

TROY SIDES

TROY

I hoped you hired that girl!

M'LISS

Damn strait I did. That kid's got talent, but more importantly she's got a fire in the belly that few have. We need her type, and they need us... What about Tiffany. Did you kiss up?

TROY

No way. She wants us to play the normal Hollywood game. Tiffany's a shark. She does like me though. Maybe I should give her the...

M'LISS

Yeah, now you're talking.

TROY

Yeah, I get it, but...

M'LISS

Give her what she wants. We need her. Now, tell me about theaters? Is there anything good available? Theatre people are touchy-feely, you're going to have to suck up.

TROY

(Jokingly) I don't suck, that's what you do. I think all the no-shows for today's showcase speaks volumes about our opportunities with well-known theatres.

M'LISS

Oh My God. That really sucked.

TROY

LA's got tons of beautiful old Vaudeville theaters built in the 20's. Most are too expensive though, I applied to some of the subscription theaters in LA, New York and Minneapolis. It's a long shot, but we got a chance.

M'LISS

Well, what about Vegas? We made our show topless as you suggested so we could have something for that town's customers. Please tell me you have a showroom there for us.

TROY

Vegas is picky. Ya gottta know somebody.

M'LISS

Well that's not a problem.

TROY

Hmmm... I hope not.

M'LISS

Let's go to Vegas. Do a showcase for my friend Anthony at the Trop. We can fall back onto Lorenzo's club if we have to.

TROY

I'll set it up with him for Monday. Time for you to kiss some butt!

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TROY

The cast has never worked so hard. I don't have the heart to tell them that things in Vegas have not come together. Anthony does not even return my calls.

M'LISS

You think *you* feel rejected. I threw myself at him that night after the showcase. He ate it all up, and now he tells me the owner wants to do concerts or bring in something that has a known brand. Hell, I am a known brand.

TROY

I told you this was not going to be so easy. What did you say? Let's use my connections, work with the old boy's network, follow the system, take the lowest hanging fruit? Shit there is no low hanging fruit unless we go work with Lorenzo at his sleazy club. That trip to Vegas cost us 10 grand. And so far we got nothing!

M'LISS

Tell me about it!! What about other Vegas Venues. Have you talked to anyone at MGM or Caesars?

TROY

I've tried. They tell me nothing's available, but it is... Hell, they all say the same bullshit.

M'LISS

Bullshit. I don't believe that. I know that MGM has a big room open at the Mirage.

TROY

M'Liss, my guys have done the work. We know what stages are available, but from their perspective we have no show worthy of their room. Vegas properties want Cirque or Broadway right now.

M'LISS

I don't think they know what they want! Things are in transition in Vegas now.

TROY

All the extravagance of the last economic cycle, and then the bust. Vegas was hit hard. They don't want to incubate shows now.

M'LISS

We may need to start looking for an off-Broadway theater.

TROY

You know I won't give up, however, we're bleeding 20k per week building this show. The way I see it is we either cut the cast in half or take it to Lorenzo's club now. We will get at least 70 to 80 percent of our costs back in his 200 seat theater.

M'LISS

Alright let's go see that Womanizer's place. It was a great theatre at one point, but it's been a while. It might be a dump now.

TROY

Done. Let's do it tomorrow.

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Sounds like he still has something for you?

M'LISS

I am sure he does... but I have no feelings for him anymore at all.

TROY

Well don't shut the door on this opportunity. He loves the show. We may need his Venue.

M'LISS

Lorenzo is an ass, and Tiffany is probably right. That club of his has turned into a front for everything but theater.

TROY

God dammit M'Liss. I am working my ass off for opportunities and you just don't get it. He has a big stage. We have nothing at this point!

M'LISS

Well then find something better! And stop bashing Tiffany. You're straight. She's single. Take her out for a drink. You gotta bend over for things in Hollywood.

TROY

I'll need more than a drink for that.