

Allen – Radio station boss, in debt to a mobster

Sandy – Allen's harried assistant

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*(SANDY enters.)*

**SANDY.** Boss! There you are!

*(SANDY runs up to ALLEN. The others split off and go into separate conversations.)*

*(SANDY breathes heavily as ALLEN waits impatiently.)*

**ALLEN.** What is it, Sawyer?

*(SANDY tries to compose herself.)*

Sawyer!

**SANDY.** Boss! It's Rico Bandella...he's downstairs waiting to talk to you.

**ALLEN.** You mean, "his man" is waiting.

**SANDY.** No...I mean "he" is waiting.

**ALLEN.** He? Himself?

*(SANDY nods her head.)*

Tell him... Tell him... Here, bring him a note for me.

*(SANDY takes out a slip of paper and pats herself looking for a pencil. ALLEN reaches over and takes one of the many pencils sticking out of her hair and hands it to her. SANDY writes as ALLEN dictates.)*

**ALLEN.** Tell him, "Not ready tonight. I'll bring it tomorrow... I appreciate the personal service. Allen Burns." You think he'll like that last part about the personal service?

**SANDY.** He's going to break both your legs if you don't pay him tonight, sir.

**ALLEN.** Just take him the note, Sawyer.

*(SANDY exits.)*

**ALLEN.** *(To everyone in the room:)* If anyone wants to know where I am, tell 'em...tell 'em...I made mention of Canada and you haven't seen me since.

*(ALLEN exits.)*

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