

**THE SHADOWS**

Abby audition scenes from [johnaugust.com/casting](http://johnaugust.com/casting)

**SCENE ONE**

**INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT**

Abby and GINA (40s) are finishing bowls of ice cream. The TV is playing an episode of "Frasier."

GINA

Do you watch this show, Abby? I love it.

ABBY

I like it, too. They're mostly just talking so it's easy to figure out.

Then...

ABBY (CONT'D)

How big is the dog? On the show.

GINA

Moose? Moose is little.  
(showing with hands)  
He's like this big.  
(realizing that doesn't help)  
He's the size of a cat.

ABBY

I thought he'd be big.

GINA

Because his name is Moose.

ABBY

I guess that's the joke.

GINA

Yeah, he's a little shit. I guess he'd be dead now.

An awkward pause. *Why did she have to bring up death?*  
Changing topics --

GINA (CONT'D)

Tomorrow, what do you say we go shopping? Buy you some new clothes.

ABBY  
I don't care about clothes.

GINA  
You should! You're pretty. You  
could be a model.

ABBY  
Are there blind models?

GINA  
I dunno. Maybe? What do you want  
to be when you grow up?

ABBY  
An airline pilot.

Then...

ABBY (CONT'D)  
I'm kidding.

GINA  
You're funny! No one told me you  
were funny.

Abby smiles a little. It's the first time we've seen a glimmer  
of light in her.

**SCENE TWO****EXT. PIER - NIGHT**

ZEV (30s) is handcuffed to the railing. He watches as Abby cuts open a duct-taped envelope. She reaches inside, pulling out a bundle of \$100 bills. She can tell it's money.

ABBY  
How much is this?

ZEV  
Ten thousand dollars.

ABBY  
Where did you get it?

ZEV  
My work.

Abby reaches back into the envelope, pulling out a cloth-wrapped bundle. Opens it to find a SILVER GUN.

ABBY  
Do you kill people?

ZEV  
Only when I have to.

Abby weighs a decision. Zev can tell what she's considering --

ZEV (CONT'D)  
We need that! These men are dangerous. You don't know what you're doing.

ABBY  
I know I'm not killing anyone.

ZEV  
Just listen to me! These men I work for, they are killers. They would think nothing of...

Abby lobs the gun in the ocean. With one PLUNK, it's gone for good.

Zev can't believe she actually did it. *Who throws away a gun?*

ABBY  
I should never have trusted you.

ZEV  
This isn't trust! You need me!

ABBY  
You need me more! So stop lying  
to me!

ZEV  
(overlapping)  
You're a stupid little girl.

ABBY  
Without me, you'll never find her.  
I am the only one who can take you  
to her. So we're going to do this  
my way.