

Interlude

Conway the Machine

This is the direct New York to Palermo flight they call "The Mafia Express". The name is a joke of course, these people are warm and honest first or second generation Americans, who have saved enough dollars to come back and see a mother or sister or some cousins. But somewhere among them are the mules, the couriers, coming back. They may have a bundle for cousin Bruno that would choke a Sicilian donkey. The authorities try to stop the heroin going out, but they don't get all of it. They don't get anything like a tenth of it, probably. And they don't, mostly, catch the money coming in