

Sides—VINCE & JON
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JON. You're not dressed.

VINCE. Lay off.

JON. It's not that I don't like it—

VINCE. But—?

JON. But nothing.

VINCE. So—?

JON. So nothing—

VINCE. OK!

JON. OK.

VINCE. Excellent!

JON. Fine. *(Beat; a smile.)* I swear to God you get stranger each year.

VINCE. You look good, Jon. *(Jon enters room more fully, looking around.)*

JON. Where's Leah?

VINCE. Didn't make the trip.

JON. Why not?

VINCE. We broke up.

JON. Shut up.

VINCE. I'm serious—

JON. Shut up—

VINCE. I'm serious—

JON. You broke up?!

VINCE. We broke up.

JON. Why? —

VINCE. Complicated—

JON. Why? —

VINCE. She didn't like the way I dress.

JON. Don't joke —

VINCE. I'm not.

JON. What happened?

VINCE. I get stranger each year.

JON. Vince—

VINCE. She thinks I'm a dick. *(Pause.)* She sends apologies for not coming. She says she's sure it'll go well.

JON. *(Pause.)* I don't believe it.

VINCE. I'm serious, man, she does—

JON. Why did you break up?

VINCE. I don't know. *(Silence.)*

JON. I'm sorry, man.

VINCE. Me too.

JON. *(Beat.)* Is it permanent?

VINCE. Permanent as a dead horse, amigo.

JON. (*Beat.*) Did you do something?

VINCE. Why do you say that?

JON. Because I know you.

VINCE. *You* think I'm a dick—

JON. No, it's just that I know that you occasionally have a tendency to *act* in a phallic fashion.

VINCE. I'm not like that anymore.

JON. What — you're not a dick?

VINCE. See what I mean?

JON. I'm just asking what happened.

VINCE. Lots of things.

JON. Like? —

VINCE. Like she thinks I'm reckless.

JON. In general?

VINCE. Yes.

JON. (*Pause.*) Were you at all *specifically* reckless recently?

VINCE. Not particularly specifically.

JON. Be honest —

VINCE. I am.

JON. Did you fuck around?

VINCE. No!

JON. Vince? —

VINCE. I didn't!

JON. So what happened?

VINCE. She says I have violent tendencies.

JON. ...Oh boy...

VINCE. I never touched her, Jon.

JON. I didn't say you did.

VINCE. It's just that she *thinks* I have "unresolved issues which occasionally manifest themselves in potentially violent ways." (*Beat.*) What?

JON. I think it's fair to say she has a point.

VINCE. No one's saying she doesn't have a point.