

Crave
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Excerpt - Scene Three

SCENE THREE: LE PLAT PRINCIPAL

Beach sounds. The sound of a chainsaw. More beach sounds. Lights rise to show TIFFANY and GINA in the same setting as before, except now TIFFANY is missing both legs.

GINA
Spaghetti and meatballs saturated with
parmesan cheese, and fresh garlic bread.

TIFFANY
(mildly distracted)
Mmm-hmm.

GINA
Steak quesadillas smothered in fresh
guacamole and sour cream.

TIFFANY
Yep.

GINA
Lobster, just positively dripping in
butter.

TIFFANY
Hey, Gina?

GINA
Filet mignon, medium rare, next to a
baked potato stuffed with all the
fixings.

TIFFANY
Do you think, maybe, we could talk
about... something else... for a sec?

GINA
(Sighs.)
You're right. You're right! This is just
making things worse, when we should be
distracting ourselves. You're right.
Okay? You're right. I'll stop.
(Pause.)
So then... what do you wanna talk about?

TIFFANY
Well... I was kinda thinking... that
maybe... we could talk about my legs.

GINA
(Pause.)

Oh.

TIFFANY
Yeah.

GINA
I see.

TIFFANY
If you don't mind.

GINA
No, no, that's fine, we can certainly
talk... about your legs.

TIFFANY
It's just... well... like, you know when
I woke up that first time, and you
explained to me what happened...

GINA
(nodding)
...a wild boar ate your leg while you
were sleeping, so I killed and then ate
the boar to avenge you...

TIFFANY
Yeah... and then when my other one went
missing, you told me it was eaten by
another wild boar. Which you *also* killed
and ate.

GINA
Look, you don't have to continue. I know
where this is going, and once again,
you're right. It was really stupid of me
to assume that there would only be one
wild boar. I mean, duh, of course they're
in a pack, strength in numbers and all
that... I don't know what I was thinking.
The starving and everything must've
clouded my brain and made me foggy; I
never should have let my guard down after
that first attack. It's inexcusable.

TIFFANY
G...

GINA
But in the end, it's really unhealthy to
spend too much time agonizing over the
past.

(MORE)

GINA (CONT'D)

The important thing is now I'm aware, and I swear I will hunt down every last boar I can find and do my very best to protect you from here on out. Though I've gotta be honest; I can't guarantee that it won't happen again. Those boars are wily motherfuckers.

TIFFANY

It's not that.

GINA

Oh. Is this because I didn't share any boar with you? I mean, I totally would've, but I thought you didn't eat meat.

TIFFANY

Yeah--

GINA

And I know you're hungry, but honestly, it probably isn't wise for you to eat an animal that's still digesting your DNA. I'm pretty certain that's how you get mad cow disease and become all zombified and really, with everything we're going through right now, if I have to smash your brains open because you've decided to go and team up with the undead, I will just lose it. That is asking far too much.

TIFFANY

G... we've been besties for awhile now, haven't we?

GINA

Damn straight! Besties for life!

They do their secret handshake.

TIFFANY

And you know you mean the world to me. You're like a sister.

GINA

Awww, Tiff... you mean the world to me too!

TIFFANY

(ignoring)

And it's just like, really totally important to me that we're always completely honest with each other. I don't want you to ever feel like you have to hide things from me. 'Kay?

GINA

(Pause. Sheepishly.)

'Kay.

TIFFANY

So as your BFF, I'm asking... did wild boars really eat my legs?

GINA

(sighs)

Nooooooo.

TIFFANY

So my legs are missing because...

GINA

I chopped them off.

TIFFANY

And when you said you were eating the boar, you were actually eating...

GINA

Your legs.

TIFFANY

Why didn't you tell me?

GINA

I thought you'd be mad! I was just working so hard night and day trying to figure out a way to get us out of this nightmare and back to civilization, but I was so ravenously hungry I couldn't think straight, and I knew I needed some form of sustenance so I could concentrate and figure out how to save us. But you've never been as smart as me so I knew you wouldn't understand and you'd give me a really hard time, and you might even get so angry that you'd stop talking to me altogether and if you abandoned me now, leaving me to waste away all alone in this miserable lonely hellhole, I could not even handle it. That is way too much for my current emotional state.

TIFFANY

Wow. I can't even... I am so so sorry I made you feel that way. I know you're always looking out for what's best for me... it's part of what makes you such an amazing friend! I'm sorry I don't always understand.

GINA

It's okay.

TIFFANY

I would never want to hurt you.

GINA

It means a lot to know you feel that way. Thank you for telling me.

TIFFANY

Absolutely! So we're cool?

GINA

Yeah, we're cool.

Blackout.