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FADE IN:

EXT. A long shot of an old broken down movie theater. Zoom into a midshot. Three people are entering the movie theater.

The first one is an attractive Cowboy that is dress with a red shirt, blue jeans with a big Texas size buckle, black boots and a fifteen gallon white cowboy hat. The second person to enter is a thin scrawny young girl in a plain red dress that has a very ugly face. The last person to enter is a short man in a black suit with a red tie. He is shorter than the other two people that entered the movie theater.

INT. The movie theater door opens up and they all file in one by one. They walk past a poster sign that has written on it "Today only. Mozart at the Old Time Theater. Come out and support the arts. Get some culture in your life."

They all walk past the popcorn machine to a door that is closed. All of them look at each other. The Cowboy, named JIMBOB shrugs his shoulders. The Ugly Girl, name SERA does the same. The Man in the suit, name DEV looks at his watch.

DEV

Well it looks like I'm right on time.(beat) Yes right on time. I always am.

INSERT - DEV'S POCKET WATCH.

It is a pocket watch that is made form gold and is very shiny with a long chain.

BACK TO SCENE

DEV shakes his head.

DEV(continuing)

Yes this will do fine.

SERA looks around the lobby confused.

SERA

I'm scared! I'm so scared!

SERA looks down at the floor. JIMBOB walks up to the door and pushes it. The then kicks the door. The door remains closed.

JIMBOB

Well heck I tells you all. That door ain't coming open! I'm a fixin' to gets real upset you all! And I so want to be in there right abouts now. I have to be in there! It's a matter of life and death you all if I do say so myself.

DEV continues to look at his watch.

DEV

Patients. Patients is a virtue. Waiting in line is good for your soul. Your time will come. (beat) I promise, I'll get you in. I'll get both of you in my friends.

SERA

You're not my friend mister. I don't even know you. And don't think that I ever will.

DEV

Such words from someone so young. Pray love, what's your name?

SERA

I'm not telling. It's none of your business mister!

JIMBOB

Now Sera, you alls should not be that way. All the man wants to know is your name. We're in the South, and even through he's definitely a Yankee, we alls still have manners. You know.

SERA

Jimbo, haven't you figured out who he is? Where we are? Jimbo are you that dumb! You can't be that stupid Jimbo! (beat) And now you've gone

and messed up
everything. We are now both
doomed. Doomed I say!

DEV

Only if you choose to. No one
is forcing you to do anything.

JIMBOB

Well they had better not try to
force me to do anything I says!
No one tells me what to do,
except my momma of course.

SERA

Jimbob you're fool.

SERA pulls JIMBOB out of hear shot of DEV and whispers.

SERA(continuing)

Jimbob, he's the devil! So
knock it off! Stop talking to
him you idiot! Let's walk out
of here now while we still can.

JIMBOB looks at SERA with fright. Then he looks at DEV. DEV
nods his head that SERA is correct. JIMBOB takes off his hat
and runs his finger through this hair then replaces the hat.
JIMBOB walks back over to DEV.

JIMBOB

I... I don't know what to say
mister. I was trusting you to
led me in the light. To
happiness. Any now I hears that
you're bringing me to the dark.
(beat) A fellow could get right
mad about that mister. Right
mad indeed!

SERA

He doesn't care about that!
Don't you know that it's his job
to take people down there! He's
gunning for us Jimbob! He'll
trick you! You and me!

SERA looks at JIMBOB in the eyes. SERA starts to crying.
JIMBOB puts a hand on SERA'S shoulder. JIMBOB walks towards
DEV.

JIMBOB

Alls I wanted to do today mister
was to get some culture. Some
cultures so that I could get
Maryjane to go with me. (beat)
Maryjane is all sophisticated
and such. She would never look
at me, to date me. And alls I
ever wanted was to be with her.
Hold her in my arms.

SERA

Maryjane would never date you
Jimbob and you know it. Her
family has plans for her to be
the next Ms. Texas and they
wouldn't let anyone get in the
way of their plans.

DEV

That's true. I should know.
(beat) I can help you Jimbob.
You can have any girl you want
if you are willing to go through
that door. Even Maryjane.

SERA

Don't do it Jimbob! Please
don't do it! She's not worth
it!

JIMBOB

Now both of you all hold on.
Mister, whys should I all walk
in that door with you? If
you're really the Devil, why
should I trust you?

DEV

I don't lie. Can your God make
the same claim? Huh? At least
I'm open with you and tell you
all of the parts of our deal.
It's not hidden in some tortilla

in Mexico, or someone's grilled cheese sandwich. (beat)
 You get Maryjane to marry you and I get your soul after you die. When you're dead, you don't need your soul anymore. So why not be happy in this world if all you have to do is trade your soul in? What a deal! Huh? (beat) Jimbob, why did you come here in the first place if you didn't want to truly be with Maryjane?

JIMBOB looks at Sera, then DEV.

JIMBOB

All I ever wanted my whole life was to be with Maryjane. I would do anything to be with her. Even sell my soul.

SERA

Jimbob, you don't need to do that! Someone else loves you! Loves you so much, she was willing to sell her soul to be here with you! Jimbob..

DEV

Jimbob, Sera loves you. Tell me, what do you want to do?

JIMBOB looks at Sera, then DEV and takes his hat off and walks towards Sera.

JIMBOB

Sera, I didn't know you felt that way. But darling, I can't feel the way you do because you're so ugly girl. The thought makes me want to puke! Devil let's go listen to some classical music. I can't wait to get Maryjane. Man, Sera and me. Never, I rather be with my horse than that. Phew!

The door opens up and JIMBOB walks through. DEV looks at

SERA and walks over to her.

DEV

You can still be with him if you go through that door. Both of you together forever, you would like that wouldn't you Sera?

SERA

No mister. With my looks, I'm already in Hell. I don't need to go there for eternity. (beat) When his is suffering, tell him that I still love him. I always will.

DEV

Sure thing, why not. I'll even put in a good word with the big guy upstairs. You've served your penance. And pass your test. Enjoy eternity Sera, you've earned it! It's a good thing that most people aren't like you or I would be out of business. (Imitating JIMBOB) You alls know?

SERA

Maybe ugly people can see the world for what it is. Who is bad and who isn't.

DEV

Yeah. Hell is full of the beautiful people. Where do you think all the models and actors go when they die. To Heaven? Ha ha. No. Goodbye Sera.

DEV gives SERA a smile and a wink then DEV walks in the door going to Hell and SERA walks out of the movie theater. SERA is smiling as she walks out into the sunlight.

FADE OUT.

THE END

