

RHONDA and JOYCE

Shut up, Chase!

CHASE

Come on. I'm just trying to ... You know what? I think we should all get together and talk this through as soon as we get home. But right now, I think we need to -

RHONDA

I've always had to settle so that you could have what you wanted. Every time. Everything. Every boy. Every man. Remember Jerrod Lipscomb?

JOYCE

Jerrod Lipscomb? Seriously? That was, what, sixth grade?

RHONDA

You were in the eighth. I was in seventh. And so was Jerrod. I had a crush on him and made the mistake of telling you about it. Next thing I know, you're going skating with him.

JOYCE

My God, Rhonda! Fine! You can have Jerrod Lipscomb. Just give me Arthur's knife.

RHONDA

I don't want Jerrod!

JOYCE

Then why bring him up?

RHONDA

Because I wanted him then. And you took him. Just like you took Blake Phillips, Tony Martin, Brian Cook -

JOYCE

We were kids!

RHONDA

You even got to wear the prom dress that I picked out!

JOYCE

It fit me better. You're boobs were too big for it. Daddy wouldn't let you out of the house in it.

CHASE

She's right, Honey. Your boobs are bigger than hers.

RHONDA

Aren't you observant, Darling!

CHASE

Well, anyone can see that. I mean, just look. It's obvious.
... It's a compliment!

(An uncomfortable beat)

How's that fire coming along?

JOYCE

What does any of this have to do with anything?

RHONDA

You knew I wanted Arthur.

JOYCE

What?!

RHONDA

When we met him and Chase at the bowling alley and they asked if we wanted to double date. In the bathroom you asked which one I liked and I told you I liked Arthur. And you said "Arthur's mine. He's the smart one. You can have the stupid one."

JOYCE

Oh my God!

CHASE

You know, you two could wait to discuss this some time when I'm not listening. Like maybe after we're rescued? After the snowmobile people see the smoke from the fire you two were going to start with the pieces of clothes that you're not shredding -

RHONDA

And you know what's really screwed up about it all? The fact that I've always been faithful to Chase.

CHASE

That's not screwed up.

RHONDA

Even though I've always been in love with Arthur.

JOYCE

Now, that's screwed up!

RHONDA

I never acted on it. I never even told him. I settled for stupid and never even thought about cheating. I've always been faithful.

CHASE

And I thank you, Honey. But we really need to -

RHONDA

Not like some people.

JOYCE

Are you suggesting that I've been unfaithful?

RHONDA

Actually, I never suspected it. As far as I ever knew, you were the perfect wife. Even when Arthur had to be away from home on business for days at a time, traveling across the country, to Mexico, South America. You never ran around on him, did you?

JOYCE

No, I didn't.

RHONDA

Where's Grandma's necklace?

JOYCE

Grandma's necklace?

RHONDA

The one Mom used to wear. The one she gave you before she died. The one I loved so much. I settled for her zirconium earrings, remember? And you got Grandma's necklace. You wear it like a trophy - like a damn medal. "Look at me! I'm the big sister! I get first dibs on everything because I'm so damn special!"

JOYCE

Okay, this is getting really -

RHONDA

Where is it, Sis? Did you lose it?

JOYCE

No, I didn't lose it.

RHONDA

Then where the hell is it?

JOYCE

It's at home. Safe.

RHONDA

Really? Who's home?

JOYCE

My home. It's in my jewelry box. Good thing, too. I might have lost it if I'd brought ...

RHONDA

(Taking the necklace from her pocket)

I was very careful not to lose it. In fact I've been taking very good care of it ever since I found it.

JOYCE

Where? Where'd you find it?

RHONDA

In my bed.

CHASE

Shit.

JOYCE

How'd it get there?

RHONDA

You tell me?

JOYCE

How would I know?

RHONDA

You know, the only thing worse than a liar is a liar who keeps on lying even when she knows everyone else knows she's lying.

JOYCE

You're crazy!

CHASE

Rhonda, Honey, I promise we'll all talk about this as soon as we get home. But right now we need to -

RHONDA

You lost it while you were fucking my husband, didn't you?