

Woman (Pours tea)

Girl :
He's unpredictable

Woman: You're right..

Girl: I tried to flush everything... My shit..His shit..
He got angry, and he was coked up so he just came at me. Its like, if I dont do what he says he's a wild animal.

Woman: Why dont you just leave? (Hands over tea to the girl)

Girl: Where am I gonna go?
Tom loves me and he takes care of me in his own fucked up way. It might not be ideal but I figure its just easier to hide until he calms down.
When I was still at Fordham just when all this shit started to take over, Id sit in the park over there and just swing for hours. It was the only place I felt safe

Woman: Well, If he's violent there are always other options.

Girl: Like what?

Woman: Dont you have a friend that you can stay with?

Girl: Maybe for a few nights but then what? Its not like I have any money to get my own place. I just wanna go back to my mom, buy we're not even talking so...

Woman Well we can deal with that, but we need to get you to a meeting first.

Girl I dont even want her to see me like this. I mean, I can't even believe you'd recognize me. I worked on the yearbook. I was editor-in-chief of the paper. People always said I had a bright future.

Woman Thats great

Girl whatever its nothing new Im not even at school.
And the way she looks at me, I can see how much she hates me. Its in her eyes you know?
Just.. complete disdain.

Woman: I dont have a great relationship with my mom either.. All I ever wanted when I was young was just to get out of that house, and I did. I made something out of my life. You just have to be strong, and find an outlet that isn't drugs.

Girl: Please just tell me and ill do it,

Woman: Well. For me I realized I could help people. But sometimes its easier to live for others than it is to figure out how to live for yourself. Its hard. And I. Make mistakes I have to make tough judgement calls. Like.. I shouldn't even be here right now.

Girl: Im happy you came

Woman" I dont think I should leave you

Girl : Ill be ok. I promise

Woman: It'll be our secret