF "KATHLEEN"
(B.G.)
Give me a Glockenheimer.

(CONTINUED)
EDIE
(it could be root beer for all she knows)
I'll try a— Glockenheimer.

TERRY
(to bartender)
Likewise. And draw two for chasers.
(to Edie)
Now you're beginning to live.

EDIE
(as the drinks are poured)
I am?

Edie picks up her glass, sniffs the contents with some distaste and then sips it tentatively. Terry watches with amusement.

TERRY
(still swaggering)
Not that way— like this.
(holds glass up)
Down the hatch!
(gulps it down)
Wham!

Edie takes her drink and does likewise. She gasps and her eyes pop.

EDIE
(with soft amazement)
Wham...

TERRY
(grinning at her)
How do you like it?

EDIE
It's quite—
(gulps)
–nice.

TERRY
How about another one?

EDIE
(already feeling this one)
No thanks...

(CONTINUED)
TERRY
(to bartender)
Hit me again, Mac.

BARTENDER
(as he pours drink)
See the fight last night? That Riley—both hands. Little bit on your style.

TERRY
Hope he has better luck.

EDIE
Were you really a prize fighter?

TERRY
(nods)
I went pretty good for a while, didn't I, Al? But— I didn't stay in shape— and—
(a little ashamed)
—I had to take a few dives.

EDIE
A dive? You mean, into the water?

TERRY
(laughs harshly)
Naw, in the ring, a dive is—

He stops, shakes his head and with his finger draws an invisible square in the air.

EDIE
(mystified)
Now what are you doing?

TERRY
Describing you. A square from out there. I mean you're nowhere.
(draws it again)
Miss Four Corners.

EDIE
(smiles, but persistent)
What made you want to be a fighter?

TERRY
I had to scrap all my life. Figured I might as well get paid for it.
(MORE)
TERRY (CONT'D)
When I was a kid my old man got killed—never mind how. Charley and I was put in a place—they called it a Children's Home. Some home! I run away and peddled papers, fought in club smokers and—
(catches himself)
But what am I runnin' off at the mouth for? What do you care?

EDIE
Shouldn't we care about everybody?

TERRY
What a fruitcake you are!

EDIE
Isn't everybody part of everybody else?

TERRY
Gee, thoughts! Alla time thoughts!
(then)
You really believe that drool?

EDIE
(deeply shocked)
Terry!

TERRY
Want to hear my philosophy? Do it to him before he does it to you.

EDIE
(aroused)
Our Lord said just the opposite.

TERRY
I'm not lookin' to get crucified. I'm lookin' to stay in one piece.

EDIE
(flaring up) I never met such a person. Not a spark of romance or sentiment or— or human kindness in your whole body.

TERRY
What do they do for you, except get in your way?

(continued)
EDIE
And when things get in your way— or people — you just knock them aside— get rid of Them— is that your idea?

TERRY
(defensive— stung)
Listen— get this straight— don't look at me when you say them things. It wasn't my fault what happened to your brother. Fixing Joey wasn't my idea... .

EDIE
(gently)
Why, Terry, who said it was?

TERRY
(lamely)
Well, nobody, I guess. But that Father Barry, I didn't like the way he kept lookin' at me.

EDIE
He was looking at everybody the same way. Asking the same question.

TERRY
(troubled, not convinced)
Yeah, yeah... .
(suddenly)
This Father Barry, what's his racket?

EDIE
(shocked)
His— racket?

TERRY
(trying to regain his bravado)
You've been off in daisyland, honey. Everybody's got a racket.

EDIE
But a priest... ?

With his finger he again describes a square in the air and then points through it to Edie. This time it angers her.

EDIE
You don't believe in anything, do you?

(continues... )
TERRY
Edie, down here it's every man for himself. It's keepin' alive! It's standin' in with the right people so you can keep a little loose change jinglin' in your pocket.

EDIE
And if you don't?

TERRY
If you don't
(points downward with a descending whistle)
Keep your neck in and your nose clean and You'll never have no trouble down here.

EDIE
But that's living like an animal—

Terry seems almost to illustrate this by the way he drains off his beer and wipes his mouth with his sleeve.

TERRY
I'd rather live like an animal than end up like—

He hesitates.

EDIE
Like Joey? Are you afraid to mention his name?

TERRY
(challenged—defensive)
Why keep harpin' on it?
(looks at her unfinished beer)
Come on, drink up. You got to get a little fun out of life. What's the matter with you?
(nods toward juke box)
I'll play you some music.

He starts toward the juke box. She turns with him. Suddenly something cries out in her, almost as if she didn't know she was going to say it—

EDIE
Help me, if you can— for God's sakes help me!
For the first time the edge is knocked off his swagger. He feels the purity of her grief. He'd like to help—that's his immediate reaction.

But there's his brother Charley and his steady work and his loyalties to the mob and its code. All this runs through his mind, confusing him, tearing him... .

Terry turns back to her, with a helpless gesture.

**TERRY**

I— I'd like to, Edie, but—

(shakes his head)

—there's nothin' I can do.

Edie feels subdued, ashamed at breaking down. She rises, and in a low voice says—

**EDIE**

All right, all right.. I shouldn't 've asked you.

**TERRY**

You haven't finished your beer.

**EDIE**

I don't want it. But why don't you stay and finish your drink.

**TERRY**

(swinging off the stool)

I got my whole life to drink.

As if magnetized by her, he follows her out.

As Terry comes up alongside her.

**TERRY**

You're not sore at me?

**EDIE**

(with complete innocence)

What for?
CONTINUED:

TERRY
For— not being any help?

She looks at him with disturbing simplicity.

EDIE
Why no— I think you would if you could...

CLOSE UP—TERRY

Struck. Her faith in him and in human nature becomes the most painful kind of accusation.

TWO-SHOT—EDIE AND TERRY—STREET—NIGHT

Softly, silently, she begins to cry.

TERRY
(gently)
What are you crying for?

EDIE
(shaking her head)
thought I felt mean tonight. But I'm not— I'm just— all mixed up...

Ahead of them down the block is an outdoor neighborhood party. The rhythm of a small band reaches out to them. Edie hangs back and Terry takes her hand.

TERRY
Come on, I'll walk you through. It's the shortest way home.

He takes her hand and she walks along with him passively. The street is illuminated with colored lights and bright paper streamers. There are several gaily decorated counters serving drinks and sandwiches. There are balloons and colored paper hats. Neighbors are dancing in the street. Children look on, a few mimicking their elders from the sidelines. Above the street is a homemade banner inscribed: JUST MARRIED— JOHNNY AND MARY O'DAY! We catch a glimpse of the happy young bridal couple, as Terry and Edie reach the edge of the celebrants. Her eyes light up. She has passed into a dreamlike forgetfulness.

TERRY
You like music?

Edie nods dreamily.

(CONTINUED)
TERRY
—and dancing?

Edie nods again.

TERRY
(pulling her to him
before she realizes
what has happened)
We're on!

At first Edie dances somewhat clumsily and stiffly but gradually begins to dance with zest and surprising skill, as if a whole suppressed side of her nature were suddenly being released. Terry is light on his feet and they do some intricate steps together.

TERRY
Hey, we're good!
(grins at her)
The Sisters should see you now, huh?

She laughs, out of her youth and embarrassment and unexpected enjoyment of a stolen moment.

Now Terry draws her to him and they dance a more conventional half-time foxtrot to the music.

TERRY
(awkwardly)
I— I never knew a girl like you,
Edie. I always knew the kind you just grab 'em And— I never knew a girl like you, Edie.

EDIE
It's fun dancing with your eyes closed. I'm floating. I'm floating...

They have danced off to a darker, less populated section of the street, away from the bar and the bandstand. Behind them people are dancing and laughing. Terry's lips brush her cheek as they dance, and move on to her mouth.

TERRY
(breathlessly)
Edie....

Carried away, she allows him to kiss her and even responds. Then Terry feels someone tapping him on the shoulder. He wheels around to see—
CLOSE SHOT—BARNEY—STREET—NIGHT

Barney wears a colored paper hat.

BARNEY
I been looking for you, Terry. The boss wants you.

THREE-SHOT—TERRY, EDIE AND BARNEY—STREET—NIGHT

While the music and dancing continue around them.

TERRY
Right now?

BARNEY
(nods)
He just got a call from "Mr. Upstairs." Something's gone wrong. He's plenty hot.

TERRY
I'm gonna take her home first.

BARNEY
I'd get over there, Terry. I'll take the little lady home.

TERRY
(for Edie's benefit)
I'll come over when I'm ready.

BARNEY
You know Johnny when he gets mad.

As suddenly as Barney arrived, he ducks off.

CLOSE—ON TERRY AND EDIE—STREET—NIGHT

Edie senses Terry's distraction.

EDIE
(puzzled)
Who was that?

She is about to move away; Terry puts his hand on her arm.

TERRY
(impulsively)
Edie, listen, stay out of this mess. Quit tryin' to ask things about Joey. It ain't safe for you.

(CONTINUED)
EDIE
Why worry about me? You're the one who says only look out for yourself.

TERRY
(pent up with his guilt and his frustrated feeling for her)
Okay, get in hot water. But don't come hollerin' to me when you get burned.

EDIE
Why should I come hollerin' to you at all?

TERRY
Because... because...
(apologetically, as if this were a sign of weakness)
Listen Edie, don't get sore now—but I think we're getting in love with each other.

EDIE
(really fighting against it)
I can't let myself fall in love with you.

TERRY
(fervently)
That goes double for me.

As they stare at each other in entangled hostility and love, a man turns from the food counter behind them, just finishing a hot dog and steps into Terry's path. It is Mr. Glover, the Commission investigator.

In the B.G. is Gillette.

GLOVER
Mr. Malloy, I was hoping I might find you here.

Terry turns as if to dart off. Glover puts a restraining hand on his arm.

GLOVER
You're being served with a subpoena, Mr. Malloy.

(CONTINUED)
TERRY
What?

GLOVER
(reaching quickly into his briefcase)
Be at the State House, Courtroom Nine, at ten o'clock tomorrow.

TERRY
I told you I don't know nothin' and I ain't saying nothin'.

GLOVER
You can bring a lawyer if you wish. And you're privileged under the Constitution to protect yourself against questions that might implicate you in any crimes.

TERRY
(more in pain than anger now)
You know what you're askin'? You're askin'—

GILLETTE
(stepping in from B.G.) (sternly)
Mr. Malloy, all we're asking you to do is tell the truth.

GLOVER
(more gently)
Goodnight, kid.

Terry looks at the subpoena in tortured confusion.

EDIE
(softly)
What are you going to do?

TERRY
(viciously reverting to type)
I won't eat cheese for no cops, that's for sure.

EDIE
(with sudden intuition)
It was Johnny Friendly who killed Joey, wasn't it?

(Continued)
Terry looks off and then looks down, unable to speak.

**EDIE**

He had him killed or had something to do with it, Didn't he? He and your brother Charley?

Terry drops his eyes again; he can say nothing.

You can't tell me, can you? Because you're a part of it. You're as bad as the worst of them, aren't you, Terry? Aren't you? Tell me the truth!

**TERRY**

Edie, your old man's right, go back to that school out in daisyland. You're driving yourself nuts— you're driving me nuts— stop worrying about the truth— worry about yourself.

**EDIE**

Look out for number one. Always number one.

(her voice rising in anger)

I should've known you wouldn't tell me. Pop said Johnny Friendly used to own you. I think he still owns you.

(then gently, and hating to have to say it)

No wonder everybody calls you a bum.

**TERRY**

(as if struck)

Don't say that, Edie, don't...

Edie is crying softly, without sobs.

**EDIE**

(with a half-sob)

It's true.

**TERRY**

I'm tryin' to keep you from being hurt— What more do you want?

**EDIE**

Much more, Terry. Much, much more!

She runs off. Terry looks after her, pained; the subpoena weighs in his hand. He stares at it in agony, while the party
swirls around him. Then the blare of an auto horn cuts through the music.

VOICE OF JOHNNY (O.S.)
Hey, genius.

Terry looks up.

Johnny Friendly's black Cadillac parked across the street. A driver, Sonny, Truck, Big Mac, and Charley are in it. Terry hurries up to them.

TERRY
(lamely)
I— I was just on my way up, Johnny.

JOHNNY
By way of Chicago?

Sonny starts to laugh but Johnny cuts him short.

How many times you been knocked out, Terry?

TERRY
(surprised)
Only two times, why, Johnny?

Throughout the following tirade, Charley would like to intervene in Terry's behalf, but Johnny roughly nudges him into silence.

JOHNNY
It must have been once too often. I think your brains come apart. What you got up there, Chinese bells?

TERRY
Aw, Johnny... .

JOHNNY
I thought you were gonna keep an eye on that church meeting.

TERRY
Nothing happened, Johnny.

JOHNNY
Nothing happened, he says. Some operator you got yourself there, Charley. One more like him and we'll all be wearing striped pajamas.

(CONTINUED)
TERRY (turning to Charley for help)
It was a big nothing! The Father did all the talking.

JOHNNY
Oh, he did. Half an hour later a certain Timothy J. Nolan went into secret session with the Commission and he did all the talking.

TERRY
You mean Kayo Nolan, the old timer? He doesn't know much.

JOHNNY
He don't, huh?
(produces a bound folder of testimony from his pocket and slams it on the fender)
Well, he knows thirty-nine pages worth of our operation.

TERRY
How'd you get that.

JOHNNY
(thumbing 'upstairs)
I got it. Hot off the press.

CHARLEY
The complete works of Timothy J. Nolan.

TERRY
Nolan? I knew he had guts but—

JOHNNY
Guts! A crummy pigeon who's looking to get his neck wrung!
(to Charley)
You should have—
(to Charley)
You should have known better than to trust this punched out brother of yours. He was all right hanging around for laughs. But this is business. I don't like goofoffs messing in our business.
TERRY
Now just a minute, I—

CHARLEY
(suddenly)
What the hell are you doing with his sister?

(then turning to Johnny)
It's that girl, Johnny, the little Doyle broad has him out on his feet. An unhealthy relationship.

SONNY
Definitely!

JOHNNY
Don't see her no more. Unless you're both tired of living. Barney, you got her address?

(then to others, businesslike)
Now listen, if we don't muzzle Nolan, we're into the biggest stink this town ever seen. We got the best muscle on the waterfront. The time to use it is now—pronto—if not sooner.

(to Terry, as he climbs in the car)
And you know where you're going? Back in the hold—no more cushy job in the loft. It's down the hold with the sweat gang till you learn your lesson.

Johnny twists Terry's cheek, but not in fun this time, as he has often done before. Now it is hard enough to draw blood. Then he turns to the driver.

JOHNNY
Let's go!

The car drives off fast, almost running Terry down. He stands there looking after it, alone in the street, feeling his wounded cheek and then scowling as he looks down at the subpoena in his hand.

DISSOLVE:

EXT—FREIGHTER—DAY
The ship is being unloaded. An empty pallet is swung from the pier and lowered into the open hatch by the up-and-down—

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fall tackle. Our CAMERA rides the pallet down into the hatch, to the second level, where Terry is working. A little removed from him are Pop, Moose and Nolan. They are unloading Irish whiskey.

NOLAN
(lifting a case onto the pallet joyously)
An Ir-rish ship loaded to the gunnels with foine Ir-rish whiskey!

He does a little jig and kisses the case as he sets it on the pallet.

Pop and Moose laugh. But Terry looks over at Nolan tensely. Then he looks up out of the hatch.

EXT—DOCK—DAY
Johnny Friendly comes up to the edge of the dock with Sonny and Truck.

Johnny mumbles something under his hand to Sonny and Sonny nods and jumps down onto the deck of the ship.

MEDIUM CLOSE—ON DECK—NEAR HATCH—DAY
Sonny motions to Specs Donahue, glimpsed as Joey's killer at the opening. Specs nods and goes over to the winchman guiding the tackle over the hatch. He nods to him, and takes his place. Then he catches the eye of—

MEDIUM CLOSE—BIG MAC
Standing on the deck just above the open hatch. A wordless message passes between him and Specs. Then he looks down into the hatch.

INT—HATCH—DAY
Terry works grimly, glancing up anxiously at Nolan, Pop and Moose whose mood, in contrast, is a whiskey-inspired euphoria.

POP
You see, Kayo, the good Lord watches over us after all.

NOLAN
(in an undertone, gaily)
When we knock off let's have a bit of a party.

(MORE)

(CONTINUED)
NOLAN (CONT'D)
We'll drink to God and Ireland, its whiskey and its women, to Joey and Edie— and death to tyrants everywhere....!

As he finishes this he reveals surreptitiously the neck of a whiskey bottle concealed in his deep-pocketed jacket.

POP
(with mock concern)
You think one bottle's enough for all them toasts?

NOLAN
(grins)
Patrick, me lad, I'm ahead of you.

With a wink he reaches into his other pocket and draws up the neck of another bottle.

NOLAN
I was afraid one bottle might get lonely by itself.
(reaching into still another pocket and revealing still more bottles)
Now you see the advantage of a little man in a big coat.

POP
(laughing)
Definitely! Nolan, my boy, you're a walkin' distillery.

NOLAN
I wonder how many Hail Marys the Father'll make me say at confession.
(reflects)
It'll be worth it!

The pallet is loaded now. Terry turns and approaches Nolan.

TERRY
(with a nervous glance upward)
LISTEN— NOLAN—

NOLAN
(backing away suspiciously)
What are you down here for—to see we don't make off with any of Mister Friendly's precious cargo?

TERRY
(miserably)
Nolan... .

MEDIUM CLOSE—BIG MAC
Looking down into the hatch. Above him we can see Specs at the winch controls.

BIG MAC
Come on, Kayo, get it up!

INT—HATCH—DAY
Nolan and Pop look up at him and then back to their work with mischievous resentment.

BIG MAC
(continuing to bellow)
And don't be walking off with any of that.

You know how the boss feels about individual pilferage.

INT—HATCH—DAY
NOLAN
(pretending to clean out his ears)
Talk louder. I can't hear you.

BIG MAC
If you kept your ears wide open instead of your mouth—

NOLAN
(shouting back)
If I talk too loud it's the fault of the nuns.

BIG MAC
And what in blazes have the nuns got to do with it?
CONTINUED:

NOLAN
(lowers his voice and
confides in the hatch
gang)
When I was a mere spit of a lad on
Ferry Street in Dublin the nuns used
to say to me, "Nolan, don't be
swallowin' ye words like fishballs.
When you got something to say—
(Now he shouts up at Big Mac.)
—Talk with your mouth wide open," so
if I'm loud don't blame me— it's the
fault of the nuns!

Pop laughs, at Big Mac's expense. The laughter is infectious
and sweeps the hatch. Moose lets go with his loud "haw haw."
Everyone laughs except Terry, who watches in a cold sweat.

BIG MAC
(furiously, from above)
Come on, knock it off!

The men laugh even louder.

MOOSE
Haw haw— that's a good one, Kayo.

BIG MAC
(able to shout above
their laughter)
Knock it off! Stand clear.
(to Specs, the
winchman, above the
hatch)
All right, take it away.

Big Mac looks at Specs, touches his cap in a signaling gesture
and nods.

CLOSE—ON SPECS AT WINCH ABOVE HATCH
He catches the signal. From below the laughter of the men
can be heard O.S.

CLOSE—ON CARGO SLING
Full of whiskey cases, from angle of Kayo Nolan, Pop, Terry,
and others, watching it rise out of the hatch. The general
laughter continues. Terry is stiff with fear.
Suddenly he appears to lose control of the winch, guiding the up-and-down fall.

Standing in the middle of the hatch, looking up, as the cargo net begins to plunge downward. The general laughter stops. From farther back in the hold Terry cries:

TERRY
(horrified)
Nolan...!

And tries to pull him back out of danger. Too late. The overloaded cargo net crashes down on Nolan. Wood splinters—glass shatters—and whiskey sprays. Kayo Nolan is pinned under the broken pile of cases.

TOMMY
(shouting up)
Get a doctor.

POP
(hard, flat tone)
A doctor— he needs a priest

QUICK DISSOLVE:

He stands over the body of Kayo Nolan, which lies on the pallet and has been covered by a tarpaulin.

Pop, Moose, Luke and the others stand near him. On the deck around the hold some seventy-five longshoremen have gathered, including Big Mac.

Others look down from the dock and the loft. Terry is in the same position we left him.

FATHER BARRY
(aroused)
I came down here to keep a promise.
I gave Kayo my word that if he stood up to the mob I'd stand up with him all the way. Now Kayo Nolan is dead.

(MORE)
FATHER BARRY (CONT'D)
He was one of those fellows who had
the gift of getting up. But this
Time they fixed him good— unless it
was an accident like Big Mac says.

Pop, Moose, and some of the others glare at Big Mac, who
chews his tobacco sullenly. Some of the others snicker
"accident."

FATHER BARRY
Some people think the Crucifixion
only took place on Calvary. They
better wise up. Taking Joey Doyle's
life to stop him from testifying is
a crucifixion— Dropping a sling on
Kayo Nolan because he was ready to
spill his guts tomorrow— that's a
crucifixion. Every time the mob puts
the crusher on a good man— tries to
stop him from doing his duty as a
citizen— it's a crucifixion.

110 CLOSE—ON TERRY

Voice of Father Barry continues.

FATHER BARRY
And anybody who sits around and lets
it happen, keeps silent about
something he knows has happened—
shares the guilt of it just as much
as the Roman soldier who pierced the
flesh of Our Lord to see if He was
dead.

111 SHOT OF EDIE—ON DOCK

Listening, moved. Terry has come up behind her and stands
nearby. She notices him but barely reacts. He listens intently
to the Father's words.

(NOTE: I am not indicating in detail the other necessary
reactions— those of Pop, Moose, the Negro Luke, the watchful
hostility of Sonny and Truck, the murderous arrogance of
Johnny Friendly, and the sophisticated cynicism of Charley
Malloy. But most important of all is the impression being
made on Terry.)

112 CLOSE—ON TRUCK

TRUCK
Go back to your church, Father.
FATHER BARRY
(looking up at Truck and pointing to the ship)
Boys, this is my church. If you don't think Christ is here on the waterfront, you got another guess coming. And who do you think He lines up with—

SONNY
Get off the dock, Father.

Sonny reaches for a box of rotten bananas on the dock and flings one down into the hatch.

The banana splatters him, but he ignores it.

Terry turns to him. Edie notices this and watches with approval.

TERRY
Do that again and I'll flatten you.

SONNY
What're you doing. Joining them—

TERRY
Let him finish.

SONNY
Johnny ain't going to like that, Terry.

TERRY
Let him finish.

Edie looks at him amazed. Terry catches her eye, and then looks down, embarrassed at his good deed. They both turn to watch Father Barry.

Near Johnny, watching Terry and then looking at Johnny apprehensively.
INT—HATCH—DAY

FATHER BARRY
Every morning when the hiring boss
blows his whistle, Jesus stands
alongside you in the shape-up.

More missiles fly, some hitting the Father, but he continues:

FATHER BARRY
He sees why some of you get picked
and some of you get passed over. He
sees the family men worrying about
getting their rent and getting food
in the house for the wife and kids.
He sees them selling their souls to
the mob for a day's pay.

CLOSE—ON JOHNNY FRIENDLY

Nodding to Barney. Barney picks up an empty beer can and
hurls it down into the hatch.

INT—HATCH—DAY

It strikes Father Barry and blood etches his forehead. Pop
jumps forward and shakes his fist.

POP
By Christ, the next bum who throws
something deals with me. I don't
care if he's twice my size.

Some of the other longshoremen grumble approval.

FATHER BARRY
What does Christ think of the easy-
money boys who do none of the work
and take all of the gravy? What
does He think of these fellows wearing
hundred-and-fifty-dollar suits and
diamond rings— on your union dues
and your kickback money? How does
He feel about bloodsuckers picking
up a longshoreman's work tab and
grabbing twenty percent interest at
the end of a week?

CLOSE—ON J.P.

J.P.
Never mind about that!
Scowling. Terry, nearby, is increasingly moved by the Father's challenge.

FATHER BARRY
How does He, who spoke up without fear against evil, feel about your silence?

SONNY
Shut up about that!

He reaches for another rotten banana and is poised to throw it. Almost simultaneously, Terry throws a short hard right that flattens Sonny neatly. Edie is watching, a deeply felt gratitude in her eyes.

A little way off.

TRUCK
You see that?

Johnny presses his lips together but makes no sign.

She moves closer to him. He barely glances at her, then continues listening to Father Barry.

As Father Barry's voice rises to a climax—

FATHER BARRY
But remember, fellows, Christ is always with you— Christ is in the shape-up, He's in the hatch— He's in the union hall— He's kneeling here

(MORE)
FATHER BARRY (CONT'D)
beside Nolan—and He's saying with
all of you—

CLOSE—ON FATHER BARRY

FATHER BARRY
If you do it to the least of mine,
you do it to me! What they did to
Joey, what they did to Nolan, they're
doing to you. And you. And YOU. And
only you, with God's help, have the
power to knock 'em off for good!
(turns to Nolan's
corpse)
Okay, Kayo?
(then looks up and
says, harshly)
Amen.

He makes the sign of the cross. Pop, Moose, Tommy, Luke, and
the others do likewise. Big Mac and Specs, seeing the others,
reluctantly follow suit. Then, disgruntled, Big Mac climbs
up out of the hatch and bellows:

BIG MAC
All right, fellows— break it up!
Let's go!

Strongly moved, the longshoremen glare at Big Mac and then
silently start back to their places on the deck, in the
hatches, on the dock, etc.

MOVING SHOT

The pallet rises out of the hatch with the body on it. Pop
sits casually on the edge with Father Barry who, in pantomime,
is cadging a cigarette.

CLOSE—ON EDIE AND TERRY

Edie crosses herself. Then she looks at Terry. They look at
each other and the feeling in both of them is some terrible
hunger beyond their control. For a moment it seems as if
Terry must go to her, but instead he turns away, slowly, as
if this were the most diffi cult thing he was ever asked to
do. Edie looks after him and we feel that she will yield to
impulse and call out to him. But she looks down instead,
finally, and closes her eyes, imperceptibly trembling against
desire. Luke comes up to her, but she is lost in her own
most private thoughts and does not see him. He carries Joey's
jacket, the one Nolan has been wearing.
LUKE

Edie... ...
(nudges her)
Edie—

EDIE

(startled)

LUKE

(quietly)
Joey's jacket. I thought maybe Kayo'd like you to have it back.

Edie looks at him, and takes it silently. She hugs it to her, whispers, "Thank you," and, in a kind of sleepwalking, starts toward the entrance of the pier. Luke watches her anxiously.

LUKE

Sure you're okay?

She nods and continues on alone.

QUICK DISSOLVE:

EXT—ROOFTOP—NIGHT

At the pigeon coop near Terry's rooftop window. Under the window is the mattress he uses as outdoor sleeping quarters on hot summer nights.

Terry is staring in at the pigeons, full of his own troubled, bestirring thoughts. Edie comes up behind him almost silently, carrying the jacket.

TERRY

(turning)
Edie!

EDIE

(holding the coat out to him)
I— I brought this for you, Terry.
It was Joey's.
(her conscious self trying to conceal the real meaning)
Yours is coming out at the elbows.
TERRY
(close to her— and
not really caring
what he is saying)
I don't rate it.

EDIE
Go ahead, wear it.

From the pigeon coop comes the soft sound of pigeons cooing
as if upset.

EDIE
(under her breath)
Pigeons... .

TERRY
There's a hawk around. They're scared
tonight.

She looks up and huddles a little closer to him. Now he
reaches out for her—groping with an unfamiliar inexorable
emotion.

TERRY
Edie— I— I— never said this to a
girl before, I never knew a girl
worth trying to say it for, but you—
you're... .

EDIE
(whispering and
suddenly wiser than
he)
I know... I know.... .

He kisses her at last, with pent-up violence and hunger. The
sound of a deep-throated ship's whistle rolls across the
river but they do not hear it. There is a tremendous sense
of release and relief as their mouths and bodies press
together.

FADE OUT:

FADE IN:

131  INT—CONFESSION BOOTH—DAY

Terry waits in anguish for the shutter of the confessional
to open.

When it does, Father Barry is glimpsed from within.

(CONTINUED)
TERRY
(blurting it out)
Father, help me, I've got blood on my hands.

Father Barry looks at him.

TERRY
Bless me, Father, for I have—

To Terry's amazement the shutter closes abruptly.

INT—CHURCH—OUTSIDE CONFESSION BOOTH—DAY

As Father Barry steps out of the booth, Terry hurries from his side of the booth and clasps Father Barry's arms violently. Father Barry keeps on walking and Terry follows him.

TERRY
What's the matter? I've got something That's chokin' me. I've gotta get it out.

FATHER BARRY
Someone else c'n take your confession.

TERRY
(following him)
But you're the one I want to tell—what you said over Nolan—about keepin' silent when you know the score— I'm guilty— you hear me? I'm guilty...

FATHER BARRY
(trying to move on)
I don't want to hear it in there.

TERRY
I don't get it!

FATHER BARRY
(rapidly)
Tell it to me in there and my lips are sealed. But if I dig it out myself I can use it where it'll do the most good.

TERRY
But you've got to listen to me.

(CONTINUED)
FATHER BARRY
I'll find you a priest.

Father Barry starts off again. Terry follows him desperately, under a terrible compulsion to bare himself to Father Barry. He grabs the Father by the arm fiercely, half spinning him around.

TERRY
(with relief, as he gets it out)
Listen, it was me who set Joey Doyle up for the muggers.

Father Barry stops and stares at him, realizing Terry is ready at last.

FATHER BARRY
Come take a walk with me, kid, and give it to me straight. There's nothing I haven't heard.

They turn toward the exit of the church.

EXT—LONG SHOT—CHURCH
They enter the park, on rise overlooking the docks, Terry talking to him eagerly.

CLOSE SHOT—TERRY AND FATHER BARRY

TERRY
(pouring it out)
—It started as a favor— for my brother— you know they'd ask me things and it's hard to say no— a favor— Who am I kiddin'? They call it a favor but it's do it or else. And this time the favor turned out to be helping them knock off Joey. I just thought they'd lean on him a little but— Last night with Edie I wanted to tell her only it— stuck in my throat. I guess I was scared of drivin' her away— and I love her, Father. She's the first thing I ever loved.

FATHER BARRY
(almost brusquely)
What are you going to do?
TERRY
About Edie?

FATHER BARRY

TERRY
It's like carrying a monkey around on your back.

FATHER BARRY
(agreeing)
A question of who rides who.

TERRY
If I spill, my life won't be worth a nickel.

FATHER BARRY
How much is your soul worth if you don't?

TERRY
But it's my own brother they're askin' me to finger— and Johnny Friendly. His mother and my mother was first cousins. When I was this high he took me to the ball games... .

FATHER BARRY
(violently)
Ball games! Don't break my heart! I wouldn't care if he gave you a life pass to the Polo Grounds. So you got a brother. Well, let me tell you something you got some other brothers— and they're all getting the short end while your cousin Johnny gets mustard on his face at the Polo Grounds. If I was you—
(He catches himself and drops his voice.)
— Listen, I'm not asking you to do anything, Terry. It's your own conscience that's got to do the asking.

TERRY
Conscience.... .

(MORE)

(CONTINUED)
TERRY (CONT'D)
(shakes his head ruefully)
I didn't even know I had one until I met you and Edie... this conscience stuff can drive you nuts.

FATHER BARRY
(sharply)
Good luck.

TERRY
(waiting for someone to do it for him)
Is that all you've got to say to me, Father?

Father Barry looks off.

135 LONG SHOT—PIER WALL—DAY
Edie coming toward them in the distance.

136 MEDIUM CLOSE—FATHER BARRY AND TERRY
FATHER BARRY
It's up to you. Just one more thing.
You better tell Edie.

Terry turns in Edie's direction, reluctantly. He goes off toward her.

Father Barry stands looking after him.

137 CLOSER SHOT—EDIE AND TERRY—AT BURNED PIERS—DAY
TERRY
Edie... Edie... ...

EDIE
(turning to him)
Terry, what's wrong?

TERRY
I've been sittin' in the church.

EDIE
You?

TERRY
(almost inarticulate)
Yeah, yeah, it's up to me, it's up to me— he says it's up to me.

(CONTINUED)
EDIE
Who says?

TERRY
The Father. The Father.

He is trembling.

EDIE
Terry— what's happening to you?

TERRY
I just told the Father.

EDIE
Told him what?

TERRY
What I did to Joey.

EDIE
(whispered)
You... .

TERRY
(louder)
What I did to Joey.

EDIE
Don't tell me— don't tell me!

TERRY
(plunging in)
Edie— it's—

What he starts to say is drowned out by an immense, prolonged blast of the whistle from the departing ocean liner. Terry shouts his story out to Edie compulsively but we cannot hear it over the rasping sound of the whistle. Edie is horrified as she catches enough words to realize what Terry is trying to say. The whistle pauses a moment, giving us just enough to hear Terry shout—

TERRY
Didn't know—

Then the blast of the boat whistle drowns him out again. When it finally stops, Terry is finishing—

TERRY
—but don't you see, Edie, I never thought they'd—

(MORE)

(CONTINUED)
TERRY (CONT'D)  
(then hysterically as he feels her turning away from him)  
I don't know what to do, Edie, I don't know what to do! I swear to God I—  

She looks at him, turns and strides off.  

TERRY  
(calling, desperately)  
Edie... Edie... What'll I do, Edie, what'll I do?  

She doesn't look back. Terry watches her go, with mounting anguish; then he lurches on in drunken confusion.  

QUICK DISSOLVE:  

EXT—ROOFTOP—DAY  

As Terry, still dazed, enters onto the roof, Jimmy Conners, in his Golden Warrior blazer, is exercising the pigeons. He sees Terry and runs up to him. Jimmy talks in a whisper.  

JIMMY  
Hey, Terry, guess who's here... that joker from the Commission... .  

TERRY  
Looking for me?  

JIMMY  
He's got his nerve, gum-shoeing around here after what you told him.  

TERRY  
(grabs Jimmy)  
Jimmy, suppose I knew something, say a mug somebody put on somebody... .  
(violent gesture illustrates what he means)  
You think I should turn him in?  

JIMMY  
A cheese-eater! You're kidding!  

TERRY  
Yeah, I'm kidding, I'm kidding. You don't think I should turn him in...  

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JIMMY
(gives him a look)
You was a Golden Warrior.

TERRY
Yeah— us Golden Warriors.
(grabs Jimmy)
You're a good kid, Jimmy, a good tough kid. We stick together, huh, kid?

JIMMY
You was our first Supreme Commander, Terry. Keep out of sight and I'll tell him you're out.

TERRY
But I ain't out. I'm in. I'm in. Who's lying to who?

139 ROOFTOP—ANOTHER ANGLE

Terry walks over to where Glover is sitting, rubbing his feet.

TERRY
You looking for me?

GLOVER
Not exactly. Just thought I'd sit down and rest my dogs a minute.
(smiles and rubs his ankle)
You know the next investigation we get into I hope it's got buildings with elevators in them. This one has been nothing but climbing stairs. And when we hit the top floor the folks are usually out.

Jimmy gestures behind him as if to say "Get a load of this square."

TERRY
(distractedly)
I guess it's pretty tough work at that.

GLOVER
(casually)
Well, it'll be worth it if we can tell the waterfront story the way (MORE)
GLOVER (CONT'D)
the people have a right to hear it. Don't you think?

Terry shrugs. Glover studies him.

GLOVER
Didn't I see you fight in the Garden one night three or four years ago?
With a fellow called Wilson?

TERRY
(still preoccupied)
Wilson— yeah— yeah— I fought Wilson.

GLOVER
I thought you were going to take him that night but...

TERRY
(this is the key that unlocks him)
You want to know something— I would have taken Wilson—

GLOVER
I think you could have.

TERRY
If I licked him I would have had the title shot instead of him— boy, I was ready that night.

GLOVER
You sure looked it. Something go wrong?

Terry has been growing more and more animated but now he becomes sullen.

TERRY
Yeah. Johnny Friendly and my brother had other ideas.

GLOVER
Such as what?

TERRY
(suspiciously)
Listen, this ain't for publication.

(CONTINUED)
GLOVER
(amused)
I'm just resting my feet.

TERRY
Remember the first round how I had him against the ropes, and—

GLOVER
I'll never forget it. I thought it was all over.

TERRY
Yeah. My own blood— and they sell me out for a lousy bet— I had it in me to hit the top and—
(sighs)
Boy, if I wanted to, the things I could tell you about them guys—
(then catches himself and pauses)

GLOVER
(expectantly)
Yeah?

Terry is silent.

GLOVER
(rises)
Well, I better get going. Hit those stairs again.
(turns casually)
Was that a looping right or an uppercut the first time you caught him?

TERRY
(insulted)
Looping right! I never swung wild. I was strictly a short puncher— hooks— over 'n under—
(pantomimes, with violent short breath— releases)
— whop—whop!

GLOVER
Really?

TERRY
Yeah, really!

(CONTINUED)
As Glover reaches the door, Terry keeps following him.

TERRY
Where you going? I'll walk along with you.

GLOVER
(grins warmly)
Sure... .

Terry follows Glover out, continuing to pantomime punches. Jimmy looks after them and frowns.

QUICK DISSOLVE:

Back room. It is set up as an informal kangaroo court. Jocko is pointing at Charley Malloy, who is on the hot seat. Johnny Friendly is the judge, flanked by Big Mac, Truck, Sonny, Barney, Specs, J.P. Morgan and others.

J.P.
I didn't hear them, boss, but I sure seen them, walking along and smiling like a pair of lovers.

Charley looks uncomfortable. He hasn't finished his drink.

JOHNNY
(watching him carefully)
Drink up, Charley. We're ahead of you.

CHARLEY
(disturbed)
I'm not thirsty.

JOHNNY
(drinking)
After what we been hearing about your brother, I thought your throat'd be kind of dry.

CHARLEY
So they're walking along and smiling. That doesn't mean he's going to talk. There's no evidence until he gives public testimony.

JOHNNY
Thanks for the legal advice, Charley. (MORE)
JOHNNY (CONT'D)
That's what we always kept you around for.

(smiles wisely)
Now how do we keep him from giving this testimony? Isn't that the—er—as you put it—main order of business?

CHARLEY
(nervously)
He was always a good kid. You know that.

BIG MAC
He's a bum. After all the days I give him in the loft—he got no gratitude.

JOHNNY
(offended)
Please, Mac, I'm conducting this—

(nodding to Charley)
—investigation.

CHARLEY
This girl and the Father got their hooks in him so deep he doesn't know which end is up anymore.

JOHNNY
I ain't interested in his mental condition. All I want to know is, is he D 'n D or is he a canary?

CHARLEY
I wish I knew.

JOHNNY
So do I, Charley. For your sake.

CHARLEY
What do you want me to do, Johnny?

JOHNNY
Very simple. Just bring him to...that place we been using. Mac, you take care of the details. Call Gerry G. in if you think you need him.

CHARLEY
Gerry G!! You don't want to do that, Johnny! Sure the boy's outa line, but he's just a confused kid.
JOHNNY
Confused kid? First he crosses me in public and gets away with it and then the next joker, and pretty soon I'm just another fellow down here.

CHARLEY
(horrified)
Johnny, I can't do that. I can't do that, Johnny.

JOHNNY
(coldly)
Then don't.

CHARLEY
But my own kid bro—

JOHNNY
(cutting in)
This is for you to figure out. You can have it your way or you can have it his way.

(gestures with his palms up and his palms down)
But you can't have it both ways.

(turns to Sonny)
Am I right, Sonny?

SONNY
Definitely!

JOHNNY
(thumbing Charley to his feet)
Okay, on your horse, you deep thinker.

Charley rises reluctantly, his confident, springy manner now gone.

DISSOLVE

INT–TAXICAB–EVENING–(N.Y.B.G.)

Charley and Terry have just entered the cab.

TERRY
Gee, Charley, I'm sure glad you stopped by for me. I needed to talk to you. What's it they say about blood, it's—

(falters)
CHARLEY
(looking away coldly)
Thicker than water.

DRIVER
(gravel voice, without turning around)
Where to?

CHARLEY
Four thirty-seven River Street.

TERRY
River Street? I thought we was going to the Garden.

CHARLEY
I've got to cover a bet there on the way over. Anyway, it gives us a chance to talk.

TERRY
(good-naturedly)
Nothing ever stops you from talking, Charley.

CHARLEY
The grapevine says you picked up a subpoena.

TERRY
(Noncommittal, Sullen.)
That's right...

CHARLEY
(watching for his reaction)
Of course, the boys know you too well to mark you down for a cheese-eater.

TERRY
Mm—hmm.

CHARLEY
You know, the boys are getting rather interested in your future.

TERRY
Mm—hmmm.
CHARLEY
They feel you've been sort of left out of things, Terry. They think it's time you had a few little things going for you on the docks.

TERRY
A steady job and a few bucks extra, that's all I wanted.

CHARLEY
Sure, that's all right when you're a kid, but you'll be pushing thirty pretty soon, slugger. It's time you got some ambition.

TERRY
I always figured I'd live longer without it.

CHARLEY
Maybe.

Terry looks at him.

CHARLEY
There's a slot for a boss loader on the new pier we're opening up.

TERRY
(interested)
Boss loader!

CHARLEY
Ten cents a hundred pounds on everything that moves in and out. And you don't have to lift a finger. It'll be three-four hundred a week just for openers.

TERRY
And for all that dough I don't do nothin'?

CHARLEY
Absolutely nothing. You do nothing and you say nothing. You understand, don't you, kid?
TERRY
(struggling with an unfamiliar problem of conscience and loyalties)
Yeah— yeah— I guess I do— but there's a lot more to this whole thing than I thought, Charley.

CHARLEY
You don't mean you're thinking of testifying against—
(turns a thumb in toward himself)

TERRY
I don't know— I don't know! I tell you I ain't made up my mind yet. That's what I wanted to talk to you about.

CHARLEY
(patiently, as to a stubborn child)
Listen, Terry, these piers we handle through the locals— you know what they're worth to us?

TERRY
I know. I know.

CHARLEY
Well, then, you know Cousin Johnny isn't going to jeopardize a setup like that for one rubber-lipped—

TERRY
(simultaneous)
Don't say that!

CHARLEY
(continuing)
ex-tanker who's walking on his heels—?

TERRY
Don't say that!

CHARLEY
What the hell!!!

TERRY
I could have been better!

(CONTINUED)
CHARLEY
The point is—there isn't much time, kid.

There is a painful pause, as they appraise each other.

TERRY
(desperately)
I tell you, Charley, I haven't made up my mind!

CHARLEY
Make up your mind, kid, I beg you, before we get to four thirty-seven River...

TERRY
(stunned)
Four thirty-seven— that isn't where Gerry G...?

Charley nods solemnly. Terry grows more agitated.

TERRY
Charley... you wouldn't take me to Gerry G...?

Charley continues looking at him. He does not deny it. They stare at each other for a moment. Then suddenly Terry starts out of the cab.

Charley pulls a pistol. Terry is motionless, now, looking at Charley.

CHARLEY
Take the boss loading, kid. For God's sake. I don't want to hurt you.

TERRY
(hushed, gently guiding the gun down toward Charley's lap)
Charley... . Charley... . Wow... .

CHARLEY
(genuinely)
I wish I didn't have to do this, Terry.

Terry eyes him, beaten. Charley leans back and looks at Terry strangely. Terry raises his hands above his head, somewhat in the manner of a prizefighter mitting the crowd. The image nicks Charley's memory.

(CONTINUED)
TERRY
(an accusing sigh)
Wow... .

CHARLEY
(gently)
What do you weigh these days, slugger?

TERRY
(shrugs)
...eight-seven, eighty-eight.
What's it to you?

CHARLEY
(nostalgically)
Gee, when you tipped one seventy-five you were beautiful. You should've been another Billy Conn. That skunk I got to manage you brought you along too fast.

TERRY
It wasn't him!
(years of abuse crying out in him)
It was you, Charley. You and Johnny. Like the night the two of youse come in the dressing room and says, "Kid, this ain't your night— we're going for the price on Wilson." It ain't my night. I'd of taken Wilson apart that night! I was ready— remember the early rounds throwing them combinations. So what happens— This bum Wilson he gets the title shot— outdoors in the ballpark! — and what do I get— a couple of bucks and a one-way ticket to Palookaville.
(more and more aroused as he relives it)
It was you, Charley. You was my brother. You should of looked out for me. Instead of making me take them dives for the short-end money.

CHARLEY
(defensively)
I always had a bet down for you. You saw some money.

TERRY
(agonized)
See! You don't understand!
141 CONTINUED: (6)

CHARLEY
I tried to keep you in good with Johnny.

TERRY
You don't understand! I could've been a contender. I could've had class and been somebody.

Real class. Instead of a bum, let's face it, which is what I am. It was you, Charley.

Charley takes a long, fond look at Terry. Then he glances quickly out the window.

142 MEDIUM SHOT—WATERFRONT—NIGHT

From CHARLEY'S ANGLE. A gloomy light reflects the street numbers—433—

143 INT—CLOSE—CAB—ON CHARLEY AND TERRY — NIGHT

TERRY
It was you, Charley... .

CHARLEY
(turning back to Terry, his tone suddenly changed)
Okay— I'll tell him I couldn't bring you in.

Ten to one they won't believe it, but— go ahead, blow. Jump out, quick, and keep going... and God help you from here on in.

144 LONGER ANGLE—CAB—NIGHT

As Terry jumps out. A bus is just starting up a little further along the street.

145 EXT—MEDIUM LONG SHOT—RIVER STREET—NIGHT

Running, Terry leaps onto the back of the moving bus.

146 INT—CAB—RIVER ST.—NIGHT

CHARLEY
(to driver as he watches Terry go)
Now take me to the Garden.

(CONTINUED)
Charley sinks back in his seat, his hand covering his face. The driver turns around, gives him a withering look, steps on the gas, and guns the car into—

They have reached a garage, and now the car zooms through the entrance. We catch a glimpse of Truck, Sonny and Big Mac.

Johnny is watching from across the street.

Big Mac and Sonny pull the big black sliding door shut until the screen itself is blacked out. Inside there is the roaring sound of a motor racing.

Quick Dissolve:

Edie is in bed. There is a pounding on the door.

EDIE
(frightened)
Who is it?

Terry, in a wild state after his escape, is pounding on the door.

TERRY
Edie, it's me— let me in— it's me!

He pounds on the door even harder.

The pounding continues.

EDIE
(Fiercely)
Stop it! Stop it! Get away from here!

VOICE OF TERRY
(muffled)
I've got to see you. Got to talk to you.

(Continued)
EDIE
Leave me alone. I want you to leave me alone!

TERRY
I had to, Edie. I had to see you.

EDIE
Lucky Pop isn't home, he'd kill you.

TERRY
You think I stink, don't you? You think I stink for what I told you?

EDIE
I don't want to talk about it. I want you to go.

TERRY
(grabbing her)
Edie, listen to me! I want you to believe me. I want to be with you.

EDIE
(wrenching herself free)
How can you be with Charley and Johnny Friendly and still be with me? Either way it's a lie. It's like there were two different people inside of you. You've got to be one or the other.

TERRY
(in pain)
I don't want to hurt Charley— I don't want to hurt you...

EDIE
It's you who's being hurt. By keeping it inside you, like a poison. Sooner or later it's got to come out.

TERRY
I know what you want me to do!

(CONTINUED)
EDIE
I don't want you to do anything. Let your conscience tell you what to do.

TERRY
(pounding his fist on the bed)
That—
(pound! pound!)
-word again! Why do you keep saying conscience, conscience...

EDIE
I never mentioned the word before.

In his agony he grips a glass standing on the night table.

TERRY
I keep hearing it and I don't know what to do. I don't know what to do...

Without realizing what he is doing, he squeezes the glass in his powerful fist until it breaks. The glass cuts his hand. He draws back in pain.

TERRY
My hand.

EDIE
It's just a scratch. You won't die.

She turns away from him.

TERRY
Edie...

EDIE
Get away from me.

TERRY
Edie, I need you to love me. Tell me you love me.

EDIE
I didn't say I didn't love you. I said stay away from me.

TERRY
(groping for her)
Edie, Edie, I...

His arms move around her. Her reaction is convulsive. Her hands move over him in anger and love.

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EDIE
Stay away from me
(her face close to
his)
Stay away from me—
(closer)
Stay—

They kiss, lying across the bed, and the fever seizes them again.

EDIE
—away from me!

Then, after some moments, they are distracted by—

VOICE FROM THE STREET
Hey, Terry, come on down. I got something to show you, Terry.

Startled, they cling to each other. The voice calls again—

VOICE FROM THE STREET
Hey, Terry, your brother's down here.

TERRY
(more curious)
Charley?

VOICE
Charley's waitin' for ya. Come on down and see him.

EDIE
(whispers)
Don't go. Don't go.

TERRY
But Charley— maybe Charley needs me. I better see what he wants.

He goes.

EDIE
(calling after him)
Terry...

She rises and calls toward the door—

EDIE
Terry...

Then she runs to the window.
154 EXT—EDIE AT WINDOW—NIGHT

EDIE
(calling)
Terry...

WOMAN'S VOICE (O.S.)
You hear what I heard?

Edie looks up and to one side.

155 CLOSE—ON MRS. COLLINS

Looking out another window of the tenement.

MRS. COLLINS
That's the same way they called Andy out the night I lost him.

156 CLOSE—ON EDIE—AT WINDOW

Horrified. Looking for Terry. She runs from the window.

157 CLOSE—ON FIRE ESCAPE—NIGHT

As Edie runs out onto it. She looks down wildly, searching for Terry. A ship's whistle makes a mournful sound. A great luxury liner is heading out to the harbor. Fog is drifting in over the roof. She peers down but can see nothing. She hears a wild shriek from the street and runs to the railing again. It is only a teenager whooping it up below. Then she hears shots—Bang—Bang—Bang—and the sound of a police siren. She raises her hands to her head and cries.

EDIE
Terry.

Then she hears the follow-up of the police siren. It is only a TV set near the open window of the floor below.

TV ANNOUNCER
And now for your weekly dramatic thrill straight from the files of the City's Finest—Police Patrol...
("Dragnet"-type music)

Edie turns away in exasperation. She calls down the fire escape into the fog.

EDIE
Terry!

(CONTINUED)
There is no answer. Mrs. Collins appears on the fire escape in her kimono.

MRS. COLLINS
Don't go down!

Mrs. Collins tries to restrain her but Edie wrenches away—

EDIE
Terry!

She starts to run hysterically down the fire escape.

As Edie is coming down the outside metal steps, Mutt is wandering along singing mournfully—

MUTT
Tippi-tippi-tin, tippi-Tin... .

A window opens and an angry voice cries:

LOUD VOICE
Drop dead!

An old shoe is hurled at Mutt, just as Edie turns toward him.

MUTT
(to the angry window)
Spit on me, curse me and stone me, but I suffer for your sins...

LOUD VOICE
Go suffer somewhere else, you bum.

The window bangs shut. Mutt sees Edie and turns his attention to her.

MUTT
I seen it. I seen them put him to death! I heard him cry out.

EDIE
(impatiently— almost hysterically)
Who. Who did you see?

MUTT
His executioners. They was stabbing him in his side. And his soft eyes was looking down at them.
158 CONTINUED:

EDIE  
(desperately)  
Tell me who.

MUTT  
(lifting his head  
from his hands)  
Our Lord Jesus. When He died to save  
us...

He gropes toward her as if to paw her.

EDIE  
(with loathing)  
Oh get away—get away!

She runs on. Mutt goes staggering off in the opposite  
direction, singing his song. Edie runs on until she sees  
Terry in the mist.

EDIE  
Terry!

She runs into his arms.

EDIE  
Terry, I'm frightened. More and more  
frightened.

TERRY  
I'm looking for Charley. I heard  
Charley was waiting for me.  
(calls)  
Charley?

There is no answer. Terry frowns. Edie points through the  
darkness.

SAME VOICE IN FOG  
Wanna see Charley? He's over here.

TERRY  
(as they hurry forward)  
Hey, Charley... .

159 EXT—MEDIUM CLOSE—WHITE WALL—NIGHT

The headlights of a car suddenly illuminate Charley against  
the wall.

Charley is leaning against the lamp post, in a very casual  
attitude, looking as dapper as usual. Terry and Edie run to  
him. The car drives off.

(CONTINUED)
TERRY

Looking for me, Charley?

Charley seems to study them silently. Terry nudges him.

TERRY

Hey Charley.

Charley slides down the wall and crumples to the ground. Dead. Edie screams. Terry drops beside the body.

TERRY

He's dead. He's dead. Those scummy, good-for-nuthin' butchers!.

The lights of an approaching car catch them in its beam. Terry reacts quickly, cowering against the wall and pulling Edie down behind him protectively.

TERRY

Behind me. Behind me. It may be them coming back!

They huddle in fear as the car comes closer; then it turns and the lights are no longer on them. Terry lets out a soft whistle of relief as the car drives off. Edie is completely panicked now.

EDIE

(in a horrified whisper)

Terry, let's go away.

Terry takes Charley's arm, which is twisted behind him, and straightens it tenderly.

TERRY

Charley.

EDIE

(hysterically)

I mean it, let's get away from here, first Joey then Nolan, now Charley— and any minute...

(stares at him, almost saying "you")

...I'm frightened— I'm frightened.

Terry seems not to hear. There are tears in his eyes but fury in his voice as he mutters to himself.

TERRY

I'll take it out of their skulls.

(CONTINUED)
EDIE
I don't want to see you killed. I want to live with you. Live with you. Any place it's safe to walk the streets without... .

TERRY
(in a terrible mutter to himself)
I'll take it out of their skulls.

He rises, in a dangerous, animal rage.

EDIE
Terry, no, no...

TERRY
Don't hang on to me. And don't follow me. Don't follow me.
(turns)
Call the Father. Ask him to take care of Charley for me. My brother. There's something I got to do.

He looks around, takes note of and strides toward—

160 MEDIUM SHOT—PAWN SHOP—NIGHT

A little way down the block. An iron grille protects the windows. Terry goes up to the grille and looks in. Edie follows him anxiously.

161 CLOSE SHOT—PAWN SHOP WINDOW—THROUGH GRILLE—NIGHT

There are watches, rings, fishing rods, guitars, cameras, musical instruments, suits, furs, bowler hats, and—about two feet back from the window—a .45 revolver in a holster and a belt of cartridges.

TERRY
(muttering)
They put a hole in Charley. I'll put holes in them.

Edie sees what Terry is after and tries to restrain him.

EDIE
Terry, go home. There's nothing you can do now. It's locked up.

Terry looks at her unseeingly, then drives the toe of his shoe through the diamond shaped opening in the grille, and through the glass behind it.
INT—PAWN SHOP WINDOW—NIGHT

Shooting toward Terry, the coveted revolver in the F.G. Terry's fingers cannot quite reach it. He has to press his shoulder painfully against the jagged glass in order to inch closer to it. He contorts his face in pain as the glass cuts through his jacket into his flesh. Blood begins to dampen his shoulder but with a final effort he gets his fingers around the gun.

EXT—PAWN SHOP—NIGHT

As Terry draws the gun from the window and slips it into his pocket, Edie sees the blood dripping from the rip in his jacket.

EDIE
Terry, you're bleeding.

TERRY
(in a flat tone)
Do what I told you. Take care of Charley.

EDIE
Terry, for God's sake.

TERRY
Get out of my way.

EDIE
No, I can't let you. I can't, you're—

She clings to him sobbing.

TERRY
(violently)
I don't want to hurt you, but... out of my way!

He flings her from him and goes on loading the gun, as she sobbingly watches him go off.

INT–FRIENDLY BAR–NIGHT

As Terry enters. The usual crowd are present: Barney, Specs, Sonny, Truck, J.P., etc. There is a comedian on TV and everyone is laughing but the laughter dies at the sight of Terry. He goes up to the bar tensely. Everyone watches in silence. There is a suggestion of men feeling for their guns but nobody moves.

(CONTINUED)
TERRY
(to bartender)
Is Johnny in?

JOCKO
No.

TERRY
(suspiciously)
No?

To see for himself, Terry strides through to the back room and throws open the door. The back room is empty. Then he takes a seat at the bar so he can watch the room and the entrance. The customers eye him carefully.

TERRY
(to Jocko)
Give me a double.

JOCKO
Take it easy now, Terry.

TERRY
Keep the advice. Give me the whiskey.

Jocko sets the drink up. He notices the jagged tear in Terry's jacket and the spreading stain of blood from the shoulder.

JOCKO
What's wrong with your shoulder?

TERRY
(draining his glass)
Hit me again.

JOCKO
(in an undertone)
Listen, kid, why don't you go home before Johnny... .

Terry pushes his empty pony glass forward for another one.

TERRY
(sharply)
No advice. Just whiskey.

JOCKO
(pouring it)
Easy. Easy, boy.
Footsteps are heard outside the swinging doors. Terry turns to face the entrance, his hand going to the gun in his pocket. Sonny, Truck, Barney, and others all watch him, ready for the draw. Jocko automatically crosses himself and turns off the TV, which is now only an irritant. The swinging doors open, but it's not Johnny. Just a couple of happy waterfront barflies. But the moment they enter their grins vanish as they are made to feel the tension. They look at Terry, then they look at the goons watching Terry.

JOCKO
(to the newcomers)
What'll you have?

NEWCOMER
Thanks just the same.

The two men bolt out the doorway. In the silence we hear the creaking of the ancient swinging doors. The silence is oppressive. Terry works his hand over his bleeding shoulder.

JOCKO
You ought to go home and take care of that—

TERRY
(watching the doorway, growls)
First things first.

Once more steps are heard on the sidewalk outside the bar. Once more everyone is on edge for the showdown between Terry and Johnny. All eyes are on the swinging doors.

Father Barry enters, followed by Moose, Tommy, Luke. CAMERA goes with Father Barry as he walks right up to Terry.

FATHER BARRY
I want to see you, Terry.

TERRY
You got eyes. I'm right in front of you.

FATHER BARRY
Now don't give me a hard time.

TERRY
What do you want from me, Father.

(CONTINUED)
FATHER BARRY
(putting out his hand)
Your gun.

TERRY
Mind your own business, Father.

FATHER BARRY
This is my business.

TERRY
Why don't you go and chase yourself?

FATHER BARRY
(slowly) Give me that gun.

TERRY
You go to hell.

FATHER BARRY
(advancing)
What did you say?

TERRY
(just a trifle
disconcerted)
You go to--

Father Barry throws a good right hand punch that catches
Terry by surprise and knocks him down. Terry rises, feeling
his shoulder, which is oozing blood now and weakening him.
He charges Father Barry like a tormented animal.

TERRY
Why you...

Moose and Luke grab him, although Father Barry waits calmly.

TOMMY
(to Terry)
Get wise to yourself, you bum.
The word hits him. Terry drops his hands slowly, weaving as
if weak from loss of blood.

TERRY
(chastened)
Take your hands off me. What you
call me?

(CONTINUED)
FATHER BARRY
(to Terry)
A bum. Look what you're doing. You want to be brave? Firing lead into another man's flesh isn't brave. Any bum who picks up a .45 in a pawn shop can be that brave. You want to hurt Johnny Friendly? You want to fix him for what he did to Charley—and a dozen men who were better than Charley? Don't fight him like a hoodlum down here in the jungle. That's just what he wants. He'll hit you in the head and plead self-defense. Fight him tomorrow in the courtroom—with the truth as you know it—Truth is the gun—Drop that thing and tell the truth—a more dangerous weapon than this little—(reaches into Terry's pocket and removes the gun as he talks)—cap pistol.

The two men look at each other. Father Barry's words cut him.

FATHER BARRY
That is, if you've got the guts. If you haven't, you better hang on to this.

Father Barry offers the gun back to Terry contemptuously. Terry takes the gun, and holds it self-consciously.

FATHER BARRY
You want a beer?
(to Jocko)
Two beers.

Jocko sets them up and Father Barry and Terry drink them off, looking at each other. The drink seems to refresh Terry. He turns around to Jocko and slams the gun down on the bar.

Behind the bar is a large picture, in the place of honor, showing Johnny Friendly arm-in-arm with "Mr. Upstairs," beaming with self-confidence.

TERRY
Father, there is one thing I'd like to do.

(CONTINUED)
So saying, he takes his revolver and hurls it into the face of the picture.

TERRY
(feeling better)
Tell Johnny I was here.

Terry looks around defiantly at the tense gunmen—and starts out with Father Barry and the group.

Watching Terry leave. Breathing a sigh of relief as he picks up the gun.

JOCKO
(inadvertently)
... nice boy... .

Then he catches the dark looks of Sonny, Truck, Barney, etc., and busies himself at the bar.

FADE OUT:

A court room door opens. It is the door out of which the witnesses are brought to testify for hearings of the Waterfront Crime Commission. A counsel is just finishing questioning Big Mac... We don't photograph this.

We show Terry walking slowly towards his seat. Edie and Father Barry are in the audience. Also Johnny and some of the mob. We hear the DIALOGUE

COUNSEL (O.S.)
You mean to sit there and tell me that your local takes in sixty-five thousand, five hundred dollars every year and keeps no financial records?

BIG MAC (O.S.)
Sure we keep records!

COUNSEL (O.S.)
Well, where are they?

BIG MAC
(indignantly)
We was robbed last night and we can't find no books.
COUNSEL

Doesn't it seem odd to you that five different waterfront locals were broken into last night and the only articles removed were financial records?

BIG MAC

(steadfastly)

What do you mean, odd? We was robbed like I told you.

COUNSEL

(waving him aside)

That's all. Next witness!

Big Mac steps down, mopping his brow. Terry steps up to the stand. They glare at each other as they pass. We CUT to Edie looking on anxiously from the spectators' section, to Father Barry, Pop, Moose, Tommy, and Luke sitting together leaning forward.

CLERK

Name?

TERRY

Terrence Francis Malloy.

CLERK

Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

There is a momentary pause.


His hand raised for the oath. When he answers, it seems more than a mere judicial formality.

TERRY

(firmly)

Right... I do.
CONTINUED:

COUNSEL
(rising)
Mr. Malloy, is it true that on the night Joey Doyle was found...

CLOSE—ON LARGE TV SET IN AN ELEGANT STUDY

We see Terry testifying on the TV screen.

COUNSEL
...dead you were the last person to see him before he was pushed off the roof, and that you went immediately to the Friendly Bar where you expressed your feelings about the murder to Mr. Johnny Friendly?

TERRY
That's right.

During the above a butler's hand sets a highball glass down beside a rich leather chair, and a strong, manicured hand wearing an expensive ring picks up the glass.

VOICE OF BUTLER
Will there be anything else, sir?

VOICE OF "MR. UPSTAIRS"
(an impressive, heavy voice)
Yes, Sidney, if Mr. Friendly calls, I'm out, and you don't know when I'll be back.

VOICE OF BUTLER
Very good, sir.

The CAMERA moves in on the TV screen, the court room image spins, and when it finally stops, we are back to—

INT—MEDIUM CLOSE—COURTROOM—ON TERRY — DAY

COUNSEL
... Thank you, Mr. Malloy, you've done more than to break the case of Joey Doyle, you have held up a lamp of truth in the dark cave of waterfront crime. You may step down now.

As Terry steps down, he is quickly surrounded by police bodyguards, who lead him toward the chamber behind the court—

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room. As he steps into the aisle Johnny Friendly leaps up from a long bench facing the aisle.

JOHNNY
(struggling to get at
Terry)
You're a walkin' dead man! You're dead on this waterfront and every other waterfront from Boston to New Orleans. You won't go anywhere, drive a truck or a cab or push a baggage rack without one of my guys have the eye on you. You just dug your own grave, dead man, go fall in it!
(spits in Terry's face)
Terry leaps at him instinctively.
The gavel sounds repeatedly and there are cries of "Order! Order!" Johnny wrestles with Terry, but they are roughly separated by court room guards who lead Terry off toward the door to the private chambers. Edie leaves her seat and tries to get to Terry but is kept off by the guards.

GUARD
Sorry, Miss, our orders is to keep everybody away.

They lead Terry off, as the voice of the clerk is saying—

VOICE (O.S.)
Next witness, Mr. Michael J. Skelly, also known as Johnny Friendly....

DISSOLVE:

174 INT—CLOSE—COURTHOUSE LOBBY AND STAIRS ON HEAVY FOOTSTEPS—DAY
Terry's.

175 CLOSE ON TWO MORE PAIRS OF HEAVY FOOTSTEPS
Terry's police bodyguards.

176 MEDIUM CLOSE—TERRY AND POLICEMEN CROSSING COURTHOUSE LOBBY—DAY
Old men and bums are sitting on the park benches. Loitering outside are two of Terry's old chums, Chick and Jackie. Terry has to go right past them.
They look at him coldly, and turn away. Terry goes on, unhappily, the police guards just behind him.

TERRY
(half turning, irritably)
Have to walk right on top of me?

FIRST COP
Orders, Terry.

TERRY
You're stepping on my heels— you're making me nervous.

SECOND COP
Terry, you're hot, you know that, you should be glad we're this close to you.

TERRY
Trailing me like that, you make me feel like a canary.

FIRST COP
(grins a little)
Well?

TERRY
Now beat it— go ahead— beat it.

SECOND COP
Take it easy, Terry, take it easy.

He looks at his colleague and winks—they understand and fall back, allowing Terry to continue on down the stairs.

DISSOLVE:

INT—TERRY'S ROOM

Edie is preparing coffee on a little stove in the corner as Terry enters, drained and let down.

TERRY
Edie.

(CONTINUED)
EDIE
I thought you might want some hot coffee.

TERRY
(shaking his head moodily)
Thanks just the same.

EDIE
Well, it's over.

TERRY
But I feel like— My friends won't talk to me.

EDIE
(bitingly)
Are you sure they're your friends?

Terry looks at her and then paces restlessly. He looks out and sees—

178 EXT—ROOFTOP—DAY
Jimmy, on the roof.

179 INT—TERRY'S ROOM—DAY

TERRY
(calling, halfheartedly)
Hey, Jimmy— how's the kid?

Jimmy doesn't answer. Terry goes to the window.

TERRY
Hey, Jimmy!

180 EXT—ROOFTOP—DAY
Jimmy Conners, near the pigeon coop. He looks up at Terry sullenly and doesn't answer.

181 INT—TERRY'S ROOM—DAY
Terry draws back in defeat.

TERRY
Jimmy too.

JIMMY'S VOICE (O.S.)
A pigeon for a pigeon... !

(CONTINUED)
Through the open window is flung the body of a dead pigeon. It falls at Terry's feet. He looks down at it. Its neck has been wrung.

TERRY
(brokenly)
Swifty— my lead bird—

He looks out toward his coop—then climbs out the window and hurries toward it. We hold on Edie who watches him, worried, and then follows him.

Terry goes to his coop. On the floor are every one of his pigeons, perhaps three dozen, all with their necks wrung. Terry picks one up.

Its head hangs limp.

TERRY
(looks off)
Jimmy...

EDIE
He's going to have to grow up too.

TERRY
(from deep inside him)
My pigeons.... .

EDIE
Terry, you better stay in for a while. I'll come and cook your meals. Be sure you keep the door locked.

TERRY
(not seeming to hear her)
Every one of 'em.... .

EDIE
You heard what Johnny said. No part of the Waterfront'll be safe for you now. Maybe inland— the Middle West somewhere— a job on a farm...

TERRY
(mutters disgustedly)
Farm...

He turns and starts back toward his room. She follows desperately.

(CONTINUED)
EDIE
Does it have to be the waterfront!
Pop, he's an old man, it's all he
knows, but you— you could do lots of
things, get into something new,
anything as long as it's away from
Johnny Friendly!

INT—TERRY'S ROOM

Terry enters. Edie's voice follows him as she trails behind
him. He sits on the bed and looks at the cargo hook hung on
a peg on the wall.

EDIE
Doesn't that make sense!

Terry doesn't answer. He takes the cargo hook from the wall
and jabs it viciously into the floor.

EDIE
I don't think you're even listening
to me!

He pulls the cargo hook out and jabs it into the floor again.

EDIE
...are you?

He looks up at her, frowns and then studies the cargo hook,
tapping it into his hand with pent-up feeling. The feeling
is a strong and infectious one. Edie senses it and accuses
him—

EDIE
You're going down there!

He looks up at her again for a moment and then works his
hand over the handle of the hook.

EDIE
(her voice rising)
Just because Johnny warned you not
to, you're going down there, aren't
you?

He doesn't say anything but the determination in him seems
to be constantly mounting.

EDIE
You think you've got to prove
something to them, don't you?

(MORE)
EDIE (CONT'D)

That you are not afraid of them and— you won't be satisfied until you walk right into their trap, will you?

His silence maddens her. She seems on the verge of striking him out of frustration and impotent rage. Her voice is hysterical—

EDIE

Then go ahead— go ahead! Go down to the shape-up and get yourself killed, you stupid, pigheaded, son of a—

(struggles to control herself)

What are you trying to prove?

With a decisive gesture Terry takes the hook and sticks it through his belt. Then he goes to the wall and lifts Joey's windbreaker from the nail on which it has been hanging. He puts the windbreaker on in a deliberate way, and grins at her as he does so; then he walks to the door with a sense of dignity he has never had before.

TERRY

(quietly)
You always said I was a bum. Well—
(points to himself)
—not anymore. I'm going down to the dock.
Don't worry, I'm not going to shoot anybody. I'm just going to get my rights.
(rubs the sleeve of the jacket)
Joey's jacket. It's time I start wearing it.

He goes.

QUICK DISSOLVE:

EXT—PIER—SHAPE-UP—MORNING

Big Mac facing the semicircle of several hundred men. Into this circle walks Terry.

Other longshoremen instinctively move away from him as he approaches.
CLOSE—BIG MAC

BIG MAC
I need fifteen gangs today. Everybody works!

He picks men out very quickly and they move forward from the mass.

MEDIUM CLOSE—TERRY—PIER—DAY

He has taken his stand defiantly, with his hands in his pockets, looking Big Mac in the eyes. Big Mac picks men all around Terry.

He makes it obvious by reaching over Terry's shoulder to pick men behind him. Finally there are only a handful left around Terry, and then they are chosen. Terry is left standing there alone.

TERRY
(brazenly)
You're still a man short for that last hatch gang, Mac.

BIG MAC
(without looking at Terry, calls to Sonny)
Hey, Sonny, go across to the bar and pick up the first man you see.

Now Big Mac looks at Terry for the first time.

BIG MAC
Where are them cops of yours, stoolie?
You're gonna need 'em.

He turns away. Terry stands there seething. He looks around at Pop, and the others ready to enter the pier. They look away, still fearful of Big Mac and the power of the mob, and feeling guilty for their passivity.

INT—JOHNNY FRIENDLY'S OFFICE ON WHARF—DAY

Johnny looks across at the isolated figure of Terry. Sonny, Truck, and Specs are with Johnny. On the desk are tabloids with headlines reading NAME JOHNNY FRIENDLY AS WATERFRONT MURDER BOSS. Under the banner head is a large picture of Johnny.

TRUCK
That ain't a bad picture of you, boss.

(CONTINUED)
Johnny glares at him and pushes the paper aside angrily.

SONNY
I wish you'd let us go to work on that cheese-eater.

JOHNNY
(with both hands working)
After we get off the front page.
Then he's mine. I want him.

Sonny returns with "the first man he saw"—Mutt Murphy. Mutt and Terry glance at each other.

SONNY
Here's your man, Mac.

MAC
Okay.

Mac nods Mutt on into the pier, the one armed derelict turning back with an apologetic gesture. Terry's fury grows. Mac growls at him—

MAC
You want more of the same? Come back tomorrow.

Terry looks at him, and then across at Johnny's office on the wharf.

His hands begin to tremble.

He turns and starts walking slowly, resolutely, down the gangplank leading to Johnny's headquarters.

SONNY
(seeing Terry through window)
He's comin' down!

JOHNNY
He's gotta be crazy!

TRUCK
(glancing out, growls)
Yeah, here comes the bum now. I'll top 'im off lovely.

(CONTINUED)
189 CONTINUED:

Behind Johnny's back the click of a revolver safety latch is heard.

190 JOHNNY WHIRLS ON HIM QUICKLY

JOHNNY
Gimme that.

TRUCK
(offended)
How are we gonna protect ourselves?

JOHNNY
Ever hear of the Sullivan Law?
Carrying a gun without a permit?
They'll be on us for anything now.
The slightest infraction. Give.
(turns to the other goons)
All of you? Give— give— give—

Sonny, Truck and the others reluctantly give up their guns. Johnny turns to the safe and begins to open it.

JOHNNY
We're a law-abidin' union. Understand?
(As he puts the guns in the safe and slams the safe door.)
A law-abidin' union!

191 EXT—UNION LOCAL OFFICE ON WHARF—DAY

Terry walks compulsively down the ramp to the office.

TERRY
(shouts)
Hey, Friendly! Johnny Friendly, come out here!

Johnny comes out of his office followed by his goons.

JOHNNY
(shouts)
You want to know the trouble with you?

You think it makes you a big man if you can give the answers.

TERRY
Listen, Johnny—

(CONTINUED)
JOHNNY
Go on— beat it. Don't push your luck.

Terry
You want to know somethin'—?

JOHNNY
I said beat it! At the right time
I'll catch up with you. Be thinkin'
about it.

As he starts to turn back into his office, Terry advances,
steaming himself up.

Terry
(louder)
You want to know something? Take the
heater away and you're nothin'— take
the good goods away, and the kickback
and the shakedown cabbage away and
the pistoleros—
(indicating the others)
away and you're a great big hunk of
nothing—
(takes a deep breath
as if relieved)
Your guts is all in your wallet and
your trigger finger!

JOHNNY
(with fury)
Go on talkin'. You're talkin' yourself
right into the river. Go on, go on...

Terry
(voice rising defiantly)
I'm glad what I done today, see?
You give it to Joey, you give it to
Nolan, you give it to Charley who
was one of your own. You thought you
was God Almighty instead of a cheap—
conniving—good-for-nothing bum!
So I'm glad what I done— you hear
me? —glad what I done!

JOHNNY
(coldly)
You ratted on us, Terry.
191 CONTINUED: (2)

TERRY
(aware of fellow
longshoremen watching
the duel)
From where you stand, maybe. But I'm
standing over here now. I was rattin'
on myself all them years and didn't
know it, helpin' punks like you
against people like Pop and Nolan
an'... .

JOHNNY
beckoning Terry with
his hands, in a
passion of hate)
Come on. I want you. You're mine.
You're mine! Come on!

192 FIGHT ON UNION OFFICE DECK—SERIES OF SHOTS

As Johnny takes an aggressive step forward, Terry runs down
the ramp and hurls himself at him. They fight furiously on
the deck of the houseboat. A fight to the death. A violent
brawl with no holds barred.

First one, then the other has the advantage. In B.G.,
longshoremen we know creep forward and watch in amazement.

193 LONGSHOREMEN WATCHING

LUKE
That kid fights like he useta!

Others nod but show no inclination to join in and face the
goons.

194 BACK TO FIGHT

Which mounts in intensity as CAMERA FOLLOWS it around the
narrow deck bordering the union office. Johnny knees Terry
but Terry retaliates with desperate combinations that begin
to beat Johnny to the deck. Both of their faces are bloody
and hideously swollen.

195 ANOTHER ANGLE—GOONS

At this point Sonny, Truck and the other goons jump in to
save their leader. Terry fights them off like a mad man,
under vicious attack from all angles.

LONGSHOREMEN WATCHING
They'll kill 'im! It's a massacre!

etc.

(CONTINUED)
But they still hang back, intimidated by Johnny Friendly and his muscle.

TERRY FIGHTING

His face a bloody mask, being punched and kicked until he finally goes down. Goons are ready to finish the job when a battered Johnny Friendly mutters:

JOHNNY

That's enough. Let 'im lay there.

Terry is crumpled on the deck, senseless, in a pool of blood.

REVERSE—ON EDIE AND FATHER BARRY

Pushing their way anxiously through the crowd of longshoremen.

FATHER BARRY
(tight-lipped)
What happened? What happened?

EDIE
(to young longshoreman)
Tommy, what happened?

POP
Where you goin'?

EDIE
(fiercely)
Let me by.

BACK TO TERRY

Blood seeping from his many wounds as Father Barry and Edie run in and kneel at his side. Johnny Friendly near by.

JOHNNY
You want 'im?
(as he goes)
You can have 'im. The little rat's yours.

FATHER BARRY
(to longshoreman)
Get some fresh water.

EDIE
Terry...?

FATHER BARRY
Terry... Terry... .

(CONTINUED)
Terry groans, barely conscious.

ENTRANCE TO PIER—ON BOSS STEVEDORE

In felt hat and business suit, symbols of executive authority.

BOSS STEVEDORE

Who's in charge here? We gotta get this ship going. It's costing us money.

The longshoremen hang back, glancing off toward the fallen Terry.

BOSS STEVEDORE

(waving them toward him)

Come on! Let's get goin'!

The men don't move.

BOSS STEVEDORE

I said— c'mon!

TOMMY

How about Terry? If he don't work, we don't work.

Others around him murmur agreement.

JOHNNY

(from B.G.)

Work! He can't even walk!

JOHNNY ON RAMP

Surrounded by longshoremen ignoring Stevedore's command, tries to drive them on.

JOHNNY

Come on! Get in there!

(grabbing Pop and shoving him forward)

Come on, you!

From force of habit, Pop begins to comply. Then he catches himself and turns on Johnny.

POP

(sounding more sad than angry)

All my life you pushed me around.

(Continued)
Suddenly he shoves Johnny off the ramp into the water scummy with oil slick and riverbank debris.

JOHNNY IN WATER
Cursing.

POP AND LONGSHOREMEN
Cheering Johnny Friendly's humiliation.

JOHNNY
(from water)
Come on, get me outa here.

BOSS STEVEDORE
Let's go! Time is money!

MOOSE
You hoid 'im. Terry walk in, we walk in with 'im.

Others facing Stevedore mutter agreement.

TERRY, FATHER BARRY AND EDIE
Terry's eyes flutter as they bathe his wounds.

EDIE
(to Father Barry)
They're waiting for him to walk in.

FATHER BARRY
You hear that, Terry?
(as Terry fails to respond)
Terry, did you hear that?
(trying to penetrate Terry's battered mind)
You lost the battle but you have a chance to win the war. All you gotta do is walk.

TERRY
(slowly coming to)
...walk?

FATHER BARRY
Johnny Friendly is layin' odds that you won't get up.

(CONTINUED)
JOHNNY
(in B.G., shouts)
Come on, you guys!

Friendly's voice acts as a prod on Terry.

TERRY
(dazed)
Get me on my feet.

They make an effort to pick him up. He can barely stand. He looks around unseeingly.

TERRY
Am I on my feet...?

EDIE
Terry...?

FATHER BARRY
You're on your feet. You can finish what you started.

Blood oozing from his wounds, Terry sways, uncomprehendingly.

FATHER BARRY
You can!

TERRY
(mutters through bloody lips)
I can? Okay. Okay...

EDIE
(screams at Father Barry)
What are you trying to do?

ANGLE—ON RAMP
As the groggy Terry starts up the ramp, Edie reaches out to him. Father Barry holds her back.

FATHER BARRY
Leave him alone. Take your hands off him—Leave him alone.

Staggering, moving painfully forward, Terry starts up the ramp. Edie's instinct is to help him but Father Barry, knowing the stakes of this symbolic act, holds her back. Terry stumbles, but steadies himself and moves forward as if driven on by Father Barry's will.
As he staggers forward as if blinded, the longshoremen form a line on either side of him, awed by his courage, waiting to see if he'll make it. Terry keeps going.

Waiting at pier entrance as Terry approaches. Shot out of focus as Terry would see him through bloody haze.

As the men who have formed a path for him watch intently, Terry staggers up until he is face to face with the Stevedore. He gathers himself as if to say, "I'm ready. Let's go."

STEVEDORE
(calls officially)
All right—let's go to work!

As Terry goes past him into the pier, the men with a sense of inevitability fall in behind him.

JOHNNY FRIENDLY
Hurrying forward in a last desperate effort to stop the men from following Terry in.

JOHNNY
(screams)
Where you guys goin'? Wait a minute!

As they stream past him.

JOHNNY
I'll be back! I'll be back! And I'll remember every last one of ya!

He points at them accusingly. But they keep following Terry into the pier.

As Father Barry and Edie look on, Stevedore blows his whistle for work to begin. Longshoremen by the hundreds march into the pier behind Terry like a conquering army. In the b.G. A frenzied Johnny Friendly is still screaming, "I'll be back! I'll be back!" The threat, real as it is, is lost in the forward progress of Terry and the ragtail army of dock workers he now leads.

FADE OUT:

THE END