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FUCK YOU!

EXT. HOUSE, BACKYARD - DAY

A large banner reads "Happy 5th Birthday Mannix!"

Gary, dressed as a make shift clown, chases a group of screaming five year olds around the backyard. Gary is wearing painter's pants complete with paint all over them, a yellow T-shirt, his nose and cheeks are painted red, he has a multi-colored wig on and wears a pasta colander on top of it.

KIDS chase Gary around with balloon swords. As Gary is repeatedly stabbed, he falls to the ground and plays dead. Just when the kids think it's safe, Gary jumps up and begins chasing the kids as they scream with delight.

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INT. HOUSE, KITCHEN - LATER

Still in clown outfit, Gary drinks water and catches his breath. One of the kids' MOM moves into the kitchen.

MOM You're really great with the kids.

**GARY** 

Thanks.

MOM Mary said her clown cancelled on her last minute.

GARY
Yeah. Lucky for me I had all this
stuff in the car.
(Then)
I'm Gary, Mannix's dad.

MOM
I didn't know Mary was married.

GARY
We aren't. But, it's all cool.
(Then)
And you are...?

MOM Linda - Dylan's mom.

Gary and Linda shake. Gary holds onto her hand and looks deeply in her eyes.

GARY You have beautiful eyes, Linda.

Mary, Gary's ex-girlfriend, enters the kitchen. Gary immediately lets go of Linda's hand.

MARY Linda, would you do me a favor and take more juice boxes out to the

LINDA

Of course. (To Gary) Nice meeting you.

Linda exits. Mary gets the cake out of the fridge.

MARY

I guess it wouldn't be a party if you weren't trying to fuck one of my friends.

GARY You're being hostile again.

MARY

Listen, I'd prefer it if you left right after we sing happy birthday.

GARY Why? The kids are having a great

MARY But I'm not. So right after happy birthday, OK?

GARY I wanted to spend more time with Mannix...

Mary shoots him a look.

time.

GARY (CONT'D)

OK, fine. (Then) Listen, Mary, Joe is opening a new club tomorrow night and it would mean the world to me if you'd come.

MARY

Gary, I appreciate you coming over and helping out with the party. I really do. But as for me and you, it's never gonna happen. You're still a child. And right now, I've got a house full of them. Sorry...

END-

Mary moves off with the cake. Gary watches as the kids swarm Mary and the cake. Gary takes the wig and colander off his head, defeated.

GARY

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INT. JOYCE'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

## START->

Gary and JOYCE, a beautiful, vibrant older woman lay post-coitally in bed. Joyce gets up.

JOYCE I'll be right back.

Joyce exits. As soon as the coast is clear, Gary flies up and runs to a table where Joyce's purse is. Gary opens her wallet and pulls out HER DRIVER'S LICENSE.

JOYCE (O.S.) (CONT'D) What are you doing? Are you stealing from me?

**GARY** 

No.

(Then)

You're not fifty.

Gary holds up the driver's license.

JOYCE I never said I was.

GARY
You're sixty-two!

JOYCE

I know.

GARY

Fifty is my ceiling!

JOYCE

And six inches is my minimum, but I still let you in.

GARY

You deceived me by making me think you were younger.

JOYCE

Deceived you? You never asked.

GARY

I'm very uncomfortable with this.

JOYCE

Get out.

GARY

What...?

JOYCE

Get the hell out of my house.

Joyce pushes Gary towards the door.

## end ->

JOYCE (CONT'D)
Rent is due on the first, asshole.

Joyce slams the door on Gary.

EXT. GUN NIGHTCLUB, PARKING LOT - DAY

Joe pulls into the parking lot of his new club - GUN.

INT. GUN NIGHTCLUB - DAY

There is a flurry of activity as the final touches are added for the club's grand opening. Glasses are being cleaned. Bottles, tables and chairs being wiped down and arranged just so. Art being hung on the walls, the bar polished up, lights being adjusted... An opening.

Joe is pacing on the phone.

JOE
(on phone)
Jill the chairs look like shit.
Swap them out with what I want or
your check's gonna bounce and you
can go back designing for fucking
Hooters. Goodbye.

Joe walks over to where his staff awaits inspection.

There are SIX gorgeous twenty-something GUYS and TWELVE twenty-something even more corgeous GIRLS. The guys wear black T-shirts with a silver GUN on them and jeans. The girls wear hot, short black takks with a SILVER SHERIFF BADGE clipped on them and short black exirts.

Joe walks down the line. One of the girls smiles at Joe. It's NINA.

JOE (CONT'D)
How was the shopping spree?

NINA

Great...

Nina slides down her shorts to reveal a black thong.

NINA (CONT'D)

I got these.

JOE

Those are nice. Can I have my...

Nina hands Joe his Amex card back.

NINA

How's your girlfriend?

JOE

Don't have a girlfriend.