

She wasn't there.



Not when I was flunking out of school.

Not when Dad started losing it.

And when Marisa moved out and left me behind.



Not when I turned my [redacted] around and crushed it and graduated early.

Not when grandma started forgetting our names.



Not when I had to work three jobs to make it.

Not when--



Wait. Who is that?!

I know that girl. I've seen her!



Not when Anders cheated on me.



That's what I had to do--over and over again. Do it without her.

I was at the gas station!



She had a glowing knife, and--

But I'd trade everything I have, everything I've accomplished...

Just to have her back. Even for ten minutes.



That girl attacked me with the knife!



Attacked me and

THIS
ISSS

I'm older now
and I guess I'm
gonna die and

WRONGGG

NO, NO.
THIS IS *EXACTLY*
RIGHT.

LET THE KNIFE
UNLOCK ALL THOSE
GROSS, UNPLEASANT
EMOTIONS INSIDE
YOU!



Mom was here and then

BUT WHY

She was gone

HEY!



LEAVE
HER ALONE,
ADRIAN!

KISS
MY ASS,
CLINT!

THE
BLACKBIRD
IS MINE
NOW!



CAT! I CAN SEE
WHAT YOU ARE. GET
ME OUT OF HERE.

THIS IS THE
BEST IDEA IN THE
HISTORY OF THE
WORLD.

SHUT UP AND DO IT
ANYWAY. YOU KNOW I'M
HER ONLY CHANCE.



MROW



PHEW. MUCH
DCTTER.

ADRIAN! BACK
OFF. SHE'S UNDER
THE PROTECTION OF
THE ZON CABAL.

THIS IS
YOUR LAST CHANCE
TO GET YOUR ASS BACK
TO LONG BEACH!



HAH! OH,
CLINT. STILL
THE SAME.

YOU'VE GOT
AN EXPENSIVE
HAIRCUT AND
DADDY ISSUES.
BUT ME?

Pull out the knife just pull

I can't it feels bad to try



I'M DIRECTLY
CONNECTED TO HER.
NASTY LITTLE EMOTIONS!
THEIR POWER IS RUNNING
THROUGH MY VEINS!

AND SHE'S
GOT A LOT OF
THEM.

So nice.
To feel

Abandoned,
angry,
hopeless

I deserve it...



I TOLD YOU,
QUEEN OF THE
DAMNED--

BACK OFF,
NOW!

I'M
SUPERCHARGED
NOW, CLINT!

I'VE
CONFRONTED
MY OWN
DARKNESS!

YOU'RE JUST
A CARTOON OF
YOURSELF!

WHUFF!

OH [REDACTED]
THIS WAS NOT
SMART--



I-IS THIS
NFFF! BECAUSE I
G-GHOSTED ON YOU?
I S-SAID I WAS
SORRY!



No. I can't, Marisa
is gonna Die

She needs me
to find her
On my own,
no Mom



The knife is
stuck, I can't

Forget how bad
it feels just

PULL!



NO! UNFAIR!
I HAD YOU
DEAD, CLINT!
AND HER!

HAHA! I
HAVE NO IDEA
WHAT
YOU'RE TALKING
ABOUT. OBVIOUSLY,
I WAS ABOUT TO
TURN
THE TIDE--

WE'RE COMING,
CLINT. FOR HOLLYWOOD,
AND EVERYTHING ELSE.
TELL YOUR DAD, NEXT
TIME YOU'RE KISSING
HIS ASS!



I DID
IT!

I wanna puke!



AND
DON'T FOOL
YOURSELF. I
WAS THE ONE
WHO GHOSTED
ON YOU.



WHATEVER.

GIRL.
YOU'RE A CIVILIAN.
HOW THE HELL
DID YOU DO
THAT?!



I'M JUST AWESOOOME...

NIHINA.

REMEMBER
ME!