

This is the script for the role of Gabe. Please use a hand-held device for the following.

Gabe is on a FaceTime call with his girlfriend, Caroline, who is currently self isolating in a bid to beat her opioid addiction. Gabe and Caroline met in high school and have continued their relationship throughout their college years. Gabe can be overbearing when it comes to Caroline, always wanting to know what she is doing. Please leave room for Caroline to speak in between lines, but do now have another actor/actress speak the lines of Caroline.

GABE

Hey Caroline.

Caroline smiles on the other end of the video call, but Gabe is quick to notice the smile is forced.

GABE

What's the matter, is everything alright?

Caroline's tone is sarcastic.

CAROLINE

Of course it is. Always is, isn't it?

GABE

You want to talk about it?

CAROLINE

Hardly. Not to you anyway.

Gabe is slightly offended by Caroline's dig at him. They have been going through a rough patch in their relationship and Caroline isn't the type to let go of things easily. She is still bitter because he was one of the three people who signed her into a rehab facility.

GABE

You can't be mad at me forever.

CAROLINE

Can't I?

Gabe sighs, tired of her refusal to accept help— or help herself.

GABE

Look, I know that you're upset-

CAROLINE

Do you? Because last I saw you were signing the papers for a three-month rehab stint. Upset doesn't begin to cover it.

GABE

Don't act like it wasn't justified.

CAROLINE

Justified? I did drugs, Gabe. God forbid I do something fun. I'm sorry I can't be like you and be happy living with a stick up my ass.

Gabe grows frustrated, pulling on his hair and trying not to let his anger through, but his attempt is futile.

GABE

It wasn't like that, you know that. You weren't just using recreationally. You were a full-blown addict, Caroline.

CAROLINE

Am.

GABE

What?

CAROLINE

I am a full blown addict, Gabe. Or did you forget that addiction is a disease. That's what the shrinks say. And every sick person gets sick again. Or did you forget that, too?

GABE

Are you still using?

Caroline laughs, and this makes Gabe very mad.

CAROLINE

Oh fuck am I still using. Railed a nice huge line right before you called me. You love to hear it, so I can be your sick girlfriend again, and you continue on your pity party. How's your mum, by the way? Still telling you I'm not worth your time?

GABE

Jeeze, Caroline! Can you be any more selfish? I'm just trying to help you. Just like your mom, and everyone else in your life. But you feel sorry for yourself and act like a bitch to everyone around you.

CAROLINE

I don't want your help, Gabe! I want you and everyone else to leave me the fuck alone. And if you can't get with the fucking program don't expect me to.

GABE

You're so selfish. I can't stand it.

CAROLINE

Can't stand it? Then don't. I don't need you, Gabe. I never have. I was always so beyond out of your league.

Gabe is used to this— the fighting. They've been fighting ever since she started using.

GABE

Caroline, call me when you're ready to not be a bitch. Okay?

CAROLINE

Yea, we'll don't wait up for the call.

GABE

I wouldn't dream of it.

Gabe hangs up on Caroline.