

Conversations With Anell
The Delivery
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INT. DEUCE'S APARTMENT

Deuce opens the front door. Anell stands wearing a black Gucci dress and a suede black Jimmy Choo pump.

DEUCE

What?

ANELL

You gonna let me in?

DEUCE

Why would I do that?

She shows him an envelope. He reaches. She pulls it away. He lets her in. She walks through observing the apartment for the first time.

ANELL

You need a housekeeper.

DEUCE

What do you want, Anell?

ANELL

(Looking at puzzle)

Bored much?

DEUCE

What do you want?

ANELL

I'm just saying, because that big ass puzzle has "I need a life" written all over it.

DEUCE

Anell!

She gives him the envelope.

ANELL

That's minus my fee.

DEUCE

What fee?

ANELL

Ten percent.

DEUCE

You took three hundred dollars from me to drive two miles?

ANELL

I charged you three hundred dollars for convincing myself to let my husband pay you. Believe me, it took some work.

DEUCE

Fine. You can go now.

ANELL

Well, bye.

She starts towards the door then stops.

DEUCE

What?

ANELL

The money is not all.

She stands waiting for him to ask.

DEUCE

What, Anell?

ANELL

You really hurt my feelings last night.

DEUCE

Maybe I went a little too far.

ANELL

Maybe? A little?

DEUCE

I went too far. I'm sorry.

ANELL

You don't mean that. The only reason you're apologizing is...

DEUCE

See, right here. This is the kind of stuff I'm talking about. Last night you grilled me about hiring

companions and not having a meaningful relationship. This is why?

He goes back to his puzzle. She stares at him.

DEUCE

What?

ANELL

I just need to know. Did you really mean all those things you said?

DEUCE

Why does it matter, Anell? I said them, I apologized. Can we move on?

ANELL

Move on to what? You still being mean to me every time you see me?

DEUCE

What are you talking about? We barely talk to each other.

ANELL

But when we do, you're hostile towards me. You always have been.

DEUCE

You know what? You have a problem with me telling you the truth about yourself, and now you wanna punish me for it.

ANELL

I admit some of the things you said are true. I own that. But what I'm not going to do is let you make me feel guilty about your harshness and hurting my feelings.

End