

Larry

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\* REVISED 3/25/10  
" LARRY "

INT. BUSINESS MANAGER'S OFFICE - DAY (DAY 3)

Audrey sits opposite Jake's business manager, LARRY, mid-40s, straight-laced.

LARRY  
I don't understand. What makes you think something's going on with your accounts?

AUDREY  
(by rote)  
Here's how Jake and I fight about money: I tell him what I want. He says no. I offer sex. He caves.

LARRY  
I see.

AUDREY  
Except last night it didn't work.  
(leans in, hopeful)  
Which is why I came to you. Jake said something about our cash being tied up in a business deal. But he won't tell me what it is.

LARRY  
I'm sorry. This is between you and Jake. I can't get involved.

AUDREY  
Why, Larry? What is he hiding?

LARRY  
You're putting me in a very uncomfortable situation.

AUDREY  
You're uncomfortable? I may have to spend another winter indoors.

LARRY  
Audrey, I'm sorry. I'm sworn to secrecy.

AUDREY  
(beat)  
Oh my god. He's having an affair, isn't he?

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DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES

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LARRY

No, no, that's not it at all.

AUDREY

It makes perfect sense. That's his secret little "investment"!

LARRY

Audrey, Jake would never cheat on a beautiful woman like you.

AUDREY

Oh, grow up. He already did once. And the fact that you're protecting him tells me everything I need to know. Now, if you'll excuse me, I've got to go tell my kids that their dad is a cheating bastard.

Audrey starts to storm out.

LARRY

(breaking)

It's Carl Slattery.

AUDREY

Carl?! So that's what goes without saying... I'll kill them!

LARRY

Audrey, listen! No one is cheating. This guy Carl's in trouble with his business. I guess it's pretty bad. He was desperate. So, Jake lent him fifty thousand dollars.

AUDREY

Oh my god. I feel awful. His wife is one of my closest friends. She never said anything. Here I've been going on and on about a ski chalet and they're broke?

LARRY

Please don't tell Jake I told you. Carl swore him to secrecy.

AUDREY

Of course.

(straightens his tie)

And please don't tell Jake I went all Latina on you.

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Of course. LARRY

Audrey grabs her purse, clearly shaken. Before she goes, she turns back...

AUDREY  
(mocking)  
Jake and Carl... Always nice to know  
the ass isn't greener on the other  
side. I was never here.

As Audrey scurries out...

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