

Dark Comedy/Drama

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DINNER AT CANALE'S

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Vicky has found evidence that her husband has been cheating on her and she now confronts her husband. There is a gun on the table between them, and she implores him to lie to her, so that she is not tempted to actually use the gun against him.

VICKY

Can you please not make me do this? Just don't—just don't tell me what happened. If you don't tell me, if I don't know, then I can't react. Right? Just, let's keep it simple, okay? I don't wanna—I don't wanna do anything that...you know, that we'll both regret later? And...

(pause)

God, I wish you hadn't left that gun right there. It's just—I can't stop playing with it now...and you left the safety off, and I...Peter, just tell me you love me and you didn't cheat on me last night and that we'll always be together, and maybe this gun will, maybe I'll be able to drop it, and we can go out to dinner at Canale's and order that lasagna, and just...and just be Us again. Okay? Can you do that? For Us?

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