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We meet Harry, he's chased, enters girls apt, goes through purse for money. She says no money, he's a loser, hustler, owes chase man 5 bucks. She goes to neighbors, he says Harry a dreamer, but loveable.

She works in strip club. Fat owner and wife run.

Harry goes to wrestling scamming people for strip club, sees father son fight. Stops dad Greg, famous wrestler, says we can work together.

Acheives something, goes to nightclub boss for 400 capital. Boss laughs, wife laughs too, says get 200 he'll match it.

Harry tries 4 people, strikes out for money. Sees owner's wife, they used to fuck, she wants to open own club, needs license. Says get me license, I set up husband I hate, here's 200. He agrees even though wants his own thing, won't run her club, but sublimates.

Lawyer for son wrestler christo visits Phil, sends threat to Harry.

Harry Goes to husband who keeps lawyer from him when he suspects wife. Gives Harry 200. Says silent partner.

Harry opens gym, gets plaque with name. christo visits, threatens, Harry reveals dad Greg is partner. Christo says Harry sharp.

Phil overhears wife on phone with Harry.
Harry gives wife phony license from forger.

Phil meets with christo, christo says dad thinks Harry honorable, needs to show bad. Phil will help.

Phil meets Harry, says pulling out last payment unless strangler plays. But harry says then Greg will leave. Harry finally agrees.

Harry meets strangler manager, cuts deal, then provokes strangler who goes to gym, challenges greg's wrestler Nicholas. Harry manipulates Greg, gets to sanction fight.

Still needs the 200. Goes to Phil who says no money, tells he set him up cause of wife, calls christo. Harry says Greg sanctioned. Phil says you've got it all, but no money so you're fucked.

Harry calls his stripper girl. She goes looking for him, running through streets. Finds him at home, rummaging through drawers. She says you're killing us, begs, screams. He throws her down, takes money.

Returns to gym, signs deal. Greg and theangler argue, then start fighting. Garry tries to stop but too late. Strangler breaks nicholas' wrist, then fights Greg forever. Greg defeats with bear hug. Son christo arrives. Gregorius gets down, son puts blanket on him. They enter dressing room, Greg says greco roman wrestling great art, must be preserved, son does wrong to pervert it. Says cold, dies in sons arms. Says had great life.

Son says I want harry, 1000 on his head. Word goes out, people everywhere. Strangler breaks in to strip club, looking for harry from Phil, says he's killer, not me. Phil smiles.

Helen leaves Phil. She says she has club with harry, shows license, he says mistake, you will come back. Sad.

Everyone closing in on harry, he spots cop, sweet talks, escapes. On run again. Chased into construction site. Hides. Guy comes with knife, goes to kill harry, harry kills him. Runs again, tricks to phone, call friend to hide, friend says come over. Then friend calls christo men says want reward but only deal with christo.

Helen opens new club, cop comes by, checks license, it's bad. She's crushed. Goes back to Phil, begs to come back. Phil is dead, old woman says your fault, he killed himself. And will is here, he left everything to someone else. Ha!

Harry at friends, he wants to leave, friend delays too much, harry realizes betrayed. Friend gets call from christo people. Stalling. Harry beats him, flees.

Gets to old woman friends place, she says can't help, he says let me rest. Says he's dead man, sees guys coming towards, reflects, says he's always been running. Hurt everyone, girl, was so close to being on top. Quoted by newspapermen. So close. An accident, then it all fell apart. No more

running.

Men approach. Harry stands, tells woman go upstairs, footsteps, but it is actually girlfriend. He hides face in shame. She gives him money, says flee London. She says her fault, she loved him, but he shut her out. He had brains, hard work, could have been anything. But always did wrong things.

Harry says I can still make it! You tell christo where I am, you get 1000 pounds, foolproof! She's destroyed, says goodbye. He runs after her. Sees christo, think girl betrayed, she says go back. He throws her into wall, runs to christo, strangler grabs him, strangles, throws body off bridge. Police arrive, neighbor consoles girlfriend. Police arrest strangler. Christo watches, throws cigarette off bridge. End.