

LEAVING LAS VEGAS (2)

83 INT. SERA'S house - day

Ben is asleep on the sofa. As he wakes up, he becomes aware that Sera is watching him from across the room. They smile at each other.

BEN

How long have I been her?

SERA

Three nights, two days. When is your rent coming up at the motel?

BEN

I don't know.

(sits up)

I'll go and sort it out today. Why don't you come?... We'll find a real room for me. You can pick it out, a tower on the strip.

SERA

There's no reason to blow all your money on a hotel room.

BEN

What do you mean?

SERA

What I mean is that you should bring your stuff over here. We're spending all this time together... what the fuck!

BEN

Sera...

SERA

Let's face it, Ben, we're having fun here. I've never done so much talking in my life.

BEN

Me neither.

SERA

So! Let's dispense with the formalities. I want you here... now!

BEN

Sera you are crazy.

SERA

So... I'm not too concerned with long term plans.

BEN

Don't you think you'll get a little bored living with a drunk?

SERA

That is what I want. Why don't you go and get your stuff?

BEN

You haven't seen the worst of it. These last few days I've been very controlled. I knock things over... I throw up all the time.

(looks at her)

Now I feel really good... You're like some kind of antidote that mixes the liquor and keeps me in balance, but that won't last

forever. You'll get tired of
it really quickly. Believe
me.

(They sit in silence for a while.)

SERA

OK, you go back to your hotel
and I'll go back to my
glamorous life of being
alone.

(She walks out of the room, and into the bathroom, where she
sits on the toilet to pee).

SERA

(to herself)

The only thing I have to come
home to is a bottle of
Listerine to wash the taste
of come out of my mouth. I'm
tired of being alone... that's
what I'm tired of.

(She finishes, wipes herself and flushes the toilet. Pulling
up her panties, she walks back into the bedroom, where Ben is
putting on his shoes.)

SERA

Don't you like me, Ben?

BEN

(devastated)

Don't be silly?

(Ben is unable to deal with the fact that he is absolutely in
love with her. He walks out of the room. She follow.).

SERA

We gotta decide this... right
now. Before we go any
further. You either stay here
with me or...

(Ben turns to look at her.)

SERA

... we can't see each other
any more.

(Ben and Sera look at each other for a long time.)

BEN

Sera... what you don't
understand is...

SERA

What?

(Ben is deeply troubled. He comes to a decision.)

BEN

You can never... never... ask
me to stop drinking. Do you
understand?

SERA

(dead serious)

I do. I really do.

(smiles)

OK. I have to do some
shopping alone. You go out
for a few drinks and then
pick up your things. Don't
hurry and I'll be back before
you to let you in.

Sera grabs him in a big embrace that knocks him off balance
and into the wall. She kisses him all over his face and
squeezes his skinny frame.