

"Super Nova"

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INT: OPENING SHOT OF THE BACK OF A PAIR FEET WALKING, HOLDING SHOES ALONG HER SIDE. MUSIC FLOODS THE BACKGROUND WE SEE A HAND OPEN A DOOR WITH A SIGN "DANCERS ONLY". NOVA ENTERS THE DRESSING ROOM AFTER AN ACT. NOVA IS WEARING HER UNIQUE AND PERSONALIZED UNIFORM, A SPARKLY CORSET TOP WITH SHORT SHORTS, TIGHTS AND HEELS THAT MAKE HER TOWER OVER ALL. SHE IS AN EXTRATERRESTRIAL BEING. SHE SITS IN FRONT OF THE MIRROR POWDERING HER SWEATY FACE. MUSIC FADES. SHE CHECKS HER PHONE TO SEE A MESSAGE FROM MEG.

MEG  
(TEXT SCREEN)  
Be there soon.

NOVA SIGHS AND THEN LOOKS IN THE MIRROR FOR A GOOD WHILE. SHE TRIES TO MAKE HER TOP MORE MODEST. SHE CONSIDERS IT FOR A SECOND AND THEN MAKES IT EVEN LOWER.

CUT TO:

INT: CORNER OF THE CLUB. MEG AND NOVA ARE SITTING AT A TABLE IN THE CORNER OF THE VENUE, A LITTLE MORE MUTED. MEG IS WEARING HER JEANS AND BLOUSE TOP WITH A RESPECTABLE PAIR OF FLATS.

NOVA  
(to waitress off screen)  
Martini and water. Thanks Eilieen.

MEG  
I'll actually have a Diet Coke.

MEG PLACES HER DESIGNER BAG ON THE TABLE, HANDS CASH TO THE WAITER.

NOVA EYES MEG.

MEG (CONT'D)  
You're working here now? As "Nova"?

NOVA  
(smiling)  
Yeah. Just a stagename though. I still go by Kate in other settings.

MEG  
So what should I call you?

NOVA  
(smiles)  
Kate's just fine.

AWKWARD BEAT.

MEG  
Pays well here?

NOVA  
Depends on the night. More than  
minimum, but the tips are generous.

MEG  
Right...well, good for you.

MEG NERVOUSLY RUBS HER HANDS.

NOVA  
Nice rock. Derek?

MEG  
Yeah.

NOVA  
Didn't think that would last.

MEG  
We got through it. And now he's  
good and we're happy.

NOVA  
(laughs)  
Yeah I'm sure getting his dick  
sucked in the back office was  
really hard on him.  
(BEAT. TENSION ARISES)

MEG  
I think you know why I'm here.

NOVA  
Mom?

MEG  
Yeah.

NOVA  
You alright?

MEG  
Anyone that was around her saw it  
coming.  
(beat.)  
She left this for you.

MEG GRABS OUT A SMALL BOX. INSIDE IS A LARGE ENGAGEMENT RING.

MEG (CONT'D)

She said she was saving it till you married, but...

(beat.)

Thought you might want to wear it to the funeral.

NOVA LOOKS DOWN.

MEG (CONT'D)

Your dress already got sent in the mail. All you have to do is show up.

NOVA

You got me a dress?

MEG

We've always been the same size and I thought I'd make it easier for you.

NOVA

I can dress myself, you know.

MEG LOOKS AT HER UP AND DOWN.

MEG

I just wanted to make sure it was appropriate.

MEG SLIDES THE RING CASE TOWARDS NOVA.

MEG (CONT'D)

I'll see you at the funeral.

MEG GETS UP TO LEAVE.

NOVA

I wasn't planning on attending.

MEG FREEZES. HEAVY BEAT.

MEG

What?

NOVA

All my shows next week are sold out.

MEG

(stares)  
Of course.

(MORE)

MEG (CONT'D)  
(laughs to self)  
I should have expected this.

NOVA  
What?

MEG  
Even in death, you're not there for  
mom.

NOVA  
(beat)  
Are you serious right now?

BEAT. MEG STARES DOWN NOVA.

NOVA (CONT'D)  
Why should I be there for her when  
she didn't even want me around in  
the first place?

MEG  
Because all you would do is pick  
fights around her.

NOVA  
You know that's not true. I was  
sick of her treating us like her  
perfect little dolls.

MEG  
She wanted the best for us and you  
were making everything ten times  
harder. She loved you.

NOVA  
Yeah? And kicking me out with no  
place to go was 'the best' for me?

MEG  
Is this the best for you? Dressing  
up like a glorified porn star and  
dancing around for people? I stayed  
home and took care of her, and all  
she left me was the necklace she  
never wore.

NOVA  
Is that what this is about?

MEG  
You know, I was pissed off about it  
at first, but it's laughable now.  
(MORE)

MEG (CONT'D)

Leaving her engagement ring to the daughter that only wants to fuck herself.

NOVA

It's a choice Meg, just like being engaged to a guy who doesn't even want to fuck you is your choice.

MEG

Fuck you.

NOVA

Fuck you!

THEY START FIGHTING AND TALKING OVER EACH OTHER.

CUT TO: MEG SITTING IN WHAT LOOKS LIKE A FUNERAL HOME. IN BLACK. SHE STARES AHEAD WITH A TEAR-STAINED FACE. A BEAT. IN WALKS NOVA FROM THE RIGHT, AND SITS NEXT TO HER. ALSO STARES AHEAD. A BEAT. NOVA PLACES HER HAND ON TOP OF MEG'S HAND. THEY SIT IN SILENCE.