

INT. OFFICE - AFTERNOON

KENNY is on the phone. He is holding a gun and talking into it.

KENNY

Is the food here?... Don't try anything stupid!... Only one person and they have to be unarmed... If I see anything weird someone dies... Okay, send him in.

Kenny hangs up the phone and walks away from the door. It slowly starts to open. Kenny holds the gun up. The door opens a bit wider and we see a pair of hands holding a bag. DETECTIVE MACE walks in with his hands up.

MACE

Kenny, my name is Detective Mace. I'm unarmed. Don't shoot.

He walks in further and Kenny points at the bag.

KENNY

Set it on the ground. Don't come any closer!

Mace slowly sets the bag down. He stands back up and keeps his distance, hands still in the air.

MACE

It's okay. Calm down. Everything is going to be okay.

KENNY

Kick the bag over here.

Mace kicks the bag over and Kenny bends down and looks inside.

MACE

Are the hostages okay?

KENNY

Yeah, they're fine.

MACE

Look man, we got you what you wanted. Now it's your turn to do something for us.

Kenny stands back up pointing the gun.

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KENNY

Don't tell me what to do! Don't!

MACE

Alright, alright. Calm down.

KENNY

Man, I gotta think!

Mace starts to walk towards him. Kenny points the gun up again and Mace stops in his tracks.

KENNY (CONT'D)

Don't fucking move!

Mace backs off again.

MACE

Look man, I just want to check on the hostages and make sure.

KENNY

I said they were fine!

MACE

Alright. I trust you, but I have orders to check them for myself.

KENNY

That wasn't part of the deal. Now get out of here.

MACE

I can't do that. Not until I check them out.

Kenny starts pacing around shaking his head.

MACE (CONT'D)

Whatever it is, it can't be that bad.

KENNY

You don't know me! You don't know my life! Stop trying to pretend you do!

MACE

Why don't you tell me about it? Maybe I can help.

Kenny gives an almost cynical laugh.

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KENNY

Yeah, right!

MACE

You never know until you try. Come on man, let me help you.

Kenny starts freaking out again. Mace stays pretty still. Finally Kenny turns around to the empty corner and yells.

KENNY

Shut up! I said shut up!

Mace looks over at the empty corner. He looks a little confused.

MACE

Kenny? Where are the hostages?

Kenny points the gun back at Mace.

KENNY

Stay still.

MACE

Kenny, are they in the back room?

Kenny glares at him.

KENNY

Are you fucking blind? They're right there?

Kenny points to an empty corner. Mace looks over.

MACE

Kenny, there's no one there.

Kenny looks confused.

KENNY

What are you talking about? They're all right there!

Mace slowly backs away.

MACE

Kenny, it's going to be okay. We're going to get you some help.

KENNY

Stop saying that! If you say that one more time, one of them gets it.

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He points to the corner where no one is.

KENNY (CONT'D)
Now get out of here. I can hardly
hear myself think.

He points the gun at Mace.

KENNY (CONT'D)
Now!

Mace backs away and walks out the door as we...

FADE TO BLACK.