

The Passion of Miss Aphrodite

RUBIA is a hardworking farm woman who strives for a better life, as she is reminded from her lover, Mr. Bogie, who calls her the Latina Marilyn Monroe. While other farmers wait for the bus, Rubia is kidnapped. The kidnappers take her to a local dance club called *Franco's*.

After being kidnapped, Rubia is held in a private back room with Yanette, who supplies dope for the dancers. There are not one but over a dozen of dancers, all wearing blond wigs—led by violent mobster Ranchero, who resents the rich white men who can buy their way out of trouble and are oblivious to the hardships of those around them.

Ranchero tells his henchman, Lucha, that the new girl will obey once she forgets past memories from being too doped up. Rubia notices an upcoming ad for the artichoke queen contest. And she must numb her internal pain, so she visits Yanette's Dealer and has sex with him for dope.

News of Yanette missing appears all over the local media, adding to Ranchero's paranoia, but he sets up another kidnapping. Rubia hears some of the other dancers speaking on Marilyn Monroe to join the contest. Anxiety gets the best of an ice cream eating, Rubia, while the news reports a missing Mr. Bogie, who was apparently an Officer of California Immigration. This forces her to hitch a ride out of town from a rich white man that ends up abusing her for sex and drugs.

The very second Marilyn Monroe appears is when the whole crowd goes wild, as she absorbs the spotlight at the first annual artichoke beauty queen festival. Bringing inspiration for all the Marilyn doppelgängers in the contest. But a doped up, Rubia, shows her pregnant belly. Everyone laughs at her. Until, a clean Ranchero appears as her very white knight.

Meanwhile, Officer #2 pulls documents of the missing persons in town. Ranchero offers Rubia more money to work, even though she is pregnant. Forced by Ranchero to set up each customer from the stage, and luring them to her private back room. As Ranchero takes Rubia along a killing spree, for the sake of survival. Rubia's water breaks after sex with a customer. Ranchero picks her up and carries her all the way to the fields for her to give a natural birth.

One month later, Rubia breast feeds her twin babies when Ranchero calls her for the very last time. Ranchero has Officer #2's gun in his face. As Rubia gets herself ready to kill. Many television sets at a downtown store report the death of Marilyn Monroe. Breaking down Rubia under some severe distress. More folks critique the famed actress and laugh horrifyingly.

Bloody hands of Officer #2 drive downtown. The Dealer is dragging the unconscious body of Rubia, inside his nook. Where she learns of his ulterior motive, as a cross-dressing serial killer, who has Yanette's corpse in a tub. Rubia stabs the Dealer to death in a room full of Marilyn Monroe memorabilia. She makes her way back to her house to hold her babies one last time, as red and blue lights flash on her. And through an abundance of growing artichokes in the fields, is where the body of Mr. Bogie is getting zipped up. Along with a dozen of missing persons fliers (Mr. Bogie, Yanette, Blond Dancer #2, Lucha, etc.) are posted on a dead end street.

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