

Chantal's Sides

Det. ERICA WILLHITE  
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INT. INTERVIEW ROOM - DAY

Det. ERICA WILLHITE, 35, enter with two thin folders. She sits across the table from CHOPPY.

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start

ERICA

So how'd you get the nickname  
Choppy?

CHOPPY

I'm short.

ERICA

Nooooo. Average height is what --  
five nine? You're only a couple  
inches off.

CHOPPY

That cop on the street had no right  
to harass me and --

ERICA

-- The home invasion yesterday.  
The jacket you were wearing was  
taken from the residence.

CHOPPY

I don't know shit about a home  
invasion.

ERICA

I looked at your record. My sense  
is that -- and don't take offense --  
you're a bit of a dope. Right?  
The go-along sidekick dope. So I'm  
not figuring you for the ringleader  
on this thing.

CHOPPY

I wasn't there. And so what do you  
really got me on? A gun charge?  
In Cook County? I'll be out in 48  
hours.

She nods pleasantly as she gets the bottom folder and places  
it on top. She opens it and reads.

ERICA

Your wife and step-daughter have  
applied for citizenship, huh?

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She leans back in her chair.

ERICA (CONT'D)

Do you ever want to see them again?

She stares at him dead-eyed as that hangs in the room for a few beats.

CHOPPY

Leave them out of this.

ERICA

Why should I? When that couple over on West Quincy had their door pushed in and they told their attackers to take anything they wanted... Were they left out of it? No. He was shot in the face and she had ten teeth knocked out.

CHOPPY

My wife and stepdaughter are here legally and --

ERICA

-- I have a friend who works at ICE. And they got this thing called the Secured Communities Initiative. Gives 'em a lot of leeway in shipping people back to the mother country.

CHOPPY

You can't do that.

ERICA

The fuck I can't.  
(beat)

Either you tell me about that home invasion or your girl and her daughter are gone. And you will never see them again.

CHOPPY

I stayed in the car. I didn't go inside.

ERICA

I want names.

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