ehind KIRBY is hanging up MISTLETOE

KIRBY There now were ready

worrying about girls drafting table with color pencils, God KIRB I swear + ++++-TIM (working c IRB I so need, right

paper and ney come on man you said you were gonna be cool with this (picking up into fireplace Hey come on man you KIRBY tossing

Besides these chicks are fine and guaranteed score if you know what I mean.

TIM

(engrossed in drawing) That's what scares me, I know exactly what you mean.

KIRBY
Tim you have got to lighten up
bro, you know what I'm sayin?
(lighting the mismatched
candles on the table he set)
Hey, what do you think?

TIM (looking over to the setting of plastic and glass) A masterpiece

Just then there is a KNOCK on the door

KIRBY (excited)

There here!
(then whispers)
Ok now remember be cool

KIRBY opens the DOOR

KIRBY (bobbing up and down) Whas up ladies

CU of ASHLEY and JERRICA (They are both dressed in skimpy mini skirts. both are very attractive but sleazy) ASHLEY is SMILING and JERRICA is SMACKING GUM

JERRICA Well that just depends on you

They walk in past KIRBY and he bites his finger and gestures to TIM that they are SMOKIN FINE!

KIRBY (leading girls over

Tim)
Tim I'd like you to meet Jerrica
and.... (gestures "for YOU")
Ashley!

ASHLEY gets right up in his face and all he sees is ECU of her BREASTS .

TIM Nice to meet you

ASHLEY
I've heard so much about you is it true your a black belt in karate?

KIRBY
Well we'll let you two get to
know each other...Come on sweet
you can help me.

(pinching her on the
butt)

JERRICA (provocatively)
Oh..bad boy....behave yourself

They leave room and we focus on TIM and ASHLEY

TIM
(turning from work on chair to face her)
Yes its true...and what exactly do you do?

ASHLEY
(shaking her breasts)
Didn't Kirby tell you I'm a
dancer...like Jerrica!

TIM (nodding up and down)
I see...so what do you do for fun?

ASHLEY (thinking)

I sleep?

CUT to MS of the FOUR sitting eating DINNER

KIRBY
I hope you two like what we made
Tim made the corn and rolls and
I! I made the brats!
(holding the dish of
brauts in front of them)

JERRICA
Ooooh and I just love the flavor
(licking her top lip)
and taking one from dish)

ASHLEY What flavor are they?

KIRBY Beer of coarse what else is there?

ASHLEY (taking one)
Oh yes beer of course how silly of me.

They all begin EATING (fifteen seconds of quiet)

TIM
So you guys make pretty good money or what?

JERRICA
Oh about \$400.00 a night

TIM (choking)

really?

KIRBY
Hec yea man these girls make bucks didn't you know that.
They know where it's at.

TIM And all you do is...

ASHLEY
Take our clothes off...mmhmmm

JERRICA But for you guys there's no charge

KIRBY
Hello, did you hear that Timmy
I think santa clause came early
this year!

JERRICA (to Ashley)
I told you he's an animal, Ha animal, drummer get it

ASHLEY (blank face trying to understand)

JERRICA You know sesame street ASHLEY Oh yea! I love the muppets!

TIM (rolling his eyes) So don't you guys feel like your selling part of yourselves?

ASHLEY (slow to comprehend)

What?

JERRICA
We don't sell anything if that's what your getting at.

TIM
No, I don't mean that. I mean..
inside of you...your being your soul.

KIRBY
(mouth full of food)
What Tim is trying to say is do
you guys think you have some
kind a spirit

TIM
(hand to his head)
Kirby.....actually what I mean
is like your giving away part of
you. Something that's sacred you
know?

ASHLEY is just looking at him like she is ready to CRY-

JERRICA
No way, It's just business you
just go in there turn it off,
suck out every penny you can
get and leave. Simple as that
just business

ASHLEY
(looking at Tim like
she is in love)
No...no that...that was beautiful
You think I'm sacred? I never heard
anything like that before

KIRBY
(getting up)
Hey listen while you guys talk
sacred stuff well go sit by the

fire. Here if your not done just bring it lets go sit by the fire (to Jerrica)

ASHLEY (waving them on) Yea you guys go

KIRBY
(stops and whispers
to Tim)
You aint blowin this one for me

CUT to ASHLEYS face just smiling at TIM

ASHLEY
(finishing her food
her girlish accent slowly begins
to fade)
You know It's really hard at
Christmas, families, people in love

TIM
(slowing down his chewing and just looking at her)

ASHLEY
I don't know it just seems like something's missing...I don't know I guess it was something you said...you know about the soul thing?

TIM
(just staring at her and wiping his hands)
Is this the same girl I was talking to a few minutes ago?

ASHLEY (pausing)
No....that whole thing its just like this big act....you do it so much it starts coming home with you...you lose yourself.

TIM (just staring into her eyes)

ASHLEY (grabbing her arms)
I'm kind of cold

CUT to their POV of KIRBY and JERRICA by fireplace playing touchie-feelie

TIM
Well it looks like fireside is spoken for

ASHLEY
Do you have any sweats I could put on?

TIM

Sure come on

They get up and she follows him into his ROOM. He hands her some sweats and leaves

TIM

here you go

ASHLEY (smiling)

Thank you

CUT to TIM sitting back at DRAWING TABLE working on drawing

CUT to TIMS POV as ASHLEY comes out of ROOM she looks totally different. Her hair is wet and combed STRAIGHT instead of hair sprayed to death and most of her MAKEUP is gone. She lifts her arms breifly as to say "here I am"

CUT to TIM he is just looking at her in awe. She walks over to him and looks down at his work. JERRICA noticing her walking by says..

JERRICA Hey Ash what is this? you getting ready for bed or what?

KIRBY
Hey you guys want to hear some music?

TIM
Yea Kirb, put on somethin mellow

JERRICA Yea Kirb like some Metallica

TIM Metallica?! I was thinking more along the lines of Stanley J.

ASHLEY
Hey if Jerr ell listen to metal
be glad usually its thrash

Cool you like Pantera?

JERRICA Tear it up baby

TIM
(jumping up)
Wait! wait lets compromise...
(taking out a CD and inserting in player)
We can all relate to the fact that its christmas time right?

CUT to KIRB and JERRICA nodding sarcastically

TIM
(puts on MARIAH C-MAS)
Great, then there we have it!

TIM goes back and sits at drawing table. KIRB and JERRICA get up

KIRBY Fine, then this calls for the egg-nog you guys want some?

EVERYONE says YES/sure

KIRBY

Spiked?

JERRICA (going to draw-table)

Yes please

TIM

NO

ASHLEY
(responding at same time as Tim)
Sure, wait no just plain

KIRBY (pointing in memory) comin right up

JERRICA So what's this?

TIM
I was just um...working on our album cover...for our first CD when we make it

CUT to ECU of drawing (it shows two paths going out from one in a beautiful setting and says CHOICES)

It's just an idea we all need to agree on it first

ASHLEY Choices, is that the name of you guys' band?

TIM
No, we don't even have a name
yet. That was for the album

JERRICA
You know Tim I know where your coming from. What you said earlier...Its even portrayed in your drawing....Ive been there I know, I've gone that route... And it got me nowhere....I cant live on promises anymore. At least now I don't have to be afraid all the time. Will I make my rent, will I make my car payment, will I be able to eat!

TIM
(with much concern)
You turned

JERRICA Yes I did..ANGEL LINA is dead

TIM

Angelina?

ASHLEY

Her real name

TIM

What?

ASHLEY And mine is Melody

TIM (confused and scratching his head)
Ok

JERRICA
Look so what, you do it long
enough and you become someone
else. And the way Im doin now
I don't so much as mind it

TIM
So your mind is made up? thats
it?

**JERRICA** 

Yes....it is

God I cant believe that...I mean you were there, you know...You Know when you first got here I thought you were...

(gesturing I don't know) But now I see so much more in you, just hearing you talk now

SLOW christmas music is playing in the BACKGROUND

JERRICA
Yea well it doesn't matter
anymore
(acting cold to it)
I don't care

We see ASHLEY is about ready to CRY

TIM
(turns to Ashley and puts his arm around her) hey.....I'm sorry

ASHLEY (weeping on Tims shoulder)
I don't want to do it anymore.

CUT to KIRBY walking back into the ROOM with the EGG-NOG

He STOPS and stops himself from speaking. His smile goes to a look of WONDER

CUT back to MS of TIM, JERRICA and ASHLEY

I'd like you to meet Angelina and Melody

CUT to KIRBY

KIRBY

What? who?

CUT back to TIM, JERRICA and ASHLEY. JERRICA smiles like yea so what and ASHLEY smiles softly through the tears a waves gently below her chin. FADE

15 NICK AND CASS' BEDROOM NITE

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CASS is lying in bed reading and NICK comes in holding his GUITAR. He stops and LOOKS at her then sets the guitar down and gets in bed. CASS comes close to him and puts her head against his shoulder.

CASS Penny for your thoughts?

NICK
Oh I'm just having a tough time with this song I'm writing you

CASS

Writing me!

NICK Yea I don't know its just weird