

TIFF stands near the bar, composed but alert. She already knows where everything is.

VAUGHN enters from the hallway. Jacket off. Tie loosened.

VAUGHN
You came.

TIFF
You asked.

VAUGHN
I didn't think you would.

TIFF
I always do.

He pours a drink. Doesn't offer her one.

VAUGHN
Vanessa's gone for the night. So we have the house all to ourselves.

TIFF
I know.

VAUGHN
You've been quiet lately.

TIFF
I've been thinking.

VAUGHN
That's never good.

TIFF
I knew about her.

He stops pouring.

VAUGHN
About who?

TIFF
Chloe.

VAUGHN
And?

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TIFF
And? And... you told me she was temporary.

VAUGHN
She was.

TIFF
She didn't know about me.

VAUGHN
No.

TIFF
You made sure of that.

He finally turns to face her.

VAUGHN
I manage my life carefully.

TIFF
You managed us.

VAUGHN
You understood the arrangement.

TIFF
I understood I wasn't the only one.

I didn't understand I was the backup plan.

VAUGHN
You weren't backup.

TIFF
Then what was I?

He steps closer.

VAUGHN
You were smart enough not to ask questions.

TIFF
Until now.

VAUGHN
Why now?

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