

LORENZO

(Flirtatious) Long time no see, M'Liss. You look great. It's been so many years...

M'LISS

Yeah, a long time. I've seen that look before Lorenzo... we're here for business! Don't start.

Troy interrupts

TROY

M'Liss! He loved it. He was beaming through all of it.

LORENZO

Wow, M'Liss... you still got it. Your voice is golden, and look at you! And now you're building a great show. I want this show in my club!

TIFFANY

My girls won't want to work in that club guys... I'm gonna need a lot more money if you want to get that done!

M'LISS

Uh Huh... Ok, I am glad you all liked it. There is so much more. It will get even better when we find the right talent.

M'Liss looks over at the cast still remaining on the floor.

M'LISS

Excuse me. (To dancers) Everyone go get changed and take a break. We got a lot of work to do later today.

LORENZO

M'Liss, tell me more about these grand plans.

M'LISS

The whole show is just as good as this one medley. Stunning Vocal performances combined with great dance, and a meaningful story to tell as well.

TROY

We need a place to workshop our show while we find a grand showroom. We want to take this to center stage in Las Vegas or maybe... maybe Broadway.

LORENZO

OK guys – You keep dreaming. M'Liss you've been to Broadway and Vegas as a *performer*, and you know I am your biggest fan, but this production business... it's different. The big stages in Las Vegas, difficult to get, let alone Broadway! Your friends from here in Hollywood didn't even show up... When you come down to Earth, give me a call.

M'LISS

Wow, I totally forgot about that show we did together. What was that, 20 years ago?

LORENZO

16 to be exact. That was such a great time for us. Why did you leave me M'Liss? You know I loved you so much.

M'LISS

Yeah, I thought so too, until I found out you were sleeping with half the chorus.

LORENZO

Well, why'd you keep pushing me away?

M'LISS

You know why. I wanted to make something of myself! I wanted to work hard and achieve things in life. Not just play. My career blossomed, and yours... well, you went as far as your talent would take you. I was loving the journey. I got tired of feeling guilty that you weren't having the same experience.

LORENZO

Hey, I did okay.

M'LISS

You did! But you didn't pursue achievement in your life! You were fine with whatever was handed to you. The best thing that happened to you was your uncle giving you this club. You didn't even have to work for this!

LORENZO

Hey, I have put a lot of work into making this place a money maker. It was a dump when I got it.

She stares in disbelief as she looks around.

M'LISS

Yeah, you changed it...

LORENZO  
(CONT'D)

So here is the deal. We put your show in here for 6 months for a grand a night. The ticket price is all yours and I'll give you 20% of the bar.

M'LISS

A grand a night? We'll never make money with that kind of rent.

LORENZO

At my discretion, I will waive the rent if you're filling the room up or... making me happy.

M'LISS

I'll pretend I didn't hear that last part.