

PENNY DREADFUL - S1E7
ETHAN & VANESSA

INT: BEDROOM

Ethan sits at Vanessa's bedside.

VANESSA

Mr. Chandler.

ETHAN

Miss Ives.
You're awake.

VANESSA

So it would seem.
How long have I been asleep?

ETHAN

A week more or less.
Though you do wake up and get feisty
every now and then.

VANESSA

I can only imagine.
Is there water?
I'm not going to hurt you.

Ethan walks to the dresser and pours her a glass of water.
He walks back toward the bed but stops at its foot.

VANESSA (CONT'D)

I'm not going to hurt you.

ETHAN

It gets pretty rough sometimes.
Our friend, the doctor, thinks we might
have to restrain you to keep you from
hurting yourself.

VANESSA

He would, wouldn't he?
You don't know what it's like having
this thing inside me. Always
scratching. That's an awful word, but
that's what it feels like. An animal
scratching to get out.

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ETHAN

Should we get you a priest? Someone to talk to? Would that help?

VANESSA

I don't know, I've fallen from the faith.

But, yes. Yes.

ETHAN

Then we will.

VANESSA

I don't remember what happens really, but some things I do.

You've been kind.

ETHAN

Everybody.

VANESSA

Not like you.

I might have fallen in love with you.

You don't mind me saying that?

ETHAN

You still might.

VANESSA

Don't let me hurt anyone.

ETHAN

I won't.

VANESSA

They won't stop me.

They haven't the heart for it.

But you do.

Vanessa holds Ethan's hand to her heart.

VANESSA (CONT'D)

When the moment comes, look into my eyes, and pull the trigger.

ETHAN

And send you to heaven?

VANESSA

If you believe in that.

ETHAN

Oh, I do.
But I believe in the other place more.
'Course, I know that place pretty well.
You might say it's where I was flung
when your fucking cunt of a God cast me
out.

Ether grabs Vanessa's face and turns it toward the mirror. His eyes turn completely black.

ETHAN (CONT'D)

You don't recognize your old friend,
Vanessa?

VANESSA

So it's this game again?

ETHAN

I thought you liked games.
You certainly did with Mr.
Gray.

VANESSA

Am I meant to give you a name again?
Is it Satan now? Or do you fashion
yourself Lucifer, the Fallen Angel?

ETHAN

That's how you fashion me.

VANESSA

How pitiable you are! Forever hiding
your face in the guise of others.
Are you afraid?

ETHAN

Always.
But do you know what I fear most of
all? A life thwarted. Greatness
promised, but never achieved.

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VANESSA

If your goal is to have me surrender to you, that day will never come.

ETHAN

I could kill you.
Choke out your life.
Seize up the heart.

Vanessa doubles over in pain

VANESSA

Then do it!

ETHAN

You can't resist me forever, darlin'.

VANESSA

But I can now.

ETHAN

Say I kill them downstairs.

VANESSA

Do it! My soul remains my own.
Tell me what you want of me right now.
No more evasions.

ETHAN

I want you to be the mother of evil.
I want you to rule the darkness with me
at my side. Looking over a black,
scorched, dead world. Where there is no
more pain, because there are no more
hearts to feel. We have eaten them all,
thee and me. And together we will
conquer God. Topple him from his bloody
throne, and rule in his stead.
Everlasting.

They kiss and he pulls her head into his chest.

ETHAN

Darkling, listen.

Vanessa smiles and he holds her in his embrace.

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