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DEVORE

I love how he gets so close to "brothers" them sells them out the first chance he

CRUZ

This could lead to a nice photo op with

DEVORE

When was the last time Noble talked to

CRUZ

Two weeks ago - for some article.

**LEVORE** 

It's got be within seventy-two hours or it's hearsay

Just get the warrant signed, Rita.

DEVORE

Set up an op. Get some proof. Then I'll write your warrant.

DeVore heads off.

CRUZ

How many people do we need?

DEVORE

At least twenty people going in and out of that house.

As DeVore exits, we go out on Hosco and Cruz--

21 INT. COUNSELOR'S OFFICE - DAY

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We focus on sign that says "Do you know your kids?" BACK and see Yokas and Emily arguing in front of a black, nononsense counselor, SONDRA RICHARDS, 40s.

YOKAS

I told her not to bring him to the house!

EMILY

Not inside.

YOKAS

She plays games.

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EMILY

(to Sondra)

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She never said he couldn't walk me home. I remember the house thing, but she's acting like she caught us inside.

SONDRA

Sounds like there's a breakdown in  $\ensuremath{\mathcal{X}}$  communication.

YOKAS

Yes and she broke it.

SONDRA

(to Yokas)

Did you tell her he wasn't allowed in the house or did you say she wasn't allowed to hang out with him?

YOKAS

Now you're playing word games with me.

SONDRA

 $_{\gamma}$  I'm only asking a question.

YOKAS

This boy put her in a coma. I would think she'd be mature enough to get that she is not allowed near him.

SONDRA

 $_{_{\mathcal{Y}}}$  She apparently didn't get that.

**EMILY** 

See? I told you she wasn't clear.

YOKAS

Give me a break.

SONDRA

Your daughter sounds like she was  $\gamma$  confused by your instruction.

YOKAS

My daughter is not confused. She's being a smart-ass and I do not appreciate it.

Emily rolls her eyes.

SONDRA

Why don't you tell Emily why you don't  $\gamma$  want her to see Eric?

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Yokas takes a beat. This is ridiculous. Sondra waits.

## YOKAS

Why don't I want her to see him? (off Sondra's look)

Because she's fifteen. Because she's my kid. Because if the special K didn't work then they'll try a little X or some heroin. Then Eric starts dealing to all the little kids and a crew starts coming to her because they know she's got the hook up. Eric ODs at an unsupervised party but by now Emily's getting a cut. She switches from Loehmans' to Saks and there's no way she's going back. So when little Suzy Smith turns up in the ER, and I get called, she pins Emily for selling her the dope. She and Eric both land in juvie but when they're released she gets knocked up by this mope. And to keep her from turning an occasional trick, genius decides for the two of you to start dealing drugs out of club bathrooms. Meanwhile, I'm sitting at home - a widow after her father's heart exploded from the stress - wondering why I didn't lock this Skell up in the first place.

Yokas is exhausted. The counselor and Emily are dumbfounded. A long beat.

SONDRA

Emily, can you give us a minute?

EMILY

Yeah.

Emily leaves. Yokas sits there, struggling to stay calm.

YOKAS

I can't handle this right now-- She hates me, my partner and I are on the outs and--

SONDRA

Take a deep breath--

YOKAS

She thinks she has the will power to be around Eric and just say no. She doesn't.