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In one of Sweet Apple's "low dives" ...MAUDE'S ROADSIDE RETREAT, which is proclaimed on neon-sign. We notice sign above bar that says NO MINORS SERVED. Also, a door leading to a room UC, a small bar. HUGO, trying to look casual, saunters over to bar and sits on stool. BARTENDER ignores HIM, continues polishing glasses.

Music fades out.

HUGO

...I'll have a double rocks on the scotch. And put some rocks in it this time. Can you make me a vodka malted?

BARTENDER

How old are you?

HUGO

(Taking no chances)

32.

BARTENDER

Get out.

HUGO

What about a beer?

BARTENDER

Beat it.

HUGO

Just let me sit here with an empty glass in front of me.

BARTENDER

Out.

HUGO

I demand to see the manager. Where's Maude?

BARTENDER

I'm Maude. Charles F. Maude.

(Comes around bar to HUGO)

...And if you're not out of here in one minute, I'll take you by the scruff of the neck and throw you out!

HUGO

Okay, I'm going...

(Xes L, then turns)

...This is the last time I do my drinking in this place!