

19. VEGAS SUNRISE

–In the last chapter, we showed the world that she has something to give.

–Did she give it all she had?

–She gave it all that she's got!

–And that's politics.

–He's greasing it up.

I've just flown into Vegas. For old time's sake, I am staying at the Riviera. It's a little late and I've ordered down for room service.

–We've got your steak.

–I didn't order a steak. I don't eat meat.

–I've got some meat that you're going to like.

–Don't I know you from somewhere?

–I used to have a career in the movies.

–Now you make room calls.

–I can do practically anything that you want.

–Is the price included in the meal.

–You're going to have to tip me. But what I can give you is a hell of a lot better than a stroke movie.

–Isn't that where I saw you before?

–I was always legit. Strictly B movies.

–A little nudity.

–I did stand-in work.

–Now you go one on one.

–I thought that you were someone important.

–How important do you want me to be?

–I thought that you were a pretty big guy!

–I can be anyone that you want me to be.

–You know that I charge by the hour. Even if I'm only here for a few minutes.

–Why a few minutes?

–Let's just say that I don't do repeat jobs. Do me a favor honey, I want you to lie back on those nice clean sheets.

–And you'll do the rest.

–Something like that.

–I thought that you had special powers. That's what you said in the movie.

–I got people to believe a lot of things with that movie. But times have changed!

–The dollar is slipping down.

–You don't know how far it's going to go.

–You give financial advice.

–Only if you get naked.

–Are you a cop?

–Do I look like a cop?

–No. But this is Vegas, and I have no idea what a cop looks like in Vegas..

–I can get a cop up here if you like.
 –What are you talking about?
 –I work with the Vegas cops. And you know some guys have this fantasy that they want a cop to watch them have sex.
 –You came here to have sex.
 –I thought that’s what you ordered. You said that you wanted it thick and juicy. I am thick and juicy.
 –Your not a tranny?
 –What?
 –A transgender. I’ve heard that a lot of the women performing in Vegas used to be men.
 –Feel these breasts. Do they feel real?
 –Is that free?
 –Free?
 –Can I touch them for free.
 –I really don’t want you touching them. But go ahead.
 –Do you mind if I touch myself while I do that?
 –That is going to cost you?
 –How much?
 –A hundred.
 –I should have stuck with the steak. That was only twenty dollar.
 –I thought that you don’t eat meat.
 –I don’t. I ordered the salmon.
 –That’s coming!
 –I thought that you brought the steak.
 –I brought myself. I just said that I was room service so you would open the door.
 –You do that kind of thing often.
 –Most guys who order room service are starving for a little action. They just don’t have the nerve to ask for it. So I’m here for that purpose.
 –How much would it be for you to stay the night.
 –Sex, or no sex?
 –No sex!
 –Two thousand!
 –Sex?
 –Fifteen hundred.
 –Why is it cheaper?
 –If we don’t have sex, you are going to assume that there is something else going on. Then you’re going to ask me all these questions about myself. And when you wake up in the morning, you’re going to think about what a nice guy you are, and then you’ll expect me to jump your bones. Twenty five hundred.
 –What?
 –You’re pissing me off. Besides, I know that you have it.
 –I just want to talk.
 –Can’t you get it up. Let me suck it for nothing!

- I just want to talk. I had no idea that you were coming here.
- You’ve been thinking sex all along. You just didn’t want to pay for the porno.
- I want none of this.
- None of the old in and out.
- I’ve got a career to think about.
- All these rooms are wired for closed-circuit cameras.
- How much does it cost to watch?
- Five thousand.
- Inflation!
- Actually depression. We’ve got to cover the expenses somehow. Fish got to swim, birds got to fly!
- Why do you want to be with me? I’m crazy. I can’t be faithful to one person?*
- I’ve got a little test for you
- I’m good for tests.
- What is the best way to create a democracy?
- Have an American company design a mall in the country slated for the takeover!
- For an entry way corridor to the mall that measure thirty feet by one hundred feet, how many square feet of tile will have to be imported from China?
- Thee thousand square feet. This is easy!
- How many police officers in full riot gear will it take to quell a factory occupation by five thousand workers in Korea?
- A thousand experienced officers!
- If there are one hundred critically ill patients in a California community, how much medical marijuana will have to be imported from Mexico?
- Three ton!
- HM is in a train that leaves New York at noon. The train averages a speed of sixty miles an hour. QM is in a train traveling on the same track that leave Denver at three in the afternoon. The train averages seventy miles an hour. If the distance from Denver to New York is three thousand miles, at what time will the trains collide?
- At forty one minutes past noon the next day.
- If the US embassy in Kabul is eight hundred feet tall, and it is sinking into the marsh at the rate of three feet per month, how long before the whole structure is submerged in mud?
- Twenty two years and eight months.
- If a local education union has built up a strike fund of two million dollars, and if there are no strikes for five years, how much money can the union fund make on the stock market with a straight twenty percent return per year in the same five year period?
- Two million.
- If Sunny sells ten millions DVD’s and makes ten cents on the dollar, how much will she make if the DVD’s sell for twenty dollars each?
- Twenty million dollars.
- If a restaurant worker is hospitalized for a simple procedure, and if he has no health insurance, how long will it take him to pay for his hotel bills?
- Twenty years!

(–How did you answer the last question? It didn't list the amount of his bill nor the amount that he earned in a year.

–I was given the answer before the test.)

If a model gets breast enlargement surgery, and she pays ten thousand for the procedure, what will be the amount that her gross income increases in one year?

–She will easily earn at least a million more!

–*You really believe that.*

–*As good as gold!*

–You're wondering who I am?

–Yeah!

–I'm your girl, Sunny. Don't you recognize me?

–Sunny, it can't be you.

–No, it's the real me. I'm not like on the telly with all that makeup. This is the real me. I know that I look a hideous. But all that turmoil in my life has had a toll on my life.

–There's still that inner beauty that shines through.

–I know it's hard to deal with all the shit that I've done. That includes what you see on the screen. I know there are times that I hate myself. But guys see me as way more lovely than I really am. At least, they do until they see me up close. Then they wonder how I ever got along in life.

–It's not that bad.

–No, I can evoke that angle on screen. You know the one with the legs.

–And the flat abdomen.

–You don't even have to see anything else to put together the rest of the picture. Your dick just gets hard filling in the rest of the image.

–And stays and stays and stays like that.

–In good conscience.

–Always in good conscience.

–And you feel that you did a good thing. You offered the world your blessing.

–I get that all the time. Until they look good and hard and see what they're really getting.

–You're not beyond hope.

–Maybe. But I am beyond help.

–What of your video and all your celebrity?

–It was all based on an illusion. You realize that now.

–But we all believed.

–When your dick is hard, you'll believe anything.

–What can I offer you to make up for being such a jerk.

–Neither of us can be saved.

–You seem to be taking it pretty good.

–I just don't look at a mirror.

–What about at home?

–They're all turned towards the wall.

–It's good to be able to deal with your demons.

–At least, you still have a future.

- You can still salvage something.
- You seem like a scary fellow.*
- Are you good at spotting scary fellows?*
- I used to be held captive by this nasty dude. He had the same swagger that you do?*
- How did you ever get over something like that?*
- I tried to put it behind me. He had these crazy dogs patrolling the house. I didn't dare leave. That's how I got started in movies. I was no more than a kid. And he had these monsters doing things to me.*
- I would have never known*
- I want to believe that. But every time that I look you in the face, I imagine that I'm back in that house.*
- I guess it makes it hard to tell the difference between right and wrong?*
- What are you saying?*
- All your time in the movies.*
- It wasn't as if I was held prisoner all those years.*
- That's what I mean. You kept doing that kind of thing.*
- It wasn't the same.*
- It was my own choice.*
- Whatever you say.*
- So you're still in the business.*
- I need to make a living.*
- Don't you see it as a little off?*
- Not really. Maybe a little.*
- I've got a straight shot?*
- Are you sure?*
- I'm all lathered up. I need to take direct shot.*
- Looking for direct hit?*
- I'm looking for a GIRL who can give me a direct hit.*
- A wife?*

A QUICK METHOD TO WEIGHT LOSS AND TOTAL HEALTH!

- She won the race.*
- Honey, eat this cut-rate bread that I bought for twenty-nine cents a loaf.*
- No, I'm not eating. I'm not! I'm not! I'm going to have brown rice instead.*
- This is what I have to do to make this marriage going!*

Where there's a will, there's an HM who leads the way to QM!

- I am never going back there again.*
- A mother has to make those choices.*
- Are you trying to kill me with that food?*
- Every guy that I know is looking for a girl like that!**
- Did that stuff really happen to you.*
- It is all in the past. I have a husband that loves me.*
- And you never think about the fun that you used to have.*
- It doesn't seem so much like fun when I think about it now.*

–You can't be happy with him twenty four hours a day. Especially when you've know something better.

–*I've got a manufacturing job. I know how to look the part.*

–*We'll get you a family. We'll teach you how to blend in.*

–*It's not that easy.*

–*You've learned how to play the part so far. Just be the caring parent.*

–I've seen you working here the last few times that I've been here.

–This is just temporary. My husband is a lawyer. And I'm going to get a better job.

–I can make you an offer.

–I don't do movies if that's what you're thinking.

–More like a government job.

–It beats handing out chicken samples in the supermarket.

–You're going to have to come to Nevis for some training. And we're going to have to do a background check.

–I'm squeaky clean.

–You have no objection to working for the government.

–As long as I don't have to see the results of my handiwork.

–*Whatever happens, make sure that you don't catch the infection.*

–*The flu.*

–*I think that it's more than that. A military-created plague. They can deliver the germs in missiles.*

–The missiles have gone through an aerodynamic remodeling. They're get forty per cent more velocity on the same fuel expenditure.

–You're shitting me!

–*You have to see this. It is so cute. We have the cake, and on it we put the playing cards.*

Five of them, like a poker hand.

–*It better be a good hand.*

–*You take what you're dealt with in life.*

–*But it doesn't hurt to have a little bit of a head start.*

–This is the hand that you are dealt.

–I want another deal!

–We can get you a family for your story!

The military is doing a good job at creating a body beautiful.

–You're so pretty. You can't be maladjusted.

–*Six of one, half dozen of the other.*

–*I can play the part. I can look normal.*

–*Work hard, be strong, look pretty!*

–*We do!*

–**We've got you kid!**

–**I'm not going to pay the ransom! I'm going to find you.**

–You have a great smile, and an Olympic body to boot.

–How do you do it?

–I guess that it's the clean living.

Could she let it happen any other way?

–I’ve got to admit that I fantasize about you.

–My husband said the same thing to me!

We could share that same excitement—two machines matching the rhythms of the universe.

–It’s not even sexual for me anymore. It’s almost like mathematics.

These were America’s first casualties in the war against tyranny.

–They were innocent victims in America’s drive for pre-eminence in the world.

–Someone is going to have to clean up the world after a mess like this.

REVENGE KILLING!

WHEN WILL IT END?

–Ten by ten by ten. The density of the universe.

–*I can’t be had. I’m married. I can’t be bought or sold.*

–*I’m already getting hooked on you.*

Sports betting is a million dollar business.

–We have the coordinates and the authorization codes.

GIVE IT TO ME BABY! RIGHT HERE! GIVE IT TO ME IN THE SPOT!

–Sunny, I like what you can do for me!

–I need you do to a revenge killing for me.

–Lie back in your bed.

LOOK DOWN FROM YOUR TOWER!

–Let us live in privacy.

–I am paid to lead.

–And I am paid to suffer!

–Then you must suffer more!

THERE’S MORE WHERE THAT CAME FROM!

–I TAKE CARE OF EMERGENCIES FIRST, AND THEN I GET AROUND TO OTHER THINGS.

There are loads of things to command my attention every second of the day. Just because something seems pressing doesn’t mean that I can just put everything else aside and take care of it. I do what I have to do, and when an emergency occurs, I just commit myself to getting it done forthwith.

A lot of times, after devoting such energy to something so important, I only want to chill out with friends. A great accomplishment really does invite some kind of reward for all that crazy effort. Sitting with a cold one helps me relax and get rid of any the stress that might have accompanied a serious rescue operation.

We’re not talking about any big deal. Sometimes it might be mending a broken fence. Or a small repair to the car. Anything to focus my attention.

Some people are wound up all the time. Everything is a five-alarm fire to them. Let them hop on the truck, and put out the conflagration before it engulfs the world. On my own account, I’ll make sure that your brush fire really demands all that attention.

I know that how a person can get thrown in a panic when they’re dislodged from their comfort zone. And I am as sensitive a I can be to the feelings of others. Simply

because there's a whirlwind spinning around in your soul doesn't mean that the rest of the world is suffering under the same conditions. It may just be all in your head.

It pays to get really tuned into the world. It's one thing to walk around in a daze. But if the sky is really going to fall, then somebody better be there to pick up the pieces. After all, we've only got one life and one sky under which to live it. So if things are coming apart, we better be around to fix them up.

–We're talking about a few minor fashion blunders.

–Never wear anything that looks like a tent! Never put anything on that would look better on a ten year old.

–An ounce of prevention makes up for a pound of cure.

–Any other bits of wisdom that you have to offer.

–A closet of accessories and a basic black dress is worth more than a closet full of dresses and no accessories!

–Isn't that the basic law of currency?

–It's how I keep my wallet padded.

–And hidden away deep in my purse.

–It's not what you see. It's what you think, you see.

–The Empress has nice clothes.

–Of course, she does. That's why she's the talk of the town.

–That doesn't mean we have to start from scratch.

–Imitation is the sincerest form of robbery.

–If you can't steal from the best, then you're just giving it away.

–What goes on in private better be going on in public.

–And a lot flashier as well.

–Have we forgotten anything?

–Loads of things. None of them are we going to remember in the time remaining.

–Any more complaints.

–I can't look this bad on my own.

–Touche!

–What's your problem, prick?

–No problem.

–Why are you here?

–Just wondering!

–Wondering how an ugly bloke like me can be with such a lovely creature as her.

–Yeah, I guess that's what I was wondering about.

–Give me a break. She's my fantasy. And I've let her know that.

–I sit in my window across the way and look at her all the time. I'm mad about her.

–You can covet her as much as you like, but she's my wife. You're going to burn in hell for being such a pervert.

–I'd say that you're more the pervert than I am.

–What weapons are you willing to use in defense of your interests?

–Hit him harder!

–Who was giving the orders?

–In the New World Order, Central Command originates in a computer program that scans all the available data, and then it issues directives based on its initial authorization parameter.

–Sounds pretty nifty!

–That means that we can get away with pretty well anything!

–There is a higher power!!!

The family is your first line of defense against your enemies.

–Are there alternatives?

–All the values that are associated with the family: honesty, loyalty, and legacy!

–Exemption from estate tax.

–You have a great smile, and an Olympic body to match.

–I’m also married with two kids. Pretty good stuff.

–How are your kids enjoying the program?

–I’m not sure. I want them to learn how to think on their own.

–It is essential to excel at what they do best.

–They need to start early in life. It’s never too soon to get a head start on the future.

–Ben Franklin said that, didn’t he?

–He was a very smart man. My inspiration.

–This could be a whole new book. It could take its inspiration from American history.

–The influence of fashion in creating the American identity.

–We could get together to talk about it. Sometime during the day.

–I love my husband.

–You teach the kids at home.

–Yeah!

–And he pays for all that!

–The benefits of progress.

–Keeping wages low and dividends high.

–Keeping asses tight, and abdomens tighter.

–Keeping wallets tight, and pocket books tighter.

–I get the idea.

–I could get the idea better if we could get a little tighter.

–I love my husband.. And he already earns way more than you ever could.

–But when he takes a tax penalty for screwing up the rest of the world, he’s going to be in the poor house.

–He already took a hit in the market. But he still came out a winner. That’s why I stay with him. He can see the future.

–A truly good man.

–You and I would never get on. I only like the best.

–That assumes that you’ve been educated to know what is the best.

–That’s why I’m getting the little darling started early.

How do they create this image of fashion for women that is so expensive?

–By making them feel inadequate if they can’t keep up with the variety of choices.

–I’m just about to win. I can’t quit now!

–*I can't help your kid, and I'm really not that funny.*

–**When analyzed, the information tends to coalesce around a point, a target location.**

When you combine that information with our resources to shut down such a threat, you can eliminate all activity originating from the specified location.,

–**A perfect hit!**

–There is no direct sight line to the target. There are people in the way.

–If they're in the way, they're obstructionist. Obstructionists have lost their right to be people.

No novels about obstructionists! I don't want to hear their stories.

The stories of hot girls and heroes!

Sunny is lively, appealing, adventuresome, stimulating, caring, and intelligent.

–But she's not your wife. May is your wife.

–I'm not going back.

–Rules are rules.

–I'm getting closer to the QM.

–You're not the HM. You're just some guy!

–*You should have known beforehand that it wasn't going to be fun. You should have never left Sunny.*

–*Look what happened to her.*

–*It wouldn't have been any different.*

–It's not easy being all those things that you want me to be while carting a carload of kids to school and extracurricular activities.

–But look at her. She's the hottest woman here.

–And what are her aspirations.

–No different than any of ours. Her husband just makes more money.

–Good for him.

–*No one is going to stand trial for this.*

–*What are you saying?*

–*That we don't have to stop. We have a green light. We just have to be more careful. No more broadcasting out activities over the internet.*

–*I never said a thing.*

–*This is all ending too abruptly.*

–*There is no nice way to say it's over.*

–So what is this wheel?

–It's something like a *Wheel of Fortune*. Only this is more of a *Wheel of Personality*.

After you roll the dice, you become a different person, all depending on the spin.

–I just want to get to the heart of the matter. Behind all the changes, who am I really?

–I can't tell you for sure. You have to go through the process.

–This would be so good for interrogations.

–Wouldn't it just allow a suspect to escape detection. He could slide into another personality.

–That's what he's trying to do anyway. This would find that core of personality that holds it all together.

–What if there was just the opposite effect? That there is no core that holds things together. Just a set of random connections.

–There are shared events.

–But the events themselves are tied to a point of view.

–*It's time. This is your only way to escape.*

–*I'm never going to escape. They are on to me.*

–*You have a clear path out of here. Submerge. Become someone else.*

–April, you don't have much of a chance of figuring this out.

–I've been on it from the beginning. I've had the whole picture from day one.

–He's going to try and pull a fast one. Take on an alias.

–But all his communication has a profile. That won't change. He won't be able to switch the core of his personality.

–Are you sure?

–I could follow him to the White House.

–Does the President have anything to worry about if he gets clearance?

–What if he is the President?

–I'm not sure that I follow. Wasn't this guy last with some girl in a hotel room in Las Vegas.

–He was shackled up with her in the Riviera.

–Not the QM?

–I'm afraid that he can't be stopped.

–What are you telling me?

–That we have already gone to the nuclear option.

–That's just a way of talking.

–It him against the world.

–What about a different story. We take him out of the hotel room. We give him a family. We give him a history. And he steps up to the occasion. He realizes his destiny.

–That's what happened long ago.

–But the QM, the Vegas Sunrise, all that!

–It's part of the chatter.

I have got to bed early. No tomfoolery at night. I am ready to meet the day. I see the sun rising. But it is coming up on the West. I am at the Riviera in Vegas. They have not only changed our priorities here, they have commandeered the sun to meet their needs.

–*We have someone that we'd like you to meet!*

–*Sunny?*

–*No, I'm the whore of Babylon.*

–*Babylon. I thought that you already met your untimely demise in the SHOCK AND AWE!*

–*Not at all. I'm here for you!*

–*We have something that we need you to take care of. Just lie back, and she'll do the rest.*

–*I have a wife.*

–*She's preoccupied with the kids. I can be caring and intelligent.*

–I don't need sex. I just need the answer to ten questions.