

GENUINE ARTICLE

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INT. DARLEEN'S HOME - EVENING

DARLEEN paces her living room. SAM sits on a sofa.

SAM

You have to just walk away from it.

DARLEEN

I don't want to walk away from it!

SAM

I know but if you don't, all hell is gonna break loose.

DARLEEN

She should have thought about that.

SAM

Angel, listen to me...I know how you feel-

DARLEEN

Do you? Do you have any idea what this woman did to me?

SAM

I most certainly do.

DARLEEN

I'm gonna tear her face off!

SAM

Okay, okay...(beat)...look, if we don't rush things-

DARLEEN

Please, Sam, I can't deal with one of your long philosophy talks right now.

SAM

Just hold your horses...

DARLEEN

Go on.

SAM

All I want to say is that if you wait...think things through...you will be able to get what you want. Going about things the way you are about to is wrong.

(MORE)

SAM (CONT'D)

It's wrong for your integrity,
it's wrong for your business.

DARLEEN

What business? She took everything
from me!

SAM

Did she?

DARLEEN

Of course she has.

SAM

Not necessarily. The people in
this town love you. They go each
day to drop their kids off to YOU.
She may have swiped the rug out
from under your feet but what did
she really gain? The people will
follow you.

DARLEEN

I'm so stupid, I can't believe I
didn't see this coming.

SAM

She hid her true motives. You
trusted her. There is no way you
could have seen this coming.

DARLEEN

I suck at business. If I was any
good, I would have sensed
something.

SAM

You're excellent at business.

DARLEEN

What am I supposed to do now, Sam?
I have nothing. She took
everything...

SAM

She took a location and a name.
She forgot the most important
aspect.

DARLEEN

How am I going to get a new start?
I don't have a penny to my name.

SAM
You have a house.

DARLEEN
So?

SAM
Why not open up a new day care
center inside your own home?

DARLEEN
Is that even allowed?

SAM
Sure is...anything is possible if
you have the will power to make it
so...

DARLEEN
I never thought about that before.
It's a lot to take on.

SAM
I'm here. I have nothing else to
do with myself. I'll assist you
with everything. Heck, we can get
you started immediately.

DARLEEN
I don't know nothing about the
business stuff of setting it all
up and the laws and everything.

SAM
It's time you learn.

DARLEEN
I don't think I can ever pull
something like that off.

SAM
Sure you can.

DARLEEN
You think too high of me.

SAM
You love children?

DARLEEN
I do.

SAM
And you know why inside yourself
you do what you do for them?

DARLEEN

Yeah...

SAM

That fire you have in you, that's not something to throw away like it doesn't matter. It matters. The work you give matters. That's worth fighting for, don't you think?

DARLEEN

It's a lot for me to take in right now.

SAM

You can do anything in this life, Darleen. I believe in you and I know you will succeed.

DARLEEN

You really don't think I'm crazy?

SAM

I know you're crazy and that's why I know you can do it.

Darleen hugs Sam.