

CLUB ENVY written by Vincent Buckley

INT. ENVY NIGHTCLUB - NIGHT

SCARLET party montage. Scarlet wears seductive red clothing. Her GIRLFRIENDS tell her she has to forget.

Scarlet and her girlfriends buy shots together.

GIRLFRIEND #1  
(raises shot)  
To Scarlet's greener pastures!

Girlfriends cheer Scarlet and they all take the shot.

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

GIRLFRIEND #1  
(yelling over music)  
I haven't seen you look this good  
since, since... Ned.

Scarlet looks up at Girlfriend #1, who pauses nervous. Scarlet smiles. Scarlet and Girlfriend #1 break out of it and dance.

GIRLFRIEND #1  
This is so exciting!

EXT. ENVY NIGHTCLUB - NIGHT

A drunk Scarlet exits the bar with rowdy girlfriends. Girlfriend #1 holds Scarlet up.

SCARLET  
(to Girlfriend #1)  
Ohhh... I wish I had your tolerance.

Show 'Envy' logo on awning for title.

EXT. APARTMENT BUILDING - DAY

INT. MESSY APARTMENT - DAY

Scarlet rushes back and forth, in the clothes she wore last night, grabbing her things while putting her unwashed hair in a ponytail.

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 opens her wallet. 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 changes to 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, FEMALE PARALEGAL, an attractive professional, walks towards the entrance.

NED  
H-hi...

Female Paralegal 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?

Female Paralegal enters.

FEMALE PARALEGAL  
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 Female Paralegal, 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. Female Paralegal 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. Her friends race to the dance floor as Scarlet sits there and Girlfriend #1 pays.

Girlfriend #1 dances on a seated and stoic Scarlet.

GIRLFRIEND #1  
Dancey dance?

Scarlet shakes her head. Girlfriend #1 frowns like a puppy dog. She hugs Scarlet and leaves.

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?

The BARTENDER nods. Makes the drink. Places it in front of Scarlet.

BARTENDER  
Ten bucks.

CLUB WOMAN #2 flags the Bartender down, and the Bartender 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. Ugh! I wish I could let go like you.

ADONNIS

I wish people looked at me like they do you.

(pause, grabs his stomach)

The keg belly scares 'em away in droves.

Scarlet laughs. Adonnis' wallet hangs out of his back pocket, almost falling out.

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.

The patio door opens. Girlfriend #1 bursts out, giving Ned a disgusted look behind his back. Girlfriend #1 points and jerks her head towards Ned as she yells.

GIRLFRIEND #1

Scarlet! Scarlet!

Scarlet keeps her eyes on Adonnis. Ned turns to see Girlfriend #1, just catching her pointing at him. He grimaces, but smirks when he spots Scarlet.

GIRLFRIEND #1

SCAAAAARRRRRRRLET!!!

Scarlet turns to see Girlfriend #1 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.

GIRLFRIEND #1  
(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--?

GIRLFRIEND #1  
(sober and stern)  
She's not your 'honey.'

Girlfriend #1 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!

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 Scarlet 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--?

Female Paralegal 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 Girlfriend #1. Adonnis stomps up to them.

ADONNIS

I need my wallet.

Girlfriend #1 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.

GIRLFRIEND #1  
Scarlet, do you have his wallet?

Scarlet looks at Girlfriend #1 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. Girlfriend #1 takes the wallet, hands it to Adonnis, and pulls Scarlet away -hailing a cab.

SCARLET  
I didn't take it! I'm not like that!

Girlfriend #1 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

Lawyer holds out her hand for Scarlet to have a seat.

SCARLET  
(shakes head)  
I'm sorry for taking your time, but  
I can't afford you.

Lawyer leans back as Scarlet exits.

LOBBY

Ned enters. Female Paralegal enters, whisking by Ned.

NED  
Hi. Oh, I like your green glasses--

Ned stops. Scarlet gets off the elevator as Female Paralegal 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.

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?!!!!