

# KAREN

The Brothers Stanhope

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*\* Please prepare / scene only - your choice*

EARL (V.O.)

To make ends meet, he was forced to sell the great house that had been in his family for generations. Heartbroken, he died two years later.

Peter fades away. The boys remain. Young and fresh-faced, they stare into the camera and away.

EARL (V.O.)

And what of us - the last of the Stanhopes? How did we come to this sorrowful point?

The boys fade away and the Stanhope mansion updates to the present time.

EXT. THE ORIGINAL STANHOPE MANSION - DAY

Tracking toward the front door, we hear voices. And from the sound of it, someone inside is enjoying the pleasures of the flesh.

INT. BEDROOM - SAME TIME

TERRY STANHOPE - now in his early thirties, fit and tanned - rolls off of KAREN, a dark-haired beauty. They are both spent.

TERRY

That was maybe the best sex I've ever had. What was your name again?

KAREN

(laughing)

You're funny, Stanhope. But it was pretty great.

TERRY

Thank you. Just leave a little something in the tip jar on your way out.

She laughs and grabs him under the covers.

KAREN

Terry - are you telling me the truth about Jeanne Coleman?

TERRY

Come on.

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KAREN

She seems to think there's something going on between you two. She was flitting around the yacht club telling anyone who'd listen.

TERRY

She's a client. I told her I liked her hair.

KAREN

You were flirting with her.

TERRY

She's a client, Karen.

KAREN

So what am I?

TERRY

You're my girl. You know that.

She hugs him, her head on his chest.

KAREN

I'm sorry. It's making me a little nuts. I want to be with you so much -

(a beat)

You just have to understand how important loyalty is to me. If I start questioning your loyalty, pretty soon I'm going to -

The sound of a car horn is heard from outside. Karen jumps up and looks out the window.

KAREN (CONT'D)

Shit! My husband's home!

Terry jumps out of bed and grabs his clothes.

KAREN (CONT'D)

Get out! Go out the back!

TERRY

You free tomorrow night?

KAREN

Go!

Terry smiles and tries to make an elegant exit, but he trips over his pants and falls out the door into the hallway.

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