

The Con

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A man meets his old friend who gets him in to playing cards.
He finds his friend is a cheat so tries to beat him at his
own game.

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INT. ON A TRAIN - 8PM

FADE IN

Busy train at stop with people getting on and off.

BILL, 28, suit, shirt & tie black shoes, carrying a briefcase.

(MS) BILL SITS DOWN ACROSS FROM A GUY WHO GIVES HIM A FUNNY LOOK. WEST WING.

JIM, 30, gray jumper, jogging bottoms, trainers.

CU: CENTRE STAGE

JIM

I know your face from somewhere.

BILL

Of course you, everybody who gambles knows me.

JIM

Of course, Billy Conner. Conner by name con by reputation.

BILL

Now, now, now. I'm not a con.

ECU

JIM

Prove it.

BILL

How much you got?

JIM

£300

BILL

Back to my pad we're gonna play cards.

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INT. BILLS HOUSE -9.30PM

BILL AND JIM ARE SAT AT THE TABLE PLAYING CARDS, DRINKING AND SMOKING.

MS CENTRE STAGE SITTING AT TABLE

Billy is dealing putting matching hands up his sleeve ECU

CU JIM LOOKING AT HIS CARDS, HE SEES WHAT BILLY IS DOING, HE HAS A HAND ANYWAY AND SHOWS IT.

JIM

Three 3's and two 2's, it's a full house.

BILL

Four 4's. Looks like I've beat you again.

CU ANALOG CLOCK TURNS 30 MINUTES FAST

MCU

BILL

Ha - ha. I've beat you again.

CU JIM IS DEALING CARDS, AND PLANS ON BEATING BILLY AT HIS OWN GAME

BILL

I might call this a night, after this. Right I put all my winnings from the past few days on I'll even chuck in ma train fairs for tomorrow.

JIM

But I'm down to my last 20.

BILL

You should've thought about that
(Moment of silence)

JIM

OK, then I'll let you have this watch, these rings and I'll even throw in my house keys.

BILL

OK, I hope you're what you're doing coz you've not won a game tonight yet.

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JIM
Oh - I am.

CU BILL SHOWS HAND

BILL
Four Aces.

JIM
Awww, maan.

BILL
I did warn you.

CU JIM SHOWS HIS HAND

JIM
Royal flush.

BILL
WHAT?

JIM
I knew you were cheating thought i
should beat at your own game. The
sweet smell of success. It's great
to beat someone at their own game.

FADE OUT