

ACT THREE

INT. PLAYBOY CLUB -- STAGE AREA -- RESUME

Carol-Lynne corners Maureen, the bloody blue Bunny suit dangling from her fingertips. Waits for an answer. Waits.

CAROL-LYNNE

How did you get blood on your Bunny costume, Maureen?

MAUREEN

I can't tell you.

CAROL-LYNNE

*(you're going to)*

How did you get blood on your Bunny costume, Maureen?

MAUREEN

It's -- I did something bad.

CAROL-LYNNE

Yes, we've already established that. You went home with a Keyholder. My Keyholder. Keep talking.

Maureen is not getting out of this. Beat. Beat.

MAUREEN

Because before that -- before that I went to the back and -- I went out to the alley to smoke a cigarette. With my tray and -- a man tried to steal my cash box.

CAROL-LYNNE

A man?

MAUREEN

A street man. A vagrant. A homeless --

CAROL-LYNNE

I know what a street man is.

MAUREEN

I knew I'd get in trouble if I lost all that money, so I fought back. I kicked him with my shoe --

CAROL-LYNNE

Where?

MAUREEN

*(confused)*

In the alley.

CAROL-LYNNE

Where did you kick him?

MAUREEN

Oh. In the leg. Then he hit me and my nose started bleeding. Which is that blood. And that's when Nick came out --

CAROL-LYNNE

You're on a first-name basis now?

MAUREEN

*(reacts, beat)*

Mr. Dalton got the guy out of there. Then he took me back to his apartment to clean up. And then later you walked in.

Carol-Lynne sizes up the story. Maybe it's true.

MAUREEN (CONT'D)

I swear we didn't sleep together. I have no intention of stealing Nick from you --

CAROL-LYNNE

You already did.

MAUREEN

*(firm)*

No, I didn't. Nick didn't break it off, you did, and for no reason.

Carol-Lynne thinks, betrays nothing.

CAROL-LYNNE

Go ahead and apply to be on the cover of the magazine, Maureen. You did very well in training today and you've clearly read the manual.

MAUREEN

*(confused, but)*

Thank you.

CAROL-LYNNE

So now you definitely know that Bunnies can't go home with Keyholders, and costumes can't go home with Bunnies. Ever.

MAUREEN

Yes, ma'am.

CAROL-LYNNE

Never call me that again.

Carol-Lynne walks off. Off Maureen...