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

LUKE
Dad? Mom wants to talk to you...
He hands Eric the phone.

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

ERIC
Your husband's a...

VICTORIA
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.

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

She kicks him, playful.

~~KICK SOME
ASS~~

~~NO MORE~~

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

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.

ERIC
Yeah, it's a cry for help.

VICTORIA
See?

She shifts a little closer.

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.

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.

~~ERIC (OO)~~
Dad!? The ice cream truck!?

He gets to his feet.