

Scene 2

An alley. Curtis enters with his four thugs.

ERNIE

So where to boss?

CURTIS

Oh I got a special place for you, Ernie. But first—I know how you love a joke.

ERNIE

Oh, yeah, I do love a good joke, boss.

CURTIS

Good. Knock Knock.

ERNIE

Who's there?

(Curtis pulls out a pistol and puts it to the side of Ernie's head.)

CURTIS

What were you doing for four hours at the police station this afternoon talking to an officer Eddie Souther?

(Ernie, caught and terrified, says nothing)

TJ

"What were you doing for four hours at the police station this afternoon talking to an officer Eddie Souther" who?

CURTIS

One of my boy's been talking to the cops and my gut tells me it was you Ernie.

ERNIE

It wasn't me boss, it was Joey.

JOEY

I wouldn't tell on you, Boss.

(He is moved)

I love you.

CURTIS

TJ?

(He pokes TJ with the gun)

TJ

(Giggling)

That tickles.

CURTIS

Pablo?

PABLO

Cómo me puedes decir eso? Daria mi vida para usted. I don't tell on you!

CURTIS

So it wasn't any of you.

JOEY, PABLO, TJ & ERNIE

(Desperately)

No.

CURTIS

(Curtis thinks)

Huh. Well I guess I just gotta go with my gut.

(BLAM. Just as Deloris walks into the alley with her blue fur and a large purse, Curtis shoots Ernie dead. As Ernie falls to the ground, lifeless, Deloris lets out a scream. Curtis and the three thugs stare at Deloris. A moment.)

DELORIS

I...saw nothing. Just now. Just a whole mess of nothing.

#3 - Chase #1

I was coming in here to— uh to—

(Looks at blue coat in her hand)

Thank you for this STUNNING blue fur—and it goes with EVERYTHING! Oh look Ernie is taking a little nap so he can go to some after parties later. A little disco nap.

CURTIS

Deloris, baby...

DELORIS

Shhhhhhhhh. We mustn't wake Ernie. I'll just tiptoe out of here and see what else my fur goes with. See...I'm just gonna slide on outta here. Again, saw nothing. Nothing.

(She exits)

JOEY

Boss. Boss, whatta we do?

CURTIS

Bring her back. I think it's time for us to have a little talk.

JOEY

What if she doesn't want to come back?

CURTIS

Kill her.

(Curtis exits as the thugs run off)