

EXT. APARTMENT COMPOUND - NIGHT - 6 MONTHS AGO (FLASHBACK)

Jack opens her door to find Billy in the carport, arguing with TARA, his then girlfriend and some UNIDENTIFIED MAN who is buttoning up his pants and running to his car.

BILLY

What the hell is going on, Tara?
(points at unidentified
man)
With Craig? One of my running
partners? In my home?

TARA

(crying hysterically)
If you were more attentive, more
caring, I wouldn't have to go find
somebody to give me those things.

Jack steps away from the door, then immediately rushes outside with a big, white bowl in her hands.

JACK

You bitch.

Jack races toward Tara and pelts her with handfuls of Halloween candy.

Tara runs toward Craig's car.

JACK (CONT'D)

You wouldn't know caring and
attentive if I pimp slapped your
ass with a lifetime supply of it.
Get the hell out of here.

Jack turns to run after her, but Billy grabs her and holds her to him. The pair watches Craig peel out of the driveway.

END OF FLASHBACK

INT. JACK'S APARTMENT - DAY (CONTINUOUS)

JACK

You know you deserve better than
her, right?

Billy's blue eyes water.

BILLY

I know.

Jack wraps her arms around his neck as his hands find her back. They sit that way for a moment or two. Billy turns Jack until she's cradled in his lap.

BILLY (CONT'D)
(kisses Jack's forehead)
Thank you for being my friend,
Jack.

Jack's eyes grow soft. She runs a finger along his jaw.

JACK
It could be so easy, couldn't it?

BILLY
With a girl like you? Most
definitely.

Jack opens her mouth to speak as JINGLING KEYS are heard at the front door. Carrie bounds into the living room and stops dead in her tracks.

She drops two plastic bags onto the coffee table.

CARRIE
I thought you might be lonely, but
I can see you're busy.

Billy maneuvers Jack off his lap.

BILLY
Actually, I have some essays to
grade before the game.
(kisses Jack's cheek -
whispers)
Call, me, okay?

Jack nods.

BILLY (CONT'D)
(still whispering)
I know it sounds weird, but I feel
vibes.

Billy gives Carrie a big hug before leaving.

Jack takes her dirty dishes into the KITCHEN. Carrie follows and watches Jack wash the bowl and spoon.

CARRIE
So, are you and Billy an item?

Jack places the dishes in the water.

JACK
I don't want to have this
conversation.

Carrie crosses her arms and glares at Jack's back.

CARRIE
So you are a couple?

JACK
(sings)
What a difference a day makes...
(shakes head - mutters)
Life is a freaking soap opera.

CARRIE
Don't play deaf.

Jack turns and stares at Carrie. She gives her the once-over.

JACK
Hey girl.

Jack gives Carrie a hug, much shorter than their typical
sistergirl hugs.