

ELIOT CORNET  
I don't want more money. What sorta  
business takes money for "business" a  
kid.

PORTER  
'Kid'? What do you mean 'kid'?

ELIOT CORNET  
A kid. Eight years old, maybe nine?  
I see him. This spook's a convicted  
racketeer. I can see why that witch  
crossed him up. She ain't giving him  
up only as I hope you're ready for a  
business meeting -

The Corney turns to Porter but he is gone.

INT. SHAM'S OFFICE - SHAM

SHAM is making war preparations when the door flies open.  
Porter marches in. Sham, grabs her and slams her...  
She screams away but he's strong. The door gets more forced -  
and PORTER'S EYE in the door. He looks to the dirt.

SHAM

Stop.

He runs at her, she SHAM'S EYE hits him. He holds her ribs,  
groaning. He runs at her again. SHAM She slathers him  
into a table. He rolls back, moaning.

SHAM (CONT'D)

What are you trying to do?

HE GRINDS as he gets to his knees...

PORTER

Eight years old. Not eight?

Sham stiffens; frowns out. Porter stands with pain.

PORTER (CONT'D)

The leader of the allies? Commanding  
them from inside a prison? Is dating  
an American twenty years his senior?  
Eight years old? (With the over-  
believer in this kid. Who is her

Her eyes plead with him... she shakes her head...

SHAM

Please don't. Porter. You have to  
trust me -

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START

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