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Gaston

SUZANNE

So then, as I was sitting there half dressed, he picked up a drinking glass, of which I have two, and looked at me through the bottom. (she picks up a glass and demonstrates) He kept pointing it at me and turning it in his hand like a kaleidoscope. And he said, even though you're refracted, you're still you. I didn't ask. Then he said he had to be somewhere and I thought sure and he left.

GERMAINE

You saw him again?

SUZANNE

Oh yeah. That night he came back with this drawing and gave it to me, and we do it again. This time in French. I enjoyed it this time if you're keeping score. Then he gets very distracted and I said what's the matter and he said he sometimes starts thinking about something and can't stop. Wait, he said he doesn't think about it, he sees it. And I said what is it and he said "it can't be named." That's exactly what he said, "it can't be named." Well, when you're with someone who says they're seeing things that can't be named, you either want to run like hell or go with it. Well I'm going with it and that's why I'm here tonight. He told me about this place; that he might see me here one day and that was two weeks ago.

GASTON

Sex, sex, sex.

SUZANNE

What?

GASTON

Oh nothing, I was just thinking out loud.

SUZANNE

Been awhile?

GASTON

About 8 months. Interesting really. I saw a cat in the street and bent over to pet it and it moved just out of my reach. It seemed friendly but nervous so I followed it, always moving out of my reach. It must have been two feet out of my reach for several blocks, here kitty, kitty, kitty, when I realized the cat had stopped at the feet of a woman. I looked up at her and our eyes met. Older, my age, but she was dazzling. Let's just say she had a nice mortal coil. We made love in her place within the hour.

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SUZANNE

Didn't you ever make love to her again?

GASTON

No, I didn't.

SUZANNE

See, there you are. She was there; you were taken with each other. You men; why is once enough? Why wouldn't you make love with her again?

GASTON

I would have but she died about an hour later.

SUZANNE

Oh.

GASTON

We both wanted to do it again and I told her I needed an hour to rejuvenate. I went outside and sat with the cat and after a while I looked up and they were taking her body out on a stretcher.

SUZANNE

Oh my God.

GASTON

I can't help but think that I killed her. (Pause, then he emits a low, prideful chuckle.)

FREDDY

What did Picasso say about my place? (Freddy starts sifting through some bills)

SUZANNE

He said this is where artists come to talk about...let's see... mana...mana...

EINSTEIN

Festos? Manifestos?

GERMAINE

Anyone want a coffee?

GASTON

(vehement) That's what I could go for!

GERMAINE

Cream or black?