

Brooklyn (Cain's Adventure) Callback Side 2

CAIN:

She was often lost in her thoughts. What was she thinking about? Were there any wise thoughts in her head? I had to probe more.

(she is absent-minded, lost in her thoughts; he observes her)

What are you thinking about?

(slow reaction from Elena)

Where are you? What are you dreaming about?

ELENA: About us, the joy of our family...

(she comes back to reality)

CAIN: Tell me, are you sorry you left Manhattan?

ELENA: I'm with you...

CAIN: Not all the time. Your mind is somewhere else.

ELENA: I think, I like to think.

CAIN: Good. About what?

ELENA: You seem changed since...

CAIN: Since when?

ELENA: Since we got married.

CAIN: Really? I still fuck you all the time.

ELENA: Less communication, less words, less tenderness...

CAIN: I give you enough of it.

ELENA: You assault me, sometimes, you take me by force.

CAIN: By force? You like it all the time.

ELENA: You are sometimes brutal.

CAIN: You like brutal.

ELENA: I love you.

CAIN: I know. I love you too. And I prove it all the time. Perhaps...

ELENA: Perhaps what?

CAIN: We need some variety...

ELENA: What do you mean?

CAIN: Something extra... we have to add more...

ELENA: What's more?

CAIN: You know. There's so much in the world.

ELENA: You want to travel? You want to go to Israel?

CAIN: No. The whole world's in Manhattan.

ELENA: I know...

CAIN: And you're sorry you left it.

ELENA: I'm with you. Love, family...

CAIN: That's not enough. Let's go to Manhattan every week-end before sundown.

ELENA: All right.

CAIN: To clubs...

ELENA: Dancing? Thank you! I like that!

Like the first weeks of our love...

CAIN: ...The first weeks...

ELENA: We had a great time...

CAIN: You like Manhattan.

ELENA: I love dancing.

CAIN: Dancing and other things.

ELENA: What other things?

CAIN: Sex clubs.

ELENA: What's that?

CAIN: I know a good one. You'll love it.

ELENA: Where? What happens there?

CAIN: You'll see. It's very exciting.

ELENA: What do you mean exciting? What do they do?

CAIN: You'll see. It's fun. You'll learn.

ELENA: Learn what?

CAIN: Learn more.

ELENA: We love each other. We know, we...

(*worried*) What's missing?

CAIN: You'll see. It'll open up your mind. You'll have something to think about when your mind is wandering....

ELENA: Have you ever been there?

CAIN: Yes, a couple of time, before we got married.

ELENA: What did you do there?

CAIN: Nothing. I just watched people making love.

ELENA: Watching?

CAIN: Couples. All sorts of couples.

ELENA: What do you mean? They... ?

CAIN: They do it in front of you. Two men, two women.

ELENA: (*horrified*) I'm not going there. That's sick.

CAIN: Why sick? It's life. New experiences.

ELENA: I don't need to see that.

CAIN: It's fun. We'll have fun.

ELENA: "We"?

CAIN: Yes. If you get excited, you will...

ELENA: Will what?

CAIN: Will join, make love too...

ELENA: You're crazy. And you... you went there?

CAIN: Before I knew you.

ELENA: Alone?

CAIN: Most of the time.

ELENA: And other times?

CAIN: Once, with a woman. She even showed me what women do.

ELENA: You mean...?

CAIN: Yeah. After being with me, she chose a different partner, a woman, and —

ELENA: (*interrupting*) I'm not going to a place like that. You're crazy.

CAIN: You'll be surprised and learn a few things.

ELENA: We don't need to learn...

CAIN: You'll see how free they all are... A new world, a free world.

ELENA: I'm not going to a place like that, no!

CAIN: You are my wife, now. You must do what I tell you to do.

ELENA: I always do what you want. Not this time.

CAIN: Let's go.

ELENA: No!

CAIN: Then I'll go alone.

ELENA: No! You don't! You can't! You're my husband! You cannot do this to me. I love you.

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CAIN: I can do anything I want. I am a husband, but I'm still a free spirit. I'm still free. If I want to do something, I do it. If you don't want to come, I'll go alone.

ELENA: No, please, don't! I love you! Don't do this to me!

CAIN: Just once, out of curiosity. And we can make love there only if—

ELENA: (*interrupting*) In front of people? No! Never!

(*offering herself*) Now, here! Let's do it here, now. I love you.

CAIN: There's a large room where everybody is enjoying what he or she is doing. They won't even notice us—

ELENA: No, please, no!

CAIN: I'll go alone.

ELENA: No, please. I love our privacy, our intimacy, our life together.

CAIN: There is more in the world, more in life. I'm going.

ELENA: Please... (*brief pause*)

Are they naked? Must we undress?

CAIN: Only if you want. You'll be free to just watch them.

ELENA: That's sick.

CAIN: It's not. It's what people do.

ELENA: But we, we will not...

CAIN: Whatever you want. Freedom to watch, freedom to do it, freedom to join or not to join.

ELENA: (*hesitating*) But we, we will not undress...

CAIN: Freedom. The freedom to do or not to do... Whatever you like.