

SCENE 19

WILLIE'S APARTMENT

WILLIE

Carl, what're you doin' here?

(SAM freezes as WILLIE addresses CARL by name.)

CARL

Who've you been talking to?

WILLIE

Talking to? Estas loco. What the hell do you mean?

CARL

Some fortune teller woman knows all about you -- everything. Where's she getting it from, huh?

SAM

(staggered, stunned)

Carl!

WILLIE

I ain't said a word to anybody.

CARL

She knows your name, goddamn it! She knows where you live!

WILLIE

A lot of women know where I live.

CARL

This isn't a joke, man. She knows about the murder.

SAM

You bastard!

CARL

Now I want you to find this psychic bitch, whoever she is, and you just...look--you just get rid of her, okay? I've got ten million dollars stuck in that goddamn computer. If I don't get those codes, if that money's not transferred soon, I'm dead. We're both dead. These are big drug dealers.

WILLIE

Why don't you tell him you only launder money on the first of the month?

CARL

You don't screw with 'em, man. They'll take us down, like that.

(SAM walks over to CARL and stares directly into his face. CARL looks right through him, staring at WILLIE.)

What is wrong with you? Is everything a joke? You killed a man. I mean what the hell didn't you understand, Willie? You were supposed to steal his wallet. You killed a man.

SAM

(sung through the following dialogue)

I HAD A LIFE
I HAD IT ALL
AND FROM SUCH A HEIGHT
IT'S SO FAR TO FALL
YOU TOOK ALL I HAD
TORN APART AT THE SEAMS
YOU'VE TAKEN FROM ME
EVERYTHING I SEE
AND YOU'VE STOLEN MY DREAMS

CARL

Oh, was that a joke?

WILLIE

I did you a favor, man. That was a freebie.

CARL

Jesus! You are such an asshole. Don't blow this for us. I've risked everything here--my job, my life. A huge slice of that money goes to us. You can't get a cut of nothing. I don't get you Willie. Why can't you keep it in your pants, huh? You don't run around bragging about killing a man. You don't crow about that shit. Come on, just give me Sam's goddamn key, okay? I'll get his address book myself. Just keep your mouth shut, okay?

*(WILLIE gives him the key and CARL exits.
The apartment disintegrates around SAM.)*