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NEW MANNIE AUDITION SCENE

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INT. THE BEAST - NIGHT

Parked in front of Todd's house, Ronna pops pills out of their foil packs, loading up the Tylenol bottle. In the passenger seat, Mannie is trying to keep from smiling so much, his jaw starting to lock up.

He looks over at Ronna, busily working.

MANNIE

You know I love you, don't you? I mean, you and Claire. Man. I love you guys so much.

He tries to hug her, but she pushes him back. He's not offended.

MANNIE (cont'd)

It's like, you know when you get a towel right out of the dryer, and it's all hot and fluffy and warm and staticky and you just want to rub it all over your head? You know? That is so the way I feel about you guys. I just wanna take this towel and wrap it around you guys and then just squeeze it really tight. Just squeeze you and fold you and like stuff you in my pocket. 'Cuz then like I'd be on the bus or something, like if the Beast broke down, not like it's going to break down because I love the Beast -- Man, I love this car -- but you know, shit happens. So I'm on the bus, and I'm all alone, so I just reach into my pocket and unfold you guys and then you're like right there.

Ronna is completely ignoring him.

MANNIE (cont'd)

You know what's great. What's. Great. Is Charlie's Angels. You think I'm shitting you but I'm so not. Check this.

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MANNIE (cont'd)

So you got these three hot chicks, and they could be like bitches in each other's business, like, "Fucking Sabrina used my fucking comb!" or "Those are my Jordache jeans you trampy ho" and they're not. They help each other. They're like a family, like us. God, I love you guys so much.

RONNA

Okay, listen. This is serious shit. If you start talking like that up there, he's going to know you took one.

Mannie tries to straighten up, hide his buzzing.

RONNA (cont'd)

Okay, think about something really horrible.

He concentrates really hard, finally deciding on...

MANNIE

War. I'll think about war and starvation. Ronna, you are so smart. You're the best. You're the bestest best.