

Stacee Jaxx + Constance

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SHERRIE

Oh, no. Drew and I are just friends.

WAITRESS #1

Ten bucks I get Stacee's room key before you even get a hello.

(DREW stammers. Meanwhile, a REPORTER (CONSTANCE) approaches STACEE...)

CONSTANCE

Stacee. *(Extends hand.)* Constance Sack. *Kerrang! Magazine?* We spoke on the phone.

STACEE JAXX

Oh, right! *(To whoever might be listening.)* Cover story. Let's do this.

(STACEE leads her to a table.)

CONSTANCE

Stacee Jaxx. Here we are back at The Bourbon Room. The club where you and Arsenal got your start, and many fans were shocked to hear that this will be the last time Arsenal will play together.

STACEE JAXX

I know. Painful.

CONSTANCE

Even though "I Want Your Cans" is still doing considerably well on the Billboard charts, why the split?

STACEE JAXX

Connie...may I call you Connie?

CONSTANCE

Actually, I prefer -

STACEE JAXX

Connie, Arsenal is a living thing. It breathes, it creates, it changes. We just felt Arsenal had done all it could do in its current manifestation.

GUITARIST

(From the stage.) Fuck you, Stacee!

STACEE JAXX

(Laugh.) I love my band!

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CONSTANCE

Well, what was the thing that made you want to go in this other direction?

STACEE JAXX

Solo? Probably the touring, the grind. Five guys cooped up in a luxury bus with nothing but booze, drugs, girls constantly chowin' on each other when you're tryin' to watch your soaps. And the sushi you get in the Midwest? Did you know there's no ocean there?

CONSTANCE

I did, yes.

STACEE JAXX

I'm just a man with feelings, Constance, and the road... It finally just (*Choked up.*) -

CONSTANCE

It's okay, Stacee.

STACEE JAXX

Dammit, I don't know if I want to talk about this!

CONSTANCE

Well, you don't have to if you -

[MUSIC NO. 07 "WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE"]

STACEE JAXX

IT'S ALL THE SAME
ONLY THE NAMES HAVE CHANGED
EV'RY DAY, IT SEEMS WE'RE WASTIN' AWAY

(*Points to his face.*) Real tears.

ANOTHER PLACE WHERE THE FACES ARE SO COLD
I'D DRIVE ALL NIGHT
JUST TO GET BACK HOME
I'M A COWBOY
ON A STEEL HORSE I RIDE
I'M WANTED

And recently divorced.

DEAD OR ALIVE!

WANTED!

DEAD OR ALIVE!

(*Shoots panties into the crowd.*) Panties.

CONSTANCE

You are so brave. I mean, being so candid as you embark on this new solo career.