

(Jack stands there looking totally defeated. Amber slides off of the sofa and eases up to him.)

AMBER: OK. The spoil sport is gone. (She turns Jack around and slides to her knees again, grabbing the end of his belt with her teeth and tugging.) Let's get down to business.

JACK: (Pulling her to her feet) Hold on. (A beat) I can't.

AMBER: Give me about thirty seconds and I can fix that. (She goes to grope him.)

JACK: (Grabbing her hand and pulling it away.) No. You can't. I can't.

AMBER: Is this some physical problem you have?

JACK: No.

AMBER: It's not over that fuddy dud roommate of yours, is it?

JACK: (A beat) I'm afraid so.

AMBER: (Thinking) So, like you and her have this thing going. Don't you?

JACK: We used to.

AMBER: (Thinking some more) And that's your baby?

JACK: (A long pause) Yes.

AMBER: (Taking it all in) So this is some kind of really screwed up arrangement you've got going here?

JACK: That's about the size of it.

AMBER: I don't mean to pry -- but, I'm not sure what kind of deal you have here, but I'm not one for being a homewrecker.

JACK: She and I aren't together anymore. (Sighs) It's a long story.

AMBER: But you still live in the same house?

JACK: Yeah.

AMBER: That's crazy!

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JACK: I've heard.

AMBER: God, no wonder she's pissed.

JACK: (*Sinking to the sofa*) Oh, this is so out of hand.

AMBER: But like, she's dating some guy too, right?

JACK: He proposed to her.

AMBER: Wow! No wonder you're wound so tight. I just thought you were a tense person.

JACK: She hasn't given him an answer yet. It's been over a month.

AMBER: She's still in love with you.

JACK: What?

AMBER: (*Sliding down next to him on the sofa*) Oh, come on. That's what that whole tantrum was about.

JACK: You think?

AMBER: Duh! Are you that stupid? She wants you. Not that other guy. Why else did she get her hope up when she thought you were doing all this to try and seduce her and win her back.

JACK: But I wasn't.

AMBER: No. But the question is -- do you want to?

JACK: (*Thinks hard, looks at her finally*) That's a good question.

(*Lights fade.*)