

WEEK THREE

I

Schultz, center stage, facing the audience. Everyone else sits downstage, facing Schultz.

SCHULTZ. My name is Theresa.

Ah ... I am a very special person.

(He looks tenderly in Theresa's direction.)

I am 35 years old.

I'm very passionate. About all things. I care about things very deeply.

(Pause.)

I grew up in a small town in New Hampshire. I have a younger brother named Brendan. He's getting married next summer.

Ah ... I lived in New York for about ... for many years. I was ... I am an actress. The decision to move to Vermont was a difficult but I think ultimately positive one. There was a competitiveness and a claustrophobia that was very difficult for me in New York ... also this sense that people didn't really care about each other.

(He shoots another tender look at Theresa.)

I have always wanted to make a difference. I have an amazing soul, an amazing warmth, that, that, that people can sense the minute they meet me. I had hoped to reach people through theater, but the realization that maybe this was impossible caused me to reevaluate and try living in a, a smaller place, where I could work, uh, directly with people. I'm studying for a certificate in acupuncture and, ah ...

Shoot.

Rolfing.

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About six months before I left New York I broke up with my

boyfriend, Mark. He was not very good to me. Sometimes I guilt myself out and convince myself that I ruined something and that I made a mistake, but those, uh, my friends and people who are close to me know that I did the right thing. That was a toxic relationship.

My father has prostate cancer. It's a, ah, blessing to be only a few hours away from him and to be able to see him on the weekends. I'm also worried about my mother.

I don't want my parents to die.

(A long pause while he thinks deeply about this.)
Yeah. Okay. That's it.

(Blackout.)

II

Theresa, James, and Lauren are standing against the wall. Schultz is standing in the center of the room, whispering to Marty. She nods, smiling.

MARTY. ... Okay.

Yeah.

Yes. Beautiful.

(He thinks, then whispers something again.)

MARTY. Sure.

(She turns and smiles at Theresa, James and Lauren.)

MARTY. We're just figuring this out.

(Schultz whispers something to her again.)

MARTY. Well. Either way.