

JANIE'S VOICE
(beat)
Where are you living?

CECELIA
What? Oh, Janie?

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CUT TO:

INT. JANIE'S HOUSE - OFFICE - DAY

Janie holds an envelope with "RETURN TO SENDER, NO LONGER AT THIS ADDRESS" stamped all over it.

JANIE
Joey's birthday invitation was sent back, have you moved?

CECELIA
Oh... yeah.

JANIE
Where are you?

CUT TO:

EXT. UPPER EAST SIDE - DAY

Janie pushes the stroller up to an apartment building. She stares at the small piece of paper she's holding with the address, looks to the DOORMAN who stands guard.

DOORMAN
Are you here to see Cecelia Barnes?
(off Janie's nod)
Go right on up, Ma'am. 9B.

INT. HALLWAY - CECELIA'S NEW APARTMENT BUILDING - DAY

Cecelia opens the door. Janie barely looks at her as she pushes the stroller through, looking around at the apartment.

JANIE
Do you want to tell me what's going on?
(as it occurs)
You're not dealing drugs, are you?

CECELIA
Why do you always assume the worst of me? You always do that --

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JANIE

What, this is because of your new "job?" It sounded a lot like a secretary. A secretary can't afford to live on the upper east side in an apartment like this...or buy Birkin bags, or...

(sees the luggage)

Go on trips right after starting a new job. Cece, tell me now what's going on!

CECELIA

I have a new boyfriend.

JANIE

And you've already moved in with him? *

CECELIA

No. I live here alone.

JANIE

And he's paying for it? Who is he?

CECELIA

I'm kind of his assistant.

JANIE

You're sleeping with your boss?
What will your co-workers think?

CECELIA

I don't work out of an office.
(Janie still doesn't get it)
I'm available to him when he wants someone to go to dinner with, or travel with...

JANIE

Wait. You're a call girl?

CECELIA

No! His *mistress*.

JANIE

What's the difference?

CECELIA

I've never done this before...we like each other --

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JANIE

You went to Princeton. You came from a good family --

CECELIA

That's why he likes me --

JANIE

You could do anything with your life and this is how you choose to make a living?!

CECELIA

No, I chose to be a professional dancer, but life had different plans for me. So, what? But I love how you think you're so above me, when you've basically done the exact same thing --

JANIE

What are you talking about?

CECELIA

You went to Princeton. But from what I remember, you married a wealthy businessman right out of college. He paid the bills while you decorated your big, beautiful brownstone and had babies. I don't see what the big difference between us is --

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JANIE

The big difference is I loved the man I gave up my career for.

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CECELIA

What career?!! You never even tried - you know what, just leave.

Cecelia opens the door, and Janie walks through. Cecelia shuts the door behind her, instantly crumbling to the floor.

~~STUP~~

ON THE OTHER SIDE - SAME

Janie falls apart, wiping hot, angry tears as she waits for the elevator.

CUT TO:

OVER PARISIAN CAFE MUSIC WE SEE...

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