

Window Pain

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INT. BEDROOM - EVENING

VICKIE enters the bedroom. LESLIE sits on the bed applying an ice pack to her face.

VICKIE

...Hey.

LESLIE

...Hey.

VICKIE

I'm sorry. I didn't mean to punch you in the face.

LESLIE

Oh no? What did you mean then cause I have a black eye that's shining like the moon on a pitch black night!

VICKIE

I know. I meant to punch you but I'm sorry I did and I shouldn't have. I really shouldn't have, Leslie. I would never want to hurt you.

LESLIE

It's not the black eye that hurts...

VICKIE

Yeah well, you say such horrible things to me and you always talk down to me; I've given you so many warnings, so many times I've tried to tell you to stop, stop, stop and every time we argue you hit below the belt and it's not like I haven't been trying really hard to control my temper, alright?

LESLIE

Look at my big black eye. You call that controlling your temper. We've been through this...you're lucky I ain't called the police on you. Still might. Been debating it all this time.

VICKIE

Just quit it. It's not like you haven't taken shots at me.

(MORE)

VICKIE (CONT'D)

Remember that time you pushed me through the barn window. I went clear straight through and landed in wart hog shit on the other side. It actually saved me from a harder fall I imagine.

LESLIE

Yeah well, you had it coming.

VICKIE

That's exactly what I mean. You see, you can relate to me, can't you?

LESLIE

And my elbow, when you popped me I spun and landed straight down on my elbow. I don't know what's worse.

Leslie adjusts her elbow on the ice pack.

VICKIE

You're a real bitch.

LESLIE

And you're Satan reincarnated as a woman.

VICKIE

Can we make up? Please? I'm really sorry I hurt you, Les...

LESLIE

I know I have a bad mouth on me, I know I said some terrible things to you, I get it, I admit it...but I'm not so sure how I feel about all this now that you've physically hurt me like this...

VICKIE

I still have scars on my beautiful thighs from barn window glass. I still think about it and what you did.

LESLIE

Was this pay back then?

VICKIE

No, what I'm saying is that I still stuck with you. You should stick with me cause if you don't then that proves I love you most and I've always said I did despite what you say.

LESLIE

Right now love is the furthest thought from my mind.

VICKIE

Alright, so will it make you feel better to pop me back?

LESLIE

Get the hell out of here...you going real crazy on me.

VICKIE

Come on. Just punch me one real good and we can call it even then. Yeah?

LESLIE

I said hell no. Stop it already before I send you to the asylum.

VICKIE

Maybe I'm better off at the asylum anyways.

LESLIE

Maybe

VICKIE

You think?

LESLIE

Maybe.

VICKIE

Maybe...hmmm. (beat) What if I give myself a quick jab to the eye. Will that make you feel better?

LESLIE

You know what Vickie? I don't have the energy for you. I can see out of one eye and can move one arm. My head is pounding and I just want to conk out. I'm exhausted.

VICKIE

Can I rub you?

Vickie starts rubbing Leslie.

Does that feel good?

LESLIE

Yeah but keep it away from my wounds.

VICKIE

I'm so sorry I did this to you, please don't hate me. Please don't be mad at me Les.

LESLIE

Damn girl, just give me some time. I ain't no robot that can turn on and off emotions at will. I can't stand you right now and you know that. A few hours after what happened isn't long enough for me to welcome you with open arms.

VICKIE

But will you?

LESLIE

Will I what?

VICKIE

Welcome me with open arms?

LESLIE

We'll just have to wait and see.

VICKIE

Why?

LESLIE

Cause whenever someone hurts me deep, the way that you've done, it takes me a while to readjust myself to that person and sometimes there's no going back.

VICKIE

So wutch you saying? We may not be together anymore?

LESLIE

If you keep pushing me, we definitely won't be?

VICKIE
That's bullshit!

LESLIE
Listen, if you keep pushing it, I
will keep going further away from
you.

VICKIE
Fine. Suit yourself. (beat) When
you pushed me through that glass
window, I let you care for me and
I forgave you on the spot.

LESLIE
Cause you're different than me. No
two people are the same.

VICKIE
Yeah but we are lovers so we are
supposed to be connected in a
certain way.

LESLIE
Not like that. This is something
different.

VICKIE
You hurt me and I was there. I
hurt you and now you're running
away.

LESLIE
Damn it, Vickie! Stop acting so
Goddamn stupid when it comes to
things like this. You gave me a
black eye and almost broke my damn
elbow. What do you really think?
Lucky I'm even speaking to your
dumb ass right this instant.

VICKIE
Fine! Do what you want.

LESLIE
I will. You got some nerve
getting all hot when I'm the
patient and your the cause.

VICKIE
Yeah, well, I wouldn't do this to
you. Make you feel all bad...it's
abuse.

LESLIE

Believe me, I'm not doing anything on purpose here. I also think I've been extremely kind enough to you in the aftermath. Trust me, where I come from, you're lucky I didn't react differently. I'm actually surprised at myself right now.

VICKIE

Fine.

LESLIE

Fine.

VICKIE

Just let it go then.

LESLIE

Yeah...will you tell me if you at least forgive me for what I done?

VICKIE

YES, I forgive you...holy shit man.

LESLIE

Like really, really. Like really forgive me for it?

VICKIE

Vickie, for the last time girl...I forgive you. Okay?

LESLIE

Alright...I'll take that. I love you.

VICKIE

I forgive you.

LESLIE

Okay, okay...