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Greetings again from the darkness. The set-up is a familiar one. Two tough guys, armed with weapons, snap at each other about the meeting that is about to go down. Tensions are high. Taking place in an underground garage for privacy, and as the SUV approaches, the two men bow up – looking ready for action. We've seen this encounter many times, whether it's a drug deal, a weapons deal, or the exchange of a hostage for bounty.

Writer-director-producer Gerald Webb gives us the familiar, but with a twist. Two rival bosses meet face-to-face for the exchange. Magdalena (Diahnna Nicole Baxter) and Hector (Mark Christopher Lawrence) may have had previous business dealings, but this transaction requires both parties to confirm.

Mr. Webb delivers a clever tongue-in-cheek commentary on the current pandemic, and it's one that proves quite relatable to most everyone. Written, filmed, and produced quickly prior to the mandated shutdown of Los Angeles, the film provides a nice 7 minute escape that includes a closing rap song "Dropping Deuces" noting the COVID-19 challenges, and paying tribute to the heroic essential workers. On a side note, it includes some of the cheesiest looking "money" you'll likely ever see on screen – just an added element of lightness.

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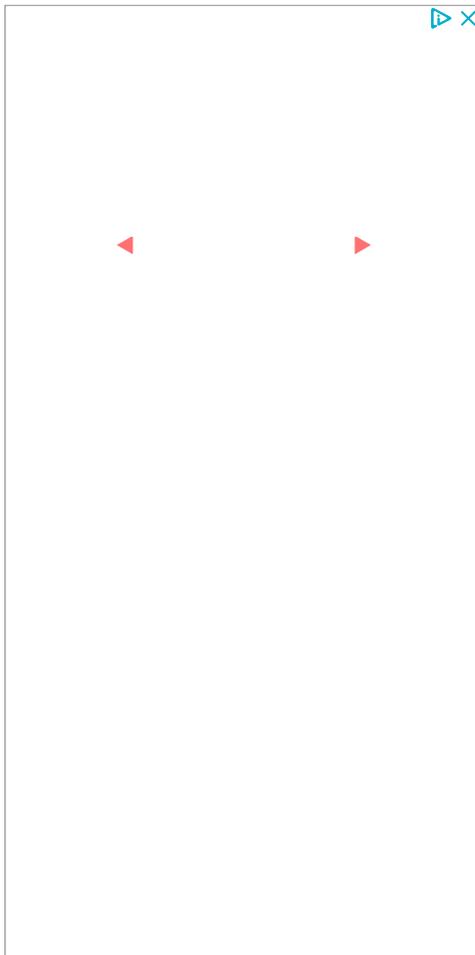
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