

INT. DARK ALLEY - NIGHT

A dimly lit alleyway, with a solitary LAMPPOST casting a feeble glow. A TENSE-LOOKING MAN in shabby clothes stands beneath it, nervously glancing around.

LOAN SHARK  
(grinning maliciously)

You owe me money, pal.

VINCE, the Debtor, nervously looks around, avoiding eye contact.

VINCE  
(stuttering)  
I'll get it for you... later.

The LOAN SHARK narrows his eyes, leaning closer, his tone darkening, his face inches from James, his tone deadly serious.

LOAN SHARK  
Make sure you get the money, or we'll have to take a little trip to the lake. And you know what they say about the lake, don't you?

Vince gulps, Vince's eyes widen with fear as he nods hesitantly.

VINCE  
(whispering)  
Yeah, I've heard the stories.

Joe smirks wickedly, his tone turning sinister.

JOE  
Good. Because I'll even get you a pair of fancy new shoes on me. Hahaha!

The Vince gulps nervously, realizing the gravity of the situation. Joe's offer isn't as generous as it sounds.

LOAN SHARK  
(coldly)  
Concrete shoes, my friend. Don't keep me waiting.

Joe smirks wickedly, his tone turning sinister.

VINCE

(panicking)

Wait, Joe, you don't mean... J-Joe, you don't have to do this. I'll get you the money, I swear!

Vince, filled with dread, takes a hesitant step away from the Loan Shark. But before he can make a clean escape, the Loan Shark's iron grip clamps onto his shoulder, yanking him back.

LOAN SHARK

(grabbing Vince)

Oh, Vince, you thought you could just walk away, didn't you?

The Loan Shark takes a DRAG of his cigar, its ember glowing menacingly.

VINCE

(struggling)

Tony, please, I'll get you the money!

Ignoring Vince's plea, the Loan Shark PRESSSES the glowing tip of his cigar against Vince's trembling hand, causing him to SCREAM in agony.

VINCE

(in pain)

Ahhh! Tony, stop, please!

Vince struggles in vain as the Loan Shark drags him out of sight. The alley is filled with the echoes of Vince's muffled cries for help. The Loan Shark pulls out a cigar, takes a puff, and then cruelly presses the burning end of it against Vince's trembling forearm. Vince cries out in pain.

VINCE

(agony)

Ahh! Please, Tony, I promise I'll get you the money!

The Loan Shark doesn't let up. He viciously delivers a series of brutal blows to Vince, who can do nothing but endure the punishment.