

Xanadu Shores

Introducing Sean Landers

“Suicide Prevention - Please Hold”

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Opening Scene. [INT] [MORNING

Mary Landers [MOM] is puttering about, dusting furniture and a mantle ledge with pictures on it, moving from right to left working towards the front door and mirror.

She lifts her head hearing a car pulling into the driveway.
[off camera] A car door slams.

There's a knock, looking into the mirror straightening her hair and dress opening the door smiling as her son Sean Landers [SEAN] enters.

MOM

Welcome home sonny boy!

SEAN

It's good to be home, Mother.

She hands him an envelope with his name on it.

MOM

I need to go and pick up your favorite ice cream cake.

Opening the envelope, he reads:

Sean,

I couldn't wait and used our wedding money for a car, and moved to Las Vegas. Here's your ring. Good Luck. I wish you well. Cin

Stunned, his anger rises dramatically.



SEAN

I'm going to hunt that girl down.

Looking into the mirror his face and the room darken, walking to the kitchen, opening the cupboard revealing a bottle of whiskey and a gun.

He reaches for the whiskey, then grabs the gun sitting down at the kitchen table, contemplating suicide placing the gun to his head.

BEHIND HIM HE TURNS AND SEES A BIG BANNER:

Welcome Home Sean!

It's obvious, splashing his brains on the sign would upset his mother.

Pushing the gun aside, he picks up a clothesline from the counter, stepping over a small stool, gazing out a window, fashioning the line into a flimsy noose, with thoughts of hanging himself.

His eyes are glazed, seeing pictures of his family, becoming melancholy, opening the refrigerator and a beer, shrugging his shoulders, turning back towards the whiskey.

Picking up a shot glass, replacing it with a larger one, filling it with whiskey, then reclines in an easy chair, closing his eyes, taking a sip, his face souring.

SEAN

This stuff will kill you.

Smirking, and realizing the irony.

His nose twitches, smelling his mothers cooking, realizing she has a **GAS STOVE**. He walks towards it, setting the whiskey down and begins pulling out the oven racks, looking up at a picture of Jesus.

SEAN



I could really use your help, now.

Shrugging again, finishing the drink, unaffected by the taste, turning on the gas, determined, kneeling down putting his head in the oven.

A car squeals **[off camera]** and a car door slams, there's a knock on the door, he doesn't acknowledge, remaining on his knees as the doorbell rings twice and a male voice speaks.

ACE

Hey there, open up, I see your lights on.

SEAN

Go away, I'm busy.

ACE

Sean, open up, it's me Ace from the 33rd.

Shaking off a leg cramp, turning off the gas, he opens the door.

Ace enters handsome, dashing, robust, taking off his aviator sunglasses grabbing Sean's hand.

ACE

Good to see you, bud. I knew you'd be coming home today. I have a job for you.

SEAN

A job? As a pilot?

ACE

Of course. You'll be a corporate pilot flying rich executives on drinking and gambling junkets to the Bahamas.

SEAN



I don't know if now's a good time, Ace.

ACE

No problem, Sean. Here's my card. Come by my office tomorrow, at noon. Look the place over and we can talk about it then.

Standing side by side in front of the mirror, Ace puts his glasses on.

ACE

Look Sean, your future's so bright, I have to wear shades.

Realizing Ace just prevented his untimely demise, emotionally grasping his hand glancing over his shoulder towards the oven as his mother returns with the cake and a few small bags.

ACE

Let me help you ma'am.

MOM

Thank you.

SEAN

Mom, this is my former commander Ace.

MOM

Thank you Mr. Ace, for keeping my sonny boy safe.

ACE

Nice to meet you, ma'am. He's a good man and a great pilot.

MOM



Sean, were you cooking something? I smell gas.

SEAN

Yea, I was about to heat up some beans.

They smile together as Ace begins to leave.

[CUT] [END-SCENE]

THE PLAYERS:

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SEAN - Sean Landers.

ACE- Aloyisous Courtney Emerson.

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