

COP "WATTS"

(A) HORTON TOWN SQUARE: PRIVATE AREA. TIME:

SAME NIGHT

(.....)
ABOUT TO MOVE OUT WHEN UNKNOWN MAN [SPECIAL
AGENT WATTS] ENTERS. WATTS: HEY, KID, STOP
RIGHT THERE. I SAW YOU ASSAULT THAT BOY IN
THE PARK. JJ, TIPSY AND IN NO MOOD: GO TO
HELL. HE STARTS TO HEAD OFF, BUT THE MAN
GRABS HIM AND SHOVES HIM TO THE GROUND. WATTS:
GUESS WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO THIS THE HARD
WAY. AS HE CUFFS JJ, ON JJ STUNNED. CONTINUE)

JJ.

What the hell are you doing? Who are
you?

WATTS

Calm down --

(JJ STRUGGLES AND STARTS TO GET FREE)

JJ

Let go of me.

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(WATTS AND THE COP PULL JJ TO HIS FEET)

JJ

Seriously? You're going to arrest me
for getting into a fight? I barely
touched that guy.

(WATTS HAS GOTTEN HIS HANDS ON JJ'S WALLET,
NOW LOOKS AT HIS I.D.)

WATTS

I also saw you knock back a few drinks
down by the lake. Looks like somebody's
not legal.

JJ

It was just a few beers. Everyone was --

WATTS

(OVER)

I'm afraid you're going to have to come
with us, Mr. Deveraux.

(WATTS AND THE COP START TO LEAD HIM OFF)

JJ

Wait a minute. Don't you have to read
me my rights?

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WATTS

(GIVES HIM A LOOK)

Nope.

(AS THEY CONTINUE OUT, JJ PROTESTING:)

JJ

This is bogus! I want to call my lawyer!

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(E) ROMAN'S OFFICE - NIGHT

(IN PROGRESS. WATTS IS NOW IN THE ROOM WITH
ROMAN AND JJ)

ROMAN

JJ Deveraux. Meet DEA Agent Watts.

~~DEA~~

ROMAN

Agent Watts is in Salem because of a
large increase in drug-related incidents
in the last several months.

JJ

I don't have anything to do with that!

~~(TO ROMAN)~~

I know you thought I was dealing again
because of that stupid anonymous tip a

~~few moments ago, but I mean, I'm not!~~

You have to believe me!

WATTS

Actually, we do believe you.

(TAKE JJ SURPRISED)

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WATTS (CONT'D)

Commissioner Brady and I have been doing
a great deal of surveillance, and we're
convinced you're clean.

JJ

(RELIEVED) •

You are?

(THEN)

Wait. Then why am I here?

BLACK

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WATTS

The drug business in Salem is booming.

ROMAN

Violent crime's up twenty-five percent
in the last year.

WATTS

It seems we've got a kingpin expanding
his local territory in a big way.

JJ

Why are you telling me all this?

WATTS

DEA's working with Salem PD to reel in
the big fish. Following me?

JJ

I have no idea who you're talking about.

I haven't been involved in dealing in
like two years, I haven't even touched
the stuff...

(WATTS HANDS JJ A PICTURE OF KYLE)

WATTS

But you've had contact with this man.

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ROMAN

His name is Kyle Southern, and he's a low-level dealer.

WATTS

He's tried to recruit you, correct?

JJ

Yeah, but I turned him down -- twice. I was very clear that there's no way I'll go back to dealing.

(WATTS LOOKS TO ROMAN, THEN BACK TO JJ)

WATTS

We'd actually like you to change your mind about that offer. Go back to Southern and tell him you'll do it.

(HE LOOKS TO ROMAN)

ROMAN

We want to destroy this operation, and it has to be done from the inside.

KYLE

Somebody needs to go undercover, son... and our agency thinks that someone should be you.

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JJ

Are you kidding me? You want me to go
undercover?

✓ ROMAN

~~Actually, I'm not thrilled with the idea,
JJ. But Special Agent Watts here seems
to think you're the perfect candidate.~~

WATTS

I've checked out your rap sheet. You've
got talent, kid. Not the kind we like
to see in my end of the business, but
you had some notable success as a dealer.
If you got back in the game, no one would
question it. Especially now that you're
revisiting the party scene.

JJ

How did you --?

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WATTS

We've been watching you ever since we saw you with Kyle Southern. Because he's already approached you, we believe you're perfectly positioned to help lead us to the person running this operation.

JJ

But I'm not a cop. I have no training.

(ROMAN GIVES WATTS A LOOK)

~~ROMAN~~

~~Which is why I want you to understand that this would be incredibly dangerous. This isn't just weed we're talking about. It's hard core stuff. There's an awful lot at stake.~~

WATTS

Look, I'd rather not put a civilian in this position, but I'll be working very closely with you on this.

JJ

So I'd be like an informant. A narc.

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WATTS

I'd love to send our own guy in, JJ, but
it would take a long time to establish
trust and --

JJ

(OVER, COOL)

Well, you'd better get started now.
Because there's no way in hell I'm doing
this.

TO: BLACK

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