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CLOSE ON A COMPUTER, ON CELESTE'S Facebook page with different photos of Perry and the twins. It's a collage of bliss; Celeste organizes the page. She works away. Then, as a hand touches her on the shoulder, she flinches.

REVEAL Perry.

CELESTE

You startled me.

PERRY

Sorry. The boys mentioned a little girl getting hurt today.

CELESTE (DISTRACTED)

Oh. Renata Klein's daughter. I don't think she was really injured...Do they look cute there, or what?

PERRY

I love this one, too. Look at Maxie's little face.

These two look like real suckers for their children.

PERRY (CONT'D)

So what exactly happened? With the daughter.

CELESTE

A boy tried to choke her.

PERRY

Seriously?

CELESTE

Seems nobody witnessed it, but she was pretty distraught. And there was a mark on her neck.

PERRY

Which boy, do you know?

CELESTE

His name's Ziggy, he's new, and truth be told, he seems very sweet. I met his mother, who couldn't be nicer.

PERRY

Well, to be safe, let's tell Josh and Max to keep their distance from him.

CELESTE

I don't think that's necessary.

PERRY

Honey. If the kid is violent--

CELESTE

He's not violent.

PERRY

You know this, how, because he seemed sweet?

CELESTE

First off, he may be completely innocent--

PERRY

Or guilty, and the last thing we need is for the boys to be getting mixed up with the wrong crowd.

CELESTE

They're six.

PERRY

They're not to associate with him.

As she goes to pass him--

CELESTE

You're being ridiculous.

And he grabs her arm, hard.

PERRY (SUDDENLY ICY)

The boys are to stay away from that kid.

CELESTE (IN PAIN)

Take your hand off me.

PERRY

If I can't be here to look out for them all the time, I'll at least make sure that you do.

CELESTE

I asked you. To remove. Your
fucking hand.