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DR. NORTON / THERAPIST

SCENE 1

THERAPIST (PRELAP)

START => Insomnia?

7 INT. THERAPIST'S OFFICE - DAY

We find Emily in her therapist's office, mid-session. Her THERAPIST (female, 40s, disorganized but kind) takes notes.

THERAPIST

Could be another side effect from the Trazodone. We can adjust-

Last thing Emily wants is to discuss the medication she's stopped taking. She smiles warmly, a genius at covering.

EMILY

No! I'm just a little tired. Probably the new bed. And Josh snores sometimes.

THERAPIST

No one is perfect.

EMILY

But he's close. I mean, after the string of assholes I've dated...

Josh is the first guy who fought to tear down my walls. He accepts me, flawed and damaged as I am....

The therapist smiles, touched, consults her notes.

THERAPIST

And the other side effects? You still feeling sluggish? Unfocused?

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SCENE 2

12 INT. THERAPIST'S OFFICE - DAY

Dr. Norton takes in Emily, trying to suss her out.

START =>

EMILY

You should feel proud of yourself. I'm no longer the self-destructive mess you met at the hospital.

THERAPIST

(some skepticism) That's good to hear.

EMILY

Thanks! We always said that if I was taking care of myself, we could dial back. Check in once a month. I think I'm there, don't you?

THERAPIST

Often, people choose to quit therapy exactly when they need it most.

EMILY

That's really not it. I'm just... good.

THERAPIST

Well, the choice is yours. But my door is open if anything changes. You've been through a lot, Emily. Don't forget it.

Dr. Norton walks her to the door, makes small talk.

THERAPIST (CONT'D)

What are you doing today?

EMILY

Work. But first getting my phone. Stupidly left it in a cab.

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