

Paul -- what a nice surprise.

VITTI

How's it goin', Patty?

PATTY

Good. It's good. Give me a kiss,
you.

Patty hugs and kisses him, taking the opportunity to pat him
down for a weapon or a hidden wire.

VITTI

Sorry to hear about Carmine. He was a
good man.

PATTY

Yeah. You live with a person twenty-
one years, then one day they're

46.

pulling his torso out of the river.
It's hard.

VITTI

I'll bet -- especially with all the
talk about you being the one who put
him there.

PATTY

That's why I try not to gossip, Paul.
It's ugly. Just a sec.

(screaming to ceiling)

Michelle! Teresa! It's ten-thirty!
Stop fucking around and get ready for
ballet!

(to Vitti)

It's hard being a single parent and a
career woman.

VITTI

Yeah, I'm sure you're very busy.

PATTY

The pressure -- it's awful. For
instance, a lot of people think, now
that you're out, you're going to try
and take the family back from me. But
I said, no, Paul would never do that.

(smiling)

By the way, how are Marie and the

kids? Still in Ohio? In Shaker
Heights? At 1356 Locust?

Vitti explodes, reaches across the counter and grabs her by
the shoulders.

VITTI

(enraged)

You even go near them, you crazy bitch

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PATTY

(quietly)

Don't make me call my guys in. You
may need the shit kicked out of you,
but not in here. I just mopped.

Vitti lets her go.

PATTY

(smoothing clothes,
flushed and a little
excited)

Wow. Have you been working out?

VITTI

Yeah, I been workin' out who's trying

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to kill me. I'd love to hear your
thoughts on that.

PATTY

It's a dog-eat-dog world out there.
Nobody's gonna be safe unless we can
end this thing with the Rigazzis.

VITTI

So then you didn't have nothin' to do
with it.

PATTY

(hurt)

Oh, Paul. You actually think I would
kill you? All the years we've known
each other -- the Christmas parties,
the fun times at the beach. It
wouldn't be right. I want us to be
friends.

(smiles demurely)

Who knows? Maybe we'll be more than

friends. Want to lick my beaters?
She holds the beaters out to him.

VITTI

(declining)

Thanks. I gotta see a guy about a
business thing.

PATTY

What kind of business? You know, if
you get something going, we would
expect some kind of consideration -- a
little taste.

VITTI

No, this is a legitimate business.

PATTY

(shudders)

Oh, Paul. I just got a chill.

VITTI

I just want to be left alone. Put my
life back together -- straight up this
time. Put the word out, will ya?
Nobody's got nothin' to worry about
from me.

PATTY

Sure, Paul. I understand.

He heads for the door.

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PATTY

(calls after him)

Don't be a stranger!

After Vitti leaves, Eddie enters from the other door.

PATTY

(turning to Eddie)

Watch him like a hawk. If he steps
out of line, it would break my heart,
but shoot him in the fuckin' head.

CUT TO:

EXT. PARK AVENUE AUDI DEALERSHIP - LATER

Vitti is trying to sell an \$80,000 Audi to the
MacINERNYS, an upscale middle-aged couple. Vitti opens