

## VAMPIRE LESBIANS OF SODOM

Madeleine, La Condesa, (2 women)

### Scene 3

(Las Vegas, today. Madeleine is an ageless vampire who has had a long career in show business. She's now a tough as nails, Vegas headliner. A dowdy charwoman comes into the rehearsal room to mop up the floor. She is none other than Madeleine's eternal rival vampire, La Condesa, who turned Madeleine into a vampire in ancient Sodom. )

LA CONDESA

You lousy hypocrite. My blood simmers with hatred for you.

MADELEINE

You're just full of venom, aren't you? Look at your face in the glass. For two thousand years you've worn the same expression. Do you know what that is? You're smelling shit. You always look like you're smelling shit. Everywhere you go, you smell shit. Lady, that's your problem. My kind always smells the roses.

LA CONDESA

You don't smell too many roses in Siberia.

MADELEINE

What are you flapping your gums about?

LA CONDESA

1952. You convinced me to take over your tour of "I Remember Mama." When we got to the Soviet Union, you had me arrested as a CIA spy.

MADELEINE

I never.

LA CONDESA

You did. While you were starting a new career in the movies, I was freezing my ass off in that Gulag.

MADELEINE

1964, I was top contender for the Oscar. Jimmy the Greek had me winning ten to one, yet I lost it. Don't 'think I don't know it was you who spread those filthy rumors that I was boffing Agnes Moorehead.

LA CONDESA

Honey, you got it all wrong. You're the one who's been persecuting me. Me! You've been obsessed with me for two thousand years!

## VAMPIRE LESBIANS OF SODOM

MADELEINE

(With intense emotion)

Yes, I'm obsessed with you. You made me what I am. Do you think I can ever forgive you for turning me into this, this thing that has no human feeling, this creature who thinks of nothing but her own survival, clawing and attacking anyone who poses a threat to me? Yes, I'm at the top of my profession but I'm not so damn proud of it.

LA CONDESA

Excuse me but I've got a floor to clean.

MADELEINE

Last year, Angelina Jolie and I toured Africa for UNICEF. While I was in the Congo, I left Angie and visited a tribal witch doctor named Pooji Dung.

LA CONDESA

(Alarmed)

Pooji Dung?

MADELEINE

I see the name is familiar. He comes from an ancient line of jungle sorcerers. La Condesa, he has taught me all I need know to destroy you.

LA CONDESA

So what do you expect me to do, scream, run around in circles? Do it, get out your voodoo dolls. This modern world stinks. Broadway's dead. My apartment is going co-op, you can't get a decent bialy. I've had it. Give me the jungle phase out. You'll be doing me a favor.

MADELEINE

(Chanting)

Neemy Tunka Seery Ra. Keemy Funga Lami Ga.

LA CONDESA

But let me say this. When I'm gone, then will you be happy?

MADELEINE

Feemy, feemy, feemy ragoola. Eemana, eemana, Kooray, ragu . . . ragu . . . *(On the verge of hysteria.)* Seemy nagu ... *(Collapses to the floor.)* I can't! I can't kill you! Then I shall be truly alone. I've shed a tear. I feel something. Is it impossible that in this whole world, there is only you with whom I can travel through time?

LA CONDESA

(Tough)

Save it for Valentines Day.

MADELEINE

(Simply)

I need you.

VAMPIRE LESBIANS OF SODOM

LA CONDESA  
(Touched)

You need me. Someone needs me?

MADELEINE

In an odd way, your presence has always been a comfort.

LA CONDESA  
(In reverie)

You need me. I am needed.

MADELEINE

Isn't that what life's all about? Funny. *(Trying to compose herself)* I'd better get back to rehearsal. What will you do now?

LA CONDESA

I hear at the All Souls Mission they're handing out free grub.

MADELEINE

Surely, you don't mean. . . Is there anything I can do?

LA CONDESA

Nah.

MADELEINE

No really. Anything. Anything I can do, ten dollars, a warm coat.

LA CONDESA

Yeah, sure. I'd like to have one more shot at stardom. What can I say, I'm crazy for show business.

MADELEINE

Then my girl, you shall be in show business.

LA CONDESA

A comeback?

MADELEINE

A spectacular comeback! Let me give that to you.

LA CONDESA

But it's been so long. I haven't done anything since ! "Love American Style" in sixty-seven. I'd be terrified.

MADELEINE

We'll do an act together and we'll break it in in Tahoe. From there we'll hit San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, Boston, the Kennedy Center and then Broadway!

## VAMPIRE LESBIANS OF SODOM

LA CONDESA

Oh boy, the two of us singing and dancing up a storm. And we won't even think about the past.

MADELEINE

What past? At this moment we are the youngest chorines in town.

LA CONDESA

One more thing, dear, a small detail and something that really should be handled by lawyers and not us, nothing to get in the way of our deep friendship. But how do you see my billing in the act?

MADELEINE

(Laughing at the irony of it all)

Dear heart, I can see it all. Glittering letters thirty feet high. Tonight on the great stage, Madeleine Andrews, Magda Legerdemain, the legendary, the notorious, love 'em or hate 'em, the Vampire Lesbians of Sodom!

*The two ladies explode in laughter. The music swells covering their enthusiastic voices as they begin rehearsing a dance step for their new act.*