

INT. VINNIE GREEN'S LAIR - NIGHT

Vinnie and Shiela come into the room and Vinnie reveals his man-cave. Vinnie is wearing a tight-fitting tuxedo.

VINNIE

Come on. I want to show you my lair.

SHIELA

Oh!

They enter the room.

SHIELA (CONT'D)

You can even move in that thing?

VINNIE

I guess a little more than I did, but still feel like I'm in a straitjacket.

SHIELA

Well, you have to be comfortable to be confident.

VINNIE

I'm stealing that.

SHIELA

Go tell her.

VINNIE

It's still rest period.

SHIELA

And she. She takes her rest period somewhere else?

VINNIE

Or she sleeps upstairs in the Master. I run hot body temp-wise. It's the one thing that we're not in sync on. But here, here it's nice and cool, because of the concrete plus there's my train set. I've had it my whole life. And the sound. It just. It soothes me.

SHIELA

And this was your decision. Living in the garage?

VINNIE

Well of course it was, it's my house. I like it this way. You know, it works for both of us.

SHIELA

Do you really like it? Are you just used to it?

VINNIE

We all adapt to our circumstances, don't we? Like you and your husband. You had a good chat before?

SHIELA'S VOICE

Watch it, you're here to learn his secrets, not the other way around.

SHIELA

I just left a message. He worries.

VINNIE

Then it's good that you checked in. You want me to show you the outfit I like for the shoot?

He goes into another room to change.

VINNIE (CONT'D)

(from the other room)

Marika may seem overbearing to you. I know. A lot of people don't understand it, and I don't blame them.

SHIELA

I understand it completely. I have some experience with a Marika-type in my life. Someone with a real hold over me.

VINNIE

What? Your husband?

SHIELA

No. It's someone else. Someone I've just gotten very used to. That I always thought I needed, but I'm beginning to think...

SHIELA'S VOICE

What are you doing? This is not helpful or necessary!

SHIELA

...that she's holding me back.

SHIELA'S VOICE

How is sharing is helping you? Shut your trap.

SHIELA

She just needs me to need her. She's a parasite. She tells me she's helping me, but really, she's draining me.

VINNIE

Your mother? Your manager? Who is this person?

SHIELA'S VOICE

What are you going to say? That she's a voice in your head? He'll think you're crazy. And he's an adult with a train set.

SHIELA

She's an old friend. Someone who's been with me for a while.

Vinnie comes out wearing something that looks like a matador costume.

VINNIE

Do you love it? Because I do. I love it.

SHIELA

It's incredible.

VINNIE

It is, isn't it? Do you want a pep pill?

He offers her pills from a little box.

SHIELA

Yeah.

VINNIE

Mmmm. I get them from a valet parking attendant at the Bistro Gardens, and Marika doesn't know about it. We have to keep a few little secrets don't we? Being in the studio.

(MORE)

VINNIE (CONT'D)

It's always nice, but here is where the real creative magic happens.

He starts dancing about enjoying the space.

VINNIE (CONT'D)

But there's a little game that I like to play first. You have a chance to even the score right now in the Lightning Round. Rapid Fire. Don't think just answer. No skipping, no lying. Don't fuck with me or you're out. You ready? Go. Who were you lying to on the telephone?

SHIELA

Oh, I told you I wasn't lying.

VINNIE

Who exactly?

SHIELA

My husband.

VINNIE

And?

SHIELA

My child.

VINNIE

And where do your husband and child think you are?

SHIELA

Spa.

VINNIE

Fuck you Shiela!

SHIELA

A mental health facility.

VINNIE

For what?

SHIELA

For bulimia.

VINNIE

Is that the throwing up one?

Shiela nods.

VINNIE (CONT'D)
Verbal answers only, please.

SHIELA
Yes. Until it doesn't.

VINNIE
Your Marika type, who is it?

SHIELA
It's me.

VINNIE
No cheating.

SHIELA
It's me but it's not me, it's just
a voice inside my head.

VINNIE
Oh, sounds crazy.

SHIELA
Yes, it is.

VINNIE
And she controls you?

SHIELA
Feels that way. Yes.

VINNIE
And do you hate her?

SHIELA
Intensely. But I am her too.

VINNIE
Who messed with you when you were a
kid?

SHIELA
A friend of my father's.

VINNIE
Oh, me too! Oh! Ding ding ding
ding. She did it! Johnny tell her
what she's won! She gets to dance
with Vinnie ha fucking ha Greeeen!
Whooo!

They dance.

SHIELA

Your turn.

VINNIE

Oh, no no, that's not how this works.

SHIELA

Fuck you Vinnie.

VINNIE

Ha ha ha!

SHIELA

What's the arrangement with you and Marika?

VINNIE

We share a home in our lives. Full stop.

SHIELA

She know you're gay?

VINNIE

Oh everyone knows how blissfully happy I am.

SHIELA

You know what I mean?

VINNIE

Well, we understand and support each other.

SHIELA

I had a six-month affair with a mormon man I despise.

VINNIE

Ha?

SHIELA

Even though, it's over, I just miss it. Miss being that awful to myself.

VINNIE

Well, at least you ended it, right?

SHIELA

No, he did. I couldn't stop anything myself. That's what the voice is for.

VINNIE

Oh, is that what the voice is for?
That's what it wants you to think.
But you can do anything you set
your mind to.

SHIELA

You really believe that?

VINNIE

I make people believe it. And
that's even better than believing
it myself!