

Scene 4

A Laundromat. Leigh is finishing folding her laundry. Grace enters, observing.

LEIGH

Oh hey! Surprise! Thought you'd like some fresh linens.

GRACE

Wow. Thank you. Today is full of surprises.

LEIGH

Yep. And I bleached them. Look at that. Completely white.

GRACE

That's amazing.

BEAT

So. Anything... going on?

LEIGH

Nope.

BEAT

GRACE

So who knows?

LEIGH

Who-...?

GRACE

Leigh, come on. It's me.

LEIGH

Ok.

GRACE

I've got you. It's not too late to fix this. I'm sure you told Jimmy but has it gotten back to Davis yet?

BEAT

Come on. It's fine. Just tell me what you're saying and we can come up with a plan.

LEIGH

Thank you for your concern, Grace, but you're making me a little uncomfortable with the way you're --- I just don't think it's any of your business right now.

GRACE

Leigh, baby, the words you're using- there are incredible ramifications for this. I know you know that.

LEIGH

I do know that. Thank you.

GRACE

So let's do what's right here, ok?

LEIGH

Wow.

GRACE

Well you can't expect me to stand with you on this.

LEIGH

Ok. Got it.

GRACE

Don't do that to me.

LEIGH

I'm not really worried about you right now.

GRACE

You're playing with fire.

LEIGH

Is that what I'm doing?

GRACE

You're making a mess.

LEIGH

I couldn't walk.

GRACE

When?

LEIGH

We got home, and I couldn't walk.

GRACE

You were drunk.

LEIGH

Ok.

GRACE

Aww, Leigh, don't do this. If you want to sleep around, that's your deal. I praise you for the courage. You want to start throwing around accusations though and I will raise my hand with questions.

LEIGH

Look, I don't need you to get all pre-law student on me.

GRACE

Well Leigh how am I supposed to react? Your sister, is in the apartment blabbing on about rape. So tell me what is going on.

LEIGH

What do you want to know?

GRACE

What happened at the party?!

LEIGH

You tell me. It sounds like you have a pretty good idea.

GRACE

I have an inkling, yes!

LEIGH

You think I made it up.

GRACE

You're pretending that you didn't?

LEIGH

You know what? I think we're done.

GRACE

You can't just ignore this, Leigh! You can't just say it's done!

LEIGH

Well you and me, Grace? We're absolutely done.

GRACE

Oh you're going to throw me out?

LEIGH

I would love for you to be my friend, but it seems you are unable to give me that.

GRACE

That's not how it looks to me.

LEIGH

Really? And who the fuck are you?

GRACE

I'll tell you who I'm not. An enabler.

LEIGH

So you came down here to help me with my lie? Is that it?

GRACE

You just don't even think about what position you're putting me in, do you?

LEIGH

Don't make this about you, Grace! Stop trying to be an example! Just be Grace! Let me get through this. Just hold my hand and let me get through this.

BEAT, Leigh extends her hand. Grace just stares at her.

LEIGH

(hurt)

You really don't believe me.

BEAT

There's not even a moment of doubt? You're that sure?

GRACE

I was there, Leigh.

LEIGH

Not the whole time.

GRACE

I was listening!

LEIGH

Not the whole time!

GRACE

Why are you doing this?!

LEIGH

I'm not *doing* anything!

GRACE

This is so fucked!

LEIGH

This is right!

GRACE

BUT IS IT TRUE?!

BEAT

Huh. Wow.

LEIGH

What's the point?

GRACE

I should have asked myself that a long time ago.

BEAT

I thought we were more than this.

LEIGH

We're not.

BEAT

So what do you want from me, Grace?

GRACE

I just want you to spread them wider next time. Maybe that way the whole team can fit in.

BEAT

LEIGH

(calmly and rationally)

No. You want me to confide in you and cry in your arms and then maybe I'll realize that the real person I love has been right here all along. Like you've dreamt. And you'll think "I'm glad I paid her rent and took care of her. It finally paid off." You want me to tell you it's a lie so that you can help me out of it. And you want me to open my legs wider so that you can fit in.

BEAT

GRACE

Well now we know where we stand.

GRACE goes to exit, but first-

You know, if you're telling the truth about all of this - I hope it hurt.

GRACE exits.

BEAT

LEIGH

It did.