

MADDEN

You're late

PETE

You were early. I was watching you from the roof. You can't be too careful these days

MADDEN

No, you can't

PETE

I'm starting to get cold in places a guy shouldn't. Why are you here?

MADDEN

You've known me a long time. And you know I'm a person who appreciates talent

PETE

Everybody appreciates talent. Make your point

MADDEN

That fire last night didn't set itself. Someone had to do it. Someone who really knew what they were doing.

PETE

Go on

MADDEN

Tandello's got my jewels in a vice and he's squeezing hard.

PETE

I know

MADDEN

I might need a quick infusion of cash. I own two warehouses down by pier twenty nine. They're both highly insured

PETE

What kind of compensation are we talking?

MADDEN

Name your price

PETE

I always like doing business with you Madden. The other stuff Tandello had me doing to you, it was never personal. I got a family to support too you know.

MADDEN

So what do you say?

PETE

I'm sure my talents can serve us equally well. I'll call in a couple of days

MADDEN

Just out of curiosity...Why'd Tandello have you start that fire last night?

PETE

The congressman needed to learn a lesson.

MADDEN

Cruikshank? What did he do?

PETE

Let's just say that his voice against the new housing project didn't go over very well with some of the investors

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Interesting

PETE

And I think he did, just like you needed to learn a lesson earlier. So I did my deed on the wires behind that wall for the first fire

MADDEN

It's been a pleasure. Next time I'll let you buy me dinner