

INT. MARSHALL'S APARTMENT - DAY

It's more of a mess than usual. He shuffles to a couch and sits down, retrieving an ice pack from the coffee table and holding it to his face.

DANA

Did you guys get in a fight out there?

MARSHALL

(shaking his head)

Kevin and I had a little altercation.

DANA

He beat you up?

MARSHALL

He didn't beat me up. He just lost his temper. We were both pissed.

(beat)

It'll pass.

DANA

When?

(losing it)

When are we going to stop?

Tears start to roll down her face.

MARSHALL

What's the matter?

DANA

I'm scared.

MARSHALL

It'll be okay. Come on.

He gives her a hug. She lets herself collapse into his arms. Trying to escape the terror she feels.

DANA

I just lost three thousand dollars.

MARSHALL

(surprised)

Where'd you get that kind of dough?

DANA

My mother's bank account. I was practicing in my room, and I kept getting twenty-one. I thought it was a sign.

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MARSHALL

I guess not.

DANA

I don't know what to do.

She's crying now, not holding back.

DANA (cont'd)

I wish you'd never taken me to that casino.

He takes his arm off her shoulder.

MARSHALL

Whoa. Don't even think about blaming me for your bad luck.

DANA

I'm sick of good luck and bad luck. It's like play money to you. I have no idea how I'm going to get out of this.

MARSHALL

You're not the only one with problems. I still owe Kevin money. And I'd have it, if it wasn't for you.

DANA

What are you talking about?

MARSHALL

You should have left us alone at Ryan's.

DANA

So you could have ended up in jail for assault and battery?

MARSHALL

He wouldn't have done anything, the pansy.

DANA

The way you acted made me sick.

He moves away from her on the couch.

MARSHALL

Then what are you doing here?

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DANA

I thought you'd understand. But all you care about is yourself. And ever since I met you my life has gotten worse and worse.

MARSHALL

Maybe you're just screwed up.

She gets up and pulls the evil eye chain off her neck, breaking it.

DANA

And maybe if I get away from you I won't be.

MARSHALL

That's fine with me. You've been nothing but bad luck since the day I met you.

His coldness stuns her. And so it ends...

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