



CAROL
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Cast of Characters

Vinny:

A young author who is reliant on wine to think straight or to be comfortable with writing or socializing.

Carol:

A highly-flirtatious human incarnation of a bottle of red wine.

LIGHTS UP

VINNY - a relatively young author - is seated at a small table, staring blankly at his laptop.

Eventually, he starts typing for a few moments.

He stops typing, and pauses to stare at his laptop and think about what he's going to write.

He resumes typing for a few moments.

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He resumes typing for a few moments.

He stops typing.

As this goes on, repeating over and over again, VINNY gradually becomes more visibly tense and stressed.

VINNY

God dammit!

VINNY raises his fist, as if he's about to punch his laptop. However, he pauses, lowers his fist and lies backward, feeling defeated.

Pause, as VINNY thinks.

He resumes typing for a few moments.

He stops typing.

Pause

VINNY sighs heavily, deeply depressed.

VINNY

What's the use?

VINNY looks downward and breaks down in tears.

Enter CAROL, a highly-flirtatious young woman wearing a dark red dress.

CAROL simply stands and stares at VINNY.

Pause

As VINNY keeps sobbing, CAROL slowly walks toward the chair, and casually sits down in front of VINNY.

Brief pause

CAROL
Hey.

Pause

CAROL
How's it going?

VINNY slowly looks up and stops crying.

VINNY
Wh...wha-

CAROL
Something wrong?

VINNY
I-oh God, what are...are you-

CAROL
Awww, let me guess? You missed me?

VINNY
What?

CAROL
It is, isn't it? You miss me so much, you're actually-

VINNY
Wha-no...no-

CAROL
You miss me so much, you're actually-

VINNY
No, Carol! It's just...I just-How did you even get in-

CAROL
Well, if it's not me, then what is it?

VINNY
I...I've just had a stressful day, because of people...other people...and I'm just trying to get over it...by writing my book, here...in peace a-a-and quiet and-

CAROL

Oh, really?

VINNY

I promise you, it has absolutely nothing to do with YOU. Nothing at all.

CAROL

Is that so?

VINNY

As a matter of fact, I-I think...as I was writing, I had just been starting to get you out of my mind, after all this time. I really do think that-

CAROL smirks.

VINNY

What?

CAROL

Oh Vinny, you silly man.

VINNY

What?? It's true. I had just been starting to move on, with the help of some friends. I was just starting to adjust to not having you in my life anymore. Now please, I don't know how you were able to get back into my apartment, but if you'd please-

CAROL

Don't kid yourself, Vinny.

VINNY

I'm not kidding! I really mean-

CAROL

You know you can't stop thinking about me. You'll never really be able to move on.

VINNY

Look, I...I really need some space, I...can you PLEASE just go? Please?

CAROL

Why do you need space?

VINNY

Because I...I-I'm trying to work on my novel right now, and-

CAROL

"Trying"?

VINNY

Yes, trying...and it's hard for me to do that while-

CAROL

(laughs)

And to think, I remember when you didn't need to
"try".

You just DID it.

VINNY

(shrugs)

Carol, please-

CAROL

Everything was sooo much easier...more natural...and
more comfortable for you with me to help you out...but
now that I've been gone, it's like you've forgotten
how to do just about everything you used to do so
easily.

VINNY

For God's sake, Carol!

CAROL

I don't know who you think you're helping by
denying your true feelings, Vinny. Isn't it obvious
that we're meant to stay together?

VINNY

Jesus Christ-

CAROL

The only way you know how to live your life,
anymore, is with ME.

VINNY

Please-

CAROL

Come back to me, Vinny. You know you miss me.

VINNY

NO!