FADE IN:

EXT. HIGHWAY- NIGHT

A Cadillac is driving on down the highway and

passes a political billboard with featuring Chico Hererra's bright smile. TIt readings—"REFORM PARADISE LOST. VOTE CHICO HERERRA FOR—L.A. CITY COUNCILMAN. TO Chico is a half—way good looking, twenty-six-year-old politician, whose physical appeal is heightened by his—intelligence and charm.

CADILLAC

A David Bowie C.D. is playsing. Serena is a small framed, raven-haired, beautiful woman, about twenty five years old. She is drivingdrives, while Josh lies unconscious in the passenger seat next to her. Josh is the epitome of epitomizes tall, dark, and handsome. His physical features are looks dashing, even when he i's drunk.

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She looks back at Josh and runs her right hand through his hair. She's frantic.

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Still unconscious, Josh snorts and starts dry heaving.

| Serena's frantic state is heightened becomes more frantic.

SERENA

Oh my God--

The car behind her, honks. Serena looks up and sees the light is green. The car honks again. Serena flips him off.

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She pulls the car off to the side of the road. Josh is still dry heaving. She stops the car, places her hand on her forehead and gives a sighs. She looks over at Josh, then turns around to open her door.

ROADSIDE

She steps out of the car, and walks in back around to Josh's side, then opens

his door. He almost falls out of the car. She grabs and holds onto him as best she can, struggling to keep balance. He is awaken at this point, looks at her, and smiles.

JOSH

Serena.

He quickly loses consciousness again, and hH is body convulses, as his dry heaving becomes more intense.

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He continues convulsing and starts to pukes all over himself -- and partly onto her hands and arms. She struggles to move him out of the car., and hHe throws up on the ground as she caresses his head.

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SERENA

(she laughs)

Some first date you were. I would guess that chick never wants to see your face, again.

(she laughs)

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SERENA

This reminds me of that sonnet by uh... Millay. These last few lines within it. Remember?

(she recites the last few lines of the poem.)

She looks off into the dark sky.

SERENA

"It well might be that in a difficult hour, pinned down by pain and moaning for release, or nagged by want past resolution's power, I may be driven to sell your love for peace, or trade the memory of this night for food. It well may be; I do not think I would."

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She closes her eyes to rest.

INT. CAMPAIGN OFFICE- SAME NIGHT

Fliers and posters for Chico are scattered everywhere on the desk and floor in the office. The pictures seem to flicker, because of the light coming from the

xerox copy machine. Campaign fliers for Chico are shooting
out from of the machineit.

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A beautiful woman is kissing down his neck and unbuttoning his shirt. They make out heavily. She starts kissing further down his body and is kneeling kneels before him, unzipping his pants.

Rabbit barges in unexpectedly, with a lollipop in her mouth. She is a small framed and twenty five years old woman, with wild blonde hair and an obvious sexual appeal. She places one hand on the woman's shoulder while and she takes her lollipop out of her mouth to speak.

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Serena is a bit annoyed by his comment, but she hides it well.

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SERENA

No te amo como si fueras rosa de sal, topacio o flecha de claveles que propagan el fuego: te amo como se aman ciertas cosas oscuras, secretamente, entre la sombra y el alma. amo como la planta que no florece y lleva dentro de si, escondida, la luz de aquellas flores, y gracias a tu amor vive oscuro en mi cuerpo el apretado aroma que ascendio de la tierra. Te amo sin saber como, ni cuando, ni de donde, te amo directamente sin problemas ni orgullo: asi te amo porque no se amar de otra manera, sino asi de este modo en que no soy ni eres, tan cerca que tu mano sobre mi pecho es mia, tan cerca que se cierran tus ojos con mi sueno.

Josh smiles <u>incrediblybroadly</u>.

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I'll tell you what. If you can manage to stay just six months sober, I'll tell you what it really means translate it for you.

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INT. ANIMAL HOSPITAL- DAY

Rabbit is at work in her office. Her patients consist of wild life animals, and her practice is exclusive with the local zoo. Cabinets against the wall, display the various types of medication. A special cabinet in the corner holds tranquilizer guns and darts. She is overlooking reviews a patient's chart, while she snacks from a bag of Doritos.

Chico shows up standingappears in the open doorway, holding a folder. He knocks lightly. She turns to see him.

Chico stands up, never unlocking eyes with her, then pulls her in-to hold in an embrace.

INT. SERENA'S APARTMENT- NIGHT

Serena sits on her couch with her laptop computer in her lap. She is checking checks out a David Bowie website for tour information, and she clicks her mouse on a Vancouver date. The door bell buzzes.

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She opens the door. Rabbit and November are standing in front of her. November is a tall, and almost lanky young man, of twenty five. He has dark hair, and always wears shades. He dresses in the latest male fashions, and is a bit effemininate in manner. Rabbit is eating eats from a bag of Doritos.

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INT. DINER- SAME DAY

The three sit down at a booth. Rabbit is eating eats crackers., while An empty bowl of soup sits near her. Serena and November are continue still eating from their bowls.

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Everyone raises their <u>champagne</u> glasses to a <u>champagne</u> toast. Rabbit carefully walks up the staircase with an appetizer tray, she's eating from. She passes by Travis.

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She moves past him and down the hall into his bedroom. She's having a bit of difficulty walking, because she is slightly inebriated. She stops at the doorway of to Travis's bedroom. The door is open, and two people are arguing on his balcony.

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Chico is no longer feeling sensitive to Anna's needs.

INT. BAR - SAME NIGHT

Rabbit stumbles up to the bar. She is well past any euphoric drunken feeling, and desperately trying to recapture it. Unfortunately, we all know that once you reach this point, you should just go to bed, because only bad things are certain to happen. Charles, the bartender instantly recognizes her.

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CHICO (V.O.)

When you find the woman who melts your heart and who makes you want to wake up every morning and change the world, to make it better, and safer, and happier... Well, you do everything in your power to hold on—to her. Her happiness is my happiness.

FEMALE NEWSCASTER(V.O.)
Oh, he's such a charmer. Sorry
girls, but this one is takenno
longer available.

INT. CHICO'S CAMPAIGN OFFICE- NIGHT

Chico sits on his desk, watching <u>footage of his new campaign commercial on</u> a t.v. screen. with footage of his new campaign commercial. Serena knocks on the stands at the open doorway knocking. He looks up.

CHICO

Serena! How'd you get in here?

Janitor let me in. Are You alone?

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SERENA

Yeah, but and you're still an asshole.

Chico laughs. He moves in closer to her, invading that line ofher personal space. She is backed up against his desk.

He places one hand on her left cheek, moving across to her mouth.

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SERENA

What the fuck is your problem?
As long as I've fucking known
you, and you(at a loss for words)

(at a loss for words)
What the fuck is wrong with you?
Why are you such a goddamn
creep?

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SERENA

As many reasons as I have to hate you, and you shockingly continue to provide more! You think actually believe I would fuck you?.

CHICO

Why'd you think I closed the door? We're gonna play cards? Besides, you should be glad I would fuck youappreciate the offer. Josh will never touch your shiton't ever come through. I'm just doing you a favor.

Serena stares at him in anger. She walks toward the door and opens it.

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CHICO

That's a stupid question, you stupid bitch. Of course I'll be there. It's my wedding day.

Charles sets the two shots down by Serena. She quickly shoots one, takes a hit off her cigarette, then she immediately shoots the other, followed by another drag. She looks at

the older woman who is smiling smiles at her.

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SUZI

Looks like you're having a rough night. What's a pretty girl like you doing here drinking alone and drinking so heavily?

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SUZI

You know, I bet my son would love you... Why don't I-

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SUZI

I never spent one hour plotting revenge on my worthless exhusband. Look at me. Look how happy I am. So I guess, my answer for you is... do whatever it takes for you to live a long and happy life. Will this?

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INT. SERENA'S BEDROOM- NIGHT

<u>A David Bowie poster A vanity mirror</u> reflect<u>sed in the vanity mirror a David Bowie poster on the wall</u>. A blow dryer is <u>heard getting</u> turned off.

The bathroom door opens. and Serena, wearing a cream colored lacy bra and wrapped in with a lavender colored towel wrapped around her waist, walks over to her stereo and presses the play button on her C.D. player.

On every wall in her bedroom are posters and pictures paying homage to her hero, David Bowie.

<u>His C.D.s are in a special container next to the mounds of other C.D.s lying everywhere.</u>

David Bowie's "The Heart's Filthy Lesson" begins to play. Serena walks over to her vanity mirror. Her eyes are blank, yet soulful, and her mind is filled with She's pre-

occupied thoughts. She opens her towel, and lets it falldrops it to the floor, revealing her lacy cream colored panties. She grabs the body lotion in front of her.

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After finger painting her body with the cream, sShe sits down in front of the mirror, flips her hair back, grabs her mascara and brushes her lashes.

INT. RABBIT'S BEDROOM- SAME NIGHT

The stereo plays the same song in the b.g.

Reflected in another mirror. A pair of silken calves - up past perfect thighs -- to french-cut panties, past a smooth waist to the black lace bra. Rabbit purses her lips into a kiss. Points a gun at the mirror. Standing in front of a tall mirror wearing a black bra and matching silk, French cut panties, is Rabbit posing with a gun in her hands.

She makes the sound of the gun going off with her mouth, then drops to her bed. She releases her grip from the gun and grabs a pair of tight, black pants, laying beside her from beside her on the bed.

She <u>raises</u> her <u>legs</u> and <u>eases</u> her <u>legs</u> them into the pants and pulls them on while she lies on her back. Her She lifts her pelvis thrusts up, and she to slides the pants up over her hips. As she fastens up the buttons, she sings along to the song: She sings along with the music while she zips up.

RABBIT

(singing)
It's the heart's filthy lesson,
heart's filthy lesson, heart's
filthy lesson.

She zips up and buttons her pants, then turns to Grabs a Hershey's Kiss out of the bowl on her night stand. She delicately unwraps the tin-foil, then

extends her hand to over the lit candle on her night stand. She holds the kiss into the flame, then

brings it back to her lips. She gives it a kiss, then smears the melted chocolate up and around her lips. Her open mouth opens to reveal, her beckoning tongue., and She

The kiss on her tongue. places the kiss inside with her two fingers. Savors the sweetness. As the sweetness is savored, Her tongue lovingly licks the last of the kiss from her lips. her tongue grants one more appearance, and it gently licks up the remains of the kiss stained across her lips.

SERENA'S BEDROOM

Serena lies back on her bed with one stocking on her right leg, as she lifts her

<u>She lifts her</u> left leg straight up in the air to pull up her other stocking. She puts her leg back down

and moves both feet to touch the floor.

She stands up and with legs erect, she bends slightly down to clip her stockings to her garter. Then

she falls back on her to the bed. Her long, black hair fallsing all around her. She crawls up toward the several pile of pillows on her bed. She mounts them pillows, clenching them between her legs, and hugging a few, tightly withthem in her arms. She flips her hair back, and rests her chin on one a pillow under her neck. She Closes her eyes.

RABBIT'S BEDROOM

Rabbit lies on her bed in her bra and pants. She caresses her the gun with her left hand, as it rests up against her pelviships. Her right other hand strokes her chest, then extends reaches over to

the bowl of Kisses now next to her on the bed. She reaches into the bowl and grabs another treat to and seduces for her satisfactionit down her throat.

SERENA'S BEDROOM

Serena still lies in her underwear, clutching clutches her pillow and sleepingsleeps. The phone rings. She awakens abruptly and grabs it from her night stand.

SERENA

Rabbit?

RABBIT (O.S.)
Yeah. So here's the deal.
Having pulled all our savings
together, www have a little over
nine thousand dollars.

Well, it's not great, but after tonight, that money's all we have to start a whole new life for ourselvesover with.

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INT. CHICO'S APARTMENT, LIVING ROOM- MUCH LATER THAT NIGHT

Loud knocking is heard at Chico's apartmentthe door.

Half awake and dazed, he wakes up to answer it.

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EXT. PARKING LOT/STRIP CLUB- STILL SAME NIGHT

Serena's cab pulls up at to the club entrance. She gets out of the cab, carrying a huge, black traveling bag. She pulls out her cellular phone and calls Rabbitdials.

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INT. STRIP CLUB

Trying to look cool, she nonchalantly searches the club for Josh. She walks around and bumps into Chris, who is He's quite drunk.

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Serena looks at him with contempt—and disgust, as she runs her hand through her hair.

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He pushes himself away from the bar and toward Serena, then and puts his arm around her.

Serena is upset, but not shocked to hear this. Obviously irritated by Chris, she casually eases herself from his Chris's arm.

SERENA

Where is he?

Chris He takes another swig from his beer, and notices a stripper walking by. His eyes are fixed on her.

EXT. PARKING LOT / - JOSH'S JEEP

She opens the door and steps outside; standing still., She scopes the crowded parking lot.

Serena starts walking around the lot, looking for Josh's jeep. She spots and walks toward it.

She runs her hand **gently** through his hair, **gently**.

SERENA <u>(continuing)</u>

Joshua!

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Chris follows her outcomes up to the jeep.

Serena turns her head toward themhim.

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A limo pulls up into the parking lot. November is driving. Rabbit sits in the frontbeside him.

Serena turns around and sees the limo.

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Chris looks on with a bit of surpriseat the limo.

CHRIS

In a limo?

Rabbit pulls herself up out through the front passenger window. She holds out a bottle of wine in her hand.

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Chris curiously looks at her curiously .

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Serena looks at him with desperateion in her eyes.

CHRIS

Serena. You're making a big deal out of an every day thing. You know better than anyone, that he always does this, and he always wakes up all—right—hung over, but all—right.

Chris turns his headlooks back around to faceat the limo.

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Serena turns back to Josh. She runs her fingers through her hair, then places them on her lips. Serena Her fingers reach down toextends her hand forward and

places her fingers on Josh's lips.

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CHRIS

Well, it Looks like he changed his mindstarted again.

SERENA

Chris, listen to me; we have to go. I need you to promise me, you'll take him straight to the hospital.

Chris touches Serena's shoulders.

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Chris and SerenaShe hugs him, looks up at him, smiles.

She looks up at him and smiles.

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 $\frac{\mbox{She} - \mbox{Serena}}{\mbox{Serena}}$ backs away, going toward the limo, and winks $\frac{\mbox{her}}{\mbox{eye}}.$

Chris stares after her as she backs toward the limo.

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Serena walks backward toward the limo, he turns, and skips toward the front passenger's door.

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INT. LIMO

Serena opens the door. Rabbit climbs over the front seat and into the back of the limo.

Serena gets in the limo.

EXT. LIMO

The limo drives off.

INT. LIMO Serena flips through C.D. collection. Serena sticks slips in a David Bowie C.D. and presses play. She checks the The car clock. Rabbit looks sternly at him with a stern look, like they he almost spilled share a secret that he almost spilled. •••••• RABBIT Well, we've been watching his window all night. He was home by 1:19. Mother-fucker had that whore with him, too. She left his apartment by 1:32. (laughs wickedly) Figures! That dick could never last long. He's so fucking lame in bed. SERENA (laughing) O-kay. Well then... We're definitely ready! Rabbit's face lights up and she winks. Her expression changes with even moreto delight. She has an idea., as a riveting thought comes to her. SERENA I guess ... (hesitantly) ... Do it. November turns the steering wheel.

The limo jerks **from the**into an abrupt turn.

| | Rabbit's bottle spills out onto her legs from the jerking motion. |
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| | She looks at her wet pants and runs her fingers on across them. She places her wet fingers in her mouth. |
| | Serena turns her head toward Rabbit with ain surprised look. |
| | Rabbit leans <u>further closer up</u> against November and turns to Serena. |
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| | Serena looks back at her with in confusion. |
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| | The limo pulls into a desolate parking lot. The lights go out. as $t\underline{T}$ he engine car is turned offstops. |
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| | The trunk flies open. Chico's body, bound and gagged, lies unconscious in thereside . |
| | Rabbit begins laughsing, wickedlyalmost, uncontrollably and rather wickedly. Serena's wide-eyed stare moves up and down Chico's body. as he lies still, with his eyes closed. |
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| | Her hand clutches his hair tightly in a tight her grip. |
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| | Rabbit walks up behind Serena and puts her arms around her. Serena raises her arms and crosses them with Rabbit's |
| | November catches the <u>m-keys</u> . |
| | November opens his mouth to answer. Simultaneously, Rabbit wakes up, extremely hung over and interrupts November from before he has a chance to speaking. She pulls herself up in between the twom . |
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November pulls the limo off to the side of the adesolate road. The car engine turns off. November and Serena open their doors and get out.

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Serena walks over to comforts her. Faint Tthumping sounds are heard faintly and get louder. Serena and Rabbit look at November.

November turns his head and stares

at the trunk.

Rabbit turns back to the ground and wipes her mouth. She Gets up from the ground.

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She nods her head at November and,.

He walks toward the trunk. Serena and Rabbit walk behind him. Thumping sounds gets louder and louder. Faint moaning can be heard. November pulls out the key and

turns the lock. The trunk flies open.

to reveal a wide eyed Chico is wild-eyed.

They three stand stareing at Chicohim.

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SERENA

All right. Let's get him out of here. But, put him in the backseat, I don't want to risk that someone driving byes past and seesing him.

November lifts him up and walks around to the right side passenger door. , which Serena opens it for him.

LIMO, BACKSEAT

He places himputs Chico inside, up against the front of the limo.

Serena and Rabbit climb in through the left side door and sit facing opposite Chico. November gets out of the limo and leans up against the open right side door.

(Calmly, rationally)
Okay Chico... I'm going to give you a few instructions. that yYou need to follow them precisely ...or else, _I'm going to kill you.
Um... And if you don't believe me, you're welcome to take a look at the variety of weapons we've brought along for the torture and possible death experience we have intended planned for you.

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SERENA

Now, don't we have a real gun, too?

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Rabbit's points her gun, pointed directly at Chico.

RABBIT

He'll be back here with me, this whole trip. I'll should keep carry the gun.

(winks at Chico)

Serena turns from looking at Rabbit and .

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She leans up toward him and unties the gag. She pulls it away from his mouth. Chico coughs incessantly, trying to gasping for air. The three of them sit in silence and stare at him.

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Chico continues gagging and coughing, desperately trying to make saliva to swallow down.

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Chico, completely confused and angry, looks at to Rabbit, completely confused and angry.

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RABBIT
I told you that if you fucked
-more-

RABBIT (CONT'D)

with me again one more time, there would be a lesson for you to learn. Well the time for that filthy, little lesson has arrived.

She sticks her tongue in his ear., and when she $p\underline{P}$ ulls away. she s \underline{S} tarts to laugh.

RABBIT

You think I'm nuts? You did this to me. And, hell hath no fury like me scorned. You're going to pay. Not just for fucking me over, but because you've fucked so many women over. And for that, love, you are now you're fucked.

SERENA

We don't know exactly what will happen to you. that's rettymuch, tThat's prettymuch up to Rabbit. And, wWe're still undecided about how long all this will last, too. But, the reason we're doing this on the road, is 'cause

(huge smile)
David Bowie's got a big concert
set—this Sunday in Vancouver.

And, you know how much I love
him, so wwelle're definitely heading
up there to check it out. I
don't know if you'll still be
with us, but I did getgot you an
extra ticket, just in case.

She pulls out four tickets out from of her front jacket pocket.

Chico stares at her and then

SERENA

See now, it's talk like that, that's gonna put you in a lot of pain, Chico. It's mMy advice?, that you bBe as nice as possible, and maybe, Rabbit will be nice to you.

Rabbit blows him a kiss.

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CHICO

Serena, reason with me, here.
Wwhatever she does to me, you'll be just as quilty as an

accessory.

Serena turns to November, looks down at his arm, grabs his wrist, and looks at his

wrist-watch.

Serena looks back up at November.

SERENA

Okay, wwwe're losing time. The concert's in exactly one week, and it'll take us a couple days to get there.

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Serena turns around and

sticks her head back into the limo to face Chico.

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Serena She slams the door shut.

Rabbit and Chico sit inside stareing at one another. Rabbit raises up the privacy screen between the front and back seats. She Uncocks the gun. She Pulls out a cigarette, lights up, takes a drag, and blows straight at Chico's face.

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RABBIT

Hmmmm...

(contemplates)
No. Second hand smoke is a real killer. You wouldn't want to put me in that kind of harm's way, now would you?

Rabbit sits with her legs crossed; she leans her body forward him.

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CHICO (CONT'D)

anything you do to me, won't hurt half as bad as the truth hurts you.

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RABBIT

You think I'm sick? You're fucking scary. I know how you think. If a woman allows you to do that, then she's a stupid bitch and she deserves it. Sure. Why should you be punished? Well, now just think of this as the table's being turned.

She ties the gag over his mouth.

RABBIT

Your presence in my life has tainted me. and This is the end result

is the product of

your sin.

You're going to regret ever fucking with me, because I consider it your willing invite, allowing me to make you suffer.

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EXT. LIMO- SAME TIME

The limo drives on the road. We hear $F_{\underline{f}}$ aint moans are heard.

INT. LIMO- SAME TIME

Rabbit presses the button forbrings down the privacy screen to come down.

Rabbit leans over the seat to explain to her.

RABBIT

I know. I know. I got anxious.
He pissed me off.
 (She turns her head and
 looks back at him, then
 turns forward again.)
God damn, he bleeds like a
de-virginized flowered bitch!

We hear Rabbit can be heard fumbling around in the back. Rabbit pops her head up to Serena. She holds a bag of Doritos in her hand. Rabbit goes back down. She can be heard fumbling around again in WE hear the rustle of plastic bags. •••••• She is heard More fumbling around even more. RABBIT (O.S.) My purse is down by your feet. Look in my left side pocket; I have a little traveling sewing kit. Give it to me. Serena practically leaps over into the back seat. SERENA WHAT?!? Serena stares back in shock at what she seesChico. RABBIT (O.S.) Everything's fine. He just needs a little patch_work done on his left cheek. Serena turns to November. SERENA That's it! Pull over! We have to move put him back toin the trunk. November watches in the rear view mirror. looks back at her and <u>He begins to pulls</u> over. They have stopped at a motel and checked in for the evening. The motel is small and dingy.

DINER

November and Rabbit enter the diner and walk up to the counter. A waitress approaches them.

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RABBIT

(to November)

Bless you.

(to waitress)

We need to make an order- to go.

INT. HOTEL ROOM- SAME TIME

Serena stares at Chico, who lies on one of two beds, bound and passed out.

SERENA

Well, I can see you're fast asleep. Probably hoping this is one huge nightmare, and when you wake up, it will be over.

She walks over to the dining table, grabs her cell phone and the car keys.

SERENA

If you'll excuse me, I have to make a phone call. I trust you won't try anything stupid. You can't escape here, Chico. Only in your dreamsdelusions.

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MOTEL PARKING LOT

and walks outside toward the limo.

She Opens the front passenger door.

Serena Pulls out a huge C.D. case and flips through them. She finds the Fleetwood Mac Rumours C.D. and Removes takes it out of the case.

She $\frac{\text{leans further into the limo,}}{\text{the keys}}$ starts $\frac{\text{it}}{\text{up}}$ $\frac{\text{the carwith}}{\text{the keys}}$

and Pops the C.D. into the stereotray.

She Hits play on "Songbird," and then moves back steps out of

the limo.

She stands outside the limo with the door still open, and She holds her cell phone in her hand. Starts dDialsing an eleven digit number. (long distance).

She Paces nervously as she hears listens to each ring.

Mid the tThird ring...

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Serena smiles and leans steady against the limo, but her hands are a bit shaky.

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She runs her hand through her hair, she's obviously nervous, yet trying to play cool.

JOSH (O.S.)

(laughs a bit)

Yeah, Chris told me about that. Don't worry. You know, it's not the first time I've been dead drunk. It won't be the last.

(laughs a bit)

The conversation goes silent for a few seconds. We hear Josh can be heard swallowing his a drink. Serena pushes herself from the limo and starts pacing again.

SERENA

(afraidto reply)

No. What?

JOSH (O.S.)

He's gone. Disappeared. He Never showed up to at his wedding.

SERENA

You're kidding me? Rabbit will dig hearing this one.

(laughs)

I guess he really does have a heart… leaving Anna at the altar sounds likeis the kindest thing he's ever done.

She stares at the ground, then looks up, nervous.

JOSH (O.S.)

Yeah, well everyone here is really confused.

SERENA

(feeling a little relieved)
No idea where he is? What
about Travis, doesn't he have a
clue?

She laughs. She Moves toward the open car door and stands against the passenger side seat. She listens as Josh takes another swallow.s his drink.

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SERENA

(Her manner becomes
 serious.)

Wow, I sure know how to avoid things, huh?... like answering your question... or answering mine... So, what did it? Why are you drinking?

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JOSH (O.S.)

My grandmother. She died yesterday morning.

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She turns her head back to the front and sits silent and uneasy, about everything she hears and everything she has allowed to happen, so far.

JOSH (O.S.)

(interrupts)

She was really a healthy_- a happy woman. It was all really unexpected. for us.

(He takes a drink.)
But, the cool thing was, that
I think she knew. I'm positive
she knew. They found her
lying next to her high school
year book. I guess she brought
it out and was flipping through
it before she went. She must
have known, because she brought
out some ancient part of her
to look back on. Celebrate
her life.

(He takes another drink.)

They are both silent. Josh takes a long swig, and a huge gulp can be heard.

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SERENA

I'm Sorry; I Can't.

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JOSH (O.S)

It's a poem. I memorized it for you. It's called "Revelation" from by Robert Frost.

SERENA

(smiles)

That's one of my favorites. (pause)

So Let's hear it.

JOSH (O.S.)

We make ourselves a place apart behind light words that tease and flout, but oh, the agitated heart <u>'</u>til' someone find us really out. 'Tis pity if the case require(or so we say)_that in the end we speak the literal to inspire the understanding of a friend. But with all, from babes that play at hide-and-seek to God afar, so all who hide too

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JOSH (O.S)

rell me where you are.

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Once again, there is $s\underline{S}$ ilence for a few seconds.

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You see, Josh, that's not even an option. I've loved you for too long.

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Serena presses the END call button on her cell phone. She sinks her head down into her hands. She remains there awhile, then sighs and gets up to go back to the room.

INT. HOTEL ROOM- SAME TIME

Serena, visibly upset, walks back into the room.

She stares and walks over to Chico. She crouches down and nudges him Chico.to-wake-upawake.

He opens his eyes and looks at her.

SERENA

Look, I fucking hate you, first of all, and you deserve anything Rabbit does to you. But, regardless, I can't let her do this. This It isn't right. going to put an end to thisit. Do you understand? I just need to find a way to talk some sense into her without her getting on the defensive or thinking I'm betraying her. Now, she's in a real sensitive state right now, mother-fucker, and you put her there. So, it's going to take me some time to turn this around. In the mean-time, you're just going to have to make the best of this. Allright?

Chico nods yes to her.

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She gets up and walks over to the other bed, where the black purse is. Her back is to Chico. she reaches into a side pocket and grabs the keys to his cuffs. She also grabs a knife and sticks it down her pants.

Look, they're not going to be back for a_while. Why don't I untie you. You can stretch or something? Just don't be stupid, Chico. Trust me, and like I said, I'll put an end to this.

She unlocks his cuffs, then and unties his gag.

CHICO

(mutters)

Thank you.

She moves down to untie his feet. Once—His feet are—free, he kicks her. She goes down. The dining table is on the other side of the room. A tranquilizer gun sits on the table. Chico stumbles toward the table to grab the gunit. Serena gets up and struggles to push him down. He grabs her by her hair, then placeand wraps his other hand, tightly around her neck.

He keeps his hand tightly gripped on hergrips her tighter around the neck. He Lets go of her hair and moves that hand down her chest.

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She grabs her knife from inside her pants and stabs the wound Rabbit made earlier. The slash on his cheek re-opens and blood gushes out. He lets go of Serena her and falls down, gripping his face in pain.

Serena runs to getfor the gun. She points it at him. BANG! The tranquilizer gun shoots into him. He's instantly passeds out.

SERENA

Idiot! Look at the mess you made! Always thinking with your goddamn dick! That's gonna get you in some real trouble some day... Oh_- it already has. Don't you get it? I was your only fucking chance. Well, you blew it! Rabbit can do what—ever the fuck she wants. I'm through with—trying to help you.

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A LITTLE LATER

November and Rabbit walk in holding bags of food. November and Serena They sit down at the small dining table. Rabbit walks over to Chico. She Rabbit notices the new patch work on his Chico's wound. She looks at Serena with great curiosity.

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Rabbit unlocks his_Chico's cuffs from the bed posts.

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Chico stares at her vehemently. He raises up his head once more. Rabbit slaps him back down with her other hand.

RABBIT

You know, I guess you're just not hungry, right now. Well, too bad, that was the last call for the kitchen tonight.

EXT. HOTEL PARKING LOT- EARLY MORNING

It'-is still dark out, but the sun is becoming visible. They are packing up their stuff into the limo, and are getting ready to take off. Serena stuffs a bag into the back and walks toward November. She grabs his arm.

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She has her make up bag out and she pulls up a small mirror from her make-up bagto her face. She starts to plucking her eyebrows with a pair of tweezers.

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EXT. LIMO MOVING ON THE ROAD- SAME TIME

The limo is drivesing along a long stretch of road. Faint, muffled sounds screams come from inside.

INT. LIMO/SHOPPING CENTER PARKING LOT- SAME DAY

November pulls into a parking lot with many small shops, including a pawn shop and a diner. He turns the car off.

November He and Serena get out of the car.

| 1 | SHOPPING CENTERS/PARKING LOT |
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| | Rabbit opens her door and crawls out her side of the car. She stands up and stretches. |
| | Rabbit smiles slyly, shaking her head inno |
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| ĺ | DINER |
| | Serena is walking out from comes out of the women's restroom She spots November at the counter, but she doesn't see Rabbit. She walks outside looksing for her outside. |
| ı | SIDEWALK |
| ĺ | Serena She's is about headed for to walk toward the limo, when she turns and sees Rabbit inside the pawn shop. She walks inside the shop. |
| | INT. PAWN SHOP |
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| | SERENA I'm gonna go help carry the food to the car. I'll see you out there. |
| | Serena walks outleaves. Rabbit happily places her black purse on the counter and reaches inside. |
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| | DEALER I'm sorry, ma <u>'</u> am, but the law requires a three day waiting period before you can purchase the a gun. |
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| 1 | RABBIT Maybe you didn't hear me before, I'm asking you if there is any way we could can work this out |

| She pulls her hand out <u>from of the her purse</u> and pulls out Three hundred dollars. She brushes <u>it the bills</u> against his cheek. | | | | | | | |
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| SHOPPING CENTER PARKING LOT/LIMO | | | | | | | |
| November and Serena stand at the back <u>seat side</u> door <u>of the</u> <u>limo</u> . Serena unlocks the door while November holds <u>the</u> bags of food. Serena <u>turns to November to</u> take <u>s</u> the bags <u>and put them in the back</u> . As she leans into the car, she sees | | | | | | | |
| Chico, whose eyebrows are completely plucked. She moves her head back | | | | | | | |
| out <pre>from of the car.</pre> | | | | | | | |
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| She climbs into the back—seats. and Rabbit runs up climbs in behind her. | | | | | | | |
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| INT. LIMO- SAME DAY | | | | | | | |
| They're in the car Blasting the end of the last song on a C.D. Serena presses the button forbrings down the privacy screen to come down. | | | | | | | |
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| Rabbit is happily cheerfully painting rosy nail polish onto Chico's toes. Moving up his body, His painted fingernails are still drying. His face is made up like a porcelain doll. | | | | | | | |
| RABBIT (O.S.) | | | | | | | |
| Sounds good. Perfect. | | | | | | | |
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| EXT. MOTEL/PARKING LOT- NIGHT | | | | | | | |
| The three pile out of the car to go check in . Serena pulls out her cell phone. She calls to November and Rabbit. | | | | | | | |
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November tosses her the keys. He and Rabbit walk into the hotel lobby. Serena opens the passenger car door and grabs a C.D. case. She starts the car. and The oldies station is on. The song, "This is Dedicated to the One I Love." is playing. She puts the C.D. case down and let's the song play.

She pulls herself

out of the limo and $\frac{\text{starts to}}{\text{dials}}$ an eleven digit number. The phone rings. $\frac{\text{Mid the second ring...Rings again ...}}{\text{mid the second ring...Rings again ...}}$

CHRIS (O.S.)

(sounding serious and more distant than he is)

Hello?

SERENA

(surprised to hear his
 voice)
Hey Chris, it's me. Serena. Is
Josh around?

CHRIS(O.S.)

Serena? Where are you?

SERENA

(looking around)

Chris, I am basically calling from the middle of nowhere.

(nervous and rambling)
I talked to Josh, yesterday, and I just wanted to call back and see how he was. So I heard about Chico's wedding. Pretty trippy, eh? Heard anything new?

Serena starts to breathe heavily, almost in hyperventilationg. Tears flow fast down her face. She feels sick.

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SERENA

I've gotta throw up.

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Serena wipes her face and calms herself again. She looks up and sees

November and Rabbit walking out from the lobbytoward her.

No. No. I'll be there in two days. I've gotta go.

She hangs up as November and Rabbit walk towardjoin her. Rabbit notices she is upset and runs to puts her arms around her.

RABBIT

What's wrong? What's wrong?

Serena wipes her face and tries to walk back toward the limo.

SERENA

We've got to go back.

She opens the driver's side door and gets in.

INT./EXT. LIMO

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Rabbit stares back, trying to exude the same strength in persistence challenging her. She breaks eyes with Serena and

looks at November.

RABBIT

Okay, you heard her; let's go.

She looks back at Serena.

RABBIT

(to Serena)

But, you are not driving!

Serena looks back at her and nods her head in agreement. She slides over to the passenger side seat. Rabbit climbs into the back and November gets in to the driver's seat. She pulls herself up to sit right in back of them. Serena puts in a Mazzy Star C.D., plays "Fade Into You" and then sits back, resting her head on the window and criescrying.

Rabbit lights up a cigarette. The three are in Complete silence.

Rabbit Stares at Serena with a worried expression.

Serena looks up at her and can't help but break a smile when she sees Rabbit so concerned and smoking. She reaches her hand out to take the Rabbit's cigarette. Rabbit gives it to her, and.

Serena takes a long, hard drag. She holds it in for a while, and then blows it out. She hands the cigarette back to Rabbit.

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November They pulls back onto the road.

SERENA

Come on, it's not like we never thought it would happen. He was a fucking drunk. He was self-destructive. And he was never gonna change. He needed to die.

(comtemplates that thoughtbeat)

What a shame.

(takes another drag)
Anyhoo, the funeral is in two
days, so I mean, we have to go.
I can't NOT go. Nothing is
going to stop me from saying
goodbye to Joshua.

(pause)
He knew it, too. He was trying
to testing me. And, he knew I
would come back for him.
(laughs)

She laughs. Rabbit stares ahead, almost spacing out.

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Serena turns her head back again to faces forward.

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EXT. LIMO/ACROSS STREET FROM CEMETARY- DAY

The limo pulls up, across and hidden from the cemetery ground. The three open their doors to get out of the limo. New Order's "Bizarre Love Triangle" is blastsing through the speakers. Both Serena and Rabbit walk cautiously, but quickly fast and yet cautiously toward the service. November walks calmly behind them, carrying Rabbit's big purse.

CEMETERY/FUNERAL SERVICE

The service is proceeding. They three walk up to the open casket. The minister stops his sermon, because of the distraction. They The mourners turn around. Serena and Rabbit pull out their guns.

SERENA

I'm sorry, guys, but we're all friends here, and as friends, I hope you will all understand what is about to take-placehappen.

Chris and a few other <u>male of his</u> buddies stand up. Rabbit and Serena aim at them, ready to fire. Everyone sits back down.

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SERENA

Chris, shut the hell up, or I really will kill you. No one is going to get hurt as long as they you all comply. I know this sounds irrational, but I'm taking his Josh's body. I apologize to everyone here, for this. But, I have to do it.

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November opens Rabbit's purse and grabs two rolls of duct tape. Rabbit hands her gun to Serena, and she and November bind up the mourners. The two start to bind people up.

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SERENA

Wow, I'm glad it was a small service.

(smiles)

SERENA (CONT'D)

Like I said, no one play hero, because I will shoot you. And, if you don't believe me, think about how crazy this is, and then think again.

They continue to bind up everyone, and eEveryone complies as they're bound in duct tape. Serena almost smiles with confidence, then she turns her head and faces Chris dead in

the eyes. Reality sets in her face and She grabs Rabbit's purse and walks over to him. She looks over at Rabbit, who is about to tie his legs.

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She hands one a gun to Rabbit as she walks off. Chris, with hands bound hands and a mouth taped, mouth follows behind her.

She stops walking and turns around to him. She takes the tape off his mouth and touches her finger to his lips.

SERENA

Look, I just realized that you know too much. You know what we're driving, no one else does, which means when the cops show up, you can have them on our ass before sundown.

She looks down at Rabbit's purse -. and

Puts her hand inside the bag. Pulls out a huge wallet.

She looks back up at Chris.

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He looks back at her with confusedion and sympatheticy.

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SERENA

(interrupts)
Don't! You know that's not true. He killed himself.
(pause)
There's a small part of me that is comforted, knowing he died the way he wanted to.

Serena half smiles up at him.

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She puts the wallet inside and buttons and zips him back up.

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She kisses Chris on the lips and

then tapes his mouth back up. EXT. ISOLATED BEACH- NIGHT The limo is parked in a remote area on a deserted beach. Music and Rabbit's laughter are comeing from the inside. INT. LIMO- SAME TIME Rabbit and November sit in the back of the limo playing cards and drinking. Chico, still bound, sits there watch<u>es</u>ing. She is holding the deck of cards, about to deal, but stops and looks around on the floor. •••••• ISOLATED BEACH A bonfire is lit. A portable C.D. player plays a James Taylor version of "Bizarre Love Triangle." Serena is, wrapped in a blanket, holding holds Josh. SERENA I guess I just need to start by saying I'm sorry. (half having to laugh, starts almost to whisper) I'm sorry. I'm sorry. (pause) But, you understand, I need to do this. (contemplative) You understand. (half at a breaking point, calm enough to continue) She fights to hold back the her tears. She closes her eyes and sighs a deep breathdeeply.

| She still tries to fight her crying's unable to fight the tears any longer. |
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| She looks up, and then looks at him. |
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| She moves her head down to his |
| sewn lips. |
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| INT. LIMO <u>EARLY</u> MORNING |
| It is early the following morning, and Serena gets into the front seat passenger <pre>side</pre> seat, as they prepare to take off. |
| Serena closes her eyes, with temporarily relievedf. |
| EXT. LIMO- NIGHT |
| The limo drives on A long, dark, and isolated road. |
| November looks at to Serena for her response decision. Serena looks back at both of them. |
| Rabbit looks at her, suspicious and curious. |
| Rabbit does not blink an eye . |
| Serena breaks eyes with her . |
| Shock comes over both November and Rabbit's faces. Novembe brings the car to a screeching halt. |
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EXT. LIMO- SAME NIGHT

The limo is still Driving along down a long stretch of road.

INT. LIMO- SAME TIME

Rabbit pops her head up from the back. Serena and November are quiet and sullen.

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INT. <u>JEAN'S</u> HOUSE- SAME NIGHT

The doorbell rings. and Jean walks over to opens her doorit. November stands in front of herthe doorway, smiling.

She wraps her arms around him. Suddenly, Rabbit and Serena burst through behind him, push him aside, and embrace Jeanher.

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Jean calls out to Elvy, who's intoward the kitchen.

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Elvy walks out of the kitchen comes in stirring a pan filled with macaroni and cheese.

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They take turns embracing one another. Gradually, they break away.

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Jean turns to November and Elvy, who are conversing privately. November is talking, and talking, and talking.

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November sits on the arm of the couch. Jean grabs the remote control off the coffee table and flips through channels. Elvy raises puts her feet and places them on top of the coffee table. Without removing her eyes from the television screen, Jean raises her left hand and pushes Elvy's feet off from the table. She cruises to a music video channel, and puts down the remote control. down, having stopped the channel on a music video.

Jean Turns to November.

JEAN

So, tell me be honest. What kind

of

trouble are you guys in?

November looks back at her and opens his mouth to speak. when He is interrupted by the sound of Serena and Rabbit running back down the stairs.

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They <u>run come</u> into the living room. <u>and Rabbit grabs ahold</u> of November.

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The three run out of the living room and are heard running out the door. Jean and Elvy stay in their same positions.

JEAN_(O.S.)
(yells out)
Bye guys!

| Elvy raises her left hand up in the air to waves goodbye.

The two never break eye contact with the television screen.

Jean picks up the remote. Flips through channels., again.

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Serena's watchesing the exit signs. on the road and Notices they are approaching a small town. She nudges November.

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They pull off into a quiet, small town. They pass by local
small
stores, diners, and gas stations. November turns onto
a street with a big grocery store.

Serena stares at it intently.

Hey quys! Why don't we

Hey guys! Why don't we get some foodMex?

She points at the restaurant. November pulls into it.

INT. MEXICAN RESTAURANT- SAME NIGHT

The<u>y're</u> three are seated at a table. They have their drinks., and Their menus are down, they are ready to order. A really LOUD big rig truck is heard passes by. After it passes, Serena begins to talk.

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Well, shit we've already come this far, and Lord knows we've done enough to rack up a mighty list of charges against us. We might as well enjoy this life of crime while it lasts.

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As November gives his order, another really LOUD big rig truck passes by. The waiter leans in to hear him and writes down his order. He walks away. Once he is out of ear shot, Serena continues their previous conversation.

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WAITER

Complimentary chips and salsa for you quys.

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He looks at her. As <u>While</u> Serena <u>is</u> speak<u>sing</u> with <u>to</u> him, November <u>speaks</u> whispers into Rabbit's ear, and then gets up from the table.

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The waiter walks away. Serena looks at November's empty seat. then Shoots a curious stare look to Rabbit.

RABBIT

He went to the car to check up on Chico. Look, Serena, now that we're alone... I think we need to talk. I've been feeling really bad about all this... about you. I mean, I'm the one who got us into this whole mess. And, now look at you, planning to rob a store for us.

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SERENA

I don't know. Whatever happens, we just accept it. Www knew what we were getting into when we started this. Right?

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| Не | sets | the | plate | of | beans | and | lrice | in | front | of | Serena, | and |
|-----|--------|-------|--------|-----|-------|-----|-------|----|-------|----|---------|-----|
| he | sets | the | plate | of | rice | and | beans | in | front | of | Rabbit. | The |
| pla | ates a | are : | identi | cal | • | | | | | | | |

Serena and Rabbit simultaneously grab their plates and turn them counter clockwise. They set the plates down, and start eating.

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INT. GROCERY STORE- DAY

Serena and Rabbit are dressed completely in black, and sport right down to their black shades, as well. They suspiciously walk throughout the store, throwing random items into their cart and look around at everyone. The store is comprised of

Women, small children, and old people.

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Serena looks at her as if she's crazy. Rabbit puts the box back, and grabs a different cheaper box.cereal of a cheaper brand.

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INT. LIMO- SAME TIME

November sits it the limo, is parked behind the grocery store. He's fiddlesing with the radio. Stray Cat's "Rock This Town" comes on. He turns it up and starts rocking out. As he dances about, hHe pushes the button for the privacy screen to come down. Chico sits up, with his back to the screen. November turns back to him., and Punches him out with his right elbow. Chico's head drops down. November raises up the privacy screen.

GROCERY STORE

They walk down an aisle, where a young, red-haired boy, about eight years old, is throwing a fit.

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SERENA

Yeah, I know; I can't stand himthat, but what are you
qonna do? Come on, it's time.

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Rabbit, is close behind her, but turns around in anger to hear the child, once again abusing his mother.

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Serena and Rabbit walk up to at the front of the store. Serena pulls out her gun and fires a shot into the air.

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Rabbit, <u>gun in hand</u>, <u>holds her gun and</u> walks <u>up totoward a the</u> cash registers.