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YOU THINK YOU KNOW WHO DID THIS?

Side for MAX, RANDY, and JAMES

MAX. A real fucking shame, y'know? Little son-of-a-bitches trash *my* store too, just next door, twice in three years. Now I got more locks than they got in White House, and so they come torture this poor man. Why they do *this* to this man? Must we all live behind bars?

RANDY. I want to hear all this, Max, but let's start with your name.

MAX. You *know* my name. You just now *say* my name.

RANDY. Your *full* name. Your *last* name –

MAX. I am not the person who has done this, this is not my store, I do not know why my name is all so important as –

JAMES. Answer the question.

RANDY. You made the call. I just need it for my report.

MAX. Max Tarasov.

RANDY. And you run the video store next door.

MAX. How many times you come into my store?

RANDY. C'mon.

MAX. Uptown International DVD Rental, right next door, ten-nineteen. You want me to spell DVD?

JAMES. And you think you know who did this?

MAX. I see the little black son-of-a-bitches every day, no offense. They run in my store smelling like the pot. They are ripping off the DVDs, they break in my store and write their paints on my walls, twice in three years. Have you not heard me or not?

JAMES. Calm down. How is it a man who runs a DVD store shows up to his place of work before a man who sells donuts?

MAX. I do not-

JAMES. Lot of people anxious to rent DVDs at six in the morning?

MAX. I have theory, if anyone is interested. Little black son-of-a bitches sell drugs on corner smash up Arthur's store. How is that for theory.

JAMES. Thank you for making the call. You are free to go.

MAX. I am?

JAMES. You should go. Now.

MAX. I cannot say they are black? Have I done something wrong?

JAMES. I am not *asking* you -

MAX. You are black man. I see this. I do not say you do crime. I do not say *you* are black son-of-a-bitch. Am I not allowed to call black people "black people"?

JAMES. (*Nose to nose with Max.*) Say one more word about black people and I'm gonna bust your lip.