

AMARA

Wasn't mine.

(exhales)

I'll tell you what happened, probably
should sit down for that one though.

HEPH

Yes, of course. Let me show you where
you'll be staying. I'm just bewildered
right now. In the best possible way.

AMARA

Wait, before we go in, should we
wait for Shy?

HEPH

Oh, she arrived on Sunday.

AMARA

Of course. Now, where are my glasses?

Amara starts looking for her glasses and gathering her
suitcase, purse. Heph helps her.

AMARA (CONT'D)

You know what's funny, Hephaistos?

HEPH

Hephaistos? Wow. No one's called me
that in... years.

AMARA

I still can't believe you're "Heph
Eroso." I'm supposed to hate you.
I've seen pictures of Heph, or you.
But. I mean, you look amazing--

HEPH

Amazing what happens when you stop
doubting yourself. Illness went away.

AMARA

(incredulous)

Stopped doubting yourself?

HEPH

I mean I still have my moments. But
sometimes our psyche can affect our
body. But I have to say.

(breath)

You never made me feel like... because
of... You seemed to look past all...
One of the few.

AMARA
You're a human being. Of course.

HEPH
Still--

AMARA
Plus I liked you. You and your little dissertation you were working on.

HEPH
You remember that! I never forgot how you treated me. I was disfigured and... I loved that about you.

AMARA
(hearts stops beating)
Loved about me?

HEPH
Did I say love? I meant what I very strongly liked about you.

AMARA
(chuckling)
No, no, I like "love." Please keep telling me what you love about me.

Heph chuckles. Amara has her glasses, her purse. Heph is wheeling her suitcase. Heading back to the Mansion.

AMARA (CONT'D)
So, I wonder if that's why I never put two and two together about you. That Heph is Hephaistos.

HEPH
There's a reason I go by "Heph" now.

AMARA
To be a Hugh Hefner knock off?

HEPH
No, not to be a Hugh Hefner knockoff.
(off Amara's chuckle)
That's it, no role for you!

AMARA
(feign outrage)
Hey!
(hits his arm)

We hear Amara's thoughts:

HYLE (V.O.)
Don't be charmed by him!

AMARA (V.O.)
But it feels good to flirt. Haven't
flirted with a guy in years--

Heph interrupts her thoughts:

HEPH
It's not up to me anyway. That's up
to the board at the callback.

AMARA
Hey, when I first drove up, I think
I took a wrong turn, and ended up at
this house with No Trespassing signs.

HEPH
Ah, that would be Belissa's house.

They're now at the entrance of the Mansion.

AMARA
Oh, because she's the star and needs
special gates?

HEPH
She might say that, but she didn't
always have those gates. Or walls.

AMARA
Well, I hate to break it to you,
this whole property has a gate.

HEPH
Gates came with the property. But
it's open to the public. Till sunset.

AMARA
(nods to front lawn)
Like a nude beach?

Heph looks to where Amara nodded--

AMARA & HEPH'S P.O.V. - THE FRONT LAWN

EXT. ESTATE/FRONT LAWN - DAY

Many Minoan Cafe Workers (not all) hang out au naturel, and
they're staring at Amara and Heph talking. They quickly go
back to what they were doing, pretending they weren't staring.