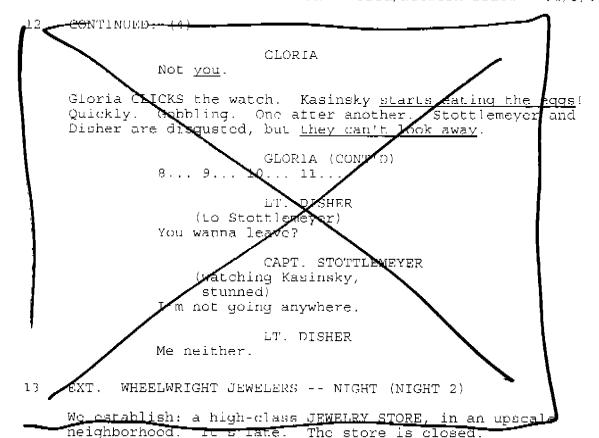
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14 INT: WHEELWRIGHT JEWELERS - BACK OFFICE -- SAME TÎME

Inside. All is quiet. The store manager, JOHN ELIOT, is alone, doing inventory. He's sorting LOOSE GEMS into trays. Behind him is an OPEN SAFE.

Eliot HEARS: a <u>scratching sound</u>. He turns. It's coming from a BACK DOOR, which leads outside.

The doorknob turns. Someone is opening it with a key!

STARS



ELIOT

An INTRUDER enters, waving a handgun! He wears a SKI MASK and LATEX GLOVES.

ELIOI

Oh my God-!

Hello?

MASKED INTRUDER (disguising his voice)
Get away from the window! Move!

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The Intruder seems to know his way around. He RIPS a phone cord from a wall! He tosses a CLOTH SACK onto the table.

MASKED INTRUDER (CONT'D)

Stones in the bag.

Eliot is terrified.

ELIOT

Yeah. Sure. No problem. Anything you want.

Eliot nervously scoops up the loose stones. He puts them in the sack.

MASKED INTRUDER

The emeralds too. And the pearls. (indicates the safe)

From there!

ELIOT

(puzzled)

How do you know about ...?

Eliot thinks he recognizes the Masked Intruder!

FLIOT

George?

MASKED INTRUDER

JUST DO IT! NOW!

ELIOT

George? What are you doing?

The Intruder sighs. He removes his ski mask. Eliot was ' right: he's George Keyes, our Bad Neighbor.

GEORGE KEYES

Probably for the best. I couldn't breathe in this thing.

Eliot realizes: he's in even more danger!

ELIOT

(terrified)

Just- just take everything, George. Take it all. I won't tell anyone, I swear-

GEORGE KEYES

You got that right.

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BLAM! Keyes calmly pulls the trigger. Eliot collapses, dead.

END OF ACT TWO