

SIRKO

What a pleasant surprise.

DEXTER

We both know you can't kill me here.

SIRKO

Oh, I can. But I won't. Has to be some vestige of civility left even in this corner of the world.

DEXTER

You call shooting at me in a donut shop civil?

SIRKO

I was short on time and opportunity. Barman, can I have a beer for my friend, Dexter Morgan? Now we can both relax. Unlike most places on the planet, everyone's welcome here.

DEXTER

You thought your enemies wouldn't follow you into a gay bar?

SIRKO

No. I thought I'd feel comfortable in a gay bar. Ironic, isn't it? I always feared the Brotherhood would learn my secret and turn against me. Now they've turned against me anyway, and none the wiser about this. I will have to thank you for slitting that assassin's throat. You might have saved my life. But you must explain to me your aversion to guns sometime.

DEXTER

It's complicated.

SIRKO

I can imagine it is.

DEXTER

You should cut your losses, Isaak. Go back to Kiev.

SIRKO

There's nothing waiting for me back in Kiev... except for a large, well-staffed house... ..and an attractive secretary who occasionally pretends we're an item to keep the rumours from circulating. The one thing that made my life worth living in Kiev...you tossed in the ocean a few weeks back.

DEXTER

You and Viktor were—

SIRKO

Lovers. More than that. You took from me the one thing that money and power can't bring back. And now thanks to you, also the luxuries are gone too.

DEXTER

Not because of me. Because of this vendetta you're holding on to.

SIRKO

And what did you do to the man who murdered your spouse?

DEXTER

Nothing you wouldn't have done. Nothing I wouldn't do a thousand times over again.

SIRKO

Did it help?

DEXTER

She's still dead. I can see that Viktor meant a great deal to you but he was a killer and he got what he deserved. My wife was innocent.

SIRKO

And if she weren't, you'd feel the same. That's how love is. It's a powerful weapon. It can work for us or against us, can't it?

DEXTER

I don't understand much about love.

SIRKO

Well, that's because you're a scientist. Love defies reason.

DEXTER

Nothing defies reason.

SIRKO

Logically, Viktor and I shouldn't have been together. I mean, aside from the obvious social stigma...Viktor was impulsive, foolhardy even. Always out to prove something. I suppose the heart knows something that we just don't know.

DEXTER

Or maybe the heart is just wrong.

SIRKO

Oh, I doubt that. Love can be inconvenient, perhaps inappropriate. It can be dangerous. Make us do things we wouldn't dream of doing. But wrong? That just depends...on where we end up, doesn't it?

DEXTER

We don't have to do this.

SIRKO

I do have to do this.

DEXTER

And then what?

SIRKO

Then? Well, I hadn't really thought about it. Suppose I'll take my funds, find some little attractive corner of the world... and while away my days in comfort and anonymity.

DEXTER

Argentina.

SIRKO

Actually, I was thinking more like Micronesia, but each to their own. We're outsiders, you and I. On the periphery. Watching everybody else. Pretending we're just like them, but knowing we're not. Best we can hope for is to find a place where we don't have to pretend. It's a shame, really. Under different circumstances, I think we could have been great friends. Till next time.