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CINDY
I am so sorry about that.

LEWIS
If there's one thing you were
always good at it was making an
entrance.

CINDY
Quick question. Why are you dressed
like a priest?

LEWIS
I've got a quick answer for you.

CINDY
Do you now?

LEWIS
I do. You wanna hear it?

CINDY
Absolutely.

LEWIS
You sure?

CINDY
Positive.

LEWIS
I'm a priest.

CINDY
Get out of town!

LEWIS
I'm serious.

CINDY
Really?

LEWIS
God as my witness.

CINDY
When did this happen?

CINDY sides |

Grief

LEWIS

Not long after you left. I mean that's when I made the decision but it became official earlier this year.

CINDY

(Beat)

Well shiver me timbers. I think congratulations are in order.

LEWIS

Thank you. (Beat) I'm glad you made it. I wasn't sure if you were going to show.

CINDY

Why wouldn't I?

LEWIS

Well, I mean no one's seen or heard from you since you left.

CINDY

Lewis, he's my brother. Of course I'm gonna show. I'm not the heartless bitch that you probably think I am.

LEWIS

I didn't say that. I would never say that.

CINDY

But that's what you were implying.

LEWIS

All I was trying to... I just wasn't sure if you were going to show.

Beat.

CINDY

I owe you an apology.

LEWIS

You don't owe me an apology.

CINDY

No, I do.

LEWIS

Water under the bridge.

CINDY
sides
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CINDY
You really haven't changed a bit.

LEWIS
Thank you?

CINDY
No, it's a compliment.
(beat)
I missed you.

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BY A HEADSTONE

Cindy sits on a low brick wall, smoking a cigarette and staring off into space.

Lewis slowly walks up to her.

She notices him and they stand there in silence. Finally...

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CINDY (CONT'D)

Did he hurt you?

(Beat)

I didn't want you to see that. You shouldn't have seen that.

Lewis begins to get queasy.

CINDY (CONT'D)

Are you okay?

Without warning, Lewis vomits.

CINDY (CONT'D)

Jesus Christ.

LEWIS

Don't take the Lord's name in vain! Do not! So that's what you've been doing with yourself all this time.

CINDY

No. It was just for a couple months when I first got to LA.

LEWIS

No wonder Cory never told me anything about you. I just...

(Beat)

You disgust me.

CINDY

Let's not do this?

LEWIS

Oh no, we're doing this. I mean you just left.

CINDY

My father threw me out.

SMITH

LEWIS

The least you could have done was told me where you were going.

CINDY

I didn't know.

LEWIS

I could have helped.

CINDY

How? We were kids. You lived with your parents. How could you have helped?

LEWIS

I don't know. You could have stayed with us.

CINDY

You can't be serious.

LEWIS

Why not?

CINDY

Oh yeah. I'm sure your mother would have jumped at that chance.

Lewis rips his priests collar off of his shirt.

LEWIS

You know I was one hundred percent sure of this until yesterday. Not a minute has gone by since you've been back that I haven't doubted it.

CINDY

And that's my fault?

LEWIS

Do you know how long it took me to find something to replace you. And then not even a year after it all becomes official you come strolling back as if nothing ever happened.

CINDY

Replace me? Wow. I thought I was fucked up.

CINDY sides 2

LEWIS

And now I find out that you were nothing but a coked out whore.

CINDY

How dare you? I was not a whore. And you know nothing. Nothing about what I've been through. So you just shut your fucking mouth about it.

LEWIS

You're a coward.

CINDY

I'm a coward!? This coming from a man who can't take responsibility for his choices but instead passes the buck onto a teenage girl?! I am not a security blanket, Lewis. You act like I owe you something. But you know what? I don't owe you shit! I've made a lot of mistakes that I am not particularly proud of. But I've owned up to my choices. Do yourself a favor and follow suit.

Cindy stomps off.

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