

BENNIE

INT. BACK OF SHOP -- DAY

BENNIE BEANS is in the back eating Chinese. A DISPATCHER sits over a computer terminal, headphones and microphone, steadily taking calls throughout.

START

BENNIE

Rufus! Where you been?

RUFUS

You know, hanging.

BENNIE

You want a drink or something?
You hungry. I can't eat all this.

RUFUS

Naw, I'm good. You heard about
Vince.

BENNIE

Everybody heard about Vince. That
was a heavy move.

RUFUS

Nothing to do with me.

BENNIE

I guess Dee bolted before they
could lay a charge.

RUFUS

Uh huh.

BENNIE

And you're the man now.

RUFUS

Opportunity knocked, I answered.
Now I'm knocking on your door.

BENNIE

Come on in. What can I do for you.

Rufus tosses the sample heroin on the table.

BENNIE (CONT'D)

What's this.

RUFUS

Straight outa the Golden Crescent.
Uncut.

BENNIE

I've heard that before.

RUFUS

I got a kilo.

BENNIE

Heard that before too. Where'd you
get this.

Bennie opens the flap and checks the sample.

RUFUS

I woke up early one morning and
there it was, under the Christmas
tree.

BENNIE

Santa's getting in the game now?

RUFUS

He thought what the hell, what's
one more package to deliver.

(MORE)

RUFUS (CONT'D)

Plus he's got all those elves
sitting around doing nothing the
rest of the year.

BENNIE

What are you asking.

RUFUS

Make me an offer.

BENNIE

I'd have to check it out.

RUFUS

I'm shopping it around, so the
sooner the better.

BENNIE

Couplea hours, I'll have a number
for you.

Rufus leaves, back through the shop, past Lana.

RUFUS

(sotto)

Call me.

LANA

Why.

RUFUS

Because you've missed me.

LANA

What's your name again?

He exits. BENNIE then heads out to through the store to the
street. He fingers an ADDICT loitering nearby. The ADDICT
follows BENNIE back into the store.

BENNIE

This is your lucky day. I need a
volunteer.

END