

INT. [REDACTED] CRIB ROOM - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

suggest anything other than
holdin' my PI down, I will slit
your lovely fuckin' throat. Are we
clear?

EXT. [REDACTED] RESIDENCE WITH LILLIE -OUTSIDE/BACKYARD

LILLIE
(with concentration focused
on the bathroom window and
speaking through the phone
is a whisper)
Nellie, you hush! I would never
think of splitin' on Stag. It's
just, well, I've never been with
anybody except Stag. And he has me
runnin' around with Duncan - he's
such a good lookin', good dressin'
man - and

INT. [REDACTED] CRIB ROOM - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

you collect my man's money and
returns it to him with every penny
accounted fo', we gwine have some
problems.

EXT. [REDACTED] RESIDENCE WITH LILLIE -OUTSIDE/BACKYARD

LILLIE
...that's just it Nellie. These
men, especially Billy Lyons and
his people, they see me with
Duncan. And they say, "Stagger Lee
done relinquished his best horse
in the stable!" They say, "Stag's
girl's called me for this...called
me for that." They say, "Stag and
the Inseparable Stags done been
separted with Joe's death." They
say, "Stag's mentally
crippled...his women's handles ALL
his business, now." They thinks
I'm up for the takin'! What am I

LILLIE (CONT'D)
supposed to do, Mel? I can't keep
these guerilla boss pimps types
off of me forever. We gotta get
Stag to..

INT. [REDACTED] CRIB ROOM - [REDACTED]

For the first time, [REDACTED] begins to listen to and appreciate the concern in LILLIE'S voice. Her general jealousy of the younger woman usually leads her to dismiss anything the younger woman has to say.



INT. [REDACTED] RESIDENCE WITH LILLIE - KITCHEN

LILLIE sits at the kitchen table. She has a drink. Smoke hangs in the air. A talkshow plays on the television and its sound can be heard in the background. We hear the doorbell ring. LILLIE does not move. We hear the doorbell again. STAG yells out from upstairs.

[REDACTED]
Lil, are you gonna get that?
Lil...?

LILLIE ignores [REDACTED] She continues to stare off into space, almost oblivious to what is going on around her.

LILLIE
(whispering, almost to
herself)
And, I didn't even get to sing. We
should just move to
Chicago...right now.

[REDACTED] appears, dressed in a bathrobe that he has been wearing for the past three weeks.