

**ADRIAN**

(To Audience)

Just like that. No warning. Nothing. No meter, no beeping machine. No men standing there with a sign reading danger ahead proceed with caution. Her mother moved in that Sunday. By Monday we were living together in her bedroom. By Tuesday we stopped talking. By Thursday I was packing. On Thursday I fucking left. Can you blame me? We went from a happy home to fighting to silence. The worse thing in my mind is when a woman doesn't speak to you. Because a woman's mind can be evil and damn right I was scared. From love to loveless in an instant. Then, a few years later she writes to me and tells me the reasons for our break-up. I started reading it and by the second page I said to myself the hell with her. She doesn't deserve my time in reading this.

(To Juani)

You've no idea what you did to me. You crushed me. I couldn't work. I was constantly crying. I developed a tick in my right eye because of the crying.

(Starts walking towards her.)

Three months. For three months I couldn't do anything. I lost over twenty pounds. All I kept thinking was why at the time.

**VINCENT**

(To Adrian)

Adrian. Relax.

**ADRIAN**

(Still walking towards Juani.)

Why let me fall in love with you to just throw me out? I knew you loved before. Even with that you lied to me. You said you guys decided to just be friends. Come to find out tonight that you lied to him and left him. Is that what you do? Toy with men? Get them to need and want you and then leave? And then use someone else's words as an excuse?

(Adrian II and Kathleen enter stage right and sit at the table. Vincent gets up. Adrian then grabs Juani.)

**VINCENT**

(To Adrian)

Let her go.

**ADRIAN**

Let her go? It took me almost a year to let her go. You wouldn't take my calls. You wouldn't respond to my messages. And when I went to your job you just sat there. Talking on-line to GOD only knows who and not even looking at me.

**JUANI**

Get your hands off me.

**ADRIAN**

I got another tee word for you. Torment. What about torture? Which do you think best describes what you did to me? To Vincent? Or to any other guy you come across?

**JUANI**

(Pushes Adrian off of her.)

I said get your hands off me. I'm not that naïve chick from back in the day.

**VINCENT**

Guys calm down.

**ADRIAN**

I bet you that conversation didn't even happen. Vincent wasn't there. You're always late. I think it's just a convenient cover-up. Another tall tale from a short liar.

**JUANI**

I could care less if you believe it or not. That's what happened. It's up to Vincent to forgive me. Not you. It's his decision to believe if I'm telling the truth. Not yours.

**VINCENT**

I believe her Adrian.

**ADRIAN**

Yeah. She's good at making people believe in fantasy. She's a storyteller. You probably already have sympathy from everyone here. But not me. You were never alone with my mother. Never alone with my friends. So you had no reason to leave me the way you did. You had no reason to leave me period.

**JUANI**

I loved you!

(Adrian grabs Juani and throws her to the floor.)

**VINCENT**

What the fuck?!

(Vincent pushes Adrian out of his way and kneels to Juani. Juani starts to hold on to Vincent as she lies on the floor.)

**ADRIAN**

(Pointing to Juani but facing the audience.)

Liar! A goddamn liar. A manipulative bitch who plays head games. The source of all fucking evil. The reason why men don't trust women. The cause for the demise of people trusting love. The woman's a cunning whore with no end in sight.

**VINCENT**

Enough! This is asinine. You put your hands on a woman? You're not a man. You're a fucking scumbag. I'm happy she left you, no matter how. Especially with your fucking higher than almighty violent temper.

(Lowers voice and looks at Juani.)

Why did you stay so long with him hitting you?

**JUANI**

He never hit me.

**ADRIAN**

No. But I wanted to when you left.

**JUANI**

Why stay with a sinking ship?

**VINCENT**

What?

(Adrian looks at Juani.)

**JUANI**

Why stay with a sinking ship?

(Adrian looks at Adrian II and Kathleen. Vincent cradles Juani and she begins to sob into his chest softly.)