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INT. LOUIE'S GYM -- LATE AT NIGHT (NIGHT 1)

A gritty, neighborhood BOXING GYM. A BOXING RING, PUNCHING BAGS, WEIGHTS, etc. It's 4 AM. The gym is dark Quiet.

The front door jiggles. Someone is breaking in! A calm, professional hitman- who we will know as the ICEMANpicks the lock and enters.

The Ideman uses a FLASHLIGHT. He s d RUBBER GLOVES, and SURGICAL SLIPPERS. He s dressed in BLACK, with

He crosses to the SARED BAG. He removes the Bag from its chain... takes out a MAFE... slits it open... and removes some STUFFING.

Then he opens his DUFFEL BAG and carefully removes a [OMB!!

COIE'S GYM -- NEXT MORNING (DAY 2)

Fear hours later. Morning. The SPEEL BAG has been sewn back up. It's hanging there, innocently .. <u>ready to blow!</u>!

The door opens. Two men enter: a seasoned boxer named RAY "THE MACHINE" REGIS. Mid 30's. A big, decent guy. And his older, crusty trainer, LOUIE FLYNN. Louie is wearing cross <u>on a necklace.</u>

They CLICK ON the LIGHTS.

LOUIE FLYNN

Home sweet home. Hey. The new poster's here. What do you think?

Louie refers to a large POSTER promoting an upcoming fight: REMATCH OF THE CENTURY- RAY "THE MACHINE" REGIS VS. CARLOS HIRALDO. Hiraldo looks big and intimidating.

RAY REGIS

He looks mad.

LOUIE FLYNN

Sure he does! 'Cause he knows you're goin' home with that championship That's why he's mad. belt.

(then)

Let's get started. Get that heart going.

Ray Regis removes his sweatshirt.

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RAY REGIS

Look at this place. It's embarrassing. Louie, they got this new thing. I've been reading about it. It's called paint.

LOUIE FLYNN

You worry about Hiraldo's left uppercut. <u>I'll</u> worry about the interior decorating.

During this, Regis <u>lightly</u> taps on the RIGGED SPEED BAG! He's about to HIT IT HARD WHEN- they HEAR: an old man <u>coughing</u> and <u>wheezing</u>.

They turn. A grizzled, old drunk named EDDIE staggers in from the REAR LOCKER ROOM. He's been there all night.

LOUIE FLYNN (CONT'D)
Eddie! What the hell are you doing?
Have you been here all night?

EDDIE

I musta dozed off... back there...

Eddie stumbles. Regis leaves the deadly SPEED BAG, and crosses to help and comfort the older man.

LOUIE FLYNN

I hope he didn't puke back there. Because I'm not cleaning it up.

RAY REGIS

Hey. Lay off Eddie. He's my good luck charm.

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et much luck five your go.

RAY REGIS

hat a project high ty, route.

(handing Eddie a BILL)
Here. Here's ten bucks. Why don't
you buy yourself some breakfast.

LOUIE FLYNN

Something on a plate, for once. Not in a bottle.

Thanks, champ Fut it on my tab.

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Later that day. Downtown. In Louie Flynn's apartment.

A sad place. Ratty furniture. Cluttered with 30 year's worth of BOXING MEMORABILIA: POSTERS and PHOTOS and TROPHIES.

Monk, Capt. Stottlemeyer and Disher are questioning Louie. Louie is bringing them some coffee on a tray: ONE POT and ONE CUP.

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LOUIE FLYNN

You have to share. I could only find the one cup.

CAPT, STOTTLEMEYER This is fine, Mr. Flynn. Thank you very much.

LOUIE FLYNN

The name is Louie.

(wistfully)

We used to have a whole china set. All engraved... silver. I don't know what happened to everything. After my daughter passed, my wife moved out...

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER That's tough. Sorry to hear that.

LOUIE FLYNN

Life goes on. And on and on. (to Monk)

Wingels your pretty friendo

Monk is across the room. He's <u>barely been listening</u>.

MONK

She's picking up her daughter.

Down to business: Stottlemeyer and Disher show Louie a MUG SHOT of the killer we met earlier, the Iceman.

LT. DISHER

Have you ever seen this man?

Louie studies the photo.

LOUIE FLYNN

Can't say I have.

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CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER
We found some DNA in the gym. It
was on a piece of thread the bomber
used to sew the bag back up. It
belongs to him.

LT. DISHER

Tip name is Coynelius Bath. A least
than's the name he's been using
lately.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER They call him the Iceman.

LOUIE FLYNN That doesn't sound good.

LT. DISHER
Actually, it fits him. He's a
professional hitman. An assassin.
The FBI thinks he's killed fourteen
people.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER
That means somebody with very deep pockets put a contract out on your boy. You said you and Ray didn't have any enemies. You want to amend that statement?

Once again, Louie <u>nervously hides his cross under his shirt</u>, as...

LOUIE FLYNN I wish I could help you.

LT. DISHER
You heard of the Marino Family?
Frankie Marino?

LOUIE FLYNN Sure. Just from the papers.

The Torman used to the for Nim.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER
You don't owe Frank Marino- or his
crew- any money, by any chance?

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LOUIE FLYNN

(anxiously)

No sir. I swear to God. Me and Ray are clean. You can ask anybody. He's the Clean Machine.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

You might want to think harder, Louie.
(indicates PHOTO OF
ICEMAN)

Because this man won't stop. He's a machine, too.

LT. DISHER

We think he'll try again. Maybe Friday night.

LOUIE FLYNN

You mean during the fight?

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

It would make sense. We can't protect him in the ring.

LOUIE FLYNN

You're telling me to cancel the fight?!

CAPT, STOTTLEMEYER

Louie. We can't <u>tell</u> you to do anything-

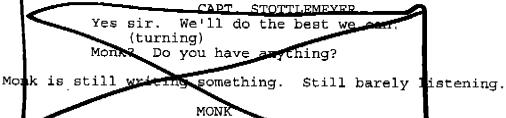
LOUIE FLYNN

(bitterly)

Forget it! Ray and me have been working five years for another shot at that title! Ray's gonna do his job on Friday. Why don't you do yours?!

Stottlemeyer and Disher sigh.

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No. I'm good.