

Audition side for Tyler and Sheri

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SHERI. I told you, nothing —

TYLER. Happened. I know. I guess I always knew.

SHERI. Then why did you...? Jake, you ran around on me. I waited so many nights —

TYLER. I know. I know everything I did ... I'm ... sorry. *(Long beat.)* Sher. All this time you've been calling me? I didn't call back because ... it wasn't worth it ... I wasn't worth it. *(Beat.)* But this dope pusher —

SHERI. Pharmacologist.

TYLER. Right. He sounds like he can make you happy ... And that matters.

SHERI. That I'm happy? ... What about you?

TYLER. I've got the world on a string.

SHERI. You've got a girlfriend with a great ass.

TYLER. Same thing. *(A nice beat. They share a small laugh.)* You happen to bring those divorce papers? *(She removes them from her bag and walks to him.)*

SHERI. You can keep everything ... I never wanted the stuff.

TYLER. But Teddy said —

SHERI. Teddy's an agent —

TYLER. The beach house, the Picasso —

SHERI. Teddy's gross and net. Mostly gross —

TYLER. He said if anything ever happened to me — you would get everything.

SHERI. Jake? Snap out of it. Nothing's gonna happen to you. You're an Oscar nominee. *(He thinks for a second.)*

TYLER. Teddy says I'm worth twelve million.

SHERI. More like nineteen. The smartest thing you ever did was let me take care of the money. *(Tyler considers. Finally puts papers in his pocket.)*

TYLER. I'll put them in the mail myself. *(Beat.)*

SHERI. Thank you, Jake. For what you said. It's ... kind.

TYLER. Sher, if I ask you something really off the wall, will you promise me you'll do it? No questions?

SHERI. *(Thinking.)* OK.

TYLER. Tonight, and every night for the rest of your life, say that prayer, "Now I lay me down to sleep."

SHERI. *(Joining in.)* I pray the Lord my soul to keep?

TYLER. That's the one.

SHERI. Why?

TYLER. I said no questions.

SHERI. But —

TYLER. Because sometimes you have to trust in something ...

SHERI. ... bigger than yourself? You remembered that?

TYLER. I'll remember everything.

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