

SLEEPY VETERAN - FINAL

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INT. CABIN - DAY

LIGHTS UP ON 3 PEOPLE: CAROLINE, JASON and DARA in a cabin.

DARA

...And in here we have the heart of the AirBNB, it's only the cosiest living room you've EVER stayed in.

CAROLINE

It's gorgeous! I love the decor.

JASON

We're gonna have a great weekend here.

DARA

Yes. So let me show you around. Over here you have the fireplace, it comes with fire. Here we have a beautiful view of Lake Burst.

As DARA shows them around, they all walk through the space. DARA stops at a corner and pulls a blanket off the floor. Underneath is a SLEEPING VETERAN.

DARA

And here we have a sleepy veteran.

CAROLINE

Ooooh.

JASON

Does he wake up, or?

DARA

No, he does not. He's always sleeping. If he's not sleeping, he's very sleepy. What else...

CAROLINE

Do you know which war he is from?

DARA

Yes, Vietnam. He's been in this house for 36 years but on the Earth for around 60. It's said he dreams of biscuits.

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JASON

Cool.

CAROLINE

Dara, can you show us how to switch on the fireplace?

DARA

Yes.

DARA walks to the fireplace. She throws a log in it.

SLEEPY VETERAN snores a little.

DARA

So that's how. And any noise comes out of the sleepy veteran, don't worry about it. He's old.

JASON

He ties the room together very well.

DARA

Yes! And also the windows come with blackout curtains, if you need that extra piece of peace.

CAROLINE

Great. Oh, one more thing, is there a wifi network?

DARA

Sure.

DARA pulls a paper with the wifi info out of her blouse.

SLEEPY VETERAN smiles and smacks his lips in his sleep.

JASON

Aw.

CAROLINE

Biscuits.

DARA

Aw. So, if you'd like to pick up a bottle of "Pinto Noir" there's a Booze n' Beyond on Route 26, and a nice jazz record on the shelf. But if you get into "the mood", the love mood, try not to get any sex on the sleeping veteran. Though

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DARA (cont'd)
he's probably caked in it after all
these years of sleeping here.

CAROLINE
Do we need to do anything else with
him? Feed him, water him?

DARA
No, just enjoy him. Like I said,
he's always sleepy, never not
sleepy. If you have any other
questions, I'll be at The Lamb's
Head eating meatloaf alone.

SLEEPING VETERAN suddenly stirs. He yawns for a few seconds.
They watch him in silence. SLEEPING VETERAN settles.

DARA
Their meatloaf is award-winning,
and perfectly warm. The Lamb's
Head, that is.

JASON
Oh, thanks. You know, for a second
there I thought the sleepy veteran
was about to wake up.

DARA
Don't make me say it again - he
does not wake up, he's sleeping.
And if he's not sleeping, he's-

ALL
Very sleepy.

DARA
And help yourselves to the Coca
Cola in the kitchenette.

KNOCK on the door.

DARA
Excuse me.

DARA opens the door. MAINTENANCE DAVE enters with a broom.

DAVE
Ey, I'm here to do maintenance.

DARA
You were supposed to come earlier.
I have guests now.

CAROLINE
Oh, we don't mind!

JASON
Yes, please go ahead! We still have
a lot of unpacking to do.

As JASON and CAROLINE begin to unpack their bags,

MAINTENANCE DAVE walks to the wall, hammers in some loose
nails and sweeps the floor. He then stretches the veteran's
arms out a little, pulls the blankets tightly over him and
gives him a little kiss on the head.

DAVE
Told ya before Dara, if ya flush
paper towels, the drain will get
clogged. And if you unblanket the
veteran, he'll get chilly. Alright,
I'll be back next week.

DARA
Okay. And call me about Thursday, I
still have a spare ticket to
"Flyin' Solo: A Documentary of the
Goose"

DAVE
Yeah, yeah, yeah.

MAINTENANCE DAVE exits.

DARA
Alright now let me finally get
outta your hair. Let me know if you
have any problems with anything -
fire place, bears, veteran.

CAROLINE
Thank you!

DARA exits. CAROLINE and JASON hug.

JASON
Honey, we can finally do what we
came here to do!

JASON AND CAROLINE
Set fire to the forest!

BLACKOUT.