

"AMONTILLADO"

(A MISTAKE CASE OF IDENTITY)

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"THE CASK OF AMONTILLADO"

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LOGLINE:

AFTER WAKING UP AND DISCOVERING HIMSELF BEING HELD HOSTAGE FOR A \$19,000 DEBT THAT HE CLAIMS HE DOESN'T OWE, A MAN MUST ANSWER THE 3 QUESTIONS HIS KNIFE HAPPY CAPTOR ASKS HIM OR PAY THE PRICE.

SYNOPSIS:

ANTHONY wakes up tied up in a dark room. He meets EDGAR, his CAPTOR. The captor tells him that he owes him \$19,000 and that if he doesn't answer 3 questions correctly, he'll chop off his fingers and toes. ANTHONY objects and tells EDGAR that he's got the wrong guy.

EDGAR begins to ask question 1. ANTHONY answers incorrectly. EDGAR asks questions 2, ANTHONY again answers incorrectly. EDGAR asks ANTHONY the last question

ANTHONY eyes the glass of amontillado on the table and asks for a drink, which EDGAR gives him. ANTHONY likes the drinks and asks to be untied to pour himself and the captor a glass. EDGAR almost obliges but then realizes what he's doing, reties ANTHONY and asks him the last question, to which ANTHONY again answers incorrectly. EDGAR tells ANTHONY that he's about to prepare to kill him. ANTHONY tells EDGAR to check his driver's license to prove that he is who he says he is. EDGAR checks the ID and sees that ANTHONY indeed is **not** his intended target. He places the head covering over ANTHONY again and knocks him unconscious.

ANTHONY awakens in a field of grass with a water bottle of amontillado. He feels lucky to be alive and to have some of the delicious amontillado. We meet EDGAR again in his apartment. This time, he finds the correct guy's number in his phone and calls him inviting him to a party.

INT. EDGAR'S LAIR - N/A

A man, ANTHONY, sits on a chair, hands and legs tied to the chair, with a bag over his head in a dimly lit room. EDGAR takes the bag off of ANTHONY's head. Duct tape covering his mouth, he tries to speak but cannot. There are wires on the ground, the windows are boarded up and a table with a knife and a glass of red AMONTILLADO wine. EDGAR (his face is covered with a mask) takes off the duct tape from his mouth.

ANTHONY

Where the hell am I? What's goin on?

Edgar

You owe me some money, Fortunato, my dear friend.

ANTHONY

Dear friend? Dear friend! Nigga you got me tied up in a dark ass room like . . like some JIGSAW shit!

EDGAR

Jigsaw?

ANTHONY

Saw, nigga!

Edgar takes a seat.

EDGAR

And yes, dear friend. You owe me \$19,000.

ANTHONY

(laughs)

You have me tied up like this over \$19,000 (laughs). Untie me man!

EDGAR

(assuring himself)

I'm not untying you Fortunato.

ANTHONY
(forcefully)
Untie me now!

EDGAR
Can't do that

ANTHONY
And my name's not Fortunato! It's
Anthony! Just check my drivers license!

EDGAR
You're not playing that game with me
buddy.

PAN UP and we see EDGAR's face covered with a black ski mask.

ANTHONY
Ok.. What if I just paid you \$18,000
and gave you 30 minutes with my
girlfriend, Tasha. The girl's a freak
man! Freaky ass ... She likes being tied
up and -

As ANTHONY describes his girlfriend , EDGAR seems interested
then snaps out of it

EDGAR
- it's \$19,000 Fortunato! Now , I'm
going to ask you three questions. If
you answer all of them correctly, I'll
let you go and your debt will be
canceled. BUT, if you don't answer
these questions correctly, well I'll
just have to cut off your hands and
feet.

ANTHONY
(petrified)

I already told you man, I'm not the guy
you're looking for. Please, Let me go!
I'm a good guy and if I had your money
I'd pay you.

Edgar thinks about this then begins his line of questioning

Edgar

Alright , first question: What was the
reason that you asked me to lend you
the loan that I gave you?

ANTHONY

I never hurt anybody in my life.
Please, let me go..

EDGAR

Wrong answer. Question # 2: this loan
was to help you take care of an old
disagreement but you said you couldn't
do that because of who?

ANTHONY

. . Tasha?

EDGAR

Who?

ANTHONY

My girl man! Im telling the girl is a
real fr-

EDGAR

-Wrong again. Last question: what -

ANTHONY

Wait. I'm thirsty. Can I have a drink
of that?

ANTHONY nods to the glass of AMONTILLADO on the table. He smacks
his lips loud and makes exaggerated thirst sounds. EDGAR grabs

the glass from the table, walks over to Anthony and puts it to Anthony'S lips to drink

ANTHONY

(nervous chuckle)

This aint poison right?

EDGAR

It'll kill ya.

Anthony drinks anyways.

ANTHONY

This is good. What is this.. red wine?

EDGAR

Its Amontillado.

ANTHONY

Amontillado huh? It's good man. You think I can get some more? Where do you keep it, in your fridge? I'll go and pour myself some, ok? But I can't do that with my hands tied up like this ya know.. Think you can untie me so I can pour us both a glass, call over Tasha. You could tie her up and then you can continue your questions?

EDGAR

(smacking lips, now thirsty too)

Sure.

EDGAR begins to untie ANTHONY. ANTHONY smiles. EDGAR stops then ties him back up, tighter this time. Anthony winces.

EDGAR

Oh you're clever aren't you.

ANTHONY

I try. Please let me go. .

EDGAR

Your last question: What was the price
of the loan ?

ANTHONY

Um . . \$18,000 right?

EDGAR

Incorrect. I was hoping you'd get at
least one of them right. Well you know
what that means don't you . .

EDGAR picks up the knife from the table and heads to ANTHONY.

ANTHONY

(pulling back)

I told you, I'm not your guy. My name
is Anthony Jordan, just check my
drivers license man! I think you still
left it in my back pocket. The right
one.

EDGAR reaches into ANTHONY'S back right pants pocket and pulls
out ANTHONY'S wallet. He opens it and pulls out a driver's
license. He walks over to the lamp; it reads ANTHONY'S
information. He's got the wrong guy. He looks confused, then mad
then he laughs.

ANTONY

What are you laughing at?

EDGAR

You're not who I'm looking for.

ANTHONY

I told you man. So you're going to let
me go right? Look, I won't say a word.
I ain't going to the cops. I promise

EDGAR

Oh, I know.

ANTHONY

(sighs with relief)

Oh and that amontillado was slamming. I
need another glass of that -

EDGAR places the bag over ANTHONY's head again before he can
finish and knocks Anthony out cold with a wooden statuette.

EXT. WOODS - DAY

ANTHONY wakes up in the middle, his hands and feet unbound. He
takes the bag off of his head. He's free

ANTHONY

Holy shit! Tasha aint gonna believe
this!

ANTHONY sees a water bottle with Amontillado inside of it next
to him. He opens it and takes a swig.

ANTHONY (CONT'D)

And he left me some of the amongadillo.
What a nice guy.

He gets up from the floor and begins to walk off drinking the
rest of the red wine.

INT. EDGAR'S LAIR - EVENING

EDGAR on phone

EDGAR

(cheerfully)

.. Yeah I was wondering how Lauren is
(pause). Oh that's great to hear
Fortunato, just great (pause). I was
planning on having a get together
tonight actually. . yea. I'm inviting
Forest, Tamar, ya know. And Luke is
supposed to be coming too. He's
bringing his new girlfriend Rachel. You

know the — oh ok (EDGAR is pleased)
it'll be at..

As we FADE OUT:

End.