

#1 INT. ROMAN'S OFFICE - NIGHT

Roman holds a WINE BOTTLE upside down pouring the remainder into a glass.

He sits at a DESK with a COMPUTER viewing the DEEP DIVE FOUNDATION WEBSITE.

CARMEN (60s), enters the room with a PLATE OF FOOD: steak, potatoes, asparagus.

CARMEN
Dinner's ready.

She sets the plate on the desk near him and pats him on the shoulder with a nurturing smile.

ROMAN
Only if you eat with me.

She sighs. She's been used to this stubbornness for years. As she goes to the other room to get her food. He tastes his dinner.

ROMAN
Oh my god, Carmen, you still got it.

She reenters with her plate. Sits beside him.

CARMEN
I wasn't sure you'd come back.

ROMAN
I'll be here a while. Don't worry, I'm not selling this place. You will always have a home here.

CARMEN
That's generous.
(noticing screen)
Is this your new charity?

Roman sips his wine, eyes on the computer screen.

ROMAN
My parents left plenty of money behind. I'm going to put it to good use.

CARMEN

They loved you, deep down.

ROMAN

But they died before we could find out.

CARMEN

Roman!

ROMAN

What? They were ghosts, even when they were alive. Not like you.

CARMEN

You're a good man. Don't hide that from the world.

He deflects.

ROMAN

I'm setting up an endowment. Helping others... feels right.

But Carmen won't let it go.

Carmen moves to a shelf lined with FRAMED PHOTOS. She picks them up one by one.

CARMEN

You've tried to find yourself in a lot of places... Aspen ski instructor--

ROMAN

Shannon.

CARMEN

Alaskan bush pilot--

ROMAN

Gayle.

CARMEN

African safari guide--

ROMAN

Lori... Okay. Okay. I get it.

CARMEN

You think I'm finished? Napa Winemaker--

ROMAN

Lisa. My parents bought her family's vineyard. But I got bored drinking alone.

Roman sets down his glass, a shadow crossing his face.

ROMAN

They always fall for the money. I just... want someone who loves me like you do.

CARMEN

Stop trying to get into my pants.

They laugh, easing the tension.

CARMEN

Well maybe your luck will change. This scuba thing looks wonderful.

ROMAN

I'm just looking for something real.

CARMEN

Why don't you learn to scuba dive yourself? Actually be a part of this thing.

He takes this in. He hadn't thought of that. *Perhaps...*