Dictoria

Nice day to take them to the park. Want to?

Dad? Mom wants to talk to you...

He hands Eric the phone.

We're off to the park, I'll call you later.

And snaps the phone shut. The four of them move off together-

--as Zoe turns back to her meeting with determined bravado--

ZOE Okay then! Back on track!

EXT. PARK-DAY

Luke and play-date Jason on the monkey bars; Eric and Victoria stretched out in the grass nearby.

VICTORIA Jason! Careful not to kick!

She rolls over closer to Eric, eyes him inquisitively.

VICTORIA (CONT'D)

I bet our lives are a lot alike in some ways.

ERIC

Like how?

VICTORIA

Well, were both married to Type-A's who end up running on empty by the time they get home, no?

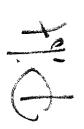
ERIC Your husband's a...

Director of South American Emerging Markets, Smith Barney. Eighty-hour weeks and a chronic case of jet-lag. We get to it twice a month if we're lucky.

You're talking about getting to the theatre, right?

She kicks him, playful.

Hortzaton





VICTORIA
No, I'm not talking about the theatre. I bet you can be absolutely infuriating.

Victoria 3/3

ERIC

Why?

VICTORIA

This whole ironic-distance thing you've got going on. It's very sort of charming but it makes you so hard to read.

Control Hy

Yeah, it's a cry for help.

VICTORIA

She shifts a little closer.

See?

VICTORIA (CONT'D)
Okay, here goes. The only safe
affair is between two people who
are married with young kids and
committed to staying in those
marriages. Nobody's going to fall
in love; everybody just has a good
time and goes home.

Man South

ERIC Like, friends with benefits.

VICTORIA Like that, yes. And please don't make a joke.

He meets her gaze, unflinching, and smiles, genuine.

ERIC
I won't. And if I'm understanding
you correctly, I'm very flattered.
But here's the thing? I don't get
nearly enough sex at home, either.
But where I'm kind of twisted? It
means it never gets stale, it means
I'm in a kind of perpetual state of
wanting her.

She smiles and nods, not so much in concession as in taking up a gauntlet. A JINGLING MELODY sounds, off.

VICTORIA She's luckier than she knows.

Dad!? The ice cream truck!?

He gets to his feet.