

KING OF NEW YORK BEAT SHEET 9.12.07

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1. Ambient noise fades up on prison cell. Guard wraps nightstick on bars. Prisoner turns around, walks to camera, it's Frank, wearing glasses. Frank walks down prison hall flanked by guards, inmates catcall. He's released from jail, limo waiting outside, he gets in. Limo drives out of prison, gates close.
2. In brothel, hispanic pimp fondles blond whore, walks through talking to other whores. One puts his coat on him, hands him briefcase. He walks out to street, dials at payphone. Black men lock him in and riddle him with bullets. One thrusts newspaper into his dead hand and says, "Read this, puta." Paper shows Frank's prison, says he has been released.
3. Frank in back of limo stares. Beautiful blond lights cigarette, passes it to him. He thanks her. Beautiful black woman rides with them. Limo continues its drive through the streets. Hookers walk the prowl as Frank drives by, black pimps, homeless. Black woman asks if Frank wants to stop, he says no. Car keeps driving. Through more ghettos. Continues over the bridge into Manhattan.
4. At an airport motel, Buscemi does chemical analysis on cocaine. Jimmy says what's taking so long, Buscemi says, need more time. Jimmy says we gotta go, here's how you test, snorts some cocaine, acts uppity, asks for root beer, ridicules cartoons on tv, chatters. Asks boss Tito for cola. Tito agrees helpers will get him a cola, ridicules his pronunciation of Spanish. Tito says are you satisfied? Jimmy says maybe I wanna test more. Tito says you are disrespecting me, where's my large plus 10%. Jimmy says what 10%? He says that's our price, fuck you, no one else even deals with you. Jimmy says okay, I'll take the deal, let's pack up. Hands Tito a suitcase, says he's the king. Tito starts to open, Jimmy messes with him, where's soda? Tito opens, sees Tampax inside, says what's this? Jimmy says for the bullet holes, then kills Tito and all his henchmen. Backup comes in to help kill everyone.
5. Frank, in shower in luxury. Black suit laid out. Coffee with nice china, beautiful flowers, welcome home cards. Plaza hotel robe, bottle of champagne on ice, gold lighter. The blond is half-naked lying on the bed, loads a clip into a gun, puts it in her bag. Black girl is putting her garters and earrings back on. Frank stares out the window and New York skyline is reflected upon him. Black girl puts gun in his waist, kisses him, says he has visitors.

6. Jimmy and his hardcore crew enter. Regard him standoffishly. Walken asks what's in the cup, Jimmy says root beer, they size each other up. Walken cracks joke, they all laugh and cajole, they are old friends, Frank dances, the crew loves him. Rejoicing, Jimmy tells Frank congratulations, the columbians are history! Frank laughs, says he was away too long, he has no remorse. Jimmy give Frank Tito's gloves. Jimmy says he's been waiting for this. Esposito says Zapa sends regards and shows Frank suitcase full of money. Frank asks if meeting is set. Jimmy wants to kill him, Frank laughs. Says you want to come down? Jimmy says no I'm going for a girl on the street, you hobnon. Frank says why didn't you come to see me? Jim says "who wants to see you in a cage?" Frank says of course. Everyone leaves. Frank puts on Tito's gloves laughing, pretends to strangle, a little scary.
7. Limo pulls up to nightclub. Inside slick Joey talks with Chinese girl and elegant blond. They are waiting for Frank. He arrives, sees their table. Old man greets him on the walk downstairs. Everyone in the restaurant knows Frank, says hi. Frank thanks man, they toast freedom. Man introducing Frank to people, Frank continues through, makes his way to Joey's table. Says hello to elegant 'counselor,' teases her. Sits down, asks after family. Frank says I'm back from the dead, girl says I've heard bad things, Frank says don't believe columns, I'm reformed. Girl says what to expect? Frank says, I wanna be mayor. Frank tells Joey talk to Artie, he wants to talk. Joey says no meeting, he's nuts. Frank says tell him I want to meet, where and when. Joey leaves table, Frank admires counselor. She spars with him, says stay out of trouble. He says he wants to take her on the subway.
8. Joey arrives at Italian backroom, encounters henchman, says get Artie. Henchman tells Artie at cardtable that 'yom' wants to talk to him. Joey goes in, says Frank wants to sit down. Artie says I don't talk to nigger lovers, ignores. Joey argues, Artie says I'll kill him, he should have stayed in jail, screwed up my business killing colombians. Artie is irascible, pisses on Joey's shoes.
9. Frank kisses, fondles counselor on subway. She says she missed him. Group of black youths approach, demand wallet and watch, steals pocket book. He flashes gun playfully. They are scared, back away. He tosses them huge stack of bills, then says come by plaza hotel, ask for Frank, I've got work for you. They back out, scared, confused, excited.
10. Back at Artie's card game, Frank storms in with crew and women. Says he got the message. Artie says he's stupid. Frank says he wants to play cards. Kisses everyone, Artie says he has balls coming in. He deals out special blackjack game, insists Artie pick up card. Frank flashes Ace of

- Spades. Says nothing happens unless I'm involved. A nickel bag in the park. You guys are fat, we were starving, it's my turn. Frank walks away. Artie says you won't live long enough. Frank storms back in, shoots Artie repeatedly. Says you guys should come with me, at plaza hotel. Shoots Artie's dead body again, Says join me. Shoots again, maniacal. Everyone is freaked. Crew leaves.
11. Old cop Bishop looks at computer monitor, reading Frank's arrest record, file. Smoking, takes heart pills, seems sickly. Goes back to work.
 12. Avant-guard play, Frank watches. White cops beating black workers. Blacks revolt, kill guards. Frank watches with counselor as date, crew behind him all dressed up in suits. Runs into city councilman, says he's upset. Councilman says he did everything he could, they run into old man lawyer. Frank says he's upset about budget cut for hospital. Councilman says no money, fund it yourself, 16 Mil in 3 months. Frank says tell your friends they'll have the money. Councilman laughs, Frank says I know what the city needs, shouldn't just be privileged districts get hospitals. Lawyer says go somewhere and stay out of trouble. Frank laughs.
 13. At bar, Frank approached by old man cop and black cop. Young cop. They all ridicule him, say they want to talk, force him out of the play, Emperor Jones. Thrust him into cop car. Lawyer says what is this, Bishop you're harassing! Cop car speeds off, drives wrong way down traffic, crazily.
 14. They take Frank to burned out area under bridge, pull him out of car, open trunk, show dead body. Bishop says who is that, this is your only chance. Frank says are you arresting me? Snipes says shut up, hits him, Frank hits him back very hard, beats him with cuffs on. Young cop pulls a gun. Bishop freaks, says get in car. Snipes angry. Says we're onto you. Bishop says I know what you're up to, forget it. Give your friends our message.
 15. Bishop at Irish pub at cop wedding. Caruso thanks black cop Tom for being black at wedding, makes a speech they all are friends, laugh low-rent cop style. He toasts the wedding people, says I wish you health, no cops. We love you. Toasts. Bishop looks uneasy. Later... Dancing. Caruso pretends to kiss wife, cop freaks, a joke. Caruso is clearly a wild man. Father asks Bishop what's wrong, why aren't you dancing? Bishop gives note for kids, says he has a million things to do.
 16. Bishop in his apartment, working on computer, smoking. Same routine.
 17. Nosferatu plays in theater, Joey visiting Chinese gangster Larry surrounded by girls, goons. Larry says tell Frank forget it, I don't like his

- surprises. Gives Joey a taste of blow, says it's great stuff, I have \$15 Mil street value, I want guarantees. Joey says set the terms, we stay friends. Larry says Frank has no friends, and I'm not Artie Clay. And he pays for your cut. Joey leaves.
18. Jimmy and friend blasting stereo in car, Jimmy enters chicken place in ghetto. Acts all uppity, orders a bunch of stuff from young black behind counter. Youth knows he's dealer, doesn't like it. Youth yells at kids to get away from games. Jimmy's mad, criticizes him. Goes over to the young kids, hands them quarters to play games. Says no offense, gives a hundred to grandmother who takes happily. Cops show up outside and arrest friend in big struggle. Jimmy about to leave, cops run in and arrest him, says scumbag is under arrest for murder of king tito. Caruso manhandles. Snipes and Jimmy spar. Snipes slaps him. Caruso says we have live witness. Bishop looks on uneasily.
 19. Frank and Larry tour hospital, doctor says we need private money or we close. Kids run and hug doctor. Frank says Larry's selling bulk he'll only make 3 million, Frank could get 15, he puts up guys, Larry puts up stuff, they split, set aside for places like this. Larry says I don't care about this, I want 3 mil up front and half a mil after. Make up your mind. You know also, I just realized you really are crazy.
 20. Frank with Esposito exits limo and walks through plaza lobby. Palm court splendor revealed. Kid mugger from train is revealed in Frank's suite. They walk in and counselor says witness is recovering and have Jimmy on murder one for Tito. Franks says bail? A mil a piece, Franks says put it up, she says questions raised, he says do what I say, also get Bishop transferred, she says he's chief investigator, it's stupid, Frank says ask before I blown his brains out.
 21. Crew and limo pick up Jimmy and pal from station. Cops show up and Jimmy ridicules them. Caruso spits in Jimmy's face. Jimmy licks the spit off his fingers. Throws two hundreds down in Snipes face, says get flowers for your witness. Bishop eyes counselor, says are you proud of yourself? She says take it to the judge.
 22. Youths hanging out in Chinatown. Limo crashes through into people, black girl and crew exits limo spraying gunshots. Cars everywhere, Chinese fire back, a gangland shootout. Frank wielding giant machine gun. Larry shooting and hiding. Larry running, shoots his own guy by accident. Hiding, Jimmy puts gun to his head. He sees Frank, Frank says where's the stuff. They find the coke in containers. Larry's dead body is hanging from the ceiling as they unload his coke.

23. Singer performs at a charity event for the hospital, Frank sits at table with his crew. Councilman is there with lawyer chatting. Singer says thanks for everyone helping the hospital, I grew up around here, this is great, unveils plans for new facility, singing. Newscaster talks about how good it is.
24. In cop bar, they watch on tv. Caruso says Frank is a moviestar now, let's toast Frank, he made it! The King of New York! We are pathetic losers, we waste time, get paid nothing, court orders, so Frank's attorneys can get him out ten minutes later. I thought the law counted. We risk our lives, Frank gets rich killing. Says we have to kill Frank, make it look like gang killing. Bishop says no, do anything stupid I'll take you out myself. Caruso says I'm getting rid of Frank, now you know. Cops say guy is a nut. Caruso says everytime Frank kills, it's our fault.
25. At hotel suite, Frank's gang takes in payments for hospital fund while another snorts coke. Black girl and white girl smoke coke together. Frank dances with counselor, goes out to balcony. Crew makes out. Frank and counselor stroll, he talks about thought of never seeing New York from prison. Stares out at city, says I've lost a lot of time, I can't waste anymore. I need a year, I can do something good.
26. Old lawyer eats in fancy restaurant, Bishop shows up drops case file of Frank on him, dad bodies Frank killed, you rep Frank he's responsible. Bishop says how can you support Frank, you're a member of the bar! Lawyer says get out of here. You have evidence, prosecute. Bishop says by then too late, bring him in.
27. Limo arrives at Frank's ganghouse. Joey says he's there to see him. The crew is high and dancing inside, naked, debaucherous. Frank is on phone doing business. Joey is with other dark black man. Jimmy says hello, who are we selling drugs to? Joey wisecracks negatively. Jimmy laughs. Joey makes his way to Frank, intros him to dark man. Says he wants to buy a lot of drugs. Frank says taste, he does. Says it's good. Joey says 12 mil cash, dark says 6 now, 6 later. Frank says half for half. Dark says I'll leave my henchman here, be back with money, how far are drugs? Nearby. Frank tells girl to take henchman upstairs. Joey and Dark leave, shoot doorman at front of clubhouse. Inside Dark's henchman and girl fool around with bags of cocaine. Frank sees this with black girl and looks on emotionless. They walk forward, shooter storms building. Black girl runs to protect Frank, gets shot helping. Then he kills shooter. Guys storm building. Dark's henchman kills Frank's blond, then Frank kills him. Jimmy pulls out two guns starts killing people. All-out gunfight with the masked intruders. Many of crew including Jimmy's pal getting killed.

28. Gunfight erupts into the street. Frank pulls limo around and Jimmy jumps in. Masked assailant jumps on door, struggles with Jimmy. Jimmy pulls mask, it's one of the cops, the kid who got married! They swerve his head into a fire hydrant. We see Caruso freak out as kid dies. Caruso's car chases Frank's, Snipes shoots at Frank and Jimmy. Swerving, gunfighting. Chase continues onto bridge in rain. Craziness continues for a while. They finally swerve off bridge into traffic, almost hurting others. Cars crash and flip. Frank's is okay. Cops are stalled. Caruso and Snipes creep quietly with one headlight. Suspense. Then Frank and Jimmy smash the cops' car with the limo. Jimmy jumps out, starts shooting their car. Snipes runs out and chases Jimmy. Caruso charges Frank's limo shooting.
29. Jimmy is running with two guns. Snipes is running after him, screams out for him. Snipes says Frank left you, huh? Where you at? Taunts him about being a chicken eating motherfucker, says be a man. Stalking everywhere, says just me and you. Jimmy quietly drops down, shoots Snipes, ridicules him. Snipes charges him, bleeding and in pain. Jimmy shoots him, but Snipes holds on, choking him. Jimmy keeps shooting. Gets Snipes off. Asks where girlfriend is? Turns around and is shot by Caruso. Falls down screaming in pain. Caruso lets him writhe, kicking him. Jimmy screams, kill me, kill me! Caruso goes to Snipes, tending. Says relax, you're not that bad. Snipes is at death's door, choking on blood. Caruso watches him die. Jimmy still writhes, laughing. Caruso is tortured by Snipes' death, tries CPR. Jimmy laughs, says I got you motherfucker, screams in pain. Caruso walks over, Jimmy says just kill me, Caruso shoots Jimmy in the head. Walks over to Snipes, says I love you.
30. Cop funeral, wives cry and grieve. Bishop looks on forlorn. Caruso watches, somber. Two caskets draped in flags. Caruso runs off to his car. Gets inside, tries to find keys, starts car, it stalls, he hits car banging on its dashboard, yelling. Frank's limo rolls up, stops at his window. Frank rolls down window, says hey, you, and as Caruso looks over he shotguns him in the face. All the cops run over, Bishop sees Frank's limo speeding away.
31. Frank walks into broke-down building as we hear cries. Remaining crew is beating up Joey. Joey says listen, they gave me names, I checked them, they were cool, I had no reason to think they were cops, they set me up! Frank says don't lie to me, just tell me why. Joey says it was the money. The crew spits on him. He says it was more money, I was out, I was free, you can understand. Crew says they have the money, he was carrying it. Frank says bury it with him. Crew drags him off and gunshot is heard off-screen as Frank walks through darkness. Frank goes to window, sees city

from afar, stares.

32. Bishop walks into his apartment, sees Frank sitting in chair. Frank says DA found Artie had 13 million estate, and Larry owned half of chinatown, he used to rip off his own people, putting tons in bad tenements. King Tito had 13 year olds hooking on street. Those guys are dead cause I don't want to make money like that. Zapa, Mada brothers. Dead. They were ruining city. Bishop says you thought you'd get away? Frank says I'm in prison half my life, got away with nothing, I killed people who deserved it. Bishop says you're judge? He says I have to. Frank says you put a hit out on me for 50k? Tell your friends I put 250k contract out on you, now you know what it's like to live in fear. Frank rips phone out of wall. Bishop says you won't live, you're trying to take over drug cartels. Bishop says you think stopping me will stop drugs? Country gets high. I'm just a businessman, not problem. Take out your gun. Cuff yourself to the chair. Now you know what it's like. Frank leaves. Bishop immediately shoots cuffs off.
33. Shots of New York, trains. Subway platform. Frank walks through train, Bishop runs into crowded train as doors close, looking for Frank. Finds him in back. Says he's taking him in. Frank says let it go. Stands up, grabs black woman, puts gun to her head. Tells her not to worry. You want me to make it easy? I've done things you'd never think of. So shoot me. Bishop says no stories, drop gun. Frank asks woman if she has family. Says he doesn't want to kill her, but he will. Bishop says it's me and you, you can't hide. Frank says he doesn't need to, turns and shoots Bishop in stomach. Bishop goes down but fires off a shot. Then dies.
34. Doors open, Frank walks out slowly, carefully. Strolls through platform, up onto street. Strolls through crowds on 42nd Street. Clutching himself a bit. Gets in back of cab, says just drive. Crucifix hangs from the dashboard. Big traffic jam. Driver honks. Frank takes his hand away. Sees blood pouring out from his shirt. Holding gun. Cop car sirens flash. Frank holds up gun so driver can see, drive runs out, tells other cab Frank is in back. Cops converge and stalk forward towards Frank's cab. Frank looks at them calmly. They creep closer. All over. Surrounded. Back to Frank in car. He passes out, dead. Gun drops down. Cut to black