

RITA

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PAIGE

I - ummm - I -

DIANE

Are you okay?

PAIGE

Yeah. It's just - it's painful stuff that I haven't - you know - thought about for a while, but I'm glad you said something.

DIANE

I don't mean to open old wounds. I just wanted to thank you. After you reamed me out on the "L" that time, I never thought you'd ever speak to me again. I missed you.

Gwen joins them.

GWEN

The melons are shit, so I got strawberries. Oh, hi, Diane.

Gwen puts her basket down and gives Diane a warm hug. Paige watches, waiting for something more to happen, but there is no tension on Gwen's part. Clearly, Gwen doesn't know anything about their father's affair, and Paige realizes this fact.

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INT. THORNTON HOUSE / KITCHEN - NIGHT

128

Paige loads the dishwasher. When her mother comes in the back door, Paige barely looks up.

RITA

(enthused)

Well, hello there, stranger.

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Paige doesn't say anything, keeps loading the dishwasher.

RITA (CONT'D)

Where have you been all day?

PAIGE

(testing Rita)

I bumped into Diane Chain at the store...

RITA

(evasive)

Oh...?

(beat)

And how is Diane?

Rita Rev. 1/3

"THE YOU"

PAIGE

Mom...

RITA

How does lasagna sound for dinner?

PAIGE

So you're just gonna "W.A.S.P it away,"  
is that it?

RITA

(RE: her head)

You're confused.

PAIGE

Don't use my accident to rewrite history.  
I know about Dad's affair.

Rita stops.

RITA

All I want is for you to have a good life  
again. I never wanted you to find out  
the first time.

PAIGE

How could you stay with him after that?

RITA

I took a vow.

PAIGE

Well, so did Dad, and he obviously *broke*  
it.

RITA

Our marriage is our business.

PAIGE

And you think it *doesn't* affect me and  
Gwen?

RITA

Of course it does. You were so  
devastated when you found out - I wanted  
to spare Gwen that pain.

Paige takes this in.

PAIGE

Which is why Gwen acted all fine around  
Diane at the store. She still has no  
idea, does she?

Rita Rev. 2/3

Rita holds her daughter's stare.

RITA

You found out and you just turned off -  
from your whole life, you shut down. I  
couldn't risk that happening to Gwen too.

PAIGE

"Shut down"? Did you ever consider that  
maybe I turned on? Became the person I  
really am and not the one you and Dad  
wanted?

Rita looks down, guiltily.

PAIGE (CONT'D)

Gwen needs to know.

RITA

(warning)

Paige - please.

PAIGE

Well, I can't stick around here and keep  
this a secret from my own sister.

(oh my god)

That's why I left, isn't it?

Paige stares daggers into her mother's eyes. Rita begins  
to tear up. Paige grabs the car keys off the counter and  
runs out the door.

**END**

129 EXT. THORNTON HOUSE - DAY

Paige drives off. Rita calls after her to stop, but Paige  
keeps going.

130 INT/EXT. LAKE SHORE DRIVE - EVENING

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Paige is not supposed to be driving and does so  
erratically. Once again, she looks out of it (almost  
stoned) as she did in the hospital. She turns and drives  
down a ONE-WAY STREET the WRONG DIRECTION. On-coming cars  
HONK and SWERVE. Paige swerves the other way and comes to  
an abrupt STOP.

131 EXT. ALLEY / LEO'S APARTMENT - EVENING

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Leo and Lina, arm in arm, walk up the alley behind Leo's  
building. He looks up and spots Paige sitting on his back  
staircase. Lina and Leo exchange a few silent looks.

LINA

I'll, ummm... Why don't we just-

Rita Rev. 3/3