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BRIAN

What's wrong?

CARRIE

The same thing that's been "wrong" the whole trip.
Your good buddy Early.

BRIAN

Who said he's my good buddy?

CARRIE

You sure been acting like you were..."Out whoopin'
it up, a drankin' and ever' thang."

BRIAN

Hey come on, you two were drinking too... so
what's the big deal.

CARRIE

Yeah, and you should've seen how terrified she
was that he'd find out. He beats her.

BRIAN

How do you know that?

CARRIE

She told me... but only when she "deserves" it. Did
you know he was in jail?

BRIAN

Yeah, for stealing a car.

CARRIE

Bullshit! ...He told her it was for carrying a gun, but
the truth could be murder for all we know.

BRIAN

Stop being so fucking melodramatic! If it was
murder he'd still be locked up or on parole, in
which case he wouldn't be allowed to leave the
state.

CARRIE

Maybe he wasn't allowed to leave! Geezus Brian!

BRIAN

Of course! The accent, the clothes, and those table manners!... He's got to be a mass murderer! What else could he be? You know, it wouldn't even surprise me if he turned out to be... a Republican!

CARRIE

What's that?

BRIAN

A copy of a tape they found. He recorded everything.

BRIAN

His mother had him working in here before he was eight years old... killing animals with a sledgehammer that was bigger than he was. When she was pissed at him, she'd beat the shit out of him and lock him in here overnight... Eventually the boy wakes up one morning, picks up that sledgehammer and starts hurting back.

(BEAT)

There's more...

CARRIE

I'm finished.

BRIAN

Look... I know you're pissed off about the gun, and I don't blame you...

CARRIE

Brian, I'm not pissed off. God damn it. I'm scared. A week ago you would never have even thought to pick up that gun. This afternoon you're out there wielding it around like Clyde fucking Barrow, for Christ's sake! What's with you?

BRIAN

Okay, it was a cheap thrill, it was stupid, I admit it, alright?
(beat)

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But let's not blow this. Not now... Let's just get the photos.

CARRIE

I can't believe I agreed to do this.

BRIAN

Oh come on, don't give me that shit... you wanted to take these photos as much as I wanted you to.

CARRIE

Wrong! I was willing to do whatever it took to get you up off your ass and on the way to California... There's a big difference.

(BEAT)

Brian I want him out of our car!

BRIAN

Why, what did he do?

CARRIE

Brian get him out of the car. Next gas station either he leaves or I do!