

SELENA

In case you missed it I'm trying to help you.

DOLORES

You think I give a fiddler's fuck about what anybody else says about me?

SELENA

Jesus

DOLORES

It's you. What you think. It's the only thing left that's important.

SELENA

I can't send you to prison.

DOLORES

You think that's the end of the world? God, that'd be a relief. Sit and sleep. Three meals served up every day.

SELENA

Maybe you're just happier being miserable. Is that it? Is that it, Mother?

DOLORES

If it makes it easier for you.

SELENA

Vera's a bitch. She's abusive. She's mean. She's cheap. Why not leave? Why not just walk?

DOLORES

Like they do in New York?

SELENA

If someone hurts me, I leave. Believe me, I learned that a long time before I got to New York.

DOLORES

I'm not the one that hurt you.

SELENA

What is that supposed to mean? You're blaming him? Is that what we're into now?? He was a drunk...barely get out of his own way.(beat) Fine. Maybe he hit you. I don't remember it.

DOLORES

You don't seem to remember much of anything.

SELENA

But then he's not exactly around to defend himself, is he?

DOLORES

You honest to God don't remember, do you?

SELENA

Look, here's the goddamned list. You do what you want with it.

DOLORES

That's why it's so unsettled, ain't it?

SELENA

Unsettled. Don't you mean boogery, Mother? If you're attempting some sort of meaningful analysis, perhaps we best define our terms.

DOLORES

Selena

SELENA

It's the cornerstone of critical thinking, Mother. The ability to communicate with an agreed upon vocabulary.

DOLORES

We'll have another drink.

SELENA

Uh uh. I've had my fun for the night.

DOLORES

No. You sit down right this minute and you can just stow that vase of shit. We're gonna sit down at this table you and me and we're gonna have us a drink and when we're through, when I'm through then you can run upstairs and take whichever one of those little pills makes you feel the best. (beat) It's your father, Selena. Your father molested you.

SELENA

You bitch. You crazy old lying bitch.

DOLORES

Selena

SELENA

Your'e a fucking psychotic. Do you know how insane that is?

DOLORES

No. For god sakes you think I'd make up something like this?

SELENA

Did this actually come to you or did you work on it?

DOLORES

How could you not remember? How is that possible?

SELENA

I remember you hitting him. That I remember. I remember the blood coming down his face. I remember the drinking. I remember the fighting but this...

DOLORES

Selena , you are not responsible.

SELENA

Mackey's right. You are dangerous. Fuck you.

DOLORES

Selena, please. You've gotta believe me.

SELENA

No I don't.

DOLORES

Selena