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SHE

What's this book all about?

HE

It's a psychological manual I use in my work. I'm a counsellor at a school for boys with emotional troubles.

SHE

Boys, huh?

HE

I'm afraid so. And how does your family feel about this trip of yours up to Scottsdale?

SHE

I ain't got no family, just my momma.

HE

Vanessa, everybody's got family.

SHE

Shows how much you know.

HE

You wanna talk about it?

SHE

Not really.

HE

I'm sorry. It's an unfortunate habit of mine, sticking my nose in where it doesn't really belong.

SHE

That's a bad habit.

HE

Well don't rub it in, okay, it's just my work. If I see a kid that looks like they're in trouble I just start asking all kinds of questions. I guess it's just become second nature.

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SHE

Is it that obvious?

HE

What?

SHE

Me bein' in trouble?

HE

Look, the offer's still open if you want it. You know I've always found how amazing it is that it's so much easier to share something with a perfect stranger. Stuff that you couldn't talk about to your best friend or family.

SHE

Yeah, I noticed that, that's real funny isn't it?

HE

Yeah, it is. Most of the kids I work with, I don't even have to press them to talk about stuff. I just let them know I'm there and they can talk about themselves if they want to.

SHE

I guess my biggest problem right now, is that my Momma's in jail.

HE

Vanessa, that sounds like a pretty bad situation.

SHE

Yeah, that's why I'm going to see my Grandma.

HE

Do you mind me asking why your mother's in jail?

SHE

It's embarrassing.

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HE

Vanessa, why would you be embarrassed by another person's acts?

SHE

I don't know.... it's just, I don't feel comfortable talking about stuff like that. I mean... I think it makes me look like.... a low type person.

HE

I can understand that. There are lots of boys I work with, even the most troubled ones, all they really needed is just someone to listen to them.

SHE

Yeah, but you probably get so sick of hearing them sad stories day in and day out.

HE

I don't. I really love my work. I really do, I couldn't imagine myself doing anything else. Not ever.

SHE

I guess I wouldn't mind talkin' to someone. I don't know where to begin.

HE

Why don't you begin with your mother, I mean, if you want to?

SHE

[Pause] My Mom's a whore. [Pause] I didn't mean to tell you all this stuff. My Mom's in jail. They took my Stepfather away too.

HE

Vanessa, you really don't have anyone, do you? That's terrible. That's just terrible.