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He takes out a credit card to demonstrate.

MANNY (CONT'D)

Someone gives you a credit card to pay their tab, you just wave it across the screen like so, and it's able to decrypt and store all the data on it. Card type, number, expiration date, even the person's name.

RAQUEL

You know, they have a name for this: Identity theft.

MANNY

No, no, it's not like that. I just collect the info and sell it to a third party.

RAQUEL

Who then makes fraudulent charges on the card, which is called *identity theft*.

MANNY

They don't do it right away. They got a four month buffer before they start using the numbers. It's a complicated rotation, but the point is, it's nearly impossible to trace back to us.

RAQUEL

Nearly?

MANNY

Only people getting hurt are the banks. They're the ones who end up eating the charges. Which is okay by me. They been screwing us over for years. We're just screwin' 'em back. Karma, baby.

RAQUEL

Call it whatever you want, it's still illegal.

MANNY

I'll pay you 25 dollars for every card you swipe. Working the bar, you handle tons of credit cards every shift.

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MANNY (CONT'D)

Last bartender was pulling down an extra five hundred bucks a shift.

RAQUEL

Thanks, I'll pass.

MANNY

Come on, Wasteland --

RAQUEL

Don't call me that.

MANNY

Give it a try. I'll hide it in the slot under the register. No one'll even know it's there.

RAQUEL

I said no.

MANNY

You know...if Mark suddenly finds out about this-

RAQUEL

I'm not a rat.

MANNY

That's good. That's good for both of us.

(beat)

Just think about it...

He goes out, leaving her shaken.

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The TEST TECHNICIAN, young, pretty, sits with the results from Connor's personality test. She's looking over Connor's test results (WHICH WE DO NOT SEE).

TEST TECHNICIAN

Okay, so: the test measures both I.Q. and personality. You scored exceptionally high on the intelligence portion of the test. Well done.

CONNOR

(pleased with himself)

Thank you.

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