

Mike
What the fuck is it?

Woman
I'm looking for Mike.

Mike
Mike isn't here. What do you want?

Woman
A friend of mine...

Mike
Cut to the chase. I'm very busy, what do you want
with Mike?

Woman
I'm telling you and you're Mike. And I want you
to listen to this cause you threatened to kill a
friend of mine...

Mike
Is that what I did?

Woman
Yes, that's exactly what you did, Mike. And that
behaviour doesn't go. Whether you mean it or not and
it's irrelevant to me, cause you ain't going to do
it. Now this is a sick kid. He's a compulsive gambler
and he hasn't...

Mike
Wait. What is this? What are you gonna do to me? What
are you fronting off about? If I'm this bad dude, why
don't I take out some gun and blow you to a billion
parts.

Woman
I'll tell you why. Cause I think you're just a bully.

Mike
"Just a bully"?
What? You're not gonna let me carry your books? Well
aren't you a caution?

Woman

Let's talk turkey, pal.

One, you threatened to kill my friend. You aren't going to do that. Cause if you do, you're going away for life.

Two is the money. He hasn't got it.

Mike

Who is this friend?

Woman

Billy Hahn.

Mike

Billy Hahn. He lost how much to me?

Woman

Come on. 25,000 dollars

Mike

25,000 dollars Billy Hahn has lost to me.

(pause)

Excuse me one moment, will you?

He leaves the room. He re enters with a notebook.

Mike

You say Billy Hahn lost 25,000 large to me? I'm showing you this cause I like you, OK?

(Beat)

Cause you got blonde hair. You're looking at Billy Hahn's IOU. OK? Billy Hahn owes me 800 bucks.

- (man) *In or out?*

Mike

(Yelling)

Deal past me.

OK?

How'd you make me so quick? How did you size me up so quick that I'm not some hard guy who's gonna rough you up or something?

Woman

I don't know. In my work...

Mike

What work is that?

Woman
It's none of your business.

- (man) *In or out?*

Mike
Out!
Oh, it's none of my business? OK. Then I stand corrected.
Here's the thing. I want something from you.

Woman
What do you want?

Mike
I want you to do me a favour.

Woman
Why should I do you a favour?

Mike
If you do, I'll forget the 800 your friend owes me.

Woman
What do you want?

Mike
Let's talk for a minute.

He leads her away from the door.

Woman
What is it?

Mike
Do you know what a "tell" is?

Woman
A "tell"?

Mike
Here. Do this.

Mike takes out a coin from his pocket shows it to her, puts his hands behind his back then brings them

forward close fisted.

Mike

You have to choose a hand.

You do it to me. Do it.

She repeats the action. He chooses. It's correct.

Mike

Bingo. Do it again.

She does and he guesses correctly again. He takes back the coin.

Mike

OK. Now, I can do that all day.

How? You got a "tell". You're telling me the hand that has the coin.

Woman

I am? How?

Mike

It's not important.

OK, it's your nose. You point your nose slightly at the hand that has the coin. OK?

That's a Tell. Now, look back over my shoulder. The guy in a beard and a cowboy shirt, you see him?

Woman

Yes.

Mike

He's from Las Vegas. He's been beating me all night, OK? He's got a Tell, OK? When he's bluffing, he plays with his little gold ring. I caught him doing it. He knows I did, so he stopped. He's conscious of himself.

I want you to do me this favour.

Woman

What's that?

Mike

I want you to be my girlfriend for a while. Come in the game, stand behind me and watch me play. We get in a big hand. I go to go pee, you watch this guy and tell me; does he play with his gold ring? Then I know

he's bluffing, I win the big hand and forget the 800
your friend owes.

Woman

If you're such a good gambler, how did you fall into
this?

Mike

Who told you I'm a gambler; I'm not a gambler.

Woman

You're not a gambler?

Mike

No.

Woman

Well what are you, then?

Mike

Look I made you a deal. I'll tear up your friend's
marker if you help me out.
Will you do that?

Woman

All right.