

LIVING ROOM & FRONT DOOR

(BILL IS IN HIS LIVING ROOM WHEN JANIE
ENTERS.)

BILL

What took you so long?

JANIE

Expecting me?

BILL

Look, I know why you're here. You're very
upset—

JANIE

(OVER)

I'm more than upset. I've been betrayed and lied to.
By my own father.

BILL

Janie, let me explain –

JANIE

No! There is no explanation. You promised me
after Cabo – never again. But you couldn't keep
that promise. You didn't even try.

BILL

That's not true. I tried to give Thomas the benefit
of the doubt. I accepted him into the family.

JANIE

Yeah, for five minutes. Until we started to have trouble again --- which only happened because of your plan to mess with us. Congratulations – you got what you

(MORE)

wanted – again. But you're losing something, too. I've had it, Dad. No more. You can't help yourself. So stay out of my life.

BILL

Don't ask that of me. I made a mistake. I realize it

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JANIE

(OVER)

I'm not asking. This is how it's going down. I'll see you at the office. We'll maintain a professional relationship, but that's it. Unless you want to fire me.

BILL

Of course, I don't want to fire you!

JANIE

You sure? Because I'm not going to be a pawn in your game anymore.

(TOUCHEES HER NECKLACE)

Look at this stupid necklace. And like the little puppet you want me to be – I keep wearing it.

BILL

That means a great deal to me...

JANIE

(HER EYES FLASH, AS SHE STARES AT BILL)

I know it does.

BILL

Janie, I have never wanted anything but what's best for you –

(JANIE'S ANGER STARTS TO BUILD. BILL IS PASSIONATE IN TRYING TO GET THROUGH TO HER)

JANIE

You don't get to decide! That's the problem. You don't understand that.

BILL

Okay, I overstepped. I get that. I'll do better.

JANIE

I don't believe you. You'll say whatever you have to right now. But it won't mean anything. Just like your promise after Cabo meant nothing. You'll step back, let the dust settle. And then you'll start again. What it means to be a Spencer. What it means to be

your daughter. Destroying my relationship with Thomas. But you destroyed more than that. You destroyed us.

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You tried to be a father to me, I'll give you that. Well, you failed. I'm through giving you second chances.

(JANIE REACHES UP TO UNFASTEN AND REMOVE THE NECKLACE FROM HER NECK. BILL'S EYES REFLECT ALARM)

This thing?

(JANIE TOSSES BILL THE NECKLACE)

It's yours.

(BEAT)

Goodbye, "Dad."

(A LAST MOMENT OF EYE CONTACT, THEN JANIE EXITS.)