

Sides---Condy

CONDY

I'm giving you the chance of a lifetime. I'm giving you a chance to make history. What do you say to that?

JEFF

You're not serious.

CONDY

I couldn't be more serious. I'm making you an offer...

JEFF

It's too good to be true. There's got to be a catch to it.

CONDY

There are three catches.

(She undoes the wires on his hands)

JEFF

I thought so.

CONDY

Catch Number One is, you have to pretend to be a disillusioned ex-Liberal who has seen the Neo-Conservative light.

JEFF

I have to become a Neo-Con?

CONDY

Sorry about that, but we'll make it worth your while. Remember the book deal I mentioned?

JEFF

I don't care what you pay me...

CONDY

This isn't the Arkansas University Press, buddy boy. We're talking Number One Best Seller in the New York Times 27 weeks in a row, Nationwide Tour, First Class Airfare, Late Night Talk Shows, the Movie Rights— name your price.

JEFF

What's the second catch?

CONDY

(producing a pistol from the box)

You have to learn how to shoot a pistol.

JEFF

(terrified)
Is it loaded?

CONDY

Of course it's loaded. Go ahead, take it in your hand.

JEFF

(taking the pistol)
You're taking a risk, you know.

CONDY

I'm not worried.

JEFF

I could shoot you right now. I could shoot my way out of here.

CONDY

You're under major surveillance. You wouldn't get five steps from where you are. And you'd never get that chance to walk into the oval office, would you?

JEFF

Maybe not.

CONDY

Definitely not. So how does it feel to have the gun in your hand?

JEFF

I feel strangely...

CONDY

Yes?

JEFF

(an odd expression on his face)
...empowered!

CONDY

Even though you signed all those petitions to ban handguns?

JEFF

This is different.

CONDY

Force is the greatest aphrodisiac, you know. Violence is the natural response to great provocation. Military action is the solution to every insoluble problem in the world.