

THE DROP (BOB and NADIA)

NADIA

(Nadia has been waiting outside Bob's house. Bob walks up) Hey.

BOB

Hey.

NADIA

I came by to give Rocco his afternoon walk.

BOB

Great. I'm sorry...

NADIA

I freaked. Is your cell on?

BOB

Yeah, but it's on vibrate. I couldn't feel it.

NADIA

I called a bunch of times.

BOB

I know. I can see that. I'm sorry.

NADIA

I thought you were working today?

BOB

I am, it's just, I had this.....you know what? It's a really long story. Don't worry about it. I'm sorry, I should have called you. I apologize.

NADIA

It's okay. I will walk him now, then?

BOB

So, you know Eric Deeds, huh?

NADIA

(The question stops her in her tracks, but she tries to blow it off) What? No. I don't "know him", know him....you know? I know him from around.

BOB

So, you don't know him?

NADIA

Not really, no.

BOB

That's funny, because the way he said it, I figured that...

NADIA

Figured what?

BOB

I don't know. You know, maybe....I don't know.

NADIA

Why are you up my ass about it?

BOB

I'm sorry. I was just asking a question.

NADIA

No, you were insinuating.

BOB

No, I wasn't.

NADIA

Now, you're arguing just to argue with me.

BOB

No.

NADIA

See?

BOB

I'm not.

NADIA

I don't need this shit, okay?

BOB

Wait. What happened here? Did I say something wrong?

NADIA

You think you can just push me around?

BOB

No. Wait. (he goes to hold her)

NADIA

Don't you fucking touch me! *(She leaves. Leaving Bob alone. After a long moment she returns.)* I'm sorry.

BOB

I don't care if you know him. It's just that...the way that he said "Hi", you know, it sounded like it meant something. I was just asking.

NADIA

(Pause) He used to be my boyfriend. In the beginning, he was charming. He was really nice. I know a lot of people said things about him, but I don't judge people. I don't want to prejudge people.

BOB

Sure.

NADIA

It just became too much. He became too much. I haven't seen him in a while. I thought he was gone.

BOB

You know. You don't have to explain. Everybody's got a past.