

VANDA

God. Just my luck. Fuck... *FUCK!*

THOMAS

Can I run out and refill any prescriptions for you?

VANDA

I'm okay. Just my usual luck is all. Thank you, God, once again! Hi. I'm sorry. Vanda Jordan.

THOMAS

Vanda...?

VANDA

See what I mean? I've even got her name! How many girls in this town are named *Vanda*? Actually I'm Wanda but my parents called me *Vanda*. Anyway, I'm like perfect for the part and the fucking train gets stuck in a tunnel while this guy's trying to penetrate me. Talk about fate. And you are?

THOMAS

Thomas Novachek.

VANDA

Hi. Hey, wait a minute. Thomas Novachek? You wrote this!

THOMAS

Yes, I did. Well, I adapted it.

VANDA

And you're directing it, too, right?

THOMAS

Within an inch of its life.

VANDA

God, I love your plays! I mean, the ones I know. *Anatomy of Shadows*? Like, wow. *Anatomy of Shadows* was *amazing*! I saw it twice!

THOMAS

I didn't write *Anatomy of Shadows*.

VANDA

Right, right. I mean, you know, the other one. God, this is embarrassing. Anyway, *this* play is sure amazing. I mean, the parts of it I read. Pretty wild stuff.

(She takes off the coat, revealing a studded patent-leather top, a short black leather skirt, and a silver-studded dog-collar.)

Really sexy, huh. Or like, erotic, if you're into humiliation. Oh, by the way, I don't usually walk around in leather lingerie and a dog collar. Usually I'm really demure and shit. Just thought I'd kinda get into the part. I mean it's basically S&M, right? The play?

THOMAS

Not exactly. And it does take place in 1870.

VANDA

Mm. I guess this isn't too 1870, huh.

THOMAS

No.

VANDA

Who knows, maybe S&M-ers dressed just like this back then.

(She digs a battered, crushed photo out of her purse.)

Anyway, here's my headshot. I know the resumé's kinda skimpy. But I'm good. I'm like made for this part, I swear to God. I was amazing as Hedda Gabler.

THOMAS

(looking over her resumé)

The Urinal Theatre. I somehow missed their season... You had an appointment?

VANDA

Yeah, two-fifteen. It's like hours ago, right? Well, better late than whatever.

THOMAS

(checks the day's appointment sheets)

Vanda...?

VANDA

...Jordan. People always say is that *real*? "Vanda Jordan"?

THOMAS

I don't see your name.