

# MANDY

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TERRI

Just drive.

They turn into the co-op.

Sam pulls the jeep up in front of the office and parks.

Terri climbs out of the jeep.

Sam remains behind the wheel.

TERRI

Are you coming?

SAM

I'm going to be the reserve troops. You never commit everyone to battle when you don't know what they'll be facing.

Terri slams the door and storms into the building.

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INT. OFFICE - DAY

Mandy hangs up the phone and reaches for a clipboard as Terri comes into the office.

Terri, riled from the exchange with Sam jumps right into it.

# START

TERRI

What's your deal? We're in a crunch and you won't answer my calls and I have to drive all the way out here.

MANDY

What do you need me for?

TERRI

We need everyone.

MANDY

You mean you need someone to do all the work so you can shine.

TERRI

Huh? What... What IS your problem?

MANDY

You're my problem.



TERRI

Excuse me?

MANDY

It doesn't matter what I do.  
All she cares about is you.

TERRI

You're acting like a child.

MANDY

I'm not the one throwing a tantrum  
in the middle of a place of  
business. My place of business,  
where they need me. Believe in  
me.

Terri's a bit taken aback.

TERRI

But we're counting on you.

MANDY

What I do here is important.  
Family farms are dying. The  
kids don't want to be farmers,  
they want to be like you. They  
want to make money by playing  
with money. Not actually making  
things, getting their hands dirty.  
They want to be successful like  
you.

Terri slumps in a chair.

TERRI

Yeah... I'm a huge success.

MANDY

Poor, Terri. Gets everything  
she wants and then wants everyone  
to feel sorry for her.

Mandy goes back to her paperwork.

MANDY

If there's nothing else...

TERRI

I had no idea you felt this way.



MANDY  
Of course you didn't. It's always  
been about you.

Terri's stunned.

TERRI  
That's just not true.

MANDY  
You just never paid any attention  
to the rest of us. When your  
friends would make fun of me...  
Tommy Wainwright...

TERRI  
Tommy Wainwright?

MANDY  
You knew I liked him, but it  
didn't matter.

TERRI  
Tommy Wainwright?

MANDY  
Don't play dumb. Tenth grade.  
The dance.

TERRI  
You're kidding, right?

MANDY  
All you had to do was say no.  
Its not like he was the only one  
that asked you.

TERRI  
So this is over some tenth grade  
crush?

MANDY  
Its thirty years of playing second  
fiddle. You don't even send mom  
a card or call on Mother's Day,  
but still you're all she talks  
about. You even missed your own  
father's funeral.

Mandy jumps up, hands on hips, she's making her stand.



MANDY

Well... she's got you now... for a few weeks anyway, before you go back to ignoring her, and then I'll be there to pick up the pieces. Like always. Get out, I've got work to do. Please.

**END**

Terri, dazed, makes her way to the door.

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EXT. JEEP - DAY

Terri climbs into the jeep silently.

She puts on her seat belt.

Sam's concerned. This isn't the same woman who went into the building.

SAM

Everything OK?

TERRI

No.

Sam puts the vehicle in gear and backs out.

He shifts into drive and with a crunch of gravel navigates to the road.

Terri's kind of shell-shocked.

TERRI

Do you have brothers and sisters?

SAM

No.

TERRI

Lucky you. Mine hates me.

SAM

She doesn't hate you. She's jealous.

TERRI

Of what? And how do you know that?

SAM

It's not like she hides it.

