KILLER

INT. LOCKER ROOM - EVENING

BROCK is warming up before his big fight. He is throwing some jabs, throwing knees and kicks. In walks LESTER.

LESTER

Hey champ.

Brock continues to work out.

BROCK

Hey Lester. What's up man?

LESTER

Oh you know. How ya feeling?

BROCK

Like I am going to wipe the floor with this guy.

LESTER

Great.

There is silence as Brock moves around. Lester is hesitant.

BROCK

Is that all you need? I gotta finish my warm-up.

Defeated Lester looks at Brock.

LESTER

I need to ask a favor.

BROCK

Sure thing. What's up?

LESTER

I need you to throw the fight.

Brock stops working out. He studies Lester for a second before laughing.

BROCK

You almost had me going there for a moment. That's a good one.

Lester laughs along with Brock.

LESTER

Yeah, pretty funny. (beat)
I'm not kidding.

BROCK

Lester, what are you talking about?

LESTER

Look man, you know I would never ask you for anything if I didn't really need it.

(beat)

I'm in trouble.

BROCK

What kind of trouble?

LESTER

I owe some people. They found out that I know you and I had to make a deal.

BROCK

A deal? When were you going to tell me about it?

LESTER

I'm telling you now.

BROCK

A little late don't you think?

LESTER

I know and I'm sorry.

BROCK

Did you tell them that I would win?

LESTER

Look man, these guys are smart. There is no guarantee that you would win, but if you throw the fight, they know the outcome.

Brock shakes his head. There is a long pause as he thinks.

LESTER

So will you do it?

Brock shakes his head no.

BROCK

I can't man.

Defeated, Lester tries pleading.

LESTER

Brock, they are going to kill me. Please, just throw the damn fight.

BROCK

Who do you owe?

LESTER

Mr. Delifonte.

BROCK

What the hell are you doing mixing up with that guy?

LESTER

I know, it was stupid. My backs against a wall here. You gotta help me out.

BROCK

No I don't. You got yourself into this mess.

LESTER

Brock, please. Think of Emily.

BROCK

That's just low, even for you. (pause)
How much do you owe?

LESTER

Fifty.

The number floors Brock. He tries to calculate.

BROCK

I might be able to come up with 25 right now. And with my winnings tonight...

LESTER

Don't you get it!? They want you to throw the fight! That's it.

BROCK

I can't do that! That's how it all starts. First one fight, then they want you to throw another, next thing you know, they control you.

LESTER

Brock, please.

BROCK

I'm sorry, no.

Lester starts towards the door. He looks back.

LESTER
You just got me killed.

FADE TO BLACK.

KILLER DEBT

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