

Sweetest Swing 2

(LANI)

ERICA

So tell me what they have you  
doing here. Have you seen Dr.  
Stanton?

DANA

No, I've been seeing this Dr.  
Gilbert woman.

ERICA

Do you like her?

DANA

She's okay.

ERICA

What else do you do?

DANA

We have occupational therapy. We  
watch movies. Last night was  
Mexican night. They let us go in  
the kitchen and make tacos.

ERICA

Are you making some friends?

DANA

There's this guy named Gary who's  
very interesting. He's... very  
interested in the news. And  
Michael. I like Michael. He's not  
in my unit, though.

ERICA

Do you have a room-mate?

DANA

Her name's Virginia. She never  
talks.

ERICA

Why doesn't she talk?

DANA

She never talks and she never gets out of bed. I don't know what her deal is. I did ask her last night if she was hot - it was hot in our room - and she kind of grunted. So that seems promising. (Beat) Dr. Gilbert won't say for sure, but I think I can only stay a few more days because of my insurance. It's too expensive. It's a thousand dollars a day so I can't stay if the insurance won't pay.

ERICA

I wish I could help-

DANA

I'm not asking you to pay.

ERICA

I could give you a couple of thousand but -

DANA

I'm not asking for money, Erica. I don't suppose Rhonda would offer?... No I don't suppose she would.

ERICA

We'll figure something out.

DANA

Dr. Gilbert says she'll see me on an outpatient basis-

ERICA

Good.

DANA

(Overlapping) But I'm afraid to go home, if I have to look at my studio with all that crap everywhere-

ERICA

I tried to clean it.

DANA

And that bathroom-

ERICA

You painted on the walls, though.  
Should I paint over it?

DANA

With those tiles, those little octagonal tiles. They're so hard not to stare at. I kind of got obsessed with them. But not in a good way. There's that crack along the floor where the tiles to the left are slightly higher than the ones on the right? From there, I tried to count all the tiles but the rows are hard to keep straight after awhile, they kind of blurred together and I stopped seeing the grout. Just these octagons. I had this feeling like, if one of the octagons could just get free... If it could just get away from the other octagons everything would be okay, but... And then I then I thought, I'm lying on the bathroom floor. I don't know how I got there. (Beat) It's a very cold floor. When you step out of the shower? It's very cold... Virginia and I both have little stations here, in the bathroom, with a mirror and shelves on either side for our stuff. Then the dresser is built in under the mirror. It's maple. Maple is a nice, warm wood, I think.

ERICA

You could put your make-up on one of the shelves.

DANA

I could.