July

INT. 1736 NOTTINGHAM (LYNN BRACKEN'S) - DAY

LYNN

It's Officer White, isn't it?

LYNN (CONT'D)

Can I get you a drink?

BUD

Yeah, plain scotch.

LYNN

I was friendly with Sue Lefferts, but we weren't really friends. You know what I mean?

BUD

Are you sorry she's dead?

LYNN

Of course I am. What kind of question is that?

BUD

Have you ever heard of Dick Stensland?

LYNN

No I haven't. Do you know why Pierce is humoring you?

BUD

You use words like that, you might make me mad.

LYNN

Yes. But do you know?

BUD

Yeah I know. Patchett's running whores and judging by his address, probably something bigger on the side. He doesn't want any attention.

LYNN

That's right. Our motives are selfish, so we're cooperating.

BUD

Why was Susan Lefferts at the Nite Owl?

LYNN

I don't know. I never heard of the Nite Owl till today.

BUD

Did Lefferts have a boyfriend?

LYNN

Like I said we were friendly, not friends.

BUD

How'd she meet Patchett?

LYNN

Pierce meets people. Sue came on the bus with dreams of Hollywood. This is how they turned out. Thanks to Pierce, we still get to act a little.

BUL

You want some advice, Miss Bracken?

LYNN

It's Lynn.

BUD

Miss Bracken, don't ever try to fucking bribe me or threaten me or I'll have you and Patchett in shit up to your ears.

LYNN

I remember you from Christmas Eve. You have a thing for helping women, don't you, Officer White?

BUD

Maybe I'm just fucking curious.

LYNN

You say 'fuck' a lot.

BUD

You fuck for money.

LYNN

There's blood on your shirt. Is that an integral part of your job?

BUD

Yeah.

LYNN

Do you enjoy it?

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When they deserve it.

LYNN

Did they deserve it today?

BUD

I'm not sure.

LYNN

But you did it anyway.

BUD

Yeah, just like the half dozen guys you screwed today.

LYNN

(laughs again)

Actually, it was two. You're different, Officer White. You're the first man in five years who didn't tell me I look like Veronica Lake inside of a minute.

BUD

You look better than Veronica Lake.