

VINCENT Sure did. I heard you did a pilot.

MIA That was my fifteen minutes.

VINCENT What was it?

MIA It was show about a team of female secret agents called "Fox Force Five."

VINCENT

What?

"Fox Force Five." Fox, as in we're a bunch of foxy chicks. Force, as in we're a force to be reckoned with. Five, as in there's one... two ... three... four... five of us. There was a blonde one, Sommerset O'Neal from that show "Baton Rouge," she was the leader. A Japanese one, a black one, a French one and a brunette one, me. We all had special skills. Sommerset had a photographic memory, the Japanese fox was a kung fu master, the black girl was a demolition expert, the French fox' specialty was sex...

VINCENT

What was your specialty?

MIA

Knives. The character I played, Raven McCoy, her background was she was raised by circus performers. So she grew up doing a knife act. According to the show, she was the deadliest woman in the world with a knife. But because she grew up in a circus, she was also something of an acrobat. She could do illusions, she was a trapeze artist - when you're keeping the world safe from evil, you never know when being a trapeze artist's gonna come in handy. And she knew a zillion old jokes her grandfather, an old vaudevillian, taught her. If we woulda got picked up, they woulda worked in a gimmick where every episode I woulda told and ol joke.

VINCENT

Do you remember any of the jokes?

MIA

Well I only got the chance to say one, 'cause we only did one show.

VINCENT

Tell me.

MIA No. It's really corny.

VINCENT C'mon, don't be that way.

MIA

No. You won't like it and I'll be embarrassed.

VINCENT You told it in front of fifty million people and you can't tell it to me? I promise I won't laugh.

MIA

(laughing)
That's what I'm afraid of.

VINCENT That's not what I meant and you know it.

MIA You're quite the silver tongue devil, aren't you?

VINCENT I meant I wouldn't laugh at you.

MIA That's not what you said Vince. Well now I'm definitely not gonna tell ya, 'cause it's been built up too much.

VINCENT

What a gyp.

Buddy comes back with the drinks. Mia wraps her lips around the straw of her shake.

MIA

Yummy!

VINCENT Can I have a sip of that? I'd like to know what a five-dollar shake tastes like.

MIA

Be my guest.

She slides the shake over to him.

MIA You can use my straw, I don't have kooties.

Vincent smiles.

VINCENT Yeah, but maybe I do. MIA Kooties I can handle.

He takes a sip.

VINCENT Goddamn! That's a pretty fuckin' good milk shake.

MIA

Told ya.

VINCENT I don't know if it's worth five dollars, but it's pretty fuckin' good.

He slides the shake back.

Then the first of an uncomfortable silence happens.

MIA

Don't you hate that?

VINCENT

What?

MIA

Uncomfortable silences. Why do we feel it's necessary to yak about bullshit in order to be comfortable?

VINCENT

I don't know.

MIA

That's when you know you found somebody special. When you can just shit the fuck up for a minute, and comfortably share silence.

VINCENT

I don't think we're there yet. But don't feel bad, we just met each other.

MIA

Well I'll tell you what, I'll go to the bathroom and powder my nose, while you sit here and think of something to say.

VINCENT

I'll do that.

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