

Hotel FUNTIME

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INT. OFFICE - MORNING

LOUIS, average-looking in his 40s, sits at his managerial desk in his office.

AMBER, pulchritudinous, late 20s, stands in front of the desk.

She looks agitated.

They are at the end of an animated discussion.

LOUIS
You don't understand my situation...

AMBER
Oh yes, I do...very well...you want the cake and eat it too.

LOUIS
You call my predicament a cake?

AMBER
Whatever...

LOUIS
So, what you decide?

AMBER
Let's leave it the way it is.

LOUIS
You're unreasonable.

AMBER
I can't do it...it's too much for me. It'll destroy our relationship.

LOUIS
So, what you want me to do?

AMBER
It's up to you. But remember, if you continue with this story, it's over between us. I mean it!

An enraged Amber rushes out of the office.

INT. HOUSE - VESTIBULE - LATE AFTERNOON

Louis hangs his coat on a coat hanger.

At the end of the vestibule EVELYN (96), pushing a walker, slowly approaches him.

She has short silver hair, her face is wrinkle-free but her glance is unfocused and bewildered.

EVELYN
Louis, is it you?

LOUIS
Yes, grandma'.

EVELYN
Where did you go?

LOUIS
To work.

EVELYN
Still working at the office?

LOUIS
Yes, grandma'.

EVELYN
When did you start?

LOUIS
Long time ago...did you have lunch?

EVELYN
Did you get married?

LOUIS
Not yet.

INT. APARTMENT - KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

Louis prepares the dinner.

Evelyn sits at the table.

EVELYN
TRUMP won the elections, you know...
he's gonna be a great president.

LOUIS
I'm glad you're interested in
politics, it's good for you.

EVELYN
I voted for him, you know.

LOUIS
 (smiling)
...Okay, you did...where did you find
out about Trump?

 EVELYN
On TV, this morning.

 LOUIS
And you remembered it...that's great.

 EVELYN
Of course I remembered, it was just
two years ago.

A long pause.

 LOUIS
You're right grandma'... just two
years ago.

INT. APARTMENT - KITCHEN - LATER

Louis and Evelyn eat dinner.

Two medicine containers lie on the table in front of Evelyn.

 LOUIS
Don't forget to take the pills.

 EVELYN
I never forget...the brown one is for
the blood pressure, the pink is for
the pain.

 LOUIS
What happened to the white pills? The
one for the memory.

 EVELYN
I threw them out...I don't need them.

 LOUIS
Please grandma', you must take the
white pills...tomorrow I'll go to the
pharmacy.

Louis seems hesitant to continue the conversation.

A long pause.

LOUIS (cont'd)
Remember your good friend OLGA?

 EVELYN
The one who died?

 LOUIS
Actually, she didn't die...she lives
in a hotel.

 EVELYN
Hotel? Aren't they expensive?

 LOUIS
The government pays part of the cost.

 EVELYN
That Trump is a good guy.

A beat.

 EVELYN (cont'd)
What's the name of the hotel?

 LOUIS
The name...it's...it's..."Hotel
Funtime."

 EVELYN
I like it...

 LOUIS
Well, I was saying, I saw Olga's
granddaughter, she works with me.

 EVELYN
What does she do?

 LOUIS
She works in Accounting.

 EVELYN
An important job.

 LOUIS
Yes, it is. She told me that her
grandmother is very happy there.

 EVELYN
Of course, Trump pays.

LOUIS

She has many friends...they play cards, watch TV together...they walk in a big park...have movies every Saturday...they have a lot of fun.

EVELYN

What's the name of Olga's sister?

LOUIS

She's her granddaughter...her name is KRISTINE, why you asked?

EVELYN

Because when Olga's daughter was pregnant, Olga told me that her daughter would name the new child MARY.

LOUIS

Perhaps, the husband wanted to name the girl Kristine.

EVELYN

Her husband left Olga when she became pregnant.

LOUIS

The husband didn't leave Olga... never mind. I see that you and Olga have so much to talk about.

EVELYN

Yes, we do.

LOUIS

Would you like to visit her?

EVELYN

I don't know that hotel.

LOUIS

We'll go with Kristine.

EVELYN

Who's she?

A long pause.

LOUIS

Olga's granddaughter. She knows where the hotel is.

EVELYN
If she knows it, we'll go with her.

Louis takes a breath for a few seconds.

LOUIS
If you like it, you can stay there
for a couple of weeks...with Olga and
her friends.

A long pause.

Evelyn looks pensive.

EVELYN
Are you sure Trump will pay?

LOUIS
No doubt. We'll go this weekend.

EVELYN
Can I stay more than two weeks?

LOUIS
As long as you want grandma'.

Louis eyes are wet.

LOUIS (cont'd)
(emotional)
Grandma', I promise, you'll be happy
in the hotel.

INT. APARTMENT - ROOM - NIGHT

Louis paces nervously around the room.

He talks on his cell phone with Amber.

LOUIS
This weekend I'll bring her to a
nursing home.

AMBER (V.O.)
She agreed with it?

LOUIS
I told her that her close friend
lives there.

AMBER (V.O.)
Is it true?

LOUIS
Yes, but she's in a coma.

AMBER (V.O.)
Will grandma' remain there
permanently?

LOUIS
Yes. You can move in with me now.

The End