

What You Took From Me

Drama · Monologue · 2 min · Male role · Adult · Advanced

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You think you have ruined me. Look at me properly. The suit is the same, the shoes have a hole in them, and I am smiling. Nobody smiles like this when they are ruined.

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You took the company. Take it. You took the house, the car, even the friends who, would you believe it, discovered they were terribly busy the day my account ran dry. Take all of that too. None of it was me.

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What you cannot take is the one thing you ever really wanted: the respect people had for me and never had for you. It cannot be bought, it cannot be seized, it does not transfer by deed.

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You made money. I kept my name. In ten years we will see which of the two was worth more.

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Now get out. This is still my dignity, here, and you are not coming in.

What you can do with it

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