

Viewpoint Film Challenge #3

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INT. LOCATION - DAY

B slides an item over to A.

B
I don't think I'm ready for this.

Beat.

B (CONT'D)
I know. I know. What kind of person does this? I take full responsibility, and accept any and all consequences. But it, it just... It just doesn't feel right anymore.

A
Right, anymore?

B
That's right.

A
This won't do. You can't not, not want this anymore. You have to want it.

B
I don't blame you if you hate me.

A
Hate you? Are you kidding me? Can you explain yourself, at all? I'm just trying to get a grasp on all this and it might help.

B
What's to explain?

A
Everything!

B
I don't want to get into details, ok? It's just not for me, and if you respect me at all, as a person, and as a friend, you will leave it at that.

A
Wish I could, old friend, but there is simply no way.

B

You won't even try?

A

No. I can't. You see, you've been privy to some rather important information. Personal information I shared only with you. The kind of information I wouldn't feel comfortable knowing is just floating around out there, waiting to be shared with goodness knows who, for no good reason... I'll be honest, it frightens me, puts me a little on edge.

B

You don't have to worry, I won't tell a soul. I promise.

A

Oh you promise? Like you did before?

B

There are circumstances, you have to trust me.

A

No dice. Spill it. Why, today of all days, is this suddenly too much for you?

B

I'm not going to be able to explain it properly.

A

Then do it improperly, I think I've earned at least that.

B

Would love too... But, can't.

A

Did something happen, did I do something to upset you? Make you dislike my company? I really had no idea this was coming.

B

No no no, it's nothing like that, I swear.

A

Then what is it? I need to know.
You're serious though, about not
wanting it?

B

You know what, it's nothing.
Forget this whole thing. I want it
back, and everything that comes
with it.

A

Really?

B

Yes. Really.

A

Normally I would be very excited to
have you back in, but your
hesitation concerns me. We've been
through a lot together, and this
side of you, it's not your best.
I'm a little hurt I got to see it
at all, least of all today.

B

Well, put your concerns to bed, I'm
here to stay. The butterflies have
flown from my stomach and from here
on out you shall see nothing but my
good side. . . I don't know what
came over me, just some jitters I
suspect. You can understand that,
can't you?

A

I can. . . Good to have you back.

B

I'm so glad to be back.

INT. LOCATION - LATER

B clutches the item.

A

What's the matter?

B

Matter? What? Nothing. Everything
is fine.

A

You still want it, don't you? as much as me, like we planned.

B

Yes, I do. I'm just a little nervous.

A

I can understand that. But it'll pass. I know you can do this, I just know it.

B

What if I can't?

A

Keep it together, I need you now more than ever.

This line can not be removed. You MUST use it!!!

B

You do?

A

Are you kidding me, of course I do. Why do you think I objected so strenuously when you were going to give it all up?

B

You know, I wasn't sure. I was starting to think anyone could do this. I didn't realize you felt so strongly that it had to be me.

A

Sure, anyone could do this... Listen, anyone could step on the moon, and anyone could score the winning goal, and anyone, could have served me a latte last week. What we do with our lives is up to us, and when given the opportunity to rise above our status quo there are but a few that grab the opportunity and really make something of it. Today, I like to think we're sharing that chance. I could have gotten just anyone, but I don't want just anyone. . . I want. No. Need, you. And together we are going to change everything.

A beat

A (CONT'D)

Now, are you ready to jump in and
do this?

B

Anyone would be crazy not too.

THE END