*AUDITION CUTS: DR. CHAZ KATZ*

1. **CHAZ and LAVINIA discuss coping mechanisms**

**CHAZ**

We haven’t had time to chat much- just the two of us, Lavinia… Lavinia. Such an interesting name. Is it a family name?

LAVINIA

No. It’s literary. My parents were big into the book learnin’s.

**CHAZ**

Ah. Parents after my own heart. Did they attend any Universities I may have heard of?

LAVINIA

YES SIR. Daddy was studying at the University of Phoenix when he died, and Momma was werkin’ her way up that corporate ladder of MARY KAY.

**CHAZ**

Now that’s commendable. And pardon me for saying so, but unexpected considering what little you told me of their unfortunate departure from this world. Sad to hear it.

LAVINIA

Yes.. Too many bad influences; music, drugs, dirty money. This world is fulla trash, Dr. Katz. *(LOOKS AT HIM AS IF SHE’S JUST NOW REALIZING SOMETHING)* Dr. Katz, was that with a C or a K, I needed to fill out your paperwork earlier and I forgot.

**CHAZ**

Katz with a K. And I don’t know about trash, but we all use our own coping mechanisms. Sometimes, those can lead to great suffering and even untimely death. The important thing to remember is we cannot control the actions of others.

LAVINIA

I could not agree more. You talk so SMUART. (*MOVES CLOSER TO CHAZ*) Do YOU have any coping mechanisms, Chaz? May I call you Chaz?

**CHAZ**

Of course, please do. And yes, I’ve dealt with mine a long time. Being a psychiatrist doesn’t make me immune. I have my own inclinations and and…

LAVINIA

(*MOVES CLOSER)* Desires?

**CHAZ**

(*GULPS)* Yes, more like urges I cannot suppress no matter how many years… *(whispers to himself*) or lawsuits are filed.

1. CHAZ and ANTOINE makeup

**CHAZ**

ANTOINE! Where is all of this coming from?? You know I stopped that years ago. It’s you and only you. It has been since the moment we met. If your family hadn’t brought you in for sexual conversion therapy, I’d be a lost and lonely man.

ANTOINE

You did not cure me. False advertising.

**CHAZ**

I wouldn’t have turned you straight if I could.

ANTOINE

Jesus himself couldn’t have done THAT.

**CHAZ**

He wouldn’t have dared! Jesus turned water into wine. He’s not in the business of making things WORSE. Now, let’s put all of this to bed, shall we? Including each other. (*TRIES TO PULL ANTOINE IN CLOSE, BUT ANTOINE MOVES TOWARDS THE PHONE.)* What are you doing?

ANTOINE

I’m calling Delilah! (*SOUND CUE: DELIALAHHH*) You confuse me, and Delilah will guide me on the right path with a soothing adult contemporary.

**CHAZ**

Oh for pete’s sake, why don’t you just call Ms. Cleo?!

ANTOINE

For your information, I DID call Ms. Cleo. She told me that our relationship would end abruptly…and under mysterious circumstances.

**CHAZ**

Antoine. Listen to me, you do not need television psychics. There is nobody for me but you. You won’t have to wait much longer, I promise. I am in love with you. Forever. For always. Tell me you believe me. I’ll just DIE if you don’t.

ANTOINE

(*HANGS UP THE PHONE* *BEING WON OVER, FLIRTATIOUSLY*) You PROMISE? You’ll die?

**CHAZ**

I’ll drop DEAD right here, right now.

ANTOINE

And you’ll scream in agony, “Oh how I wish I’d treated Antoine better”?

**CHAZ**

My last gasps of air will be only your name.

ANTOINE

And you’ll buy me lots of shoes and take me to a mythical island, and THEN die?

**CHAZ**

High Heels, vacations, and brutal death. It’s our future, my love.