

Script: The Mountain ROLE: Eric, Male, 20's - 30's

INT. BAR - AFTERNOON

ERIC
David, M'man, wanna beer?

DAVID
Naw. That's okay.

ERIC
So good to see you, man. I always
knew you'd make it. I always said,
"David's the one, he's got success
written all over him." Motoscross.
Outrageous. I saw you on the cover
of this magazine. The cover.

DAVID
So Eric, I think we have to
talk-

ERIC
-And then you come back
and you're Mr. Mountain
Man. Mr. David Carver,
Esq. (Adopting an executive
voice) Fax me the minutes
of that meeting, Doris.

Eric laughs and makes a toast.

ERIC (CONT'D)
Little Davie Carver. One
astonishing dude.

DAVID
So what is it, Eric, you need more
money?

ERIC
Well the thing is...I know that we
never really talked about what
happened that night. With, Me, you
and Gabe, out in the canyon?

And by the look on David's face, he doesn't really want to
talk about it now. But--

ERIC (CONT'D)
I went to work for your Grandpa
pretty much straight after it
happened. And first pay envelope I
got? There was a couple hundred
dollars cash in there.

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DAVID
My grandfather...bribed you?

ERIC
He never called it that then, and I ain't calling it that now. But...since he died? The money's stopped. And me and Denise and the kids've really come to rely on it.

DAVID
So...what are you saying?

ERIC
(Staring David down)
All I'm saying is... Only three people know what really happened that night. One of 'em's dead. And one of 'em's me.

DAVID
And you want money?

ERIC
Your Grandpa was a great man. He knew how to take care. You learn that when you have kids, David. You take care. And I took care of him.

DAVID
How did you do that?

ERIC
It was a beautiful thing--an arrangement of mutual benefit. Every week he helped me keep the flood waters out. Helped me build a dam, every week there was a little extra. And every week I kept things that needed keeping quiet. We built a silent, safe little world, your grandpa and I.

DAVID
And now what, Eric?

ERIC
You're family, David. I'm not going to burn you. We just keep going. Do right by each other. Stay the course...a beautiful thing.

DAVID
(Sarcastic)
Yeah right, a beautiful thing.

ERIC
Look, I can see it's a lot to think
about. So you just marinate. And
we'll talk in the morning.

Eric Picks up the magazine again.

ERIC (CONT'D)
Wow man, the freaking cover!

He makes a motorcycle noise and waves the magazine

ERIC (CONT'D) (cont'd)
Rmmmmmm! Rmmmmmm! David Carver: King
of the Mountain!