

CINDY

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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 |

Good  
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 1

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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CINDY sides 1

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.

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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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