Unsavory Connection

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Beautiful harmonies are heard in the dark. Eve walks in, having heard the singing. Lavender is sitting at the edge of the lake, combing back his hair. They notice each other.

LAVENDER

Hello there gorgeous.

Eve turns around to make sure he's talking to her.

EVE

Oh, um, hi.

Eve turns around and begins walking away but then stops. She turns around to look at Lavender.

> EVE (CONT'D) Were you by any chance singing just now?

Lavender smiles cunningly.

LAVENDER

Oh so you heard? It's something I've been working on. I'm very proud of it. Come sit with me and I can show you the rest.

Lavender pats a spot next to him.

EVE I...I can't. I just wanted to say it was pretty...the song. I enjoyed it, it was nice, but I should probably go now. It was nice to meet you- um?

LAVENDER It's Lavender. And your name gorgeous?

Lavender winks at her, and she laughs uncomfortably.

Eve. LAVENDER EVE Well Eve, It's lovely to meet you as well. It's a shame you have to go so soon.

Lavender looks at her flirtatiously.

EVE You're a siren aren't you? (confrontationally)

Lavender sighs dramatically.

LAVENDER I am, but why say it like that gorgeous? It's breaking my heart.

Eve walks closer to him.

EVE Well, I've heard stories.

LAVENDER Stories? Ugh we get such bad rep

these days.

Lavender fixes his hair through the reflection in the water.

EVE Don't you think there's a reason for that?

He looks her up and down.

LAVENDER Well jealousy of course. No creature comes close to having voices like ours.

Lavender walks towards her. Eve looks skeptical, and starts to back up.

LAVENDER (CONT'D) Come on gorgeous, give me a chance. I bet you'd really like me if you got to know me.

Eve is still backing away, and Lavender is getting closer.

EVE I don't think that's a good idea. EXT. LARGE LAKE - CONTINUOUS

Lavender turns to the audience and slowly raises his arm up as he sings. Eve looks at him unsure of what to do.

> LAVENDER (singing) TRUST ME DARLING, I WONT LET ANYTHING HAPPEN TO YOU.

Lavender grabs Eve's arm and kisses her hand lightly.

LAVENDER (CONT'D) BELIEVE ME BABY. I MIGHT BE A LITTLE BIT CUNNING, IT'S TRUE, BUT YOU'RE DIFFERENT BABY, YES I'M AMUSED. I NEED AFFECTION AND YOU DO TOO SO...

Eve starts walking away and Lavender runs in front of her and walks her back to center stage as he sings.

Ensemble enters.

LAVENDER (CONT'D) LET ME GET TO KNOW YOU BABY. COME ON, TELL ME WHAT YOU LIKE TO DO. YOU LOOK LIKE YOU MIGHT BE AN ARTIST, MAYBE. OH I DON'T EVEN REALLY GOT A CLUE. BUT JUST KNOW THAT I'M SUPER DUPER INTERESTED, AND I WANNA SEE THIS THROUGH.

Lavender puts his arm around her and looks at her.

The music changes slightly. Eve pushes Lavender away and walks down stage center.

> EVE I CAN'T TRUST YOU. THERE'S NO WAY YOU'RE NOT, GOING TO TRY AND TAKE ME AWAY. I KNOW YOUR KIND.

I HEAR WHAT THEY SAY. AND OUR LOVE WOULD ONLY GET IN THE WAY.

Lavender puts his hands in his pockets and raises his eyebrows up and down.

EVE (CONT'D) I'LL ADMIT THAT YOU'RE CHARMING, BUT THAT'S NOT ENOUGH. YOU'RE SO VERY CHARMING, NO I'VE GOT TO BE TOUGH. (MORE)

EVE (CONT'D) I'D BETTER BE LEAVING, THIS IS ALL TOO MUCH.

Eve starts walking away and Lavender grabs her arm and pulls her back.

Music picks up.

LAVENDER LET ME GET TO KNOW YOU BABY.

I can't. LAVENDER EVE I'LL TELL YOU WHAT WE'RE GONNA DO. LETS GO ON VACATION BABY. BET YOU LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT, CAUSE I DO. EVE

No, I

Lavender gets frustrated.

LAVENDER LOOK! I'M NOT THE VILLAIN. IT'S ALL IN YOUR MIND. AND JUST IN CASE YOU NEED A LITTLE REMINDER

Lights dim. Spotlight shines on Lavender and Eve.

Melodious harmonies are heard again. Eve is hypnotized by the sound, she walks towards him. Lavender reaches out his hand slowly, and Eve follows suit. The music quiets down. 4.

So? LAVENDER

MAYBE YOU CAN... EVE

Yes? LAVENDER

MAYBE YOU CAN GET TO KNOW ME BABY...

The music picks up. Lavender puts a strand of hair behind Eve's ear.

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LAVENDER

THAT'S WHAT I LIKE TO HEAR!

Lavender leads her down stage center.

LAVENDER (CONT'D) SO JUST WALK INTO THE WATER WITH ME, AND LET ALL OF YOUR WORRIES DISAPPEAR...

FADE TO BLACK.



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