it's never too late
An original story

INT. MOTEL 6 IN MOBILE, ALABAMA - THE SUN IS SETTING FAST WITH A BEAUTIFUL SUNSET

Plans and drawings are seen strewn everywhere on one side while the other is perfectly clean. JOSH and ROSE sit on opposite sides of the Motel.

JOSH

Last chance to back out.

ROSE

No. We can't now it's too late. Josh you forced my hand.

JOSH

I know I messed up, but all of this
(Waving hands around the room)
isn't completely my fault.

ROSE

At this point does it matter. We are here.

(Standing up and moving to the window to look at the sunset.)

JOSH

Last time I promise. But... I think we should go over the plan once more.

Fine. The plans.

INT. INSIDE A CHEAP CAR - A LOW MORNING FOG IS APPARENT - EARLY IN THE MORNING

JOSH

I know this isn't a good time to ask this.

ROSE

Well, is there a certain time to ask anything? Might as well.

JOSH

What happened with you and your brother? How could you do this to him?

Silence plagues the car for a minute as Rose can be seen locked on the road.

ROSE

He has always been right. I never have been.

JOSH

How? I mean you are so accomplished.

That's why I love you.

But I have never been enough, to him, to my parents, to anybody. Ever since he came into my life he was more. Was better at any and everything. A constant reminder of my faults.

JOSH

Is this to help me or vengeance to him.

ROSE

Does it matter?

JOSH

I guess not.

ROSE

Good.

JOSH

(Saying it with a chuckle)
Who thought a Harvard graduate would
be robbing a bank?

(Seen shedding a tear, however

Josh cannot see it, with the same

blank expression.)

Not me.

INT - INSIDE THE BANK - IT'S DEAD QUIET EXCEPT FOR THE WHISPERS OF NORMAL BUSINESS BEING CONDUCTED

The customer and WINSTON are finishing up their interaction.

The customer is leaving his desk.

WINSTON

Glad I could help you.

At that moment shots are heard downstairs from the office of Winston in the main bank area.

WINSTON

Stay here.

(Under his breath.)

I knew it.

Winston stops at the bottom of the stairs out of breath peeking around the corner.

JOSH

Stay quiet please don't make this hard for us.

(Whispering to Josh.)

I'm going to get Winston.

JOSH

(Nodding in agreement.)

Alright employees this way.

Rose walks briskly to the stairwell while Winston runs back up to his office. Winston goes back to sit at his desk right as Rose enters.

WINSTON

It doesn't have to be this way.

ROSE

Do I know you? This is a robbery if you couldn't tell.

WINSTON

Rose, I'm not oblivious. It's not too late.

ROSE

It already is.

WINSTON

I can get everyone to forget this happened. Just hand them over.

No. You know what I need. And I'm the one with the weapon. Don't let your usual narcism strangle you like always.

WINSTON

Narcisim... What? I'm not the one banished from the family for being a problem, and I guess now turning to thievery. But... back on track. The gun. Use it. Keep digging deeper into these lies. Or take my hand and let me help you.

ROSE

No.

Rose shoots the gun once into the chest of Winston, crippling him instantly into his chair.

ROSE

There. Put where you belong.

Rose climbs behind the desk searching the desk for a key and eventually finding it. She sprints from the room back downstairs.

INT - LOCK BOX ROOM - JOSH OUTSIDE PATROLLING

JOSH

You got it.

ROSE

Yep. All good to go now.

ROSE

(While searching the room for the right box.)

Things got a bit messy up there. Gonna have to lay low a lot longer after this.

JOSH

What? You didn't shoot him did you?

ROSE

I had to.

JOSH

(With fear and anxiety in his voice.)

This is not what I signed up for. I.. uh... uh... I can't do this.

At that moment sirens can be heard approaching the front of the building. OFFICER DONALDSON is talking on a megaphone outside.

OFFICER DONALDSON

Whoever's in there we have the place surrounded there's nowhere to run.

JOSH

Now cops. We are screwed. How?

ROSE

Well probably your people made a call.

JOSH

Always me. Never your fault.

ROSE

Now is not the time for that.

Rose is able to find the right box and unlock it. Inside is a small watch.

ROSE

Ok I got it. Now you can stop your stressing and we can finish this the right way.

JOSH

No.

What do you mean no?

JOSH

I'm done.

OFFICER DONALDSON

Come on out. We can talk.

JOSH

See. I can be free from our troubles.
Right my wrongs the correct way. Not
your twisted way.

ROSE

And yet here we are.

JOSH

Come do it with me.

ROSE

Too late.

JOSH

I'm going.

Josh walks outside with his hands up. Shouting and intense cuffing of him occurs as you can see the sheer amount of officers outside.

RANDOM CUSTOMER

Looks like someone is all alone now.

ROSE

As usual.

INT. IN A BRAND NEW CAR - MIDDLE OF THE DAY DURING THE HOT SUMMER

It's two weeks later. Rose is driving and talking on the phone with Josh who is now in jail.

JOSH

So how did you end up getting away?

ROSE

A spot in Winston's office. He was always frightened by the idea of being robbed and wanted to have a safe place to hide. In usual Winston fashion he never told anyone about it.

JOSH

So... you knew I was gonna turn myself in.

Nope. I hoped. Just made it easier. How's it in there?

JOSH

Not the best. But my consciousness is clear, so at least I can rest easy now. You?

ROSE

Sold the watch to the buyer. Who knew an heirloom could be worth so much.

But more importantly looking for the next job.