

CHLOE steps into the light, clutching her phone. She's nervous---but resolved.

VANESSA waits near a worktable. Still. Controlled.

VANESSA

What is so important that you wanted
to meet right away?

CHLOE

I have more information than what you
bargained for.

Vanessa's eyes flick to Chloe's phone.

VANESSA

You were paid to observe.

CHLOE

Well...I did more than that.

She taps the phone. An audio waveform flashes---then disappears.

CHLOE

Relapses. Confessions. Dates.

It's not just embarrassing. It's
fatal.

A beat.

VANESSA

That wasn't the agreement.

CHLOE

The agreement changed.

VANESSA

You're confused.

CHLOE

I'm informed...And the price just went
up.

Vanessa stiffens---just slightly.

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VANESSA

You think this is leverage.

CHLOE

I think it's worth more than you're
paying me.

CUT TO PRESENT.