IFF Internation Fedral Films.

Second season

Oh my God its Valentines Day!

Lee and Amanda walk into The Bistro and the waiter escorts them to the table.

Marcia" Your usual table Mr and Mrs Steadman?"

Lee" Deffinately."

They smile at each other.

Amanda" They still call us Steadman."

Lee" Well their supposed to Amanda, the less people who know the better.

Amanda" I remember our first valentines hear, together."

Lee" Yeah me to."

They hold hands and start remembering.

There first year together, Amanda walks into IFF.

Amanda" Good morning Mrs Marsten."

Amanda waits for, Mrs Marsten to say something about her usual and entertaining way, of forgetting the word of the day, but nothing then she turns around and sees her reading a valentine card.

Amanda" Mrs Marsten "

Mrs Marsten pushes the buzzar, so even though she dosent feel to good about breaking protocol, she slips into the closet elevator anyway, but peers around the door.

Amanda", Thankyou, Mrs Marsten."

Mrs Marsten just waves, down in the Bullpen.

Amanda" Good morning Francine."

Francine smiles her usual, Oh my God she's back, way, then turns around.

Francine" Good morning Amanda, well look who remembered the word of the day."

Amanda" No actually Francine, I didn't."

Francine" Well then how did you get down here, nobody here passed you."

Amanda" I know, but Mrs Marsten was well reading a valentines card. I took advantage of the situation and came down stairs, I know I really shouldn't have but well I didn't want her to give me that look."

Francine" What dear I wasn't listening."

Amanda sneers at Francines familar selfishness and insensitivity, shes become so used to.

Amanda" Would you like a cookie?"

Francine" Cookie?"

She takes one and takes a bite.

Amanda" It's a tradition I share with my boys."

Francine" Oh."

Amanda" Yes, we always bake valentine cookies the night before then pass them out as a friendship gift for the day, so no one feels left out, it's not just for romance you know, that's what I always tell the boys."

Francine" Thats nice Amanda."

Amanda smiles she seems to have reached Francine, maybe enough time she will be able to melt her cold exterior.

Amanda" Wheres Lee?"

Francine", I don't know, I guess he hasn't come in yet."

Amanda" But I saw his car in the parking lot."

Francine shrugs, just then a woman walks into the Bullpen.

Polly" Is Lee here? I have an invitation to dinner."

Francine" III take it I'll be sure to see he gets it."

Polly smiles at her and Amanda then leaves. Francine places the card on a very tall pile of valentine cards.

Amanda" Oh my gosh, look at that pile, there must be at least a hundred maybe more."

Francine" Thats our Scarecrow, women are always every year he gets a huge pile even taller than he is. He even gets them from women all over the world, thats right our very own James Bond heartbreaker."

Amanda" He must have alot of dates to night, I guess he's gonna have to romance alot of women." Lee" that's what you think."

Amanda" Lee."

Amanda and Francine look at each other then peer over the desk, they see Lee crouched underneath it.

Amanda" Lee what are you doing under there?

Francine" Oh of course, how could I have forgotten, Valentines Day."

Amanda" What about Valentines Day Francine."

Francine" He dosnt like it."

Amanda" No!"

Francine" No he avoids it like the plague."

Lee gets up and straightens his suit and tie, that suave way he does, everyone knows one minute he's suave, the next minute he's silly. He comes out from behind his desk.

Amanda" I dont understand, I'd think you'd enjoy Valentines Day, I know you like romance."

Lee" Ha, Amanda, do you know what women think is the most romantic thing on Valentines Day, a proposal and do you know what women think is the second most romantic thing on Valentnes Day to get married. Not me no seree, fat chance."

Amanda smiles and Francine rolls her eyes while muching on Amandas cookie.

Amanda" Oh would you like a cookie, my boys...."

Lee" I know I heard you."

He looks around.

Francine" Thats because you were cowering under the desk like, a coward."

Lee" Wow you must of aced English class."

Francine smiles then continues to eat her cookie. Lee starts to walk out of the Bullpen then comes back for a cookie then leaves again, just then he sees a women heading his way so he runs back into the Bullpen and leaps on his desk he lands on his chest, then he scrambles over the top and under it.

Amanda" Oh my gosh."

Francine" There he goes again, wow now that's talent, isn't it Amanda the man doesn't just leap on cars,helicopters,vans,trains,planes,trucks,boats,hot airbaloons,zeppelins, he even leaps on his own desk, is that talent or what?"

Just then Billy comes out of his office.

Amanda" Hello sir."

Amanda always greets Billy in that way."

Billy" Hello Amanda."

Amanda", Would you like a cookie sir, my boys and I made them.",

Billy" Thankyou."

He takes a cookie he always smiles at her he doesn't hide the fact he really likes her.

Billy" Alright" Where is he? And don't tell me he's not here I saw his car in the parking lot."

Francine" How are we supposed to know."

She points at his desk.

Billy", Scarecrow, come out frome under there right now, (he dosnt) Scarecrow!"

Francine" Billy have a heart, it's Valentines Day."

Billy" Him and his love life, Scarecrow! Have you forgotten who signs your pay checks, you come out from under there right now or I won't anymore, Scarecrow!"

Lee peers over his desk, he looks kinda cute to eyes no nose just survey the territory, then he stands up and straightens his suite again.

Billy" Well thankyou I'm so touched you decided to grace us with your presence, I have a assignment for you."

Lee" Great, let's go Amanda."

Billy" Don't you want to know what it is?"

Lee" As long as it gets me out of here I don't care, let's go Amanda."

They leave the Bullpen then Lee sees a women heading their way so he ducks behind her

Francine" Oh look at that Billy, he's so much taller than she is but no one's ever gonna see him."

Amanda" Lee she's walking the over way."

Lee" Just back up slowly into the elevator."

Francine", Oh my God, now he sounds like he's holding her hostage."

Billy just rolls his eyes and walks away, shaking his head a little. Lee runs into the closet elevator and Amanda follows.

Francine" And to think, we let that man carry a gun."

Once they get upstairs, Lee tosses his pass on the desk and he and Amanda leave, while Mrs Marsten is reading another valentine.

Amanda" How many does she have?"

They get into Lees porche, with Lee holding the door for Amanda and they drive off.

Lee" So what is our assignment?"

Amanda opens the file and reads the document.

Amanda" A fourteen year old girl has gone missing, oh she's just a baby, her parents called it in a congressmen and a fedral judge."

Lee", Sounds about right that's what we do."

Amanda", Yes, I hope nothings happend to her."

Lee" Yeah, well let's hope we'll see Amanda."

He drives off, they arrive at the home of the Archers. They get out and walk to the door, Lee rings the doorbell, the butler opens it.

Lee" Stetson and King to see Mr and Mrs Archer."

The butler, James" Yes sir, right this way.

Lee" Thankyou."

Amanda", Yes Thankyou."

The butler leads them to the living room and introduces them.

James" Mr Stetson and Mrs King sir."

Paul Archer" Thankyou James "

Melenie Archer" Your the fedral agents."

Lee" Yes mam, we're here about your daughter."

Mrs Archer looks distressed, Amanda goes over and shows her usual kindness.

Amanda" Oh don't worry, I'm sure she's alright."

Melenie Archer" You have children?"

Amanda" Oh yes two small boys, I know what it's like to constantly worry about them."

Mrs Archer smiles.

Lee" Could we see her room please."

Mr Archer" Of course, this way."

He leads Lee to Hannahs room while Amanda comforts Mrs Archer, but then she goes upstairs, she figures she might see something Lee wouldn't, being a mother herself.

Amanda" Lee."

Lee" Amanda" Look around, do you see anything I mean your the mom."

Amanda looks around.

Lee" Wait a minute whats this?"

Amanda walks over to Lee.

Amanda", What is it?"

Lee" Looks like a flyer for a club."

Amanda" That clubs to old for her."

Lee" Sometimes teenagers don't seem to know that, come on lets check it out."

They leave and head for the club, they see that the place is way to old for a fourteen year old.

Amanda", Oh Lee, this place is way to mature I mean what would she be doing here?"

Lee" Let's find out."

They go inside and there are all kinds of kids with spiked hair and alot of metal jewelry, they look around then Lee spots a girl, he looks at the photo of Hannah it's her but she dosnt look like that picture, he shows it to Amanda then points.

Amanda" Oh!"

They walk over to her, she's dancing with a eighteen year old boy. Lee taps him on the shoulder when he sees him try to kiss her and the boy turns around, Lee dosnt look to impressed.

Lee" Leave now."

Hannah" Hey."

Lee" Hannah Archer?"

Hannah" Let me guess my parents sent you."

Amanda" Sweetheart, what are you doing here this clubs way to old for you."

Lee" This clubs way to old for me."

Hannah" I can take care of myself."

Amanda" No you can't not in a place like this."

Lee", Come on, let's go, where are your things, I'm assuming you didn't sneak out of your house , looking like that."

Hannah frowns and shows how stubborn she is.

Lee" No point in being stubborn, I'll just carry you out of here."

Amanda smiles, she knows Lee means it.

Amanda", Come on sweetheart I'll help you."

Hannah grabs her back pack and is about to leave then one of the young men comes up to them.

Davy" Where do you think your going, I thought we were gonna have some fun.",

Lee" Not with you, she's fourteen."

Davy", She dosnt look it."

He gets in Lees face.

Amanda" Trust me you don't want to do that."

The boy looks a bit worried at the way Lees looking at him, then the boy backs off, they head out the door. They drive back to her parents with Hannah sitting in the middle looking cross, her arms folded and frowning. Lee finds it amusing, she's a stubborn little thing.

Hannah" I can't go home like this.",

Lee" You should have thought of that before you put on those clothes of the undead."

Amanda" Maybe we can stop at that gas station and she can change there."

Lee pulls over and they get out.

Lee", Alright, but rember don't try anything, I'm armed.",

Amanda", Lee."

Lee smiles, Hannah looks annoyed.

Amanda" Let's go in there.",

She takes her into the bathroom and helps her change, Lee waits by the car then goes to the store and buys some gum, they come out and he looks at them.

Lee" Well where is she, I warned her now I'm just gonna have to hunt her down and who's this?" Amanda smiles.

Hannah", I suppose you think your funny.",

Lee", I have my moments."

He smiles, but she looks unimpressed, they drive back in the car Hannah starts complaing.

Hanna", There's no point you know, its not like they have any time for me anyway."

She grumbles. Lee" Well they have to work, I get it the person who raised me wasn't always there."

They arrive at her house and they get out.

Mrs Archer", Hannah, oh are you alright?"

Mr Archer" Where have you been young lady?"

Hannah" Like you care."

She runs up to her room and slams the door.

Lee" She's loverly."

Mr Archer" Right now that's not the word I'd use to describe her."

The butler smiles, he's used to Hannahs antics and their close.

Mr Archer" Thankyou."

Mrs Archer" Yes thankyou."

Amanda" May I go upstairs to say goodbye."

Mrs Archer" Of course."

Mr Archer" I cant garantee shell say it back."

Amanda goes upstairs.

Amanda" Sweetheart I just wanted to say goodbye."

Hannah is sitting on her bed frowning.

Hannah", Goodbye, now go away."

Mrs Archer", Hannah."

Mr Archer" Well thankyou and we won't forget your help, what you did for us and our daughter."

Lee", Your welcome."

Amanda comes downstairs.

Amanda" Yes your welcome, good bye."

Mrs Archer", goodbye and thankyou again."

They leave and drive away.

Lee" Do Phillip and Jamie act like that?"

Amanda is impressed that Lee remembers their names.

Lee", What?"

Amanda" you remembered their names.",

Lee" Well sure, you've said it to me often often enough."

She smiles he shows a glimmer."

Lee" You didn't answer my question.",

Amanda" Lee their younger than Hannah."

Lee" Well maybe they'll be pains in the ass like her when their older."

Amanda dosnt looks impressed Lee just watches then turns and smiles.

Back at the agency they go to see Billy, Francine comes in looking at a file.

Billy" Well did you find her?"

There's a phone call, Francine picks it up.

Lee", Yes, but she's a hand full."

Amanda" She's just stubborn.",

Lee", Takes one to know one."

Amanda" Whats that supposed to mean?"

Billy smiles.

Francine" They got the little terror home safe alright, that was the father, putting them in for a commendation.

Billy" Well, wonderful it's always good to have my people get such good results well done."

They smile, then they leave Billys office, just then Lee sees a woman with a valentines card head to his desk.

Lee" Not another on."

And he relises he can't get to his own desk, so he ducks under Amandas. One minute suave the next minute silly. His freinds just watch, Francine shakes her head slightly and Billy rolls his eyes then goes into his office. Lee gestures to Amanda to sit down, Amanda sits down and Francine decides to be her usual flippant self, she smiles then walks over to Amandas desk.

Francine" So what do you think of Lee?"

Amanda" What do you mean Francine,"

Francine" Well I think scared of all those women he's a true hero Amanda but right now he's jello, rhyms with yellow."

What she dosnt relise is that Lee who is very observant he has made a mental note of what's on Amandas desk and so reaches up and grabs the letter opener off her desk.

Francine" Anyway I don't think he's gonna be much good tonight I feel sorry for those millions of women and really épée."

Amanda" Francine are you alright? Your bleeding."

Francine" If you excuse me Amanda I have to visit the ladies room and change my pantyhose, I have a valentines lunch and I don't think it would look to good if I showed up bleeding."

There's a little cackle from under the desk.

Amanda" Lee, (she looks around) wheres my letter opener?"

He cackels again, she looks under the desk

Amanda" Give me that, urgh theres blood on this, excuse me would you take this and get it cleaned please."

Officer Warren" Yes Mrs King."

Amanda" That wasn't very nice."

Francine" She started it Amanda."

Then Amanda gets up to leave.

Lee" Where are you going?"

Amanda" I have a valentines lunch with Dean."

Lee scowls.

Lee" Dan."

Amanda" Dean."

Lee" Whatever, go ahead abandon me in my time of need."

Amanda" Lee, I am not abandoning you, I'll see you later."

Lee" Go ahead abandon me in my time of need."

Amanda leaves and Lee sits up under her desk, then he hears.

Michelle" Is Lee here I have a invitation to a valentines dinner for him.?"

Keith" Just put it on his desk."

She smiles, she puts the card on his desk then leaves.

Lee", That does it, I can't stay here like this."

Billys secretary Maggie" What are you gonna do Mr Stetson?"

Lee" I'm gonna make a break for it."

So Lee starts crawling across the floor in spy fashion, he slowly arrives at the door he crouches while nobody really watches him other than Billy and his secretary, everyone is so used to his crazy behavior. The he gets up and runs to the closet elevator.

Lee" Out of my way."

He gets inside then runs through the lobby and throws his pass on Mrs Marstens desk. Amanda is still in the parking lot she's just about to leave, then you see an arm open her back door. She then starts to slowely drive away she drives through town smiling suddenly.

Lee" So wheres Dan taking you for lunch?"

She hits the breaks.

Lee" I really wish you would stop doing that."

Amanda" I really wish you would stop doing that, Lee what are you doing back there."

Lee" Well."

Amanda" Never mind I can guess, Lee it's very hard having a conversation with you like this." Lee" Your get used to it Amanda."

Amanda" Would you just get in the front seat please."

Lee" Alright, I suppose were far enough from the agency, so wheres Dan taking you for lunch?" Amanda" Dean."

Lee" Whatever."

Amanda" The Bistro."

Lee" Oh, Italian food one of my favorites, I can't believe your still with him."

Amanda" Dean's a good man."

Lee" I told you Amanda, I have instincts about this kind of thing, you just don't fit, your fun and hes...."

Amanda" Dean can be fun."

Lee" Oh please, the only fun thing about him is his name rhymes with his job, Dan Dan the weather man."

Amanda", Dean!"

Lee", That dosnt ryhme with he's job."

Amanda" Lee."

He smiles.

Lee" So, was your ex the same way, that would explain me then wouldn't it, I'm the excitement in your life."

He smiles.

Amanda" No my ex husband wasn't like Dean much at all.",

Lee" Oh."

Amanda" Yes, he's nice, and he is exiting."

Lee" Then why did you divorce him,"

Amanda", What makes you think I divorced him."

Lee" Well your not still married to him are you, are you."

Amanda" No but what makes you think he didn't divorce me?"

Lee" Don't be rediculas no man in his right mind would divorce you."

He clears his throat, she smiles.

Lee" So whyd he leave, is he a dead beat?"

Amanda" No he's wonderful, actually, he's alot like you, he likes sports he's an expert like you his uncle taught him and he cares about protecting the innocent and the vulnerable. Actually I'm certain if you two met you'd be freinds."

Lee" Really well if what you say is true I guess, what about Dan does he no sports like us?" Amanda" Dean."

Lee" Whatever."

Amanda" And no, he dosnt play any sports.

Lee" Well he sounds very, well."

Amanda" Anyway about Joe It's true his parents are samaritains and traveled all over the world helping people, so he wanted to do the same. He saw alot of pain in the world and wanted to help those people. He wanted that before we got together."

Lee" Oh, did you have to get married, forget I said that sorry."

Amanda" No we didn't have to, I married him because I loved him, I don't want to talk about it anymore."

Lee" Sure."

Lee relises he might have hurt her feelings so he backs off. Amanda drives up to the restaurant then stops the car.

Lee" Why are you stopping the car, the restaurants around the corner, are you planning to walk the rest of the way?"

Amanda" No."

Lee" Then why?"

Amanda" Because I don't want Dean to see you, so either get out of the car or get in the back seat." Lee" I just got in the front seat."

Amanda" Lee what did you want to join us for lunch."

Lee" I can be a very entertaing lunch date."

Amanda" Threes a crowd."

Lee" Alright, alright, it's pretty cramped back here you know."

Amanda drives into the restaurant parking lot.

Amanda" Would you like me to bring you something?"

Lee" Like what?"

Amanda" I dont know."

Lee" Surprise me, you usually do anyway."

She smiles and he smiles knowing that she cared enough to ask, he's never met anyone like her before, always putting other people first, except for his mother of course, he rembers his dad said 'to wait for the right women son' so he sits all scrunched up in the back and he waits for her to return and grumbles trying to get comfortable. Amanda heads into the restaurant and the head waiter greets her.

Head waiter Markus" Mrs King, your tables ready for you."

He escorts her to the table, she likes that he knows her, she's been in their a few times and she even helped a waitress with her troubles.

Amanda" It's nice that you remember me like this."

Markus" I always remember my special customers, not everyone treats people with the respect you do."

Amanda" Thankyou."

Markus" How is your family?"

Amanda" Oh fine and yours?"

Markus" Well mame, please take a seat Mrs King."

Amanda" Thankyou."

He pulls out her chair and she sits down. Lee waits outside while Amanda waits for Dean then the waiter comes over.

Marcia" Mrs King theres a phone call for you."

She takes the phone.

Amanda" Thankyou, hello."

Next thing you know she comes out of the restaurant.

Lee" That was quick, oh I get it decided to make a quick getaway, of course it won't be considering how you drive."

Amanda" Whats wrong with my driving?"

Lee" Nothings wrong with it, it's just a little slow that's all."

Amanda" I like to drive safe."

Lee" And very slow."

Amanda" Oh I'm sorry I'm not a dare devil like you."

Lee" I forgive you."

She frowns.

Amanda" For your information I am not making a break for it."

Lee" Then what are you doing back here?"

Amanda" He called and cancelled."

Lee" He what! On Valentines Day, the nerve, what a jerk."

Amanda" Hes not a jerk and what do you care, you don't even celebrate this day anyway."

Lee" Maybe, but if I did I wouldn't cancel a date with a women."

Amanda" Yes you would probably, I mean what you do."

Lee" Fine, what was his excuse anyway."

Amanda" He said he had an emergency."

Lee" An emergency, he's a weatherman, what kinda emergency could he have?"

Amanda" Amanda I don't know, he just said he did like when anyone has one, you have them."

Lee" Amanda I'm a spy, as you insist on calling me, I save lives all he does is save you from being rained on an umbrella can do that."

Amanda" Well."

Lee" Come on lets go."

Amanda starts the engine.

Lee" No I didn't mean let's leave, I mean let's go into the restaurant."

Amanda" Why?"

Lee" Well, you wanted a valentines lunch didn't you, if anyone deserves one, you do Amanda." Amanda smiles, she looks like she's gonna bust, every now and then she can't belive how kind and considerate he is.

Lee" Here help me out of here, I think I need to straighten up."

She opens the back and he falls out, she trys to help him.

Lee" Amanda."

He stands up and he puts out his arm and they walk into the restaurant. Once inside they take a seat.

Lee" III be right back, I need to talk to the waiter."

Amanda sits and smiles, she even looks exited. Lee heads to the head waiter.

Lee" Excuse me, that lady there."

Markus" Mrs King."

Lee" Oh you know her."

Markus" Yes, quite well."

Lee" Well her date called an cancelled."

Markus", Yes I know sir, I took the call."

Lee" Yes well I'm the one who's with her now."

Markus", Yes sir."

Lee hears what he recognises as dissaprovel.

Lee" You have a problem?"

Markus" No sir."

Lee" It's alright I appreciate cander and I respect honest, you don't approve of me."

Markus" It just well sir, its just that I recognise you to Mr Steadman, you come in here quite often with many women but I must admit I'm surprised to see you here on Valentines Day."

Lee" Yeah well this isn't my usual thing, but go on."

Markus" It's just that Mrs King is a well, she deserves."

Lee" Someone other than a player, right?"

Markus" Yes sir."

He clears his throat.

Lee" Well you can relax, I'm not one with her, as a matter of fact Mrs King is a freind of mine, we work together that's all, I'm only here because her date the jerk cancelled, Dan."

Markus" His names Dean sir."

Lee" Whatever, anyway I think like you Mrs King is a very special person and she deserves the valentines celebration all of it all the romance, so if you wouldn't mind just bring it all on, moneys no object, alright."

Markus looks impressed and smiles at Lees generosity of her, but then again he does like Lee because he has always showed himself to be a true gentleman.

Markus" Very good sir."

Lee" Well good, ok."

Lee returns to the table.

Amanda" Is everything alright?"

Lee", Oh yes, yes Amanda, I just needed to sort something out."

Amanda smiles he smiles back, then the waiter Marcia comes over to their table."

Marcia" May I take your order."

Lee" Amanda, what would you like?"

Amanda" Well, I don't know what would you recommend and this menu looks different than it usually does."

Lee" Yeah it does, there are no single dishes."

Marcia" Oh yes sir, that's because its the valentines special."

Lee" Valentines special?"

Marcia" Yes sir, its the owners idea, he knows people go nuts for valentines and so he thought on this day only, they could have a shared meal. We had it last time to sir but you don't usually come in on this day Mr Steadman."

Lee clears his throat, Amanda just smiles.

Lee" Yes well(then he leans to Ananda) does everybody know that about me?"

Amanda" I think its wonderful, so romantic, like Lady and the Tramp, when they shared their meal, I love that movie."

Marcia" So does my girlfriend."

Markus clears his throat, signaling Marcia to take their orders.

Amanda" Do you mind Lee."

Lee" Well I really don't have much choice if we're gonna eat here do I, I mean for Godsake Amanda, I can handle a shared meal, so what do you want?"

Amanda" Well, I'm not sure, how big is this shared meal?"

Macia" Well, there are two sizes made, small or medium, most people really like desert on this day so."

Lee" How's the lasagne?"

Marcia" Wonderful, is that your order?"

Lee" Amanda?"

Amanda" Well, I prefer spaghetti bolognaise."

Lee" Alright, let's have that."

Amanda" Unless, you want lasagne."

Lee" No, thats fine, well have that."

Amanda" Yes that's fine.unless."

Lee" Amanda."

Amanda" Thats fine."

Marcia" And for desert."

Lee" Well how about the mascapone, its a warm day, I like vanilla, Amanda?"

Amanda" I like chocolate, can we have both mixed or something?"

Marcia" Yes mame, do you mean actully mixed or separate flavors on the dish?"

Lee" Just separate, if we want them mixed, we're do it ourselves, thankyou, oh and could we have some breadsticks please?"

Amanda" Yes thankyou and I like those two and some more water please, I drank most of it seating here."

Marcia" Yes of course, I'll be right back with your order, oh you forgot the salad."

Lee" Oh, the traditional Italian is delicious Amanda, trust me."

Amanda" Oh sounds wonderful."

Marcia" Very good I'll send the wine waiter over, with the menus."

The wine waiter comes over.

John" We have a wonderful selections of wines."

He hands them the list."

Lee" Amanda?" Do you want champagne?"

Amanda" No, you choose your the expert when it comes to wine, I just have it in boxes usually." Lee smiles.

Lee" How about kiante, keep it Italian."

Amanda" Yes that sounds wonderful."

John" Very good, I'll be right back."

They smile and he leaves, then another person comes over with a basket of roses.

Pauly" A rose for the lady."

Amanda smiles, he sees that and smiles back.

Lee" Yes thankyou."

The man gives him one single red 🌹 and then Lee gives it to Amanda.

Lee" Amanda."

Amanda smiles she loves his old fashion charm.

Amanda" Thankyou."

Lee smiles and they share a romantic moment. Then someone else comes over and starts serenadeing them. They just look at each other and the staff looks at them. But they no Lee, they no what a player he is. But it's ovious there's something more going on here.

Markus" Maybe we were wrong, it seems Mr Steadman cares for this lady, perfect choice."

The waitress Bonita" its like an old movie."

They watch and smile.

At the agency Francine returns, she's had her valentine lunch, it didn't end up like she planned.

Billy" What are you doing back here?"

Francine" Oh I was just catching up on some paper work."

Billy" Francine."

Francine" The jerk stuck me with the cheque, another dud, I'm used to them of course but anyway wheres Lee?"

Billy" I dont know, last time I saw him, he was crawling across tge floor like an idiot."

Francine", Trying to avoid his women, that surprises you."

Billy dosent look surprised, then they here a strange sound.

Francine", Whats that?"

Then she turns and looks, the tower of cards starts to fall to the floor.

Francine", Timber I knew It well if he thinks I'm gonna pick them up he's got another thing coming."

They hit the floor and she leaves them.

Francine" They can stay there for all I care."

Then the agent trys walking and one goes flying into the air then lands with a thud.

Francine" You might wanna put some ice on that."

Billy" Francine pick up the cards."

Francine", Their Lees cards!"

Billy" Francine, we can't have agents flying all over the place."

Francine" Fine, but tomorrow I'm gonna bring in some cards, drop them on the floor and he can pick them up."

Billy goes into his office and Francine picks up the cards.

Francine" Honestly, his women, if he didn't date so many,(she puts them on Lees desk) there don't fall over again."

Back at The Bistro.

The waitresses bring over the food.

Lee" Thankyou."

Amanda" Yes thankyou."

They enjoy a very romantic meal then just when their done, they are left with one meatball, they both look down at it.

Lee" You have it Amanda."

Amanda" No you have it Lee."

Lee" How about this I'll cut it in half."

She smiles and he takes the knife and slices it in half. The staff watch.

Kate" It's just like lady and the tramp."

Pauly" Sure if they used knifes and forks."

Kate" You have no romance in your soul."

They continue to watch, then after they bring them their dessert, they share their it with each other then after its over Lee smiles at her and Amanda smiles at him.

Marcia" Your bill sir."

Lee" Thankyou."

He looks at it then pays plus tips for everyone. Then he gets up and helps Amanda by showing his old fashion cortious nature. They leave the restaurant and get in the station wagon, this time Lee gets in the front seat.

Amslanda" Thankyou, that was wonderful."

Lee" Your welcome, I told you, you deserve that kind of treatment."

She smiles at him, he looks out the window.

Lee" So, what do you want to do now?"

Amanda" I dont know arnt we going back to the agency?"

Lee" And be accosted by all those women, oh no!"

Amanda" Well what would like to do?"

Lee" How about we tour Washington together."

Amanda" Lee, we both grew up in Washington, we've both seen the land marks."

Lee" We haven't seen them together, how about it, pretend we're tourists, an undercover."

Amanda" Alright."

Lee" Yeah, come on Amanda let's have some fun."

They smile at each other and drive off, they end up at the Lincoln Monument.

Lee" Would you look at that Amanda, it's just like the pyramids in Egypt. I mean wow, do you know how long it took to build that?"

Amanda" I know incredible, even my boys are impressed."

Lee" Yeah!"

Then he takes her hand and leads her to the Vietnam Memoriel. Lee looks at it and looks sad.

Amanda" Did you know alot of the people here?"

Lee" Some, their family's, but you know what this should be, for all solders, do you know why Amanda?"

Amanda" Why Lee?"

Lee" Because that's where these solders came from, they never would have been here if they haven't been born, so I think this represents all solders and their family lines."

Amanda smiles then squeezes his hand.

Amanda" Yes Lee."

Lee", Yeah."

They spend a few hours there then....

Lee" Let's go Amanda, I need to do something fun, there's enough sadness in the world, let's enjoy today, that's what these people gave their lives for, so we would have another day."

Amanda looks at him, he looks at her then he takes her hand and they walk away.

Amanda", So now what?"

Lee" How about the zoo."

Amanda" That sounds fun, I take my boys there with mother alot."

Lee" Great, and we can walk from here if you like, know better take the car, for all we know the weather could turn."

Amanda" Good idea."

They get in the station wagon and drive away. They end up at the zoo, the family's are having a great time, they go and look at the animals, holding hands the whole time.

Lee" You know Amanda, when I was a little boy, I used to think animals in a zoo, we're being held hostage and now I'm a man I know their safer there, because I've seen whats out there, I've seen poachers do terrible things."

Amanda" And tried to stop alot of it."

Lee shrugs.

Lee" Maybe, I was on a whaleling ship once, a freind asked for my help, I saw what they did to those beautiful creatures, I didn't like it, I've seen a whale up close Amanda, their peaceful creatures, like kittens of the ocean and dolphins are like dogs, but alot of the calm ones are sweet, the manettii and the sealions their lovely creatures, man has no right to do those awful things."

Amanda" No."

Lee" Right, so I help, you don't hurt the innocent, you protect them, I never understood Hitler, he liked animals but did awful things."

Amanda" I dont think anyone understands that man, maybe even his followeres. Such a love for animals, yet hurt so many people."

Lee" Some scientists say it wasn't his fault, he was born without a conciense, maybe."

Amanda" You know when I was little girl, I thought animals were safe behind cages, now I'm a woman, I think maybe, their a little trapped."

Lee", You know I was wrong Amanda."

Amanda", About what Lee?"

Lee" About you and me."

Amanda" What do you mean?"

Lee" I mean that time in the hospital, you know when you came to help me in that Blue Bell out fit of yours, I said the reason we don't get along is because, we never agree on any thing, I was wrong we agree on everything just never at the same time."

He smiles she smiles back at that comment. They continue to look at the animals. Amanda notices that he avoids the crocodiles and alligators and the bugs especially the spiders.

Lee" I hate spiders Amanda, creepy things don't get me wrong I won't crush them unless I have to." Amanda", They say its bad luck to kill a spider."

Lee" Well then it's a good thing I didn't kill the bug ladies pet."

Amanda" Bug lady."

Lee" Oh yeah, I met her on an assignment, she seemed nice so we dated and then, well I was at her apartment, you know the day after dinner. And I woke up and there was a movement in the sheet under it really, I thought she was being playful, then I heard her in the kichen. I thought if she's in there, what was it, her cat so I lifted back the sheet, I can tell you now it was no dam cat, if anything

it could properly eat them. It was a giant tranchella. I said I think one of your pets has gotten loose. Do you know what she said to me, no it hasn't gotten loose, I just let it out to stretch its legs every now and then. And you should have seen the size if it's legs, I couldn't get out of that bed fast enough, then it came after me. I said what the hells it trying to do eat me. She said no he thinks you want to play. I said I had to go and she said, hadn't you better put on some clothes, so I did next thing you know I was out the door."

Amanda" And you never went back."

Lee" Actually I did she was helping with an assignment, anyway I had dinner with her then we sat down and watched TV, she liked old movies, so I thought OK, then she went into that room and took her little darling out of his case."

Amanda" What did she do with it?"

Lee" She put it on her lap and asked me if I wanted to pet fluffy, can you belive that she called it fluffy. Come on she said he won't, won't bite I saw the teeth on that thing trust me it bites and I wasn't gonna stick around for that."

Amanda" So what did you do?"

Lee" I said I had to get to the agency, I'd forgotten I had to some some paper work, I saw her the next day, she helped me with the case and then I said good bye. You see she wanted some job in I can't remember where, but she couldn't get it, I made sure she got it. She didn't know, but she said goodbye and left and had spiderzilla shipped."

Amanda" Well where is she now?"

Lee" I dont care, I mean I hope she's alright, but I don't want to see her again, awww."

He starts shivering likes he's creeper out, Amanda can't help smiling at his little creeper out dance, walking funny and rubbing his suit like it's on him.

Amanda" What about?"

Lee" I dont like crocodiles either, I know you think I'm a James Bond, but you know that scene, where he uses them for stepping stones, you can't really do that you know."

Amanda" No."

Lee" No! It's like Jaws, you don't want to be around real sharks or phirana, these animals, anyway a crocodile dosnt like being touched, I was in Florida once and I was getting some gas and the thing just walked in, just strolled in without a care in the world. The guy behind the counter said, they do it all the time. But that's fine as long as I don't get trapped again, I was and I didn't pull my James Bond either, you step on a crocodile you could slip, for one thing they are slippery, but if you fell off, they would pounce on you and tear you to pieces, ah ha, yeah, they don't put that in the movie. You know I think I've figured them out, I think they like a challenge, they really only come after you if your running or you touch them, or if they want to, they are animals Amanda, but anyway I think when your in the water it's like running on land, when you move, I think that's it."

Amanda" So, stay away from them."

Lee" Yeah, that's how you avoid them, don't end up in the dam water in the first place. Come on I'll win you a stuffed animal."

He takes her hand and they go to the booth with the balls and bottles, Lee decides to impress Amanda with his baseball skills, she's already seen how he shoots. Of course he nails them everytime.

The man in the booth Jim" Come on lets see how you do with the advanced course." Lee throws the ball and of course he wins.

Jim" Alright, what are you a pro."

He gives Amanda the top prize a giant Teddy bear, but Amanda sees a little girl who obviously wants it.

Her daddy" I'm sorry honey, the lady won it."

The little girl, starts to cry.

Amanda" Here you go honey, I think he'd rather go home with you, besides I've got a panda and he'd be awfully jealous."

Her mommy" What do we say?"

Lucy" Thankyou."

She cuddles it so tight, while Lee watches and smiles while shaking his head, thats his Amanda.

The man in the booth is impressed so he offers her another choice, she chooses a little bear, just big enough to put on her desk.

The night draws in so they decide to leave.

Lee" Want to have dinner?"

Amanda" I can't."

Lee" Right, your mother has a date and you have dinner with the boys."

Amanda" I'd invite you, but you said."

Lee" Thats OK, I mean life of a single parent."

Amanda" Yeah, we have to share the responsibility of the boys and I like them to know this day isn't just for romance, it for love of any kind thats what the valentines for its to represent the heart and thats where all love comes from, it's a true symbol of kindness."

Lee" Thats what you are Amanda, the perfect word for you."

Amanda" You to Lee."

They smile then Lee walks her back to the car, she drives him back to the agency, so he can pick up his car. They drive onto the parking lot and Lee gets out.

Lee" Well, I'll see you tomorrow."

Amanda". Yeah tomorrow."

Lee" Have a nice dinner."

Amanda" Thankyou and you enjoy what ever your going to do."

Lee" Yeah, thankyou."

She drives away and out of the parking lot.

Back in the agency.

Lee goes to his desk.

Billy" Lee, what are you doing back here?"

Lee" Oh, I just came in to do some paper work."

Billy" It's quitting time Scarecrow, well at least for today."

Lee" So where are you off to?"

Billy" Oh me and Jeannie have plans, I mean I'm hardly home anyway, so I do my best to give her the special times."

Lee" Your a good man Billy and Jeannies a good woman."

Billy" The best and understanding, shed have to be with my job, so no plans?"

Lee" Not really."

He starts looking through his cards.

Billy" Something wrong?"

Lee" No, it's just."

Billy" Just what?"

He smiles, he knows what he's looking for.

Lee" I got a card from alot of women, I even got one from Francine."

Billy" Francine!"

Lee" Yeah, a funny valentine, be my valentine, fat chance."

Billy" Sounds like Francine alright."

Lee" But I didn't get one from."

Billy smiles, he knows who he's talking about.

Billy" From who?"

Lee" Oh know one, nothing."

He looks uncomfortable, then Billy sees something under his desk.

Billy" Oh what's that?"

Lee" What?"

Billy" That, under your desk."

Lee looks under his desk both ways and spots the card, he picks it up.

Lee" It's a friendship valentine and it's home made, just like her."

Billy" Who Scarecrow?"

Lee" Amanda, Be my friendship valentine, Amanda."

That puts a smile on Lees face and that puts a smile on Billys.

Billy" I guess she didn't forget."

Lee" What?"

Billy" Nothing see you tomorrow."

Lee" Yeah see you tomorrow."

Billy leaves and then Lee decides to leave to, the only card he takes is Amandas, on his way home he stops of at the florist, before it's destroyed. He looks around for the right ones. The young man behind the counter sees him.

Tony" May I help you sir."

Lee" Yeah, I mean I don't know, I'm looking for something but none of these are right."

Tony" Well my grandfather is out back, I'll go get him."

Lee" No that's OK, can I make up my own arrangement?"

Tony" Of course, what would you like?"

Lee" Those and these, yeah these and those, that's it, how much actually it doesn't matter, could you just deliver these to this address tonight."

Tony" Yes sir, I'll add them to my delivery."

Lee" Great and put this card in with them please, thankyou."

He places the card in the bouquet, but he dosnt leave he watches the delivery boy he follows him to 4247 Maplewood drive. The door opens and he watches as Amanda takes the flowers.

Amanda" Thankyou."

Tony" Your welcome mame."

He leaves

Amanda" Oh wait your tip."

Tony" Oh no mame its all payed for.

He smiles then leaves, Amanda closes the door. Dotty comes over.

Dotty" Oh how wonderful dear, Dean sent you flowers."

There not from Dean mother."

Dotty" Oh."

Amanda" It's a friendship bouquet mother."

Dotty" With red roses, oh look there's a card."

She grabs the card.

Dotty reads it out loud,

Roses are red.

Violets are blue.

Valentine isnt so bad.

When I spend it with you.

Nice friendship card dear."

Dotty walks away and Amanda smiles and sniffs the flowers. Outside Lee watches as Dotty leaves on her date, then he goes around the back of the house, but he doesn't tap on the window like he usually does instead he just watches Amanda, she seem to sense him but dosent relise it. She just continues to and laugh with her boys, while Lee watches and smiles and in a way relises he did get to spend the whole day with Amanda.

Back in the present.

Marcia" Was everything alright?"

Lee" Perfect as always, thankyou."

Amanda" Yes thankyou."

John" I have your coffee."

Amanda" Thankyou."

Lee" Yes thankyou."

John" Your welcome as always, we always take care of our favorite customers."

Amanda" You always take care of everyone."

Lee" Indeed every time."

Marco" You know papa."

Amanda" For a while now."

Lee" Absolutely, impeccable, everything."

Barry" There's your bill, when your ready."

Lee" Ready Darling."

Amanda" Yes dear."

Lee helps her on with her coat as always and then they leave, they walk over to the station wagon and get in, they smile at each and touch hands they start the car and drive off.

Happy 💝 Day.