

CHERRIE & JERRY
by Howard Meyer

JERRY starts getting himself ready to leave.

DENISE

Where do you think you're goin'?

JERRY

Where are they?

DENISE

That you'll never know.

JERRY

I'm goin' over there Dennie... Where, where am I goin'?

DENISE

You wouldn't last two minutes in a brawl with O'Connor. I don't know what he's been waitin' for longer. A chance to pop Cherrie or a chance to pop you.

JERRY

That's why I've got this. *(Pulls out a gun)*

DENISE

Put that gun away.

JERRY

No. No way.

DENISE

He'd make you eat that gun.

JERRY

Where the fuck are they Dennie. *(Points the gun at Denise)*

DENISE

What the fuck you think you're doin'?

JERRY

These are desperate times.

DENISE

If you don't put that pistol away. I'm walkin' out that fuckin' door.

JERRY collapses on the couch, a beaten man.

DENISE

Look. Relax, it's probably all over by now.

JERRY

How can you be so sure?

DENISE

They don't call him Fast Ball for nothin.'

There is a knock at the door.

JERRY

Holy shit. You better hide, Dennie.

DENISE

I'm not going' anywhere.

DENISE goes to the door and opens it. EVELYN GREEN enters.

JERRY

Evie... ???

EVELYN

You moron. Put that fucking thing away.

JERRY

Oh, Evie. I'm so distraught.

JERRY goes to hug EVELYN.

EVELYN

Not now, will ya'.

DENISE

What took you so long?

EVELYN

Donald Jr. scored his first goal of the season. This better be good.

JERRY

(To DENISE) You? You're the one invited her?

DENISE

That's right.

EVELYN

Get a grip Jerry. We've spent plenty a' time in this room.

JERRY

But Cherrie's due any minute.

DENISE

Here's hopin'.

JERRY

But Dennie---

DENISE

---Will the two of you just shut the fuck up for a minute... Do you have any idea what it's like bein' blessed with a special gift only to be stuck with the two a' you and your pathetic shit. I thought I'd be predicting all sorts of magical occurrences. The birth of presidents, the rise and fall of empires, reincarnations of spiritual leaders. But all day it's hair and nails and listenin' to this fuckin' soap operetta. How can I receive the frequency of the stars if I'm jammed up with this all day long. Let me tell you two something. We're putting an end to this right here and now. And then I'm out. Out of the fuckin' loop.

JERRY

Denise Lapuda. Seer to the Stars. Give me a fuckin' break.

EVELYN

You leave her alone you. She's got a gift. Everyone knows that.

JERRY

At what? Destroying people's lives?

DENISE

You're doing a perfectly god job all by yourself.

EVELYN

You tell him, Dennie.

DENISE

Look who's talkin'. Miss 'Fuck for Success' over here. Neglecting that sweet harmless little man. You should be ashamed of yourself.

EVELYN

All right. All right already. Let's not belabor the point. What you got for me?

JERRY

You didn't tell her?

DENISE

I thought she should hear this in person.

JERRY

You better sit down Evie.

EVELYN

I can take it standin' up.

DENISE

So I've heard.

EVELYN

(To JERRY) You mother fucker.

JERRY

Easy now, Honey Bee.

EVELYN

Don't you 'honey bee' me.

DENISE

Does anybody want to hear what I got to say already?!

EVELYN

'Face the fuckin' music Evelyn.' That's what my mother always told me. Lay it on me Denise.

DENISE

OK. Here goes. Now don't go shootin' the messenger.'

EVELYN

Fuck it. Spill.

JERRY

Donnie's givin' it to Cherrie.

EVELYN

What did he say?

DENISE

Well not exactly given it to her---

EVELYN

My Donnie...and his wife??

JERRY

Can you fuckin' believe it??

EVELYN starts laughing hysterically. Uncontrollably.

JERRY(Cont'd)

What? What is it??

EVELYN

Oh. Oh God. That's a beauty. Oh. Oh.

DENISE

Evelyn. Get a grip.

EVELYN

Aha. Aaahhaaaa. The thought of my little Donnie sleepin' with that ball buster.

JERRY

Now wait a minute. She's not exactly a----

EVELYN

----Your words Jerry, your exact words. Oh that's rich. Oh. Oh. My sides. I'm gonna start peein' on myself in a minute.

DENISE

(To EVELYN) You're really not upset?

EVELYN

Upset? Are you kiddin'? Relief Denise! Relief!! I mean if it's actually true.

JERRY

The fuckin' aorta of Ozone Park?

EVELYN

Everything that moves through this town moves through you.

DENISE

You got that right.

EVELYN

Forgive me for ever doubting you... So that's it?

DENISE

That's all she wrote.

EVELYN starts to leave. DENISE follows her to the door.

DENISE (Cont'd)

I must confess, I never imagined you'd take it so well.

EVELYN

Are you kiddin'? This is major. It's like a huge weight has been extracted from my shoulders.

DENISE

Glad I could help.

JERRY

Wait one minute. You can't just leave Evelyn.

EVELYN

Why not? You're still coming over aren't you? It's Tuesday. Don's "bowling night" Huh. Go figure. My Donnie gettin' some prime neighborhood ass. I'm so proud 'a him.