

OLD MONEY

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INT. THE LAWYER'S OFFICE - DAY

A sign reads, The LAW OFFICE OF CHRISTOPHER PRICE.

KEVIN, 24, business casual, waits in the lobby of his lawyer's office. A RECEPTIONIST approaches him. She puts her hand on the newspaper he is reading.

RECEPTIONIST
Kevin Benjamin?

KEVIN
Yes ma'am?

RECEPTIONIST
Follow me please. Mr. Price is ready.

The receptionist knocks on a door and opens it. A chair spins around to reveal CHRISTOPHER PRICE, 45, big smile on his face. Christopher stands up to shake Kevin's hand. The receptionist closes the door behind her.

CHRISTOPHER
Hey there Kevin! It's so good to see you again kid.

KEVIN
Yes, sir, it's been a long time.

CHRISTOPHER
I am so sorry, about your grandfather.

KEVIN
Yeah, I know. We didn't expect him to pass so soon, but I think we are here to talk about grandfather's will.

CHRISTOPHER
Of course! Let's get right to it, shall we? Of course, there is the paperwork aspect of everything first.

KEVIN
Understood.

Christopher pulls out a briefcase and places it on his desk. He opens the briefcase to reveal a stack of papers.

CHRISTOPHER
So, I wanted to share this with you first.

KEVIN
What's that?

CHRISTOPHER
Your grandfather left you his estate.

KEVIN
His house?

CHRISTOPHER
Yes, sir.

KEVIN
Wow, I didn't expect that. How much money did he leave me?

CHRISTOPHER
Eager, aren't we?

KEVIN
I... I just have some business to take care of.

CHRISTOPHER
Well, he left you one-hundred-thousand-dollars from his life savings. You have to read over the paperwork before you spend it; per your grandfather's wishes.

Kevin clenches his fist under the table and stomps his right foot lightly.

KEVIN
Sure, sure. Where do I sign?

CHRISTOPHER
Sign here, and your initial here, and your signature where there's a yellow highlight mark.

Kevin signs the paperwork. Christopher pulls out another briefcase and opens it to reveal one-hundred-thousand-dollars.

KEVIN
I can't believe this! I never thought I'd have this much money in my life.

CHRISTOPHER
You signed your life away.

KEVIN
Wrong. I signed myself a new life.

EXT. HUNTER BENJAMIN'S HOME- DAY

Kevin drives down the long driveway to the front entrance.
Kevin stops the car. He gets out of the car.

KEVIN
Wow, I can not believe it's all
mine.

A moving truck pulls up behind Kevin's car. The movers carry
furniture and boxes into the house. Kevin pulls out his cell
phone and dials.

KEVIN (CONT'D)
Hey Pete, are you ready to party?!

EXT. HUNTER BENJAMIN'S HOME - POOL - NIGHT

Kevin and his friends sit around the pool smoking weed and
drinking beer. Kevin's girlfriends are sitting around the
pool. There's a blonde woman sitting in Kevin's lap.

KEVIN
This is the life!

EXT. CAR DEALERSHIP - DAY

Kevin walks around the parking lot. He points to a red
Corvette.

KEVIN
I want this one, and I have cash.

Kevin pulls out a wad of cash and throws it at a salesman.

EXT. CAR DEALERSHIP - DAY

Kevin signs paperwork for the car. The salesman hands Kevin a
set of keys.

INT. HUNTER BENJAMIN'S HOME - NIGHT

Kevin lies down scrolling on his cell phone. There is a CRASH sound, and a startled Kevin sits up.

KEVIN
Is anyone there?!

Kevin gets up and looks into the hallway.

INT. HUNTER BENJAMIN'S HOME- LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Kevin enters and sees a broken television on the floor.

KEVIN
Aw man, what the hell is this?

Kevin cleans up the broken television. There is a loud THUD in the kitchen.

KEVIN (CONT'D)
Hello?! If someone is in the house,
I'm calling the police!

INT. HUNTER BENJAMIN'S HOME- KITCHEN -NIGHT

Kevin walks into the kitchen and sees all of the windows are open. They all drop to close at the same time. A shaken Kevin backs up to escape the kitchen.

Kevin walks fast down the hallway and lightbulbs explode all around him. Kevin stops; he sees a shadow standing in front of him. Kevin screams.

KEVIN
Jesus Christ!

Kevin runs out of the house with no shoes on.

EXT. HUNTER BENJAMIN'S HOME- NIGHT

Kevin jumps into the Corvette and drives off.

KEVIN
My God, what the hell is going on?

Kevin drives to the top of the driveway, and the car stalls. Kevin turns the key in the ignition. The car won't start. Black smoke rises from the hood of the car.

KEVIN (CONT'D)
Oh, shit!

Kevin gets out of the car and runs. He turns around and sees a shadowy figure in the road. It disappears. The car drives away. Kevin walks down the road.

EXT. ADAM BENJAMIN'S HOUSE - DAY

Kevin walks down the driveway and finds his father, ADAM BENJAMIN, 42, working in his yard. Kevin looks sweaty and tired.

ADAM
Kevin! What the hell happened to you?

KEVIN
Dad, I have to talk to you.

ADAM
Let's clean you up first. You look like hell.

Kevin passes out and falls to the ground.

ADAM (CONT'D)
Kevin!

INT. ADAM BENJAMIN'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM -DAY

Kevin wakes up lying on a couch. There is a bag of ice on his head.

ADAM
Are you OK? Son?

KEVIN
I walked all night.

ADAM
Didn't you just buy a brand new Corvette?

KEVIN
Yeah, but you won't believe what happened.

Adam hands Kevin a cup of coffee. Kevin sits up.

ADAM
What happened?

KEVIN
Grandpa's house is haunted.

Adam laughs.

KEVIN (CONT'D)
Dad, I'm serious.

ADAM
Kevin, I lived in that house with your grandpa for years, and I have never seen anything like that.

KEVIN
Dad, the car drove away on it's own. That's why I walked all night. I can't go back there.

ADAM
Ok, son.

KEVIN
Was grandpa into witch craft, or something?

ADAM
No, but he was very particular about certain things.

KEVIN
Like what?

ADAM
He was very charitable, he was not selfish at all. He saved his whole life.

KEVIN
What does that have to do with anything?

ADAM
Maybe, he is haunting you because you bought all that junk with his money.

Adam laughs.

ADAM (CONT'D)
I'm just messing with you. I think are just seeing things. You were probably tired and left the car in drive, and it rolled away. There has to be an explanation.

KEVIN

Dad, I know what I saw. Maybe
you're right. Maybe he's haunting
me.

ADAM

Kevin, come on, stop with this
nonsense. I'm thinking, you may
just be missing him.

KEVIN

Maybe.

INT. HUNTER BENJAMIN'S HOME- NIGHT

Kevin enters the front door of the house.

KEVIN

Grandpa! If you're here, show
yourself.

The light's flicker on and off. The floor's start to vibrate
under Kevin's feet.

KEVIN (CONT'D)

Quit playing games. Show yourself
to me right now!

A chandelier falls from the ceiling and SHATTERS in front of
Kevin.

KEVIN (CONT'D)

God dammit! Grandpa get out here
now!

Dust circles around on the floor. The light's flicker fast.
The window's and door's open and close. A shadow appears at
the end of the entrance way.

KEVIN (CONT'D)

Is that you?

The shadow moves closer to Kevin. An old face appears out of
the shadow. HUNTER BENJAMIN, 90, pale white face, pale white
eyes.

KEVIN (CONT'D)

Oh, my God.

HUNTER

You made a grave mistake.

KEVIN

Why are you doing this to me?

HUNTER

You're selfish, and you don't deserve the life you possess.

KEVIN

What the hell do you want?

HUNTER

You spent everything I worked for, everything I saved, and I trusted you with it.

KEVIN

It's my money to spend.

HUNTER

Did you look at the documents before spending the money?

KEVIN

No?

HUNTER

There were clear instructions to spend that money on the community, the community that I grew up in, and the community I helped build.

KEVIN BENJAMIN

I didn't know.

HUNTER BENJAMIN

You didn't know because you didn't appreciate it enough to read the documents I left you! You were told to read them before spending the money!

KEVIN

What happens now?

HUNTER

You suffer the consequences.

Hunter chases Kevin down the hallway. Kevin trips and falls. Hunter pushes a dresser over, but Kevin gets up before it falls on him.

KEVIN

Grandpa, stop!

HUNTER
You're a greedy soul, Kevin.

INT. HUNTER BENJAMIN'S HOME- KITCHEN - DAY

Kevin falls on the floor and backs into a corner. The drawers open, and knives rise up from them. The knives float in the air and point in the direction of Kevin.

KEVIN
Grandpa Stop!

Kevin looks over at the refrigerator, and sees a picture of Hunter and himself pinned under a magnet.

KEVIN (CONT'D)
Grandpa, look at the fridge! That is us when you were alive.

HUNTER
Yes, before you had a soul full of greed.

KEVIN
Grandpa, I made a mistake, and I'm sorry.

HUNTER
I will give you one chance to make this right. You must sell the house and all of your selfish possessions that you bought with my money.

KEVIN
I will!

HUNTER
What you do next, will determine whether you suffer a lifetime of agony.

KEVIN
Understood.

INT. KEVIN'S HELPING HAND SHELTER - THANKSGIVING DAY - MONTHS LATER.

Kevin helps serve food to the homeless. Kevin hands a man a plate of food. Adam taps Kevin on the shoulder.

ADAM
This is great, son.

KEVIN
Thanks, dad.

ADAM
What made you come up with this idea?

KEVIN
I think it's what grandpa would've wanted.

INT. HUNTER BENJAMIN'S HOME- NIGHT

Kevin sleeps in his bed. A loud THUD wakes him. Hunter stands in front of his bed.

KEVIN
Grandpa! Please don't kill me!

HUNTER
I'm not here to kill you. I'm here to thank you. You far exceeded my expectations.

KEVIN
Thanks, grandpa.

HUNTER
Look, outside. You will now know that generosity brings rewards.

KEVIN
What?

Kevin looks out of his window to see the red Corvette sitting in the driveway. Hunter is nowhere to be found.

THE END

