

SCENE OUTLINE - FABULOUS BAKER BOYS

1. Interior of an apartment. Dressed in a tux, JACK BAKER is staring out the window. A WOMAN in the bed asks him what he's doing. He replies that he has to leave for a job. As he goes, she questions whether he was wearing the tux earlier and he says no, that he brought it with him. Just before he walks out the door, she says "You got great hands."
2. Title sequence - grainy home movies showing Jack and brother FRANK as children, sitting at tiny twin pianos, wearing matching suits. Then a montage showing them winning ribbons at piano competitions, but with each succeeding shot/sequence, the brothers look less alike even as they remain dressed identically.
3. A downtown hotel, early evening. Jack is in no hurry but when he encounters his brother, Frank is upset about Jack's timing. Jack claims that he is early but Frank responds that forty-five seconds does not qualify as early. Putting that aside, Frank asks Jack to use a spray can to cover the bald spot at the back of Frank's head. Jack does so, but not without some good-natured ribbing about what might be going on Frank's head.
4. The Starfire Lounge and now the brothers sit at twin pianos, facing each other (as if in opposition in some way). Frank banters with the audience about how great it is to be at the Starfire and that across from him is his little brother, Jack. Frank asks how long they've been playing together and Jack, as if he has played this scene out too many times, mumbles thirty-one years while lighting a cigarette. Meanwhile, most of the rather small audience does not seem to be paying much attention, though Frank continues to ramble on about their thirty-plus year relationship at the keyboards.
5. Starfire kitchen as Jack and Frank pass through. Frank is asking Jack not to make any trouble. Jack denies that he would do any such thing, then quits talking to Frank when he encounters a waitress. He mentions that he likes her earrings, as if flirting, then asks if she has anything for him. She replies yes, then shows him a big soup bone. Jack smiles and thanks her.