

**Scene 4**

*Police Station*

*An officer stands by two recently arrested hookers. Deloris runs on and starts talking to the cop. Officer Eddie Souther is at his desk, listening.*

**DELORIS**

Help me! I just saw somebody kill somebody!

**COP**

Who killed who?

**DELORIS**

Ernie. Ernie Williams got killed.

**EDDIE**

Ernie Williams got killed?

**DELORIS**

Yeah.

**COP**

He was our best informant.

**DELORIS**

Informant?

**EDDIE**

I bet Curtis Jackson killed him.

**DELORIS**

Yeah.

**EDDIE**

Damnit.

*(He hits the desk)*

Ow!

**DELORIS**

*(Looking at Eddie)*

Wait a minute.

**EDDIE**

What?

**DELORIS**

I know you.

**EDDIE**

Well I know you too, Doris Carter.

**DELORIS**

It's Deloris Van Cartier now. As in Cartier's.

*(Beat)*

I do know you—high school!

**EDDIE**

Yeah, that was me.

**DELORIS**

You had a crush on me.

**EDDIE**

Yeah, that was me.

**DELORIS**

I'd come around and you'd get so nervous...you'd start to sweat.

**EDDIE**

No, that wasn't me.

**DELORIS**

I called you Sweaty Eddie!

**EDDIE**

Look I'd appreciate it if you didn't...

**HOOKER**

Sweaty Eddie! How ya doin' Sweaty Eddie?

**EDDIE**

ARGH!

**COP**

*(To hookers)*

Come on, let's go girls. Let's move it.

*(They start to exit. Before he exits:)*

I'll be right back. Sweaty Eddie.

*(He exits laughing)*

**EDDIE**

That's not my name.

**DELORIS**

Sweaty Eddie. Damn.

**EDDIE**

Look Doris.

**DELORIS**

Deloris.

**EDDIE**

Curtis Jackson needs to be put away. We've been working on this case for over a year. We got a lotta hidden film on him and you're not safe. If you saw Ernie get killed, you need protection and there's no protection like the Philadelphia police department.

*(He sits on the edge of his desk, falls, and gets back up.)*

We need to hide you.

**DELORIS**

You can't hide me, how you gonna hide me...how you gonna hide this?

**EDDIE**

Here's a picture of the last guy who talked. Or what's left of him. Look.

*(He hands Deloris the picture)*

**DELORIS**

Oh my God. You gotta help me.

**EDDIE**

Then you gotta be our witness.

**DELORIS**

No way.

**EDDIE**

Deloris, Curtis will kill you. We need you testify so we can put him away.

**DELORIS**

But what's gonna happen to me?

**EDDIE**

We need a place he'd never think to look. And we gotta disguise you.

**DELORIS**

You mean I gotta go incognegro?

*(She puts on her sunglasses)*

**EDDIE**

Wait a minute.

**DELORIS**

What?

**EDDIE**

I got the perfect place. Let's go.

*#3a – The Perfect Place*

Hurry up. We gotta move.

*(As they exit, she notices he is not wearing a gun)*

**DELORIS**

But what about your gun?

**EDDIE**

Guns make me nervous.

**DELORIS**

Well, ain't this my lucky day. Got a man who wants to kill me and a cop without a gun. Goody goody.

*(Deloris leaves her blue coat on the chair. She exits. As Eddie exits behind her, he wipes his brow with a handkerchief. As the door closes, we hear church bells)*