

ROLE: LEO

NOTE: Be sure to find moments where Leo shows a little of his playful side. Their chemistry is instant and real. Play everything as grounded as possible but find the moments where the sexual tension can be amped up. Ultimately, his self-assurance is the sexiest thing about him. He doesn't need to overcompensate or prove himself - he spends his whole professional life doing that. Nicky should disarm him. Let us see moments of the warmth beneath the gruff facade.

INT. MORELLI'S HARDWARE - DOWNSTAIRS OFFICE - LATER

Nicky is sorting through some bills, confused. "FINAL NOTICE" and "URGENT" are stamped across several envelopes. He glances over at Leo sitting in the corner of the room. Nicky notices Leo's good looks now that Leo's been somewhat cleaned up.

Nicky has set him up on a folding sun chair. He notices Leo dozing off and grabs a spray bottle on his desk and tentatively sprays Leo in the face. Leo grabs Nicky by the hand and pulls him close. It's scary and kind of sexual?

LEO

SC 1 START > Do that again and I will hurt you.

NICKY

Sorry. I was told to keep you awake.

He takes Nicky's hands and places them on his shoulders.

LEO

So touch me then. No more fucking water. I'm not a plant.

Nicky notices that Leo has bled through the bandage on his cheek. Leo notices Nicky looking at his cheek. Their eyes meet. A charged beat. Then...

LEO (CONT'D)

Is it bad?

NICKY

You're bleeding through your bandage. I think you need stitches. Should I take you somewhere?

LEO

I need alcohol and some glue.

NICKY

Excuse me?

LEO

You're going to fix my face.

Off Nicky's concerned face.

/END

INT. MORELLI'S HARDWARE - UPSTAIRS - MOMENTS LATER

Nicky is looking for super glue on a sparsely stocked shelf.

NICKY

~~The fuck is going on here?~~
~~(he looks to God)~~

He starts to rearrange the shelves, pulling some product to the front to make it look like they're more stocked. He finally finds the super glue. It's the second to last one on the rack.

INT. MORELLI'S HARDWARE - DOWNSTAIRS OFFICE - MOMENTS LATER

Leo is taking off his shirt, revealing a snug little tank top, when Nicky walks in with the alcohol and glue. He stops at the sight of Leo. There's an awkward beat while he pretends not to care about how good he looks. He kneels down beside Leo, opens an alcohol wipe, removes Leo's bandage and starts to clean the wound. Leo recoils in pain, grabbing Nicky's arm. Nicky stops and looks down at his hand.

NICKY

SC 2 START > Should I stop?

LEO

No. It's fine.

NICKY

You don't look fine. You look like you're in pain.

LEO

Pain is pain. I'm fine. Fuck.

NICKY

Okay.

Nicky finishes cleaning the wound and unscrews the glue. The silence between them creates a charged tension. Nicky takes off his glasses to get close to Leo's face to glue the wound.

NICKY (CONT'D)

So what brings you to America?

LEO

Don't talk while you're doing that.

NICKY

Okay.

Nicky applies glue to the wound, pinches it together, and blows on it to dry it faster. Somehow this is sexy. Leo relaxes.

LEO

My father sent me to check in on things. Americans are very dramatic.

NICKY

Italians are also very dramatic. Your dad sent you to America to beat up a bunch of men?

Leo stares at Nicky. He's not wrong.

LEO

I did more than that.

Nicky is silenced by fear. He notices a gold cross necklace around Leo's neck.

NICKY

And yet you serve God.

LEO

I serve God and my family.

Nicky looks unconvinced.

LEO (CONT'D)

Do you have a problem with that?

NICKY

I'm just trying to figure out how all the other parts of your job enter into all of that.

Leo stares at Nicky before cracking a small smile. He removes Nicky's hand from his face.

LEO

I've been told you worked in the church. We all seek absolution when we need to, right?

Touché.

LEO (CONT'D)

(cheekily)

Do you think ill of me?

Nicky, enamored by this dangerous creature, warms.

NICKY

There is only one judge. Who am I to condemn a neighbor? Everyone has a job to do.

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Nicky grabs another bandage and hands Leo some pain meds and a water.

NICKY (CONT'D)
Take these. Please.

Leo nods, eyeing Nicky as he continues to bandage Leo's face.

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PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SUBMITTING THANK YOU!

SELF TAPE INSTRUCTIONS

Please note a fancy set up is NOT required!

1. Please include a slate as a ****SEPARATE CLIP****.

Please slate FIRST in English and then again in Italian. In your slate please say your:

-NAME

-HEIGHT

-LOCATION (where you are currently BASED)

-DO YOU SPEAK FLUENT ITALIAN?

-(for outside of the USA) DO YOU HAPPEN TO HAVE US WORK PAPERS? (this will NOT be a factor in casting either way, and it is not required prior to casting, but it is helpful to know for our visa timelines, thank you!)

-to recap your slate should be one file in which you tell us the slate info in English and then again in Italian.

2. IMPORTANT: Please make sure files are LABELED as noted below:

ACTOR NAME_SC 1, ACTOR NAME_SC 2 , & ACTOR NAME_Slate

****All clips should be separate. Please only send ONE tk of each scene.**

3. File sizes must be under 500mb or you or it will not be able to be uploaded to the server where casting and creatives view auditions. There are many free online video compressors should you need to reduce video file size, thank you! :)

4. Auditions are private and confidential, do not post.

Thank you!