

FADE IN:

INT. DARKENED ROOM

Two people are seated at a table, on it is a Texas holdem set. We can see the female DEALER. and the opponent, ARIANA, a femme fatale in a black evening dress with glamorous makeup and drinking a Manhattan cocktail. She only has a few scattered chips in front of her.

We are over the shoulder of the third person, JESSIE, another woman. In the middle of the table is a pot of money (hundred or so), and the flop (first three cards). A seven of spades, jack of hearts, and a two of spades.

The woman is sitting on the edge of her seat, playing with the stick in her drink, watching 'us' with a playful smirk.

ARIANA (V.O.)
Sorry love, am I being too
distracting?

Woman leans forward more, arms at either side of her chest, pushing up her cleavage.

ARIANA (V.O.)
It's alright, you can stare all you
like. Get lost in me.

Jessie sighs, placing a few chips into the pot. Ariana pouts, leaning backwards again.

ARIANA (V.O.)
I thought we were having a
moment...

ARIANA
Call.

Jessie reaches out a hand and taps twice, check.

The Dealer flips over the next card, two of diamonds. There is an uncontrolled moment of glee on Ariana's face, eagerly leaning forward before she catches herself, and turns her attention back to Jessie. Ariana remains gleeful and excited.

ARIANA (V.O.)
Yes! but- it wasn't what you
wanted? You look disappointed love.

ARIANA

Raise

Ariana reaches for a handful of chips, tossing them into the middle. Blowing a kiss as she does so.

ARIANA (V.O.)
 Eyes on me love, don't think about
 what you're losing. Think of all
 the time you're spending with me.
 You don't want this to end so soon,
 do you?

Jessie checks her cards and then goes to put the chips in the middle, before pulling her hand back.

ARIANA (V.O.)
 Shall I send you some of my good
 luck?

Ariana winks.

ARIANA (V.O.)
 That's it, keep playing the game
 with me. Give me your money and
 call it a win. After all, how often
 do you get to spend time with
 someone as beautiful as me?

Jessie's hand hesitates a moment more, before gently putting the chips in the pile.

JESSIE
 Raise two hundred.

JESSIE, another beautiful woman in a red, sparkly, evening dress, places chips into the middle. She leans back and folds one leg over another with a smirk.

ARIANA (V.O.)
 Trying to see if you can scare me
 off love? I know you're bluffing.

Ariana throws her chips into the middle.

ARIANA
 (flirting)
 I'll call now, and maybe you can
 call me later?

Jessie reaches out and taps twice on the table.

JESSIE
 I'll add it to my 'Check' list

The Dealer flips the River (fifth and final card), it's the eight of spades.

Jessie hangs her head, seemingly disappointed.

ARIANA (V.O.)
Aww love, not what you were hoping
for?

Ariana starts stacking all her chips in a pile.

ARIANA (V.O.)
Our time together has come to an
end, it's time for you to give me
everything I want.

Ariana pushes all her chips into the middle. They fall over.

ARIANA
All in.

Jessie hesitates, checking her cards again, playing with chips as she thinks.

ARIANA (V.O.)
Come now, don't be a tease.

Jessie pushes all her chips into the middle.

ARIANA
I guess it's your turn to call.

Ariana immediately flips over her cards. She has the two of hearts and the ace of diamonds.

ARIANA
Three of a kind, ace high.

She reaches for the chips in the middle, starting to stack them.

JESSIE
Not so fast love. Flush beats a
three of a kind.

Ariana flops back with a pout, knocking over the stack of chips, and folding her arms over her chest.

ARIANA
(sulking)
That's not fair-

Jessie flips over her cards, revealing the three and five of spades.

ARIANA
Whatever, you were no fun anyway.

Ariana grabs her drink and downs it. She slams her drink down, it knocks her clutch onto the floor. Ariana bends down to pick it up, feigning an aura of calm. She picks up her clutch.

(Off-screen Jessie stacks all the chips on her side).

JESSIE
Wait-

Ariana pauses looking up and at Jessie.

JESSIE
(flirtingly)
I thought you were a lot of fun.
I'll be ready for round two
whenever you are...

Jessie winks. Ariana leans back slowly, entertaining the idea.

ARIANA
I'm cashed out.

Ariana holds up her clutch, but Jessie only smirks.

JESSIE
I guess we'll have to swap out
chips for something more...
entertaining.

Jessie puts a old school key where the chips had been, (middle).

JESSIE
Room 203, It's your call.

Jessie leaves.