SCENE 8

MANGIO'S PIZZA RESTAURANT

Start

(A table with a candle stuck into a Chianti bottle...two chairs...FRANKIE and MARY sit...by now, he's produced a lighter and lights her cigarette...she sips wine and smokes)

MARY

So that's your real name? Vally?

FRANKIE

No, Castellucio. Francis Castellucio.

MARY

Kinda long for a marquee.

FRANKIE

That's why I changed it. Vally. V-a-1-1-y.

MARY

No. V-a-l-l-i.

FRANKIE

How come?

MARY

Because y is a bullshit letter. It doesn't know what it is. Is it a vowel? Is it a consonant?

FRANKIE

I never thought about it.

MARY

Plus which you're Italian. You gotta end in a vowel. Delgad-O. Castelluci-O. Pizz-A. Vallee with an I. It says "This is who I am. You don't like it, you can go fuck yourself."

FRANKIE

So...this is a pretty nice place, huh?

MARY

Yeah. They don't sell slices. That's how you can tell.

FRANKIE

(Trying)

That's a very unusual fragrance. I never smelled anything like that before. What do you call it?

MARY

Soap.

FRANKIE

(Smiles)

Tommy warned me about you.

MARY

Yeah, what'd he say?

FRANKIE

He said I couldn't handle you.

MARY

That's because he couldn't.

(Sips drink)

So your group--

FRANKIE

The Varietones--

MARY

Yeah. It's just you and Tommy--

FRANKIE

And his brother Nick and this other guy Nicky.

MARY

So where are they?

FRANKIE

They went away for a while.

MARY

What for?

FRANKIE

They did some things.

MARY

With friends like that maybe you should just change your name to Sinatra.

FRANKIE

I'm gonna be bigger than Sinatra.

MARY

Only if you stand on a chair.

FRANKIE

Why you gotta say that kinda stuff?

MARY

C'mere.

(He leans in...she takes his face in her hands and gives him a long, sensual kiss on the mouth)

You got a nickel?

FRANKIE

Yeah.

MARY

Call your mother. You're gonna be home late.

End

TOMMY

(To AUDIENCE)

Mary and a couple years on him, and they're both looking for a way out. In and out...

(Then)

Love? I'll be honest with you. I never knew what that was. Marriage is not love. Marriage is you take a shave while your wife sits on the can and clips in toenails.

(And)

Anyway, Frankie's married, we're playing club, nights, Frankie's cutting hair in the daytime and it's their annived ry, so he decides to get Mary some jewelry. So he goes shopping tersey style.



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