

Catherine and Claire

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CLAIRE. Come on, Catherine.

CATHERINE. What is the point of all these questions? *(Beat.)*

CLAIRE. Katie, some policemen came by while you were in the shower.

CATHERINE. Yeah?

CLAIRE. They said they were “checking up” on things here. Seeing how everything was this morning.

CATHERINE. *(Neutral.)* That was nice.

CLAIRE. They told me they responded to a call last night and came to the house.

CATHERINE. Yeah?

CLAIRE. Did you call the police last night?

CATHERINE. Yeah.

CLAIRE. Why?

CATHERINE. I thought the house was being robbed.

CLAIRE. But it wasn't.

CATHERINE. No. I changed my mind. *(Beat.)*

CLAIRE. First you call 911 with an emergency and then you hang up on them —

CATHERINE. I didn't really want them to come.

CLAIRE. So why did you call?

CATHERINE. I was trying to get this guy out of the house.

CLAIRE. Who?

CATHERINE. One of Dad's students.

CLAIRE. Dad hasn't had any students for years.

CATHERINE. No, he WAS Dad's student. Now he's — he's a mathematician.

CLAIRE. Why was he in the house in the first place?

CATHERINE. Well he's been coming here to look at Dad's notebooks.

CLAIRE. In the middle of the night?

CATHERINE. It was late. I was waiting for him to finish and last night I thought he might have been stealing them.

CLAIRE. Stealing the notebooks.

CATHERINE. YES. So I told him to go.

CLAIRE. Was he stealing them?

CATHERINE. Yes. That's why I called the police —

CLAIRE. What is this man's name?

CATHERINE. Hal. Harold. Harold Dobbs.

CLAIRE. The police said you were the only one here.