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He sucks in the smoke and coughs it out immediately. notices amused.

LAURA

I fuckin' loved it, man! The creeps my sister brings home wouldn't stop. If they did, they'd stop to help the guy beat me up. They wouldn't give two-shits about a dog.

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ENES

Once, I saw a dog on the street, sniffing through garbage. All of sudden a boy pulled out pistol and shot him. There was nothing to do.

LAURA

Why didn't you kill the motherfucker.

ENES

Because he still had more bullets. And he was looking at me the same way as the dog.

Laura observes him, taking a long puff on the joint.

CRYSTAL, Laura's sister, in a STRIPPER'S COSTUME, bursts into the room.

Laura tries very unsuccessfully to conceal the joint.

CRYSTAL

For Christ's sake, Laura, quit smoking my stasb. (looking at Enes)

Who the fuck is this?

LAURA

He's a friend.

CRYSTAL

Yeah? What's your name?

LAURA

Eenes.

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CRYSTAL

(laughs) Great name. Rhymes with penis.

Crystal removes her coat. Underneath, she wears only a red bra, panties, garters and stockings. She takes stripping outfits from the closet and tosses them on the bed.

ENES

(he can't keep from gawking at her) My name is "Ehn - nis".

CRYSTAL

(catching his gaze) I don't care what your name is. I want him out.

LAURA

But --

CRYSTAL

No buts. No smoking my dope. No fucking in my room. First the dog, now him. In case you haven't noticed, it's crowded in here.

She picks out an outfit and dresses.

CRYSTAL (CONT'D)

I need the place to myself tonight. (turning her back)

Zip me up.

Laura zips her up. Crystal takes a twenty out of her purse and gives it to Laura.

CRYSTAL (CONT'D)

Go see a movie or something. (pointing at Enes) Don't fuck with my sister.

She grabs her cost and storms out. After an awkward moment, Laura lights the roach and inhales deeply.

LAURA

I gotta get outta this fucking dump.