

Act 4/Scene 2

INT. - DINING ROOM - NIGHT

(Savanna, Pamela, and John are over for a Sunday Dinner. Everyone is eating except Claudia)

CLAUDIA

So I invited you all over to apologize.

PAMELA

Sweetheart were family. Families fight.

SAVANNA

Right and nobody wins when the family feuds.

JOHN

I knew you'd make the right decision, you're such a smart young woman, We hope Savanna follows in your footsteps.

PAMELA

We really do. You turned out perfect Claudia in spite of it all.

CLAUDIA

Well, that's what I wanna talk about. Spite. I used to spite my mother. I was ashamed of her and wanted to get as far away from her and this entire bloodline as possible.

SAVANNA

Here we go! What did my mother do to you? She's the one who took you in. You could've ended up like your mother. You should show her some gratitude.

JOHN

Savanna!

SAVANNA

No Dad! It's time someone said it. I'm not a kid anymore and I'm gonna stick up for my mother! (rolls eyes at Claudia)

CLAUDIA

You little lying bitch!

SAVANNA

Bitch?

JOHN

Girls!

(Pamela coughs on her wine unable to respond)

CLAUDIA

Oh I'm gonna stick up for my mother, and its starts right now! I'm gonna stick up for her like your other never did. Ain't that right Pam?

JOHN

Claudia...

CLAUDIA

(ignoring everyone and zeroed in on Pamela getting more & more upset with each question)

Where were you when he was raping her?

Where were you when she was crying out in agony?

Where were you when she missed her period three separate times because he had gotten her pregnant?

Where were you when that fucking bitch aborted her babies in the basement and buried them in the back yard!

Where were you?

PAMELA

I was in the room hiding you! Someone had to protect you Claudia, that was my job.

CLAUDIA

I wasn't your responsibility. She was! WHO WAS PROTECTING HER?!

JOHN

Lets go.

(everyone at the table is in shock except Claudia and Pamela, they are staring at each there with hate and regret)

CLAUDIA

You were right there while your Father raped your sister for years and your mother let him do it. You shared the same room! You saved yourself!

PAMELA

I SAVED YOU!

JOHN

Lets go!

CLAUDIA

You're not getting it.

Who saved her? She had no one else in this world to help her. She was taken out of school and held captive to be abused for the rest of his life. Have you no fucking mercy?

SAVANNA

(crying) Mom lets go.

(stands up to leave, John stand up as well)

PAMELA

It's the past Claudia, (sobbing) there is nothing either of us can do to change it.

JOHN

We will be in the car. Savanna let's go.

(they walk out)

PAMELA

Let go of the past Claudia. It was the hardest thing I've had to do but you can do it to. There's nothing you can do to change it.

(Claudia has a look of revenge on her face)

PAMELA

Really Claudia (wipes tears) What are you gonna do? (sarcastically)

CLAUDIA

(quietly) I'm gonna make it right.

(She sits at the table looking straight ahead. Pamela stares at her for a moment before walking out)