

CLUB ENVY written by Vincent Buckley
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INT. ENVY NIGHTCLUB - NIGHT

DJ, wearing a green bracelet, holds his hand steady on the turntable.

DJ frantically scratches.

CHEERING.

DJ throws green beads towards SCARLET, who slumps side-to-side on the packed dance floor, as her GIRLFRIENDS and JANET dance their hearts out.

Crowd cheers, fixated on the beads. The beads hit Scarlet's left breast. She pins them there with her hand. Crowd cheers for her. Girlfriends and Scarlet attempt to get Scarlet dancing with sexy 'come hither' looks.

BARTENDER KEITH waves to Janet. She grabs Scarlet and heads to the bar. Girlfriends follow.

Bartender Keith pours shots for the girls and himself. Scarlet takes her purse off of her shoulder. Janet waves her finger at Scarlet, grabs Scarlet's purse, and puts a hundred dollar bill on the bar.

JANET
(raises shot)
To Scarlet's greener pastures!

Girlfriends cheer Scarlet and they all take the shot with Bartender Keith.

ON THE DANCEFLOOR Scarlet dances with her girlfriends in a circle, with a packed crowd around them as the DJ rocks out. Janet has Scarlet's purse.

JANET
(yelling over music)
I haven't seen you look this good
since, since... Ned.

Scarlet looks up at Janet, who pauses nervous. Scarlet smiles. Scarlet and Janet break out of it and dance.

JANET
This is so exciting!

EXT. ENVY NIGHTCLUB - NIGHT

A drunk Scarlet exits the bar with rowdy girlfriends. Janet, with Scarlet's purse, holds Scarlet up.

SCARLET
(to Janet)
Ohhh... I wish I had your tolerance.

Show 'Envy' logo on awning for title.

EXT. APARTMENT BUILDING - DAY

INT. MESSY APARTMENT - DAY

A couch with only Scarlet's dress from last night balled in one corner and her heels crammed in the other. Boxes cover the floor. Scarlet runs into frame with only her underwear on. She rushes back and forth while putting her unwashed hair in a ponytail.

Scarlet sees her dress and shoes on the couch. Throws on her dress. Looks at it grimacing at the wrinkles.

She looks at her watch, it doesn't tick. She hits it. Nothing. She groans.

Scarlet yanks out a phone from a box. Plugs it in. Picks up the receiver and jams the numbers. Scarlet bounces in place, putting her heels on, waiting for an answer.

WOMAN (O.S.)
Taxi service, where are you?

SCARLET
(pause)
Do you know what time it is?

WOMAN (O.S.)
One ten, ma'am.

SCARLET
Can you get me to the War Memorial
by one thirty?

WOMAN (O.S.)
(pause)
Where are you, ma'am?

SCARLET
Oh, uh, Sixth and Vliet.

WOMAN (O.S.)
Yes ma'am. Taxi's coming.

Scarlet spots her purse in the sink. Takes her wallet out of her purse. Opens it. Empty.

SCARLET
You don't know how much that will cost, do you?

INT. MESSY APARTMENT - LATER

Scarlet throws the pillows off a couch. Sees a quarter. Grabs it. Digs deep into the couch. Smiles. Pulls out fake money.

Grumbles, throwing the fake money aside.

Scarlet scrambles through her apartment like a tornado.

EXT. STREET - DAY

A hunched over, sweating Scarlet, stares forward - not moving.

The light turns green. Scarlet hurries across the street.

EXT. WAR MEMORIAL - DAY

NED paces in front, continually redialing someone on his cell phone. He spots Scarlet and hangs up his phone. Scarlet breathes heavy, approaching.

A dripping-in-sweat ADONNIS, huffing and puffing as he runs in sportswear, runs past Scarlet - noticing her. He slows down, looking at Scarlet, and stops in the middle of the street.

Ned scoffs.

Adonnis smiles, raising his hand to wave to Scarlet. A taxicab slams on its brakes, nearly hitting Adonnis. Honks at him.

CAB DRIVER
MOVE IT, KEG BELLY!!!

Adonnis turns to the Cab Driver and lifts his shirt, slapping and rubbing his stomach, smiling and nodding.

Cab Driver screams, leaning out of his window, honking horn in background. In the foreground, PERRY, an attractive paralegal, walks towards the entrance.

NED

H-hi...

Perry never notices Ned, and enters the War Memorial. Ned's eyes sink.

SCARLET (O.S.)

I'm so, so sorry.

NED

Why aren't you answering your phone?

Scarlet's eyes sink. Ned pauses, opens the door for Scarlet.

Cab Driver bolts out of the cab with a bat. Adonnis darts back to the sidewalk, holding his hands out, trying to calm Cab Driver. Adonnis hustles towards Scarlet, raising his hand, but she doesn't notice as she enters the building. Cab Driver hurries back into his cab, and drives off swinging his fist in the air, staring at Adonnis.

INT. WAR MEMORIAL - LOBBY - DAY

Ned stares down Adonnis, who approaches the door from outside. Ned grabs Scarlet's arm, pulling her in. He leads her to the elevators.

NED

(whispers harsh)

Since when do you dress like trash?

SCARLET

I went out last night.

NED

Who let you in, wearing that?

Scarlet looks at Ned. He shakes his head, notices an Envy flyer hanging out of Scarlet's purse.

NED

Embarrassing.

Scarlet tries to break free of Ned's grasp.

SCARLET

We're not together any more.

Ned pushes the up arrow for the elevator.

NED

It isn't official.

Scarlet gives one big jerk, to try to break free.

SCARLET

Yet.

But can't. A BUSINESS WOMAN squints at Ned, concerned.

OFFICE

LAWYER hands an invoice to Scarlet and Ned, sitting across from her. Ned stares at an Envy promo poster on the wall.

LAWYER

Since you're both using my services for the divorce, you'll notice my discounted rate marked on your invoice. To begin, I require five hundred from each of you.

(pause)

Questions?

Ned snaps out of staring at the poster and turns to Lawyer. Scarlet rubs her purse, biting her lip.

NED

(pointing at poster)

What's with the uhh...

LAWYER

They're a client.

Ned writes out a check. Lawyer turns to Scarlet. Scarlet notices.

SCARLET

Sorry, can I bring a check tomorrow..?

Lawyer smiles at Scarlet, "that'll be fine."

NED

(handing check to Lawyer)

Is Envy any good?

Perry enters.

PERRY

It's terrific.

Before Ned can say anything, she yanks the check out of his hand and replaces it with a receipt.

Ned looks at Perry, looks at the Envy flyer in Scarlet's purse as she picks it up, looks up to her as she gets up. Gazes at the Envy poster.

EXT. ENVY NIGHTCLUB - NIGHT

A line of people waiting to get in builds. Perry approaches the door. BOUNCER lets her right in. The CROWD in line moans.

INT. ENVY NIGHTCLUB - NIGHT

At the bar, Scarlet and her girlfriends do a shot with Bartender Keith. Her friends race to the dance floor as Scarlet reaches into her purse staring ahead. Janet pulls Scarlet's hand out of her purse and pays herself.

Janet dances on a seated and stoic Scarlet.

JANET

Dancey dance?

Scarlet shakes her head. Janet frowns like a puppy dog. She hugs Scarlet and leaves, blowing Bartender Keith a kiss.

Scarlet looks down, alone at the bar. She gathers herself and notices CLUB WOMAN #1 dancing her heart out, smiling big with a green drink.

SCARLET

(pointing to green drink)

Can I get one of those?

Bartender Keith nods. Makes the drink. Places it in front of Scarlet.

BARTENDER KEITH

Ten bucks.

CLUB WOMAN #2 flags Bartender Keith down, and he leaves Scarlet. Scarlet opens her wallet, only finding a five dollar bill. She grimaces, putting the bill on the table and taking her drink.

A group of GUYS stare at Scarlet as she huddles together, veering from them. Scarlet notices ADONNIS gregariously dancing by himself in the middle of the dance floor. She smiles. Adonnis' wallet hangs out of his back pocket, almost falling out.

Adonnis notices an unmoving Scarlet watching him, and recognizes her. He waves her towards him. Scarlet looks around, biting her lip.

Adonnis yanks Scarlet onto the dance floor, spilling some of her drink.

Scarlet and Adonnis dance. More and more PEOPLE watch them. Scarlet nervously notices the attention. She cuts out mid-song. Adonnis watches her, confused. He follows her out to the

PATIO

No one else is on the patio. Scarlet takes a sip of her drink.

ADONNIS

Did I do something?

He startles Scarlet. She nearly spits out her drink. She calms down and shakes her head.

SCARLET

(pause)

Actually, yes.

Adonnis looks at her.

SCARLET

You made all those people stare at us.

ADONNIS

Us? That was all you.

SCARLET

I get so nervous. Everyone stares, knowing I'm too blonde to pay my own way. Ugh! I wish I could
(dances crazy)
like you.

ADONNIS

Too blonde? Please, I wish people looked at me like they do your luscious blonde locks.

(pause, grabs his stomach)

The keg belly scares 'em away in droves.

Scarlet laughs, dropping her purse. Lawyer's invoice spills out. Adonnis bends down to pick up Scarlet's purse.

SCARLET

It's okay. I got it.

Adonnis holds out his hands, standing back up. Scarlet notices Adonnis' wallet hangs out of his back pocket, almost falling out, as she picks up her purse and invoice.

Scarlet looks at her purse. She smiles, giddy. Adonnis studies her, raising an eyebrow. Scarlet snaps out of it.

SCARLET

Sorry, it's just... you're the first guy to let me pick up my own purse.

ADONNIS

(grins)
I'm happy to not help.

SCARLET

I feel so--

The patio door opens cutting Scarlet off. Ned sulks out, not noticing Scarlet and Adonnis. Ned's shirt is incorrectly buttoned and barely tucked in; his hair is a mess.

Scarlet sees Ned, looks away. Looks at Adonnis' wallet out of the corner of her eye. Scarlet looks at Adonnis' eyes. He looks at her concerned.

Scarlet looks to Ned, back to Adonnis. Looks at her purse. Puts it on as the patio door bursts open, startling Scarlet, who almost drops her purse.

Janet storms out, giving Ned a disgusted look behind his back. Janet points and jerks her head towards Ned as she yells.

JANET

Scarlet! Scarlet!

Scarlet keeps her eyes on Adonnis. Ned turns to see Janet, just catching her pointing at him. He grimaces, but smirks when he spots Scarlet.

JANET

SCAAAAARRRRRRRRLET!!!

Scarlet turns to see Janet waving her towards the door.

SCARLET

(sighs)
Will you hold my drink?

Adonnis nods. Scarlet bumps into Adonnis as she hands her drink to him. Scarlet's fingers dangle by Adonnis' wallet.

Scarlet whisks away.

SCARLET
(over her shoulder)
Don't move. I'll be right back.

Ned wipes his mouth, brushes his hair with his hand, and stands straight.

NED
(happy)
Scarlet.

Scarlet looks at Ned through the corner of her eye and continues on.

NED
Scarlet!

Scarlet looks down. Hurrying. Almost to the door.

Ned grabs her shoulder. Startles Scarlet, she stumbles. Adonnis approaches, concerned.

JANET
(feigning drunk)
OHMYGOD! I'm like sooo drunk!

Scarlet quickly picks herself up.

NED
Honey? Everything alright--?

Scarlet nods, leaves.

NED
I was worrying about you honey...
Do you need help with the lawyer
fee--?

JANET
(sober and stern)
She's not your 'honey.'

Janet puts Scarlet's purse on Scarlet's shoulder; gives Ned a dirty look as she enters the club behind Scarlet.

NED
Sorry, sorry... old habit.

Ned turns around, spotting Adonnis next to him, watching. Adonnis looks away at the stars, humming to himself. Takes a sip of Scarlet's drink.

NED
She's still my honey.

Adonnis looks around, hoping Ned is talking to someone else.
But no one else is outside.

ADONNIS
Excuse me?

NED
The divorce, it- it isn't legal
yet. It's not official.

Adonnis thinks about saying something as he slowly nods his
head. Ned stares at Adonnis.

NED
I know that look you made at her.
I've made that look before.

ADONNIS
I'm not trying to start anything
here.

NED
But while you're making that damn
look, she's blowing your money.
That girl hasn't paid for a damn
thing in her life!
(pause)
Who do you think filled that purse
of hers?!

Ned thrusts his finger at his own drunk face.

ADONNIS
Do you want some water?

Ned gets up in Adonnis' face.

NED
You think this is funny fat man? I
hope you got as much money as you
do fat, if you expect to make that
look at Blondie again!

Adonnis steps aside, leaving.

Ned grabs him.

NED
I saw that look!

Ned shoves Adonnis back. Scarlet's drink spills onto Adonnis as it slips out of his hand, crashing on the ground.

Adonnis lands on his butt. Ned freezes.

Adonnis groans, getting up. He furrows his brow. Feels his back pocket. Nothing there. Pats all his pockets down. Nothing. Adonnis darts his eyes over the patio.

ADONNIS

Did you take my wallet--?

Perry opens the door. She looks at Ned, who raises his hand to her, standing next to Adonnis. She looks disgusted and goes back inside. Adonnis squints at her. He gasps.

Adonnis rushes back into the club. Ned slouches, follows behind Adonnis into the club.

CLUB

Adonnis scrambles through the club. Pushing through dancers and drunkards. Ned can't keep up. Adonnis rushes down the stairs. Darts his head around the crowd as he forces his way to the entrance.

EXT. ENVY NIGHTCLUB - NIGHT

Adonnis yanks the door open, startling people in line. Scarlet leans against the building talking to Janet. Adonnis stomps up to them.

ADONNIS

I need my wallet.

Janet looks at Scarlet.

SCARLET

Oh! I'm so sorry. I had to get out of there before--

Ned exits the club. Approaches.

ADONNIS

(holds out hand)
I need my

Scarlet sees Ned.

ADONNIS

wallet.

Scarlet shuffles to the side. Ned traps her in.

JANET

Scarlet, do you have his wallet?

Scarlet looks at Janet confused.

SCARLET

No- no, I just have my purrrr--

Scarlet looks at her purse, which isn't zipped closed all the way because of Adonnis' wallet. She turns pale.

SCARLET

I-I-I-I, I didn't...

Adonnis' hand waits. Ned shakes his head. Janet takes the wallet, hands it to Adonnis, and pulls Scarlet away -- hailing a cab.

SCARLET

I didn't take it! I only grabbed my purse!

Janet forces Scarlet into a cab and gets in behind.

Ned scoffs. Turns smiling to Adonnis, who flips through his wallet.

NED

She won't even pay for that cab ride.

Ned slaps Adonnis on the back and walks away tall, brushing his hands clean. Adonnis pauses, studying Ned. Ned enters the club.

Adonnis sees Scarlet's cab driving down the road going the other way. He rushes towards waving at it. Stands in the middle of the street, trying to get the cab to stop.

The taxicab slams on its brakes, nearly hitting Adonnis. Honks at him.

CAB DRIVER

MOVE IT, KEG BELLY!!!

Adonnis' jaw drops, seeing the cabbie.

Cab Driver screams, holding a baseball bat out of his window. Adonnis stumbles out of the way as the cab whizzes by him. He limply waves goodbye to it. Stands alone...

FADE OUT

INT. WAR MEMORIAL - OFFICE - DAY

Scarlet stands up. Lifts her purse strap onto her shoulder. Lawyer leans back as Scarlet exits.

LOBBY

Ned enters. Perry enters, whisking by Ned.

NED

Hi. Oh, I like your green glasses--

Ned stops. Scarlet gets off the elevator as Perry boards. Scarlet walks towards the entrance. Ned sees her and looks puzzled.

NED

Scarlet?

(pause)

Scarlet, we have our meeting now.

Scarlet keeps making way to the door. Ned grabs Scarlet's arm.

NED

Honey, this isn't what we agreed on.

Scarlet forces Ned off of her and exits. Ned follows. The door closes on his face.

EXT. WAR MEMORIAL - DAY

Scarlet spots Adonnis running across the street.

SCARLET

(waving)

Pardon me!

Adonnis sees Scarlet. Adonnis slows down, heads towards Scarlet as she approaches him. They meet in the middle of the street.

EXT. / INT. WAR MEMORIAL - DAY

Scarlet & Adonnis talk in the street. Their reflection is on the window as Ned peers through it, watching them.

INT. WAR MEMORIAL - DAY

Ned yanks a five hundred dollar check out of his pocket. The memo reads: For Scarlet. Ned grimaces, crushing the check in his fist.

EXT. / INT. WAR MEMORIAL - DAY

Scarlet & Adonnis talk in the street. Their reflection is on the window. Ned screams, almost in tears. Throws the check at the window.

Flashing cuts to Envy title awning.

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EXT. WAR MEMORIAL - DAY

Cab slams breaks in front of Adonnis & Scarlet in the middle of street. Cabbie yells, honking horn.

CAB DRIVER
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!!!!