Wish Me Luck!

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FADE IN:

EXT. TASMANIA DEVIL ENCLOSURE - NIGHT

LEX, a tasmania devil leaps over the railings and leaves his enclosure.

He’s got his groove on, and walks with a swagger. Displays a winning smile and sparkle in his eye.

Music plays through his mind.

INSERT MUSIC: STUCK IN THE MIDDLE WITH YOU

INT. LION’S DEN - CONTINUED

Lex walks across the dance floor filled by an assortment of the zoo’s wildlife.

A lone male koala called WILL sits at the edge of the floor.

Will with thick black rimmed glasses, stares towards the dance floor.

His drink’s barely touched as he whimsically looks back and forth from his drink to the dance floor.

A female koala called KEELEY struts her stuff with her friends.

Will exhales, saddened, as his eyes stare transfixed upon Keeley’s magical smile.

WILL (V.O.)
Another year’s gone by and I’m going to miss the boat again.

Will exhales, his shoulders bow as he looks down.

SUPER: A FEW HOURS LATER

MONTAGE

Lex dances with KANGAROOS, ZEBRAS and KOALAS.

Will goes to the bar.

Glass after glass piles up on his table.

END MONTAGE
Lex sits down next to Will and rests his aching soles.

LEX
What’s up buddy?

WILL
Valentine’s day is tomorrow and I’m too shy to ask those girls for a dance.

LEX
Are you serious?

Will looks at Lex with a serious expression. He narrows his eyes as wrinkles form on his forehead.

LEX
Okay okay, I believe you.

Lex pulls out his CONTACT CARD and hands it to Will.

Will brings it closer and squints his eyes.

WILL
(Slowly)
Tri-pod gigolo, horny twenty-four seven. Available for parties and threesomes. Call, email or come around unannounced.

Will tries to return the card, slightly taken aback.

WILL
Er what?

Lex waves his index finger in a loop.

LEX
Not that side, turn it over.

Will flips the card.

WILL
Oh. Lex’s dating agency, call to book an appointment, nine to five, Monday to Friday.

LEX
I’ll book you in for tomorrow morning, first thing.
WILL
Better make it twelve.

EXT. LION’S DEN

SUPER: CLOSING TIME

Lex stands outside with a handful of contact cards. Ready to hand out for the departing clubbers.

A couple of FEMALE MONKEYS exit.

LEX
Hello ladies, had a good time tonight?

They laugh. One of them leans over, hand on his shoulder, head tilted back and stares into his eyes.

FEMALE MONKEY
The night has just got started. Come over to our enclosure.

Lex smiles whilst he pockets his cards.

LEX
Great. No freaky banana sex okay?

FEMALE MONKEY
Don’t worry love, we’ve already used them.

FEMALE MONKEY #2
(Laughs)
At least the big ones.

INT. TASMANIA DEVIL ENCLOSURE - DAY

SUPER: 14TH FEBRUARY

Lex and Will stand up and shake hands.

LEX
Remember, she’ll think it’s a blind date.

WILL
Cool.
LEX
And lose the glasses.

Will takes off his glasses.

LEX
You look better already. And fix the your hair too.

Will turns his head, looks in a mirror and sees Lex’s point. He nods with approval.

WILL
One last question.

Lex starts to get agitated.

LEX
Make it the last.

WILL
How do you know Keeley from last night?

Lex turns to look outside at all the passing public. A CHILD (4), throws peanuts at him.

LEX
I showed her around the place when she first came. Didn’t know her for long.

He picks up the peanuts.

WILL
How long’s that?

LEX
A day.

He throws the peanuts back at the child.

LEX
I don’t eat peanuts you dumb kid.

He points to a sign attached to the railings.

LEX
Can’t you read?

From the child’s point of view, Lex’s voice sounds like an angry animal growling menacingly.
He speaks to his MOTHER.

    CHILD
    Why didn’t the monkey eat the peanuts mommy?

    MOTHER
    That’s not a monkey, that’s a prairie dog.

EXT. LOVE BIRDS ENCLOSURE - NIGHT

Will entertains Keeley, who’re surrounded by the singing LOVEBIRDS. They sit at a candlelit dinner.

Will presents her with chocolates, roses and a mini teddy replica of Lex from the gift shop. The price label still hangs from the leg.

Keeley blushes.

    KEELEY
    (Smiles)
    Thank you.

The Koala clicks his fingers for FROGS to play their violins.

An ORANGUTAN wears a bow-tie, carries two plates on one arm and holds an ice bucket with red wine in the other. He serves them pasta noodles and vegetarian meatballs.

    KEELEY
    This is a lovely place.

    WILL
    It’s better than the other place I was offered.

The Koala looks over towards the Lion’s Den enclosure on the left.

INT. TASMANIA DEVIL ENCLOSURE - DAY

SUPER: A FEW DAYS EARLIER

Lex sits behind a desk. A LION sits opposite him.

    LION
    I’m looking to hook up with either a Wildebeest, Zebra or Wild Boar.
LEX
Any preference?

LION
Make her a porker.

LEX
Ahhh. Okay, I think I have just the one.

Lex types on a keyboard and looks towards a monitor.

A BABOON sits on his red ass within the monitor. It holds a black book full of Lex’s past conquests, with contact details and photos.

The baboon flicks the pages randomly.

Lex smiles and grits his teeth. He rolls his head to the right for the Baboon to turn the pages the correct direction.

He loses patience.

LEX
(Shouts)
Stop!

A bamboozled Lion tries to look into the monitor.

LION
Is everything alright?

Lex moves the screen away.

A picture of a WILD BOAR in lingerie adorns a page, the opposite page states her statistics and ratings.

LEX
(Smiles)
Here’s the lucky lady.

INT. LION’S DEN - NIGHT
SUPER: A FEW DAYS LATER

The Lion sits opposite his date.

He plays with his food, and glumly stares down at his meal. A paw flicks salad around the plate.
WILD BOAR
You’ve barely touched your food. Are you not hungry?

The Lion stops playing with his salad, looks up and smiles.

LION
I’m a meat eater. And I’m saving myself.

The Wild Boar smiles, flashing her eyelids.

WILD BOAR
Saving yourself for the desert?

LION
(Smiles)
How’d ya guess?

The Lion looks over the Wild Boar’s shoulder.
Other LIONS approach the Wild Boar from behind.
SALIVA drips off their canine teeth.

LION
Are you enjoying yourself?

SALVIA drips off The Lion’s canine teeth.

WILD BOAR
I’m having a-

The hungry Lions pounce onto the Wild Boar.

EXT. LOVEBIRD’S ENCLOSURE – NIGHT

Will smiles at his date before looking at the LOVEBIRDS singing on his right.
Keeley tentatively bites on a vegetable meatball.

WILL
(Nervous)
How’s your meal?

KEELEY
Fine, thank you.

WILL
Can I ask you something?
KEELEY
What’s on your mind?

WILL
Why did you choose to come out on a blind date? You’re gorgeous and can have your choice of men if you so wanted.

KEELEY
Well, I think blind dates are fun. Some of the good lookin’ ones are too shy to ask me out.

Keeley winks at Will.

WILL
(Smiles)
Why thank you.

KEELEY
(Laughs)
Who says I’m talking about you?

Will looks over his shoulder.

WILL
Aren’t you the tease. Two can play at that game.

Will tops up the wine glasses.

WILL
And here’s me thinking you were getting lucky tonight.

Keeley smiles and scoops up noodles twirled on her fork.

INT. TASMANIA DEVIL ENCLOSURE - DAY

Will sits opposite Lex.

LEX
Well, how was it?

WILL
It was great. We were like a couple of lovebirds. I’m seeing her tonight.

Will opens a bag next to him and pulls out an unconscious WOMBAT.
A large protruding red lump occupies the top of its head.

WILL
Here’s my final payment.

With a large smile on his face Lex reaches out and takes the wombat from Will.

LEX
(Looks at the wombat)
Stevieeee. I’m been looking forward to eating you. Is he dead?

WILL
Not as far as I know.

LEX
(Creepy)
Good.

Lex takes a large bite and tears the red pulsating lump from the wombat’s head.

The wombat instantly wakes up screaming, and panics. It tries to wriggle free from Lex’s grip.

Will stands up and walks over to the door.

LEX
So you won’t be coming back here?

WILL
Not if I can help it.

Will exits.

LEX (V.O.)
(Smiles)
Not if I can help it.

He waves goodbye.

LEX
Bye.

Lex takes one final bite ending the wombat’s torture.
EXT. LION’S DEN - NIGHT

Lex stands with Keeley outside the entrance to the Lion’s Den.

Lex hands her a wad of cash whilst Keeley’s phone begins to ring.

LEX
Here’s your cut. Your next client is in there. He’s dressed up as a wolf but don’t let that fool you. It’s actually Barney the sheep.

Keeley shakes her head frivolously.

KEELEY
Great, a sheep in Wolf’s clothing. They sure come in all shapes and sizes.

Keeley’s phone keeps on ringing.

LEX
Will you turn that damn phone off, you’ll scare the customers away.

KEELEY
Sorry, it’s that date from last night. Won’t stop ringing me about tonight.

LEX
Don’t worry about him, I’ll call him and sort it out. You just go in and enjoy yourself.

KEELEY
Wish me luck!

FADE OUT.