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HE

You're up early.

SHE

I know and I'm not happy about it.

HE

You need some Valium?

SHE

No. I don't want to get back into that shit again.

HE

Yeah. That wouldn't be good. Try swimming. It helps.

SHE

So how are you? How's work going?

HE

Good. I'm just not sleeping enough myself.

SHE

Mmmhmm...

HE

Hospital's been busy.

SHE

A lotta psychos, huh?

HE

No. Just a lot of pained souls. (pause) Listen, I appreciate your interest in Alex... I'll tell ya that...

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SHE

I really like Alex. I like her a lot. She's smart.

HE

Ya... I know I was a little protective of her when we first got here. I was... I just wasn't sure how she was gonna deal with... your scene.

SHE

I think she's dealing just fine with my scene.

HE

I think she likes it. I mean obviously. She's getting stoned with you and reading Spin magazine.

SHE

I don't read Spin. I've never read Spin.

HE

Anyway....

SHE

Look, she found her own way into the studio. It had nothing to do with me.

HE

Ya, it's always like that with you, isn't it. They always just happen to find their way in.

SHE

What is that supposed to mean?

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HE

It means... it means you're charmed, that's all. Just... someone's looking out for you.

SHE

And no one's lookin' out for you? I'm sorry... come on... your life looks pretty good from my perspective.

HE

Well, I've worked for what I have.

SHE

And I haven't? You're so stuck on the negative!

HE

I'm not stuck on the negative.

SHE

Yes, you are. It's like you've completely blocked out all the fun we used to have.

HE

I haven't blocked it out. It's all... filed.

SHE

What about the trip to Vera Cruz?

HE

Ya... when Ronny went to jail?

SHE

Nah, before that... when we were out on his boat.

HE

In the storm?

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SHE

Yeah!

HE

That was fun? That sucked!

SHE

No it didn't! It was exciting. Even you thought it was exciting at the time.

HE

I wasn't excited... I was hysterical. There's a huge difference between hysteria and excitement.

SHE

Are we ever gonna have a relationship?

HE

We're having a relationship. Here we are. Having it.