

STIFF_ Vanessa Verkamp

Saul

You, my dear...you. You are something incredible, let me tell you. I have seen many an actress in my day and I have never, never... been moved...like that. That was...life... up there. I'm serious, I'm blown away.

Vanessa

You just love me because I'm beautiful.

Saul

You're beautiful?! I've never noticed before.

Vanessa

Oh you!

Saul

I'll put it in the next press release "this just in!"

Vanessa

You are such a meanie.

Saul

You are...

Vanessa

What?

Saul

...incredible.

Vanessa

You already said that.

Saul

It's all my mind can think of.

Vanessa

Oh I'm sure you can think of a little more than that.

Saul

(Robert has come out during the previous exchange) Yes...but uh...Robert and Stanley are over there and I think they are just looking at us. So you know...they're my friends...it's awkward.

Vanessa
What's awkward about it?

Saul
It just is.

Vanessa
What are they doing?

Saul
Just staring at us.

Vanessa
They're just standing there staring at us?

Saul
Yes

Vanessa
Why are they doing that?

Saul
Well, I'm sure I could guess.

Vanessa
What do they expect us to do?

Saul
I don't know, I just think it's a little much for them...so soon.

Vanessa
(after a moment) Okay.

Saul
Here...take a cab home tonight. You deserve it.

Vanessa
Thank you.

Saul
Thank you, for walking into my life and up on this stage.

Vanessa

You're welcome, Theodore. Bye, Stanley. Bye, Robert.

Stanley

Bye. Grea- good work tonight.

Vanessa

Thank you. I really felt like I took some strides tonight, and the script is simple enough.
I'm just going to grab my things. (*she exits*)