Mark-Beth

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12a The Hague Main Road Cape Town South Africa FADE IN:

int. pent house - night

An elegant gathering in a plush room. Medium shot of HARRIET (26) wearing an elegant red dress, MARK (35) wearing classes and a bowtie and BETH (30) wearing a plain grey suit. They are at a fireplace. Soft music plays.

HARRIET

Hi! This is Darryl's brother.

MARK

Mark, Darryl's half-brother.

BETH

(Grunts)

I didn't know the Devil had siblings.

HARRIET

(Chiding)

Now, now, Liz. Mark here is an eligible bachelor and you, I might add are on the wrong side of 29.

Harriet trots off.

BETH

(Sighs)

So, Mark why haven't I heard of you straight from that horse's mouth?

She glares at Darryl.

MARK

Same father, different mothers. Just found out a month ago.

BETH

A little on the side? Like father like son.

MARK

Yeah, and a lot underneath.

They walk to the balcony. As they emerge the full moon is covered by grey ominous clouds.

1B EXT. ON THE BALCONY LOOKING OUT AT THE CLOUDY SKY

Mark and Liz standing apart. Awkward silence.

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BETH

And what do you do for a living?

MARK

I'm into waste management, and you?

BETH

Criminal lawyer.

DARRYL

Guess we're both into waste management, huh?.

Awkward silence. Sound of crickets.

MARK

I was wondering if you might like to join me for...

BETH

(Yawning)

Well it's been nice chatting to you Mike but I've got to go.

Liz leaves Mark and goes back indoors.

3 INT. INSIDE BAR. DAY- DAY 30

Liz wearing a brown dress and Harriet wearing purple, drinking martinis. Disco music.

HARRIET

I'm so glad you finally gave Mark a chance

BETH

(Shrugs)

He's a nice guy

HARRIET

But? How's the...

BETH

Let's just say nice guys don't always finish last.

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HARRIET

You might just have to overlook his er short coming.

BETH

Are you sure he isn't gay or something.

HARRIET

Nah, (lights a cigarette) the only fag he puts in his mouth is a cigarette.

BETH

(Sighs)

We have a dinner date, I'll have to shave my hairy legs.

HARRIET

And back. Don't forget the back and shoulders, or you'll look like Sonic the Hedgehog.

BETH

IT'S ALL JUST USELESS, MANICURE PEDICURES, WITH MARK IT'S LIKE FLOGGING A DEAD STALLION.

HARRIET

Oh?

BETH

Yeah

HARRIET

Well... all things put aside, Darryl was more than a man in bed.

BETH

Don't even start. You still owe me big time for not telling to James about you and Darryl.

HARRIET

I never meant for it to happen, (Aside) Oh yes I did. (chuckles)

BETH

It's all over now and probably for the best. (Aside) Slut. (Aloud) I hate to admit it, but Darryl sure could... CONTINUED: 4.

Liz's phone rings.

BETH (CONT'D)

Speak of the devil, its Darryl. What does he want?

HARRIET

Well aren't you going to answer it?

BETH

I feel so stupid, how could I...

DARRYL

(Laughs) Ssh, we unmade the bed, now let's just lie in it.

BETH

Get out

DARRYL

(Ignores Liz) One minute you're giving me legal advice and the other eight...

BETH

Put a sock in it. Better yet on your feet, out!

DARRYL

If you keep seeing my brother, mark my words you will be sorry. There's something you need to know about Mark, he's a...

BETH

Mark these words get out!

Sound of door slamming

BETH (CONT'D)

Did you hear that?

DARRYL

Oh! I almost forgot. I left Mark a message to meet you...

BETH

Pig, you planned this!

MARK

Moses, Aaron and Miriam! Liz, how, how could you? On my five thousand dollar mattress.

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BETH

Wait. Mark? Mark!

5 EXT. OUTSIDE LIZ'S APARTMENT DAY- DAY 21

BETH

Gosh no! Mark? Somebody help!

GARBAGE TRUCK DRIVER I'll call an ambulance lady, you saw what happened! It was an accident!

BETH (CONT'D)

Cheese and rice!

BETH (CONT'D)

(To herself)

What? Margaret Fleigenheimer? That's his real name? And this photograph? It's a... it's a woman!

FADE OUT.