**THE LAST SPIN – SCRIPT ADAPTATION**

Tigo This is a good piece. This runs you close to forty-five bucks, you try to buy it in a store. That’s a lot of money.

Danny I seen pieces before. There’s nothing special about this one.

Tigo Except what we got to do with it

Danny Why don’t we start?

Tigo You understand I got no bad blood for you

Danny I understand

Tigo This is what the club said. This is how the club said we should settle it. Without a big street diddlebop, you dig? But I want you to know I don’t know you from a hole in the wall- except you wear a blue and gold jacket.

Danny And you wear a green and orange one and that’s enough for me

Tigo Sure but what I was trying to say…

Danny We going to sit and talk all night, or we going to get this thing rolling?

Tigo What I’m tryin to say is that I just happened to be picked for this, you know? Like to settle this thing that’s between the two clubs I mean, you got to admit your boys shouldn’t have come in our territory last night

Danny I got to admit nothing

Tigo Well anyway they shot at the candy store. That wasn’t right. There’s supposed to be a truce on.

Danny Okay, okay

Tigo So like….like this is the way we agreed to settle it. I mean, one of us and … and one of you. Fair and square. Without any street boppin’, and without any law trouble.

Danny Let’s get on with it

Tigo I’m trying to say, I never even seen you on the street before this. So this ain’t nothin’ personal with me. Whichever way it turns out, like…

Danny I never seen you neither

Tigo That’s ‘cause you’re new around here. Where you from originally?

Danny My people come down from the Bronx

Tigo You got a big family?

Danny A sister and two brothers, that’s all

Tigo Yeah, I only got a sister. Well. So. Let’s make it, huh?

Danny I’m waitin’

Tigo Round and round she goes and where she stops, nobody knows. There’s six chambers in the cylinder and only one cartridge. That makes the odds five-to-one that the cartridge’ll be in firing position when the cylinder stops whirling. You dig?

Danny I dig

Tigo I’ll go first

Danny Why?

Tigo You want to go first

Danny I don’t know

Tigo I’m giving you a break. I may blow my head off first time out.

Danny Why you giving me a break?

Tigo What the hell’s the difference?

Danny The Russians invented this, huh?

Tigo Yeah

Danny I always said they was crazy bastards

Tigo Yeah, I always….Well, that was easy wasn’t it? Your turn Danny. It’s a nifty piece. I like a good piece

Danny Yeah, I do too. You can tell a good piece just by the way it feels in your hand.

Tigo I mentioned that to one of the guys yesterday, and he thought I was nuts.

Danny Lots of guys don’t know about pieces.

Tigo I was thinking when I get old enough, I’ll join the Army, you know? I’d like to work around pieces.

Danny I thought of that too. I’d join now only my old lady won’t give me permission. She’s got to sign if I join now.

Tigo Yeah they’re all the same. Your old lady born here or the old country?

Danny The old country

Tigo Yeah, well you know they got these old-fashioned ideas

Danny I better spin

Tigo Yeah….Makes you sweat don’t it? Me now, huh? Bang! I thought I was dead that time

Danny I could hear the harps

Tigo This is a good way to lose weight, you know that? Ain’t it the truth? You could lose ten pounds this way.

Danny My old lady’s like a house. She ought to try this kind of diet

Tigo That’s the trouble You see a nice deb in the street, you think it’s crazy, you know? Then they get to be old people’s age, and they turn to fat.

Danny You got a chick?

Tigo Yeah, I got one.

Danny What’s her name?

Tigo Aw, you don’t know her

Danny Maybe I do

Tigo Her name is Juana. She’s about five-two, got these brown eyes…

Danny I think I know her. Yeah I think I know her.

Tigo She’s nice, ain’t she?

Danny Yeah she’s nice

Tigo Yeah. Hey maybe sometime we could…It’s your turn

Danny Here goes nothing! Man!

Tigo We’re pretty lucky, you know?

Danny So far!

Tigo We better lower the odds. The boys won’t like it if we… Now we got two cartridges in here. Two cartridges, six chambers that’s four-to two. Divide it, and you get two-to-two. You game?

Danny That’s …that’s what we’re here for, ain’t it?

Tigo Sure

Danny Okay then

Tigo Gone. You got courage, Danny.

Danny You’re the one needs the courage. It’s your spin. You live on the next block, don’t you?

Tigo Yeah

Danny That’s how come we never crossed paths, I guess. Also, I’m new on the scene.

Tigo Yeah, well you know, you get hooked up with one club, that’s the way it is

Danny You like the guys at your club?

Tigo They’re okay. None of them really send me, but that’s the club on my block, so what’re you gonna do, huh?

Danny Wait!

Tigo What’s the matter?

Danny Nothing. I just wanted to say…I mean…I don’t dig too many of the guys in my club either.

Tigo Phew!

Danny Man, you can say that again. Sometimes I think I’m turkey\*

Tigo I feel that way sometimes too

Danny I never told that to nobody. The guys in my club would laugh at me. I never told them that.

Tigo Some things you got to keep to yourself. There ain’t nobody you can trust in this world.

Danny There should be somebody you can trust. Hell, you can’t tell nothing to your people. They don’t understand.

Tigo That’s an old story. But that’s the way things are. What’re you gonna do?

Danny Yeah. Still, sometimes I think I’m turkey.

Tigo Sure, sure. It ain’t only that though. Like sometimes…well, don’t you wonder what your’re doing stomping some guy in the street? Like…you know what I mean? Like…who’s the guy to you? What you got to beat him up for? Cause he messed with somebody else’s girl? It gets complicated sometimes.

Danny Yeah, but…You got to stick with the club. Don’t you?

Tigo Sure, sure…hell yes

Danny Well here goes. It’s just

Tigo I didn’t think you was going through with it

Danny I didn’t neither

Tigo You got heart, Danny.

Danny What you doing?

Tigo Another cartridge. Six chambers, three cartridges. That makes it even money. You game?

Danny You? The boys said…Yeah, I’m game

Tigo It’s your turn you know.

Danny I know. You ever been row-boating on the lake?

Tigo Once, I went with Juana

Danny Is it …is it any kicks?

Tigo Yeah. Yeah, its grand kicks. You mean you never been?

Danny No

Tigo Hey, you got to try man. You’ll like it. Hey, you try it

Danny Yeah, I was thinking maybe this Sunday I’d….

Tigo My spin. Here goes a good man

Danny No rest for the weary. But Jesus you’ve got the heart. I don’t know if I can go through with it.

Tigo Sure you can. Listen, what’s there to be afraid of?

Danny We keep this up all night?

Tigo They said…you know…

Danny Well, it ain’t so bad. I mean, hell, we didn’t have this operation, we wouldn’ta got a chance to talk, huh?

Tigo Yeah. It ain’t been so bad, huh?

Danny No, it’s been…well, you know, these guys on the club, who can talk to them?

Tigo We could…

Danny What?

Tigo We could say…well…like we kept shootin’ an’ nothing happened, so… What the hell! We can’t do this all night, can we?

Danny I don’t know

Tigo Let’s make this the last spin. Listen, they don’t like it, they can take a flying leap, you know?

Danny I don’t think they’ll like it. We’re supposed to setle this for the clubs.

Tigo Screw the club! Can’t we pick our own…friends?

Danny Sure we can. Sure we can! Why not?

Tigo The last spin. Come on, the last spin.

Danny Gone. Hey you know, I’m glad they got this idea. You know that? I’m actually glad! Look, you want to go on the lake this Sunday? I mean with your girl and mine? We could get two boats or even one if you want.

Tigo Yeah, one boat. Hey your girl’ll like Juanna, I mean it. She’s a swell chick

Danny Here’s to Sunday!

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EXPLANATIONS

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**\*Turkey** is sort of an outdated slang **term** for "coward"