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03 PIOMBO E FUOCO **FIRE AND LEAD**

Plans of the gang

Step 1. Claudio tampers with the electric system and disables the alarm.

Step 2. We burst in the jewellery store on Via del Corso, faces covered, guns in hand.

Step 3. Angelo disarms the security guard and gives Zeno the guy's gun.

Step 4. Bruno busts open the vault door, Claudio gets the gemstones, Zeno keeps everyone at gunpoint, Angelo gets the car. We meet at Da Franco bar to split the loot.

You hadn't planned for step 5: The guard has another gun, he and Zeno shoot each other dead.

Or step 6: Angelo gets away alone with the car, leaving Bruno and Claudio to run off with the goods.

Or step 7: The day after, the cops come arrest you one by one and prepare to rake you across the coals. You didn't get a phone call. Or a lawyer. You went straight to the precinct. You're pretty sure the Carabinieri don't have conclusive evidence on you, but they mean business and Zeno isn't here to keep you united anymore. What if someone betrays the gang and sells you out to avoid jail? You got away with five robberies in as many years. If they pin the murder on you, you'll rot behind bars. For life.

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RECOLLECTION 1

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Wow, this cell smells like shit. It reminds you of the trip to Malagrotta you took with Enrico, when he got you to climb over the fence of that old refinery. You were both stoned, but a stench like that is hard to forget. You didn't really get why he wanted to bring you there, but he kept saying what a great hiding spot it would make.

ANGELO

RECOLLECTION 2

You need a drink. You've been sober since you last met with Enrico, to toast to "the gang's first job without him". You announced you'd be on the first train to Milan as soon as you got your share. To lay low for a while and enjoy the spoils up north. He burst out laughing and told you to get a plane ticket instead. Who knows what was so funny...

ANGELO

RECOLLECTION 3

That pig in the office sure is glued to his phone... You wish you could hear what he's saying. You like to listen in. You do it with the gang too. Last week at the bar it was only you and Claudio. He made a call and you heard him hissing: «Why the Hell did you use her birth date for the seat and suitcase, Enrico? She's fucked with your head!».

ANGELO

RECOLLECTION 1

Everyone's losing their mind. Like after the robbery, when Claudio started running straight for the city centre and then veered off inside Termini station. He yelled at you to split up, but you chased after him through the crowd and saw him sticking the bag of gemstones inside one of the safety boxes. You wonder where he put the key...

BRUNO

RECOLLECTION 2

Can't trust anybody in here. Now you're thinking about it, it's obvious it was Claudio who stole from you last month. He asked if you had "one of yours" ready and you told him you were working on it. Two days later someone broke into your cellar and stole enough of your 80/20 amatol mix to blow up a whole building. Has he sold it all off already?

BRUNO

RECOLLECTION 3

You're on your own. Like when you got to Da Franco after the robbery, hoping one of the others would show up. Of course nobody came: Franco told you Claudio had come by in a hurry, to use the phone. Franco heard him ask: «Did the half past three leave on time?». Before you could ask more the cops barged in and brought you here.

BRUNO

RECOLLECTION 1

Has someone betrayed you? You just recalled that evening two weeks ago, when you spotted Bruno at Da Franco, playing pool with Fierolocchio the loan shark. Bruno owes him a lot of cash, you know Barbara got threatened for it. Did they reach a deal? Does it have anything to do with the botched job? Bruno'd do anything for his wife.

CLAUDIO

RECOLLECTION 2

Has someone betrayed you? The morning of the robbery Zeno asked you to get in touch with Enrico after the dust settled: He wanted to get rid of Angelo, never work with him again. That was a bad time to ask about it, but Zeno looked fucking pissed and now he's dead. Is Angelo up to more of his bullshit? Is it his fault the job was a train wreck?

CLAUDIO

RECOLLECTION 3

Has someone betrayed you? Nobody seems to give a fuck about others. Enrico had no idea what you were talking about when you said you couldn't believe that a pillar of Italian Communism like De Angelis would bow to Christian Democrats. Enrico blinked and changed the topic to Barbara's tits. Are you the only one who cares about social justice?

CLAUDIO