

INT. SKYLAR'S ROOM -- NIGHT

Will and Skylar lie in bed. Skylar watches Will sleep. She gets up and goes to the fridge. Returning to the bed:

SKYLAR
Will? Are you awake?

WILL
No.

SKYLAR
Come with me to California.

WILL
What?

SKYLAR
I want you to come with me.

WILL
How do you know that?

SKYLAR
I know. I just do.

WILL
Yeah, but how do you know?

SKYLAR
I don't know. I just feel it.

WILL
And you're sure about that?

SKYLAR
Yeah, I'm sure.

WILL
'Cause that's a serious thing you're sayin'. I mean, we might be in California next week and you could find out somethin' about me that you don't like. And you might feel like "hey this is a big mistake."
(getting upset)
But you can't take it back, 'cause you know it's real serious and you can't take somethin' like that back. Now I'm in California, 'cause you asked me to come. But you don't really want me there. And I'm stuck in California with someone who really doesn't want me there and just wishes they had a take-back.

SKYLAR
"Take-back?" What is that? I don't want a take-back. I want you to come

to California with me.

WILL
I can't go out to California.

SKYLAR
Why not?

WILL
One, because I have a job here and two
because I live here--

SKYLAR
(beat)
Look, Will if you're not in love with
me, you can say that.

WILL
I'm not sayin' I'm not in love with
you.

SKYLAR
Then what are you afraid of?

WILL
What do you mean "What am I afraid
of?"

SKYLAR
Why won't you come with me? What are
you so scared of?

WILL
What am I scared of?

SKYLAR
Well, what aren't you scared of? You
live in your safe little world where
nobody challenges you and you're scared
shitless to do anything else--

WILL
--Don't tell me about my world. You're
the one that's afraid. You just want
to have your little fling with the guy
from the other side of town and marry--

SKYLAR
Is that what you think--

WILL
--some prick from Stanford that your
parents will approve of. Then you'll
sit around with the rest of the upper
crust kids and talk about how you went
slummin' too.

SKYLAR
I inherited that money when I was

thirteen, when my father died.

WILL

At least you have a mother.

SKYLAR

Fuck you! You think I want this? That money's a burden to me. Every day I wake up and I wish I could give that back. I'd give everything I have back to spend one more day with my father. But that's life. And I deal with it. So don't put that shit on me. You're the one that's afraid.

WILL

What the fuck am I afraid of?!

SKYLAR

You're afraid of me. You're afraid that I won't love you back. And guess what? I'm afraid too. But at least I have the balls to it give it a shot. At least I'm honest with you.

WILL

I'm not honest?

SKYLAR

What about your twelve brothers?

WILL

Oh, is that what this is about? You want to hear that I don't really have any brothers? That I'm a fuckin' orphan? Is that what you want to hear?

SKYLAR

Yes, Will. I didn't even know that?

WILL

No, you don't want to hear that.

SKYLAR

Yes, I do, Will.

WILL

You don't want to hear that I got cigarettes put out on me when I was a little kid. That this isn't surgery

Will lifts his shirt, revealing a six inch SCAR on his torso.

WILL (cont'd)

You don't want to hear that. Don't tell me you want to hear that shit!!

SKYLAR

Yes I do. Did you ever think that

maybe I could help you? That maybe
that's the point, that we're a team?

WILL

What, you want to come in here and
save me? Is that what you want to do?
Do I have a sign that says "save me"
on my back?

SKYLAR

I don't want to "save" you. I just
want to be with you. I love you. I
love you!

Will, full of self-loathing, raises his hand to strike her.

WILL

Don't bullshit me! Don't fuckin'
bullshit me!

SKYLAR

(standing up to him)

You know what I want to hear? I want
to hear that you don't love me. If
you tell me that, then I'll leave you
alone. I won't ask any questions and
I won't be in your life.

A beat. Will looks Skylar dead in the eye. Lowers his hand.

WILL

I don't love you.

He walks out.