



RIVERDALE

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"Chapter Sixty-Five: In Treatment"

As the gang navigates college admission season, Archie makes a bold decision, Cheryl explores her grief and Veronica receives a complicated offer.

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EPISODE CAST

K.J. Apa	...	Archie Andrews
Lili Reinhart	...	Betty Cooper
Camila Mendes	...	Veronica Lodge
Cole Sprouse	...	Jughead Jones
Madelaine Petsch	...	Cheryl Blossom
Mark Consuelos	...	Hiram Lodge
Casey Cott	...	Kevin Keller
Skeet Ulrich	...	FP Jones
Vanessa Morgan	...	Toni Topaz
Mädchen Amick	...	Alice Cooper
Molly Ringwald	...	Mary Andrews
Kerr Smith	...	Principal Honey
Malcolm Stewart	...	Francis Dupont
Gina Torres	...	Mrs. Burble
Sean Depner	...	Bret Weston Wallis
Sarah Desjardins	...	Donna Sweett
Marion Eisman	...	Doris Bell
Brenden Ettinger	...	Crying Student
Cherilynn Fulbright	...	Vixen #1
Lexi Hill	...	Vixen #2
Nelson Wong	...	Dr. Phylum
Erica Wright	...	Smug Student

1

00:00:08,341 --> 00:00:09,718
[narrator] Previously on Riverdale:

2

00:00:09,801 --> 00:00:11,720
You know what I think, Carrot Top?

3

00:00:12,303 --> 00:00:14,514
I think you've got a hero complex.

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00:00:15,015 --> 00:00:15,890
Who is Julian?

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00:00:15,974 --> 00:00:18,226
Julian was to be your triplet.

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00:00:18,309 --> 00:00:21,521
You had absorbed the third one.

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00:00:21,604 --> 00:00:24,649
The spirit of Julian
is haunting Thistlehouse?

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00:00:24,733 --> 00:00:26,818
[Cheryl] What other explanation
could there be?

9

00:00:26,901 --> 00:00:30,822
[Hiram] Now that the trials are over,
it's time to let bygones be bygones.

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00:00:30,905 --> 00:00:33,491
Veronica, I have invited your father back.

11

00:00:33,575 --> 00:00:34,868
I can't believe you.

12

00:00:34,951 --> 00:00:36,161
We were done with him.

13

00:00:36,244 --> 00:00:38,663
I want to ask you about Grandpa.

You know he was a writer?

14

00:00:38,747 --> 00:00:40,749
My old man wasn't a writer.

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00:00:40,832 --> 00:00:43,209
He was a mean, mean drunk.

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00:00:43,293 --> 00:00:46,212
You two are trying to cover up something
about Mr. Chipping's suicide.

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00:00:46,629 --> 00:00:48,298
-Or was it a murder?
-You were there, Jones.

18

00:00:48,381 --> 00:00:49,924
No one pushed him out that window.

19

00:00:50,008 --> 00:00:50,842
What is this?

20

00:00:50,925 --> 00:00:52,802
[Betty] Six hours of our house.

21

00:00:52,886 --> 00:00:56,431
Why would somebody do that?
Film it and then leave the evidence.

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00:00:59,059 --> 00:01:02,312
[Jughead] After a brief hiatus,
Riverdale's Watcher in the 'burbs

23

00:01:02,395 --> 00:01:05,023
had released
his much-anticipated follow-up.

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00:01:05,648 --> 00:01:08,735
In the dead of night,
a second round of voyeuristic videotapes

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00:01:08,818 --> 00:01:10,779

had been left on doorsteps across town.

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00:01:12,739 --> 00:01:15,533

Once again,
VCRs were dusted off with dread.

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00:01:16,910 --> 00:01:21,122

And once again,
they played hours upon hours

28

00:01:21,206 --> 00:01:23,333
of footage of the viewer's home.

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00:01:23,416 --> 00:01:26,795

Only this time,
the camera was much, much closer.

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00:01:27,837 --> 00:01:29,506
The implications were terrifying.

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00:01:30,048 --> 00:01:32,675

What was next for the Watcher,
breaking and entering?

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00:01:33,718 --> 00:01:35,929

And as if those deliveries
weren't unsettling enough,

33

00:01:36,012 --> 00:01:39,766
colleges and universities had started
sending out their first wave of envelopes.

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00:01:40,266 --> 00:01:42,060

Some thin, some thick.

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00:01:42,602 --> 00:01:44,437

-All life-changing.
-[girl] Crazy.

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00:01:45,271 --> 00:01:49,192
Making it a particularly stressful time
for Riverdale High seniors.

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00:01:50,068 --> 00:01:52,946
Which is why Principal Honey asked
the school's guidance counselor,

38

00:01:53,029 --> 00:01:55,740
Mrs. Burble,
to offer extended office hours.

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00:01:56,908 --> 00:01:58,910
So, whatever anxiety
the students were feeling,

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00:01:58,993 --> 00:02:00,995
they'd have
a licensed professional to go to

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00:02:01,079 --> 00:02:03,581
for confidential comfort and/or advice.

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00:02:04,791 --> 00:02:08,670
Something, it turned out,
many of us were long overdue for.

43

00:02:08,753 --> 00:02:11,756
Hey, Mom, I'm gonna make some High Point.
Do you want any?

44

00:02:17,345 --> 00:02:18,680
What's wrong? Is everything okay?

45

00:02:18,763 --> 00:02:21,933
You were so sweet
when you were little, Elizabeth.

46

00:02:23,143 --> 00:02:25,311
So innocent. When did you become a liar?

47

00:02:25,979 --> 00:02:27,480
What are you talking about?

48

00:02:30,650 --> 00:02:32,235
"Dear Ms. Elizabeth Cooper,

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00:02:32,318 --> 00:02:35,321
after careful review
of your early-action application,

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00:02:35,780 --> 00:02:37,740
the Admissions Committee regrets
to inform you

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00:02:37,824 --> 00:02:42,495
that we are unable to offer you
a place at Yale University."

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00:02:43,913 --> 00:02:44,747
I didn't get in?

53

00:02:45,957 --> 00:02:47,500
Wait, you opened my mail?

54

00:02:47,584 --> 00:02:51,254
I thought to myself, "How could
my Betty get rejected from college?

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00:02:51,337 --> 00:02:54,716
What has her so unfocused
that it cost her her future?"

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00:02:55,341 --> 00:02:56,718
-So, I searched your bedroom.
-What?

57

00:02:56,801 --> 00:03:00,054
Do you know what I found hidden
in the false bottom of your nightstand?

58

00:03:02,265 --> 00:03:04,684
-Oh, my God, Mom.
-You should be studying.

59

00:03:04,767 --> 00:03:07,812
You should be focused.
Instead, you are out of control.

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00:03:07,896 --> 00:03:09,939
Okay, that's it. This is the last straw.

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00:03:10,023 --> 00:03:12,942
We are not discussing this.
We're not discussing anything.

62

00:03:13,026 --> 00:03:14,777
You and I are not on speaking terms.

63

00:03:14,861 --> 00:03:18,656
You have been invading
my privacy for years, and it's over.

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00:03:20,450 --> 00:03:21,451
[knock on door]

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00:03:22,535 --> 00:03:23,870
Mrs. Burble, do you have a minute?

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00:03:23,953 --> 00:03:26,998
Mm! Yes. Ms. Cooper, come on in.

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00:03:27,081 --> 00:03:27,916
Please.

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00:03:28,499 --> 00:03:29,667
Mmm. Skit-Skat?

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00:03:30,126 --> 00:03:31,753
Oh. No, thanks.

70

00:03:33,421 --> 00:03:35,548
I have-- I have a sweet tooth.

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00:03:35,798 --> 00:03:37,508
So, how can I be of help?

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00:03:40,762 --> 00:03:41,596
Mom?

73

00:03:41,679 --> 00:03:44,349
Oh, we're in the middle of a session,
Mrs. Cooper.

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00:03:44,432 --> 00:03:45,308
It's Ms. Smith.

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00:03:45,391 --> 00:03:46,726
So, you're stalking me now, too?

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00:03:46,809 --> 00:03:49,604
Shocking as it may seem, Betty,
I didn't know that you would be here.

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00:03:49,687 --> 00:03:51,898
I came down to talk to Mrs. Burble myself.

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00:03:51,981 --> 00:03:54,567
To see if she can give me
any insight on how to...

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00:03:55,151 --> 00:03:57,904
-talk to you.
-This. This is what's bothering me.

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00:03:57,987 --> 00:04:01,241
Her control complex,
her insane overreactions.

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00:04:01,658 --> 00:04:03,701
-This is my problem.
-No. What her problem is,

82

00:04:03,785 --> 00:04:06,621
she's been rejected from college
because she's too busy having sex.

83

00:04:06,996 --> 00:04:10,917
Is that what you associate with sexuality,
Ms. Smith? Shortcomings?

84

00:04:11,000 --> 00:04:14,754

Excuse me, Ms. Burble, I must have missed
your doctorate on the wall

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00:04:14,837 --> 00:04:16,297
because I don't need a therapist.

86

00:04:16,589 --> 00:04:19,425
Licensed psychologist, actually.

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00:04:19,509 --> 00:04:21,636
What Betty needs is an intervention

88

00:04:21,719 --> 00:04:25,682
for this irresponsible disregard
for her future.

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00:04:25,765 --> 00:04:28,393
That's interesting,
I was gonna say that there were months,

90

00:04:28,476 --> 00:04:32,814
or actually years' worth
of psychotic parenting to unpack.

91

00:04:32,897 --> 00:04:34,691
Clearly, there are a lot of feelings here.

92

00:04:36,192 --> 00:04:40,113
Betty, would it be okay with you
if your mother joined us?

93

00:04:40,196 --> 00:04:42,532
Even if I said no, she would stay anyways.

94

00:04:46,494 --> 00:04:47,328
Betty.

95

00:04:49,289 --> 00:04:51,124
Do you hide things from your mother?

96

00:04:52,417 --> 00:04:56,421
Well, yeah, of course, everyone does.

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00:04:56,504 --> 00:04:57,338

But--

98

00:04:57,672 --> 00:04:59,966

-I mean, I learned from the best.

-[scoffs]

99

00:05:00,049 --> 00:05:04,262

-You feel she keeps secrets from you, too?

-Since literally the day I was born.

100

00:05:04,345 --> 00:05:06,222

Only when it's in her best interest.

101

00:05:06,306 --> 00:05:10,852

Oh! Oh, so you joining a cult,
that was in my best interest?

102

00:05:10,935 --> 00:05:14,230

Not mentioning to me that you weren't
actually brainwashed the whole time.

103

00:05:14,314 --> 00:05:18,276

You were just undercover with the FBI,
working with my long-lost half brother,

104

00:05:18,359 --> 00:05:20,028

who I thought was dead.

105

00:05:20,111 --> 00:05:21,279

That was in my best interest?

106

00:05:21,362 --> 00:05:23,406

You're a child. I was protecting you.

107

00:05:23,489 --> 00:05:26,284

Explain how giving away my college fund
to the Farm was part of that.

108

00:05:26,367 --> 00:05:28,703

That was before,

when I was under the influence of Edgar.

109

00:05:28,786 --> 00:05:31,539
How about when you didn't tell me
that I had the serial-killer genes.

110

00:05:31,873 --> 00:05:34,876
Or when you had Polly committed
to the Sisters of Quiet Mercy

111

00:05:34,959 --> 00:05:37,128
and didn't tell me where she was.

112

00:05:37,378 --> 00:05:41,174
Or when you had me dragged off
to that evil nun hellhole.

113

00:05:41,257 --> 00:05:45,053
Because she did, Mrs. Burble.
Where they force-fed me drugs.

114

00:05:45,136 --> 00:05:46,179
But hey, but hey.

115

00:05:46,262 --> 00:05:48,973
At least they were Fizzle Rocks
and not birth control.

116

00:05:49,057 --> 00:05:50,892
-Context is important here.
-Because God forbid!

117

00:05:50,975 --> 00:05:53,436
You ever realize that maybe
I started taking birth control

118

00:05:53,519 --> 00:05:56,606
because I don't wanna have
a baby at 16 like you, or Polly?

119

00:05:56,689 --> 00:05:58,608
I don't wanna be like the two of you,

120
00:05:58,691 --> 00:06:02,612
pregnant and married to a murderer,
or a cult leader, or both?

121
00:06:02,695 --> 00:06:05,031
I'd hoped I'd raised you
to be smarter than us.

122
00:06:05,114 --> 00:06:07,241
And no offense, Mom, I am.

123
00:06:07,325 --> 00:06:09,535
Being proactive is being smart.

124
00:06:09,619 --> 00:06:13,456
You're acting so naive,
like you didn't think I was having sex?

125
00:06:13,539 --> 00:06:15,041
Jughead and I sleep in the same bed.

126
00:06:15,374 --> 00:06:16,959
[Alice] She's too young to have sex.

127
00:06:17,376 --> 00:06:20,880
-She doesn't know what's good for her.
-You are so hypocritical.

128
00:06:20,963 --> 00:06:26,135
I was fine taking care of myself
when you abandoned me for the Farm.

129
00:06:26,219 --> 00:06:28,221
Yet you keep treating me like a child.

130
00:06:28,304 --> 00:06:31,599
Oh, so that's a crime now,
a mother wanting to protect her child?

131
00:06:31,682 --> 00:06:33,684
You've said that several times now.

132
00:06:34,102 --> 00:06:38,147
"Betty's young. Betty's a child."
Why do you think that is?

133
00:06:38,231 --> 00:06:39,315
She is.

134
00:06:39,857 --> 00:06:44,028
[stammers] Look, it's fine for me.
I take her insults.

135
00:06:44,112 --> 00:06:46,114
That's my cross to bear as a parent.

136
00:06:46,405 --> 00:06:48,366
But the things that she's written
in her diaries...

137
00:06:48,449 --> 00:06:49,867
You read her diaries?

138
00:06:49,951 --> 00:06:53,579
Yes, because she has no boundaries,
no emotional respect, none.

139
00:06:53,663 --> 00:06:54,914
How does that make you feel?

140
00:06:54,997 --> 00:06:58,000
Like I'm filled with gunpowder

141
00:06:58,084 --> 00:07:01,671
and I'm one "Elizabeth" away
from exploding.

142
00:07:01,754 --> 00:07:03,756
You need to stop invading my privacy

143
00:07:03,840 --> 00:07:07,718
and accept the fact
that I am becoming an adult.

144
00:07:09,428 --> 00:07:11,556
You will always be my daughter, Elizabeth.

145
00:07:12,974 --> 00:07:18,354
-And I am so, so worried about you.
-But not for the right reasons, Mom.

146
00:07:18,604 --> 00:07:21,691
Forget about college, sex
and the serial-killer genes.

147
00:07:21,774 --> 00:07:24,402
Think about everything
that you have done to me.

148
00:07:25,486 --> 00:07:28,698
That is what I'm going to be unpacking
for the rest of my life.

149
00:07:30,241 --> 00:07:33,661
So, you either...
start treating me like I'm an adult,

150
00:07:33,744 --> 00:07:35,246
or I will not be in your life.

151
00:07:36,372 --> 00:07:41,252
Ms. Smith, Betty's education,
her relationship, her behavior,

152
00:07:41,836 --> 00:07:43,921
I think those things make you afraid.

153
00:07:44,839 --> 00:07:46,632
Afraid that Betty is growing up.

154
00:07:47,341 --> 00:07:49,969
That may even be why you gave away
her college money.

155
00:07:50,428 --> 00:07:52,013
Because if you can control her,

156
00:07:52,472 --> 00:07:56,225
you can hold on to her childhood
just a little bit longer.

157
00:07:56,934 --> 00:07:58,060
Does that sound right?

158
00:07:59,312 --> 00:08:00,146
It's just...

159
00:08:02,857 --> 00:08:04,734
I've already lost two children.

160
00:08:06,194 --> 00:08:09,363
First, Charles... then Polly.

161
00:08:09,989 --> 00:08:10,823
And Betty...

162
00:08:12,575 --> 00:08:15,244
Growing up, leaving for college.

163
00:08:15,745 --> 00:08:17,497
Moving out, moving on.

164
00:08:17,580 --> 00:08:23,044
-It just feels like I'm losing you, too.
-Mom, that's what happens.

165
00:08:24,253 --> 00:08:26,464
Kids grow up and they leave.

166
00:08:28,090 --> 00:08:30,885
I can't be your only hope.

167
00:08:33,137 --> 00:08:34,222
But I love you.

168
00:08:34,597 --> 00:08:37,767
I love you, too.

But that is not an apology.

169

00:08:39,977 --> 00:08:43,898
That does not justify the horrible,
unhealthy things that you have done.

170

00:08:44,607 --> 00:08:48,903
How you keep suffocating me, and why me?
Why are you doing this to me?

171

00:08:49,237 --> 00:08:50,196
Because I love you.

172

00:08:50,279 --> 00:08:52,073
But you love Polly, too.

173

00:08:52,865 --> 00:08:55,576
She's in an asylum. She needs you.
She needs help.

174

00:08:55,910 --> 00:08:59,205
-Why can't you go do this to her?
-Because I love you more.

175

00:08:59,872 --> 00:09:01,165
I love you most.

176

00:09:13,594 --> 00:09:16,180
[door opens, then closes]

177

00:09:22,979 --> 00:09:24,480
Newton's Laws of Motion.

178

00:09:25,147 --> 00:09:26,857
[echoing] Now, who can tell me...?

179

00:09:29,902 --> 00:09:30,736
[Kevin] Archie.

180

00:09:31,612 --> 00:09:32,488
Archie.

181
00:09:33,656 --> 00:09:34,490
[louder] Archie.

182
00:09:39,161 --> 00:09:40,538
I'm so sorry, Dr. Phylum.

183
00:09:40,621 --> 00:09:43,749
Save it for Mrs. Burble.
I'm not interested in your explanations.

184
00:09:44,458 --> 00:09:47,003
I'm really sorry, Ms. Burble.
I've been having...

185
00:09:48,004 --> 00:09:49,422
trouble sleeping lately.

186
00:09:49,505 --> 00:09:50,798
Maybe it's like insomnia.

187
00:09:50,881 --> 00:09:53,884
No, it's okay, Archie.
I'm not here to reprimand you.

188
00:09:54,552 --> 00:09:55,970
I just want to talk.

189
00:09:56,053 --> 00:09:57,221
Oh, okay.

190
00:09:57,305 --> 00:09:59,974
-What about?
-Well, for starters, college.

191
00:10:00,516 --> 00:10:04,061
-You haven't applied to any.
-Yeah, I'm not really interested.

192
00:10:04,145 --> 00:10:06,355
I'm needed here in Riverdale.

193

00:10:06,439 --> 00:10:08,065
To take over Andrews Construction?

194
00:10:08,149 --> 00:10:09,859
No, to clean up the town.

195
00:10:11,277 --> 00:10:13,696
Someone needs to step up,
like my dad would have.

196
00:10:13,779 --> 00:10:17,992
-He spent his whole life helping people.
-Can we talk about him for a second?

197
00:10:20,244 --> 00:10:21,162
How are you managing?

198
00:10:21,871 --> 00:10:23,581
I try to carry on his legacy.

199
00:10:23,664 --> 00:10:25,416
You've already done so much good.

200
00:10:25,499 --> 00:10:28,711
You opened up a center for at-risk kids.

201
00:10:29,712 --> 00:10:31,964
-That's not enough.
-Why would you think that?

202
00:10:32,048 --> 00:10:35,885
Ever since I started trying to help,
things have gotten complicated.

203
00:10:37,219 --> 00:10:40,389
I've messed things up, and I have
to fix it, so no one else gets hurt.

204
00:10:40,473 --> 00:10:41,599
Hurt?

205
00:10:42,308 --> 00:10:45,061

Archie, I have to tell you...

206

00:10:46,270 --> 00:10:49,815

If you admit to a crime,
or tell me that you're putting yourself

207

00:10:49,899 --> 00:10:53,069

or anyone else in danger,
I am required to report it.

208

00:10:53,152 --> 00:10:54,403

-I'm fine.

-Are you?

209

00:10:55,071 --> 00:10:58,532

Because you've missed a lot football,
where you excelled.

210

00:10:58,949 --> 00:11:02,828

And those cuts and bruises on your hands
are not from sports.

211

00:11:06,415 --> 00:11:07,416

The truth is...

212

00:11:11,545 --> 00:11:14,173

-I go out at night.
-You mean cruising in Fox Forest?

213

00:11:14,256 --> 00:11:16,425

What? No. I don't mean that. [chuckles]

214

00:11:16,509 --> 00:11:17,343

I...

215

00:11:18,719 --> 00:11:19,887

I put on a mask...

216

00:11:21,555 --> 00:11:23,808

and I try to...

217

00:11:25,601 --> 00:11:27,853

-help people.
-I'm not sure I follow.

218
00:11:27,937 --> 00:11:29,313
I'm a big comic-book fan.

219
00:11:29,730 --> 00:11:32,191
Mr. Justice, the Comet, the Red Circle.

220
00:11:32,274 --> 00:11:34,318
I really identify with them, you know?

221
00:11:34,402 --> 00:11:35,403
Are you saying...

222
00:11:36,362 --> 00:11:38,489
that you're having fantasies...

223
00:11:39,698 --> 00:11:41,575
about acting like these comic book heroes?

224
00:11:41,659 --> 00:11:42,660
Exactly.

225
00:11:42,743 --> 00:11:44,829
Like, there's this dealer, Dodger.

226
00:11:44,912 --> 00:11:48,290
He uses kids to do his dirty work. Kids.

227
00:11:48,374 --> 00:11:51,168
-And the police can't do anything.
-So, someone else has to stop him?

228
00:11:51,252 --> 00:11:52,711
-Yes.
-To protect the community?

229
00:11:53,087 --> 00:11:54,380
-Yes.
-A vigilante.

230
00:11:55,589 --> 00:11:57,383
-No.
-Who protects the vigilante?

231
00:11:57,466 --> 00:11:59,760
-Who cares?
-I don't read a lot of comics.

232
00:11:59,844 --> 00:12:02,596
But doesn't the hero usually suffer
a great tragedy

233
00:12:02,680 --> 00:12:05,182
and then create their persona out of rage?

234
00:12:05,266 --> 00:12:06,976
-Is that right?
-Yeah, I guess so.

235
00:12:07,059 --> 00:12:08,269
Doesn't that resonate with you?

236
00:12:08,894 --> 00:12:12,481
Because everything that you've told me
feels like it could be fueled

237
00:12:12,565 --> 00:12:14,358
by grief-induced anger--

238
00:12:14,442 --> 00:12:16,694
Like I said, Ms. Burble,
I'm trying to help.

239
00:12:16,777 --> 00:12:20,614
But to do it safely, we have
to acknowledge and work on the anger.

240
00:12:20,698 --> 00:12:21,615
Why?

241
00:12:22,616 --> 00:12:25,202
I know I'm angry, Ms. Burble.

I'm not an idiot.

242

00:12:25,661 --> 00:12:27,955
Look at all the crappy things
that have happened to me.

243

00:12:28,038 --> 00:12:29,039
To my friends.

244

00:12:29,874 --> 00:12:30,749
To my dad.

245

00:12:31,375 --> 00:12:32,710
They make me angry.

246

00:12:33,586 --> 00:12:36,380
You... talking to me like I'm a moron.

247

00:12:36,464 --> 00:12:38,757
-That makes me angry.
-Understandably.

248

00:12:38,841 --> 00:12:39,842
And it hurts.

249

00:12:41,469 --> 00:12:43,721
I hurt all the time.

250

00:12:45,014 --> 00:12:47,600
And all I want to do
is make sure no one else does.

251

00:12:49,393 --> 00:12:50,561
But I screwed it up.

252

00:12:50,644 --> 00:12:51,937
[Archie sobs]

253

00:12:52,354 --> 00:12:56,108
My mom almost got shot in a drive-by.

254

00:12:56,775 --> 00:12:58,986
She was held at gunpoint on Thanksgiving.

255
00:13:00,488 --> 00:13:01,614
How is a guy supposed to...

256
00:13:03,073 --> 00:13:05,451
To clean up the town
and protect his loved ones

257
00:13:05,534 --> 00:13:07,495
if he's putting them in the crosshairs?

258
00:13:10,372 --> 00:13:11,832
So, what am I supposed to do?

259
00:13:14,627 --> 00:13:15,461
Huh?

260
00:13:17,630 --> 00:13:18,464
Theoretically?

261
00:13:23,928 --> 00:13:27,473
The behavior you're discussing sounds
like an addiction.

262
00:13:27,556 --> 00:13:28,641
No, it's not.

263
00:13:29,266 --> 00:13:30,100
Isn't it?

264
00:13:30,601 --> 00:13:34,396
You're aware of negative consequences,
but you're compelled anyway.

265
00:13:35,773 --> 00:13:37,983
That's compulsive behavior.

266
00:13:39,443 --> 00:13:40,903
Forget me going out at night.

267
00:13:43,113 --> 00:13:44,949
Just running the center
has made me a target.

268
00:13:45,032 --> 00:13:46,283
Yeah. But you keep at it.

269
00:13:47,868 --> 00:13:51,080
It's the appropriate and smarter way
to channel your anger

270
00:13:51,163 --> 00:13:52,581
and help those in need.

271
00:13:53,249 --> 00:13:54,416
It feels like it's not enough.

272
00:13:54,500 --> 00:13:56,502
Then why not enlist more volunteers?

273
00:13:57,670 --> 00:14:02,591
Like me, or you can start an anonymous
tip line to give you farther reach

274
00:14:02,675 --> 00:14:06,428
so those people who are scared
to talk to the police can report things.

275
00:14:07,054 --> 00:14:09,390
I can't stress this enough, Archie.

276
00:14:09,932 --> 00:14:11,684
Do not go out at night.

277
00:14:12,935 --> 00:14:13,894
You could get hurt.

278
00:14:14,562 --> 00:14:17,439
Your loved ones could get hurt.

279
00:14:17,856 --> 00:14:20,860

-Mom, can we talk?
-Oh, boy. What's wrong?

280
00:14:24,572 --> 00:14:26,991
I don't wanna give up on my work
at the community center.

281
00:14:27,449 --> 00:14:29,577
Yeah, I know.
I've made my peace with that.

282
00:14:29,994 --> 00:14:31,954
But I can't keep putting you in danger.

283
00:14:32,413 --> 00:14:34,248
And Dodger and his family
are still out there.

284
00:14:34,331 --> 00:14:36,792
And sooner or later,
they'll come after me, so...

285
00:14:39,003 --> 00:14:40,254
I'm moving out.

286
00:14:40,754 --> 00:14:43,215
-Archie, no.
-Mom, you don't have a choice.

287
00:14:43,966 --> 00:14:45,217
I'm 18. I'm an adult.

288
00:14:46,260 --> 00:14:49,013
I'm gonna move into the center,
just for a while,

289
00:14:49,096 --> 00:14:51,849
until Sheriff Jones catches Dodger
and things cool off for a bit.

290
00:14:51,932 --> 00:14:54,351
-Archie, you don't have to do that.
-Yes, I do.

291
00:14:54,435 --> 00:14:55,978
Their war is with me, not with you.

292
00:14:59,440 --> 00:15:00,983
It's okay. I'll be okay.

293
00:15:26,258 --> 00:15:27,968
You have reached the Riverdale Hotline.

294
00:15:28,052 --> 00:15:31,013
If you wish to report a problem
in your neighborhood, leave a message.

295
00:15:31,472 --> 00:15:34,016
Anonymity is your choice.
We're here to help.

296
00:15:34,099 --> 00:15:34,934
And remember...

297
00:15:35,976 --> 00:15:36,894
you're not alone.

298
00:16:11,929 --> 00:16:13,472
[bell ringing]

299
00:16:13,555 --> 00:16:14,723
[speaking indistinctly]

300
00:16:14,807 --> 00:16:18,435
[Doris on PA] Cheryl Blossom,
please report to Principal Honey's office.

301
00:16:18,852 --> 00:16:20,938
And the War of the Red Roses rages on.

302
00:16:21,730 --> 00:16:22,606
Good luck, babe.

303
00:16:23,649 --> 00:16:27,027

So, wherefore are we rattling
sabers today, Principal Honey?

304

00:16:27,111 --> 00:16:29,780
Miss Blossom, do you know how many
absences you've had this semester?

305

00:16:30,197 --> 00:16:31,115
Twenty-six.

306

00:16:31,407 --> 00:16:34,243
Need I remind you and the sorry lot
of yams you call educators

307

00:16:34,326 --> 00:16:37,746
that I have suffered
numerous family deaths.

308

00:16:38,080 --> 00:16:41,375
My mother disappeared,
I am raising twin toddlers,

309

00:16:41,458 --> 00:16:43,127
and I am the sole caregiver for my nana.

310

00:16:43,419 --> 00:16:46,547
Yeah, well, it is for those reasons
that I have decided

311

00:16:46,630 --> 00:16:49,299
to put a certified adult in charge
of the cheerleading squad.

312

00:16:49,383 --> 00:16:50,384
Pause.

313

00:16:51,593 --> 00:16:53,178
You're taking my Vixens away?

314

00:16:53,262 --> 00:16:54,138
Mm.

315

00:16:54,888 --> 00:16:55,723
I'll tell you what.

316
00:16:57,057 --> 00:17:00,769
I will let Mrs. Burble interview you
and make a recommendation.

317
00:17:00,853 --> 00:17:03,814
But if she deems you
psychologically unfit,

318
00:17:03,897 --> 00:17:04,898
it's over.

319
00:17:12,031 --> 00:17:12,906
So, Cheryl...

320
00:17:14,074 --> 00:17:15,409
Would you like a Three Buccaneers?

321
00:17:15,492 --> 00:17:17,494
I don't eat nougat, I don't take bribes,

322
00:17:17,578 --> 00:17:20,247
and I don't talk to trade school flunkies
about my feelings.

323
00:17:20,330 --> 00:17:22,958
You know, Cheryl,
the only way you get what you want,

324
00:17:23,042 --> 00:17:25,753
your Vixens back, is if you talk to me.

325
00:17:26,503 --> 00:17:27,337
About you.

326
00:17:27,421 --> 00:17:28,380
Okay, then.

327
00:17:29,006 --> 00:17:31,300
I have a rapturous girlfriend,

total independence,

328

00:17:31,383 --> 00:17:33,218
a 4.0, and amazing hair.

329

00:17:34,011 --> 00:17:35,345
-Are we done?
-Not quite.

330

00:17:36,305 --> 00:17:37,556
Did you receive a videotape?

331

00:17:38,974 --> 00:17:40,934
-How'd it make you feel?
-[scoffs]

332

00:17:41,018 --> 00:17:44,438
Please. I have felled multiple villains
with my bow over the years.

333

00:17:44,521 --> 00:17:48,525
I'm not afraid of some sad AV pervert
with a camcorder older than your blazer.

334

00:17:48,609 --> 00:17:50,194
Speaking of the last few years,

335

00:17:50,277 --> 00:17:54,031
have you ever spoken to a professional
about everything you've been through?

336

00:17:54,907 --> 00:17:57,201
Your mother's abuse,
your brother's murder,

337

00:17:57,284 --> 00:17:58,911
your father's suicide,

338

00:17:58,994 --> 00:18:04,083
your time in conversion therapy,
and an organ harvesting cult.

339

00:18:05,125 --> 00:18:07,836
-Your near-death experience in Sweet--
-That was an accident.

340
00:18:10,964 --> 00:18:12,883
It'd be okay if you told me it wasn't.

341
00:18:14,384 --> 00:18:17,554
Cheryl, you've endured
lifetimes of trauma.

342
00:18:18,305 --> 00:18:21,809
I can't imagine going through
a single one, much less all.

343
00:18:21,892 --> 00:18:24,311
And as a teenager? Unimaginable.

344
00:18:25,104 --> 00:18:27,606
You are remarkably resilient.

345
00:18:27,689 --> 00:18:29,566
It must be exhausting.

346
00:18:32,277 --> 00:18:33,445
How have you been coping?

347
00:18:41,870 --> 00:18:42,996
I talk to Jason.

348
00:18:44,998 --> 00:18:46,917
I talk to my dead brother.
That's how I cope.

349
00:18:47,000 --> 00:18:47,835
Like prayer.

350
00:18:48,877 --> 00:18:50,712
That's a very healthy way
of dealing with grief.

351
00:18:50,796 --> 00:18:51,630

No.

352

00:18:52,256 --> 00:18:53,090
I...

353

00:18:54,049 --> 00:18:55,300
go into the chapel...

354

00:18:57,010 --> 00:18:57,970
in my house...

355

00:18:59,138 --> 00:19:02,015
where my brother's body is...

356

00:19:02,808 --> 00:19:04,268
and I talk to him.

357

00:19:07,729 --> 00:19:09,940
And I think he answers me back.

358

00:19:14,528 --> 00:19:15,404
I think...

359

00:19:16,780 --> 00:19:17,614
maybe...

360

00:19:19,491 --> 00:19:21,577
I've lost my mind
and I don't know when it happened.

361

00:19:22,953 --> 00:19:24,454
Was it when J.J. died?

362

00:19:25,831 --> 00:19:27,624
Was it when I fell through the ice?

363

00:19:28,500 --> 00:19:30,377
Have I always been this way?

364

00:19:32,212 --> 00:19:33,088
Fractured.

365
00:19:35,591 --> 00:19:38,135
In the tomb,
when you're speaking with Jason,

366
00:19:38,218 --> 00:19:39,303
how far away are you?

367
00:19:39,386 --> 00:19:41,305
I usually sit across the room.

368
00:19:42,222 --> 00:19:43,140
What does it matter?

369
00:19:43,223 --> 00:19:46,602
What's the difference between that
and people visiting a gravesite

370
00:19:46,685 --> 00:19:48,103
to talk to their loved ones?

371
00:19:48,770 --> 00:19:51,190
Or people who have urns on their mantel?

372
00:19:51,857 --> 00:19:52,858
That ash...

373
00:19:53,901 --> 00:19:55,903
those rotting bodies...

374
00:19:56,987 --> 00:19:58,197
they don't talk back.

375
00:19:58,280 --> 00:19:59,948
I'm not sure Jason does either.

376
00:20:00,365 --> 00:20:01,783
I think you want him to.

377
00:20:02,367 --> 00:20:04,328
But you're not crazy, Cheryl.

378
00:20:05,412 --> 00:20:06,663
You miss your brother.

379
00:20:09,208 --> 00:20:11,960
But missing Jason doesn't explain
the other goings-on

380
00:20:12,044 --> 00:20:14,004
in the phantasmagoria
that is Thistlehouse.

381
00:20:14,087 --> 00:20:15,923
What's happening in this Thistlehouse?

382
00:20:16,006 --> 00:20:18,383
I am being haunted by a ghost.

383
00:20:18,467 --> 00:20:19,927
Ghosts don't exist.

384
00:20:20,344 --> 00:20:22,512
Your life may be defined by gothic tropes,

385
00:20:22,596 --> 00:20:25,015
but you're being haunted by grief,

386
00:20:25,098 --> 00:20:28,644
by guilt over your family's misfortune,
your brother's death.

387
00:20:28,727 --> 00:20:30,812
Brothers. Plural.

388
00:20:31,146 --> 00:20:33,941
I'm confused.
Is this a metaphorical brother?

389
00:20:34,024 --> 00:20:35,275
No, you mallard.

390

00:20:35,651 --> 00:20:37,611
I had a triplet, Julian,

391
00:20:37,694 --> 00:20:40,322
whom I absorbed in the womb
and has resurfaced as a doll

392
00:20:40,405 --> 00:20:42,241
that's moving around my house,
causing mischief.

393
00:20:42,574 --> 00:20:45,702
I've thrown him away, buried him,
encircled him in salt,

394
00:20:45,786 --> 00:20:47,579
and he keeps coming back.

395
00:20:47,913 --> 00:20:50,791
Because he's angry. He's vengeful.

396
00:20:50,874 --> 00:20:52,209
Julian's driving you insane?

397
00:20:52,292 --> 00:20:53,877
Of course. He's a Blossom!

398
00:20:58,382 --> 00:20:59,216
So...

399
00:21:02,636 --> 00:21:05,138
do you still maintain
that I'm not mad as a hatter,

400
00:21:05,222 --> 00:21:09,476
even though I'm talking to taxidermy
and being tormented by a devil doll?

401
00:21:09,559 --> 00:21:11,687
I don't think
you're being haunted, Cheryl.

402

00:21:12,646 --> 00:21:14,273
And I don't think you've lost your mind.

403
00:21:14,815 --> 00:21:19,236
Then what's... wrong with me? [sobbing]

404
00:21:20,696 --> 00:21:23,699
I think someone is trying
to make you think

405
00:21:23,782 --> 00:21:25,409
that you've lost your mind.

406
00:21:26,285 --> 00:21:28,412
-I think you're being gaslit.
-Like...

407
00:21:29,579 --> 00:21:30,664
Ingrid Bergman?

408
00:21:30,747 --> 00:21:31,707
In fact, yes.

409
00:21:32,291 --> 00:21:34,334
What sounds most logical to you?

410
00:21:34,418 --> 00:21:38,964
That the evil spirit of an absorbed fetus
is inhabiting an anthropomorphic doll?

411
00:21:40,215 --> 00:21:45,887
Or that a human being is moving that doll
around your house when you're not there?

412
00:21:46,221 --> 00:21:47,556
But Julian...

413
00:21:48,181 --> 00:21:50,642
We can find out the truth
about Julian's existence

414
00:21:50,726 --> 00:21:51,810

with a swab of your saliva.

415

00:21:51,893 --> 00:21:54,521
You can't have any of my bodily fluids,
you succubus.

416

00:21:54,980 --> 00:21:56,732
It's for a chimerism lab.

417

00:21:57,566 --> 00:22:01,403
A test that shows whether a person
absorbed a fetus in the womb

418

00:22:01,486 --> 00:22:06,867
by analyzing if they have
one set of DNA or two.

419

00:22:07,284 --> 00:22:09,870
If I were to guess,
you aren't going to test positive.

420

00:22:10,912 --> 00:22:14,041
You mean to tell me
this test has existed this whole time?

421

00:22:14,124 --> 00:22:17,502
Mm-hm. I'm going to give you the number
of a doctor I know...

422

00:22:18,670 --> 00:22:20,005
who can perform the test.

423

00:22:20,088 --> 00:22:22,257
I'll give her a heads-up
that she might be expecting you.

424

00:22:23,008 --> 00:22:23,842
So...

425

00:22:24,968 --> 00:22:26,511
what about my precious Vixens?

426

00:22:27,763 --> 00:22:28,597
Can I keep them?

427
00:22:29,097 --> 00:22:31,850
As a counselor,
I think you've done A-plus work.

428
00:22:32,851 --> 00:22:34,061
As an administrator,

429
00:22:34,770 --> 00:22:35,896
Cheryl, I'm sorry.

430
00:22:37,397 --> 00:22:40,901
I'm going to recommend to Principal Honey
that he bring in a coach.

431
00:22:41,860 --> 00:22:44,237
To supervise the Vixens,

432
00:22:44,321 --> 00:22:48,241
while you focus on you...
for a little while.

433
00:22:57,334 --> 00:22:59,336
[indistinct chatter]

434
00:23:00,087 --> 00:23:01,797
[softly] Shh. There she is.

435
00:23:10,180 --> 00:23:11,223
[muffled scream]

436
00:23:19,272 --> 00:23:20,398
[sobbing]

437
00:23:29,866 --> 00:23:31,993
[Hiram] Mija? Can you come here a minute?

438
00:23:40,669 --> 00:23:41,878
What do you want, Daddy?

439
00:23:42,546 --> 00:23:44,673
To tell me about
another secret love child?

440
00:23:44,965 --> 00:23:46,800
No. I need your keen eye.

441
00:23:47,217 --> 00:23:48,593
-Is it centered?
-Mm-hm.

442
00:23:49,219 --> 00:23:51,847
Maravillosa, don't you think?

443
00:23:53,598 --> 00:23:56,518
The first bottle of Lodge Rum
I ever produced.

444
00:23:57,269 --> 00:23:58,687
And second to you

445
00:23:59,020 --> 00:24:01,565
and my diploma from Harvard University,

446
00:24:02,065 --> 00:24:03,108
my proudest achievement.

447
00:24:03,191 --> 00:24:04,401
I'm late for school.

448
00:24:04,484 --> 00:24:07,863
Oh, speaking of Cambridge,
didn't you apply to Harvard early action?

449
00:24:08,613 --> 00:24:09,781
I should be hearing anon.

450
00:24:10,407 --> 00:24:13,034
Now if you'll excuse me,
microeconomics waits for no woman.

451

00:24:17,998 --> 00:24:19,791
[Kevin] Game theory is all about strategy.

452
00:24:19,875 --> 00:24:23,170
And yeah, it's big in econ,
but it's also been applied to war.

453
00:24:23,253 --> 00:24:24,546
[cell phone buzzing]

454
00:24:26,131 --> 00:24:28,175
Oh, my God, sorry, I have to take this.

455
00:24:31,803 --> 00:24:33,471
Good afternoon, Dean Kingsley.

456
00:24:33,555 --> 00:24:35,682
To what do I owe the pleasure?

457
00:24:35,932 --> 00:24:38,101
[Kingsley] Miss Luna,
I know it's unorthodox,

458
00:24:38,185 --> 00:24:41,605
but as Dean of Admissions,
I wanted to give you a personal heads-up.

459
00:24:42,397 --> 00:24:46,526
Congratulations on your acceptance
to Harvard's class of 2024.

460
00:24:56,453 --> 00:24:59,873
Thank you so much, Dean Kingsley.
August can't come soon enough.

461
00:25:00,290 --> 00:25:02,959
Indeed. Now, will you give my regards
to your father?

462
00:25:03,043 --> 00:25:05,670
And, please, thank him
for the rum he sent. Veritas.

463
00:25:07,714 --> 00:25:08,840
Son of a--

464
00:25:08,924 --> 00:25:09,925
[Burbles] Butter Flinger?

465
00:25:13,011 --> 00:25:14,304
I think I know why you're here.

466
00:25:14,888 --> 00:25:17,599
Are there any updates I need
to make to your file?

467
00:25:17,891 --> 00:25:20,352
Regarding, say... Harvard?

468
00:25:21,645 --> 00:25:22,479
Oh.

469
00:25:23,313 --> 00:25:24,898
Uh, yes, actually, I got in.

470
00:25:24,981 --> 00:25:26,316
Congratulations, Veronica.

471
00:25:26,733 --> 00:25:28,693
If I'm not mistaken,
that was your dream school.

472
00:25:28,777 --> 00:25:29,778
It was.

473
00:25:31,238 --> 00:25:32,405
Now it's my nightmare.

474
00:25:32,489 --> 00:25:34,407
Aren't you proud
of this milestone achievement?

475
00:25:34,491 --> 00:25:36,243
No, I didn't "achieve" Harvard.

476

00:25:36,701 --> 00:25:38,912
Once again,
my father meddled in my affairs,

477

00:25:38,995 --> 00:25:42,624
and apparently, bought my way
into their ivy-covered walls with rum,

478

00:25:42,707 --> 00:25:44,751
threats, money, charm, who knows?

479

00:25:44,834 --> 00:25:46,836
It's humiliating and infuriating.

480

00:25:46,920 --> 00:25:49,047
Because he didn't think you can do it
on your own?

481

00:25:49,130 --> 00:25:49,965
No.

482

00:25:50,757 --> 00:25:53,134
Because now I'll never know
if I could do it on my own.

483

00:25:53,218 --> 00:25:56,429
Is it possible he was actually trying
to just help?

484

00:25:56,513 --> 00:25:59,015
My father has a bank vault for a heart.

485

00:25:59,099 --> 00:26:02,435
He did this to prove he can
and always will control me.

486

00:26:02,519 --> 00:26:06,481
And do you feel this control is him
punishing you for something?

487

00:26:06,564 --> 00:26:09,734

Was King Lear's ego gossamer thin? Yes.

488

00:26:09,818 --> 00:26:12,779

This is what he does,
he fake-sold me two businesses,

489

00:26:12,862 --> 00:26:16,658

and then conned me into running them--
Successfully, might I add.

490

00:26:16,992 --> 00:26:18,451

--then charged me protection.

491

00:26:18,535 --> 00:26:22,455

He lured my boyfriend into crime,
then tried to kill him in front of a crowd

492

00:26:22,539 --> 00:26:24,124

at an illegal boxing match.

493

00:26:24,207 --> 00:26:25,625

He had my mother arrested.

494

00:26:25,709 --> 00:26:26,960

And the pièce de résistance?

495

00:26:27,043 --> 00:26:28,962

He brought his secret,
illegitimate daughter

496

00:26:29,045 --> 00:26:30,755

back to Riverdale
to try and make me jealous.

497

00:26:30,839 --> 00:26:32,841

Well, blow, winds, and crack your cheeks

498

00:26:32,924 --> 00:26:36,011

because Veronica Luna is
no one's Cordelia.

499

00:26:38,346 --> 00:26:40,765

Are you jealous of your sister?

500

00:26:41,266 --> 00:26:42,267
Absolutely not.

501

00:26:43,018 --> 00:26:44,686
She can have him. They deserve each other.

502

00:26:44,769 --> 00:26:46,521
Yet I'm sensing animosity.

503

00:26:46,604 --> 00:26:47,480
Sensing?

504

00:26:47,564 --> 00:26:50,483
I despise that man.
I want nothing to do with him.

505

00:26:50,567 --> 00:26:52,068
But you willingly live at home?

506

00:26:53,194 --> 00:26:56,239
-Well, yes, but--
-You obediently come when he calls you.

507

00:26:56,614 --> 00:26:58,575
Veronica, I don't think this is hate.

508

00:26:58,658 --> 00:26:59,909
It's obsession.

509

00:27:00,452 --> 00:27:03,121
You and your father are obsessed
with each other.

510

00:27:03,204 --> 00:27:05,332
You're diagnosing me with daddy issues?

511

00:27:06,124 --> 00:27:07,334
How very Intro to Psych.

512

00:27:07,417 --> 00:27:08,501
I'm saying,

513
00:27:09,044 --> 00:27:14,799
your connection goes far beyond that
of a typical father-daughter.

514
00:27:15,508 --> 00:27:17,594
It's primal, cosmic.

515
00:27:17,886 --> 00:27:20,638
He sees you as an extension of himself,

516
00:27:20,722 --> 00:27:23,641
which is why he'll never fully let you go.

517
00:27:24,351 --> 00:27:27,937
And you see him as your ideal future self.

518
00:27:28,480 --> 00:27:30,357
No, that's baseless.

519
00:27:30,440 --> 00:27:32,734
I have no desire to become my father.

520
00:27:32,817 --> 00:27:35,987
You're a straight-A student.
You run two flourishing businesses.

521
00:27:36,071 --> 00:27:38,156
You just got admitted into Harvard.

522
00:27:38,239 --> 00:27:40,116
I mean, maybe that's your base resentment.

523
00:27:40,533 --> 00:27:42,702
He is an abjectly bad person.

524
00:27:43,203 --> 00:27:44,496
I have zero respect for him.

525

00:27:44,579 --> 00:27:47,082
And yet he has instilled in you a drive

526
00:27:47,415 --> 00:27:50,043
that is perhaps the reason
why you are so successful.

527
00:27:50,126 --> 00:27:52,170
He's taken more than he's ever given.

528
00:27:52,253 --> 00:27:54,047
My old friend Dr. Freud

529
00:27:54,839 --> 00:27:59,761
has two diagnoses that seem pertinent
to your situation.

530
00:27:59,844 --> 00:28:01,763
The Oedipus and Electra complexes.

531
00:28:01,846 --> 00:28:04,599
I've always seen the drama in my life
as Shakespearean,

532
00:28:04,974 --> 00:28:09,270
not the stuff of Greek tragedy,
but, please, enlighten me.

533
00:28:09,979 --> 00:28:13,900
You're locked in a constant battle
for identity with your father.

534
00:28:13,983 --> 00:28:19,989
You're driven by compulsive forces
like love, sexuality, obsession.

535
00:28:20,073 --> 00:28:22,325
I'm not stabbing my eyes out for any man.

536
00:28:22,409 --> 00:28:25,912
Acknowledging that the tether exists is
the first step towards breaking it.

537

00:28:25,995 --> 00:28:30,750
Electra murdered Agamemnon.
What are you saying, Mrs. Burble?

538

00:28:30,834 --> 00:28:34,754
Obviously, I'm not suggesting murder.
But rather to cut ties with him.

539

00:28:35,296 --> 00:28:36,172
For good.

540

00:28:36,256 --> 00:28:39,384
He's trolling you. So, why not ghost him?

541

00:28:39,467 --> 00:28:45,014
No offense, Mrs. Burble,
but your "teen speak" could use an update.

542

00:28:45,640 --> 00:28:48,518
As could your advice.
I've tried that repeatedly.

543

00:28:48,601 --> 00:28:51,479
Well, it only works if you actually want
to walk away.

544

00:28:52,689 --> 00:28:53,523
Do you?

545

00:28:55,942 --> 00:28:56,776
Yes.

546

00:28:57,444 --> 00:29:00,905
Well, obviously, I think
you should say yes to Harvard.

547

00:29:00,989 --> 00:29:04,451
But moving forward,
I recommend that no matter what,

548

00:29:04,993 --> 00:29:07,662
you do not engage

with your father on his terms.

549

00:29:08,037 --> 00:29:10,582

You may be his hubris,
but he can't be yours.

550

00:29:10,665 --> 00:29:12,375

Or else he will be your downfall.

551

00:29:12,917 --> 00:29:16,796

I really, really want to go to Harvard.

552

00:29:19,591 --> 00:29:23,052

You're locked in a dance of death
with your father, Veronica.

553

00:29:24,846 --> 00:29:27,140

So, my last question is this:

554

00:29:28,475 --> 00:29:29,309

Who's leading?

555

00:29:30,059 --> 00:29:32,187

Him or you?

556

00:29:41,321 --> 00:29:42,155

[Dupont] You're late.

557

00:29:42,947 --> 00:29:45,700

Apparently I'm not the only one.

Don't we have seminar today?

558

00:29:45,784 --> 00:29:48,119

I dismissed the others
to continue writing.

559

00:29:49,162 --> 00:29:50,455

You haven't even started.

560

00:29:50,747 --> 00:29:53,416

Yeah, I know I'm supposed
to turn in pages this week.

561
00:29:53,500 --> 00:29:56,002
You were offered
an opportunity here, Mr. Jones.

562
00:29:56,085 --> 00:29:57,879
Frankly, you have squandered it.

563
00:29:57,962 --> 00:30:00,673
I've been told you haven't even applied
to any colleges yet.

564
00:30:00,757 --> 00:30:03,802
Okay, I'm sorry. My plate's been stacked.

565
00:30:04,552 --> 00:30:06,095
I can still apply for regular admission.

566
00:30:06,179 --> 00:30:09,849
And I can't imagine any teachers here
writing a letter of recommendation

567
00:30:09,933 --> 00:30:11,476
for such an apathetic student.

568
00:30:12,143 --> 00:30:16,189
You might want to beg the indulgences
of your teachers at your public alma mater

569
00:30:16,272 --> 00:30:18,691
vis-a-vis your future matriculations.

570
00:30:25,782 --> 00:30:27,784
How long does it usually take
to get a transcript?

571
00:30:28,743 --> 00:30:32,622
Well, I'm sure Ms. Bell is going
as fast as she can.

572
00:30:32,705 --> 00:30:35,041
But while we wait,

why don't we just have a little chat?

573

00:30:35,124 --> 00:30:39,838

Uh, no. I have a hard Holden Caulfield
stance on phony small talk. Thanks.

574

00:30:40,338 --> 00:30:43,424

Do you often use fictional references
to make sense of your situation?

575

00:30:43,883 --> 00:30:44,884

Yes. Yes, I do.

576

00:30:46,052 --> 00:30:47,762

I heard about your teacher, Mr. Chipping.

577

00:30:48,847 --> 00:30:51,850

Public suicide, that's, uh, tragic.

578

00:30:52,183 --> 00:30:55,186

He didn't kill himself, he was murdered.
By suicide, I guess.

579

00:30:56,229 --> 00:30:58,106

-Who knows what they're capable of?
-Who?

580

00:30:58,189 --> 00:31:01,192

Uh, DuPont and the students,
they convinced him to jump.

581

00:31:01,276 --> 00:31:03,528

Because I'm on the cusp
of bringing down their empire.

582

00:31:03,611 --> 00:31:05,446

-Which empire?
-Baxter Brothers.

583

00:31:07,365 --> 00:31:08,575

My grandfather created them.

584

00:31:08,658 --> 00:31:10,743
As in inspired the characters?

585
00:31:10,827 --> 00:31:12,829
No. As in he wrote the first book.

586
00:31:12,912 --> 00:31:15,874
And then DuPont stole the franchise
out from under him.

587
00:31:15,957 --> 00:31:19,460
Now, he's got us competing to ghostwrite
the next one, but what's the point?

588
00:31:19,752 --> 00:31:21,212
It's rigged. He's a thief.

589
00:31:21,296 --> 00:31:23,339
He has a grudge against anyone
with the name Forsythe.

590
00:31:23,423 --> 00:31:25,425
Starting with my grandfather, the first.

591
00:31:26,968 --> 00:31:30,179
Or you have a persecution complex.

592
00:31:31,014 --> 00:31:33,349
Are you paranoid? Chasing windmills?

593
00:31:33,892 --> 00:31:38,563
So, you have a reasonable excuse
to neglect your real work, writing?

594
00:31:39,063 --> 00:31:42,942
Is that your advice after everything
I said? "Just do your homework, kid."

595
00:31:43,026 --> 00:31:45,987
Well, I'm wondering if the real reason
why you're so focused

596

00:31:46,070 --> 00:31:48,948
on proving that the Baxter Brothers
belongs to your family

597
00:31:49,032 --> 00:31:50,408
is because you're afraid.

598
00:31:50,742 --> 00:31:52,952
Are you insecure about your own talent
as a writer?

599
00:31:53,036 --> 00:31:54,454
I won't be psychoanalyzed by someone

600
00:31:54,537 --> 00:31:56,539
who doesn't know
the phrase "tilting at windmills."

601
00:31:56,998 --> 00:31:58,207
It's about recognition.

602
00:31:58,291 --> 00:32:01,878
It's about not letting some ascot steal
my family's achievements.

603
00:32:01,961 --> 00:32:03,713
My grandfather could have been
Gatsby rich.

604
00:32:03,796 --> 00:32:04,923
You know what he was instead?

605
00:32:05,632 --> 00:32:08,301
He was a mean drunk
who beat my father in a trailer.

606
00:32:08,384 --> 00:32:10,094
But from what you're describing,

607
00:32:10,178 --> 00:32:14,349
this investigation is trying to get
those very things you claim to hate.

608
00:32:14,432 --> 00:32:17,185
An inheritance, status, prestige.

609
00:32:18,186 --> 00:32:20,855
-I'm not trying to be like them.
-No, clearly.

610
00:32:20,939 --> 00:32:22,065
Better not to try at all.

611
00:32:22,148 --> 00:32:25,109
Fulfill their expectation
that you're a bum,

612
00:32:25,443 --> 00:32:29,030
then claim that they didn't give you
a chance. That is the easy path.

613
00:32:29,113 --> 00:32:33,242
Now, your father, on the other hand,
he took the harder one.

614
00:32:33,660 --> 00:32:36,829
Good. The "Designated Dad" part
of this lecture.

615
00:32:37,205 --> 00:32:41,834
He's a sheriff now. Came from
a poor household with an abusive father

616
00:32:41,918 --> 00:32:45,254
and did the work to transform himself.

617
00:32:45,338 --> 00:32:47,674
And sacrificed so you could succeed.

618
00:32:48,883 --> 00:32:51,427
I bet he was very supportive
of you going to Stonewall Prep.

619
00:32:53,137 --> 00:32:54,430
He practically dragged me there.

620
00:32:54,514 --> 00:32:57,183
And you repay him by going
on this quest to prove

621
00:32:57,266 --> 00:33:00,853
that the man that caused him immeasurable
pain is some kind of wronged hero.

622
00:33:01,396 --> 00:33:03,356
How do you think that makes him feel?

623
00:33:06,025 --> 00:33:08,611
Maybe instead of lionizing
your grandfather...

624
00:33:11,322 --> 00:33:14,701
you should try seeing him
through your father's eyes.

625
00:33:18,705 --> 00:33:22,166
I won't think you're less smart
if you admit that I'm right.

626
00:33:24,877 --> 00:33:25,712
You're right.

627
00:33:28,464 --> 00:33:29,465
My poor dad.

628
00:33:36,305 --> 00:33:37,432
I'm so selfish.

629
00:33:37,515 --> 00:33:41,394
No. You're just a high school senior
from Riverdale.

630
00:33:43,271 --> 00:33:44,105
You're busy.

631
00:33:48,234 --> 00:33:49,318
Maybe I should, uh...

632

00:33:52,697 --> 00:33:55,283
put down the conspiracy theories
and just do my homework.

633

00:33:57,827 --> 00:34:00,705
-You're underpaid, aren't you?
-And overqualified.

634

00:34:01,956 --> 00:34:05,043
Which means I don't expect anyone
to change habits overnight.

635

00:34:05,501 --> 00:34:09,422
If you're going to see this mystery
of the Baxter Brothers authorship through,

636

00:34:10,339 --> 00:34:13,426
don't fall back on conjecture
or righteous anger.

637

00:34:14,093 --> 00:34:15,720
Do the work, you know?

638

00:34:16,596 --> 00:34:17,555
Investigate.

639

00:34:21,559 --> 00:34:23,686
Now let's see
about those transcripts, huh?

640

00:34:24,854 --> 00:34:28,024
Oh, and just take the rest of it.
You're my last one today.

641

00:34:35,990 --> 00:34:40,536
Hey, boy. I miss seeing you
around the house, typing away on--

642

00:34:43,331 --> 00:34:45,166
Oh, what's all this?

643

00:34:47,585 --> 00:34:50,922
I love you and I appreciate everything
that you've done for me. I--

644
00:34:52,131 --> 00:34:53,382
I don't think I say that enough.

645
00:35:16,864 --> 00:35:20,118
Elizabeth, perfect timing. The boys are
out back and the casserole's almost ready.

646
00:35:20,201 --> 00:35:21,119
Set the table?

647
00:35:25,164 --> 00:35:27,667
Why are you looking at me like that?
Come on, chip-chop.

648
00:36:05,121 --> 00:36:06,706
I love you most, too, Mom.

649
00:36:17,842 --> 00:36:19,177
[machine beeps]

650
00:36:29,729 --> 00:36:30,563
[beeps]

651
00:36:30,646 --> 00:36:32,940
[boy] Hi, um, my name is,
I don't wanna say,

652
00:36:33,024 --> 00:36:36,444
but I live in the apartment building
in the north end of Sketch Alley

653
00:36:36,527 --> 00:36:39,530
and the man who lives down the hall,
I think he hits my mom.

654
00:36:39,614 --> 00:36:44,744
And I-- I think she needs help.
Please, I need help.

655
00:36:44,827 --> 00:36:45,953
[machine beeps]

656
00:37:01,844 --> 00:37:03,930
[oldies music playing over speakers]

657
00:37:06,224 --> 00:37:08,142
Tee-Tee, I got my results.

658
00:37:08,226 --> 00:37:10,811
From Highsmith College?
I thought you were already accepted.

659
00:37:10,895 --> 00:37:13,481
No, silly lovebug,
my chimerism test results.

660
00:37:14,273 --> 00:37:16,943
Promise me no matter what's in
this envelope, you're here for me?

661
00:37:17,026 --> 00:37:18,861
Cheryl, I don't know
what you're talking about,

662
00:37:18,945 --> 00:37:21,364
but I love you
and nothing will ever change that.

663
00:37:22,114 --> 00:37:25,785
♪ And since she's been away ♪

664
00:37:26,661 --> 00:37:32,917
♪ I've never had a happy day ♪

665
00:37:35,753 --> 00:37:39,548
Negative. Negative! Tee-Tee,
I'm 100 percent Cheryl Marjorie Blossom.

666
00:37:40,883 --> 00:37:43,844
Babe, I love seeing you this happy,
but what does that mean?

667

00:37:43,928 --> 00:37:49,267
It means that Burble was right.
Fact, I'm not crazy. I'm not haunted.

668

00:37:49,350 --> 00:37:51,936
Maybe there once was a Julian
in my mother's mortal womb,

669

00:37:52,019 --> 00:37:53,771
but I didn't absorb him.

670

00:37:53,854 --> 00:37:54,855
That's amazing.

671

00:37:55,356 --> 00:37:58,901
But how do we explain the weirdness
around Thistlehouse?

672

00:37:58,985 --> 00:38:01,070
Mrs. B enlightened me to the realization

673

00:38:01,153 --> 00:38:03,781
that most likely someone is trying
to drive me mad.

674

00:38:04,156 --> 00:38:06,867
But once I find out
who this depraved monster is,

675

00:38:06,951 --> 00:38:09,161
I will unleash a wrath
upon them so wicked,

676

00:38:09,245 --> 00:38:11,956
they will wish they had been consumed
in their mother's womb.

677

00:38:12,957 --> 00:38:13,791
[Hiram] Veronica!

678

00:38:17,712 --> 00:38:18,754

What's the matter, Daddy?

679

00:38:18,838 --> 00:38:21,632
Why did I get a call
from Dean Kingsley informing me

680

00:38:21,716 --> 00:38:24,093
that you turned down
your acceptance to Harvard?

681

00:38:24,635 --> 00:38:27,763
-Please tell me he's sorely mistaken.
-There's been no mistake.

682

00:38:27,847 --> 00:38:29,390
I won't be a Crimson come fall.

683

00:38:29,473 --> 00:38:32,226
Besides, I look better
in Yale blue anyway.

684

00:38:32,310 --> 00:38:33,352
[groans]

685

00:38:33,894 --> 00:38:34,770
Are you insane?

686

00:38:35,771 --> 00:38:39,233
No one rejects Harvard. It was your dream.

687

00:38:39,317 --> 00:38:43,154
One of my dreams, yes.
But then you ruined it for me.

688

00:38:43,654 --> 00:38:45,656
Walking through those ivory towers,

689

00:38:45,740 --> 00:38:49,076
I'd be letting you dictate
the rest of my life.

690

00:38:49,452 --> 00:38:52,163

I'd graduate, get my MBA from Oxford,

691

00:38:52,246 --> 00:38:55,333
run a Fortune 500,
make the cover of Fives, obviously.

692

00:38:55,750 --> 00:38:59,003
The next 20 years would be
mapped out by you.

693

00:38:59,628 --> 00:39:02,673
I'm finished living
your version of my life.

694

00:39:02,757 --> 00:39:07,678
You don't get to own my future,
so consider the ties that bind cut.

695

00:39:09,555 --> 00:39:10,389
Really?

696

00:39:10,973 --> 00:39:13,142
And what do you think you'll do now, mija?

697

00:39:13,225 --> 00:39:15,227
Walk away from me? [scoffs]

698

00:39:15,728 --> 00:39:17,438
You've never been able to do that.

699

00:39:19,482 --> 00:39:24,403
You're right. It would appear we're locked
in a twisted Greek tragedy.

700

00:39:24,487 --> 00:39:28,657
But my guidance counselor told me
that there is one way to end this.

701

00:39:31,535 --> 00:39:32,578
I have to kill you.

702

00:39:33,871 --> 00:39:37,375

Don't worry, I wouldn't stoop
to your level to murder. No.

703

00:39:38,376 --> 00:39:41,837
I'm going to kill you on the battlefield
you cherish above all others.

704

00:39:42,713 --> 00:39:43,547
Business.

705

00:39:44,048 --> 00:39:47,510
I'm going to take you on head-to-head
and destroy you.

706

00:39:48,427 --> 00:39:50,846
Just like Oedipus and Electra did
to their daddies.

707

00:39:50,930 --> 00:39:51,931
And when I'm done,

708

00:39:52,681 --> 00:39:56,977
I will bury your battered
and beaten carcass, and be free of you.

709

00:39:58,187 --> 00:39:59,230
Once and for all.

710

00:40:05,569 --> 00:40:07,029
This bottle I cracked open?

711

00:40:07,405 --> 00:40:10,616
It's a lot better than the swill
you've been making recently, Daddy.

712

00:40:11,617 --> 00:40:15,454
But my rum will be far superior.

713

00:40:40,062 --> 00:40:41,647
These are really great, Jug.

714

00:40:42,148 --> 00:40:44,608

You really captured the essence
of the Baxter Brothers,

715

00:40:44,692 --> 00:40:46,110
but you made it your own.

716

00:40:46,527 --> 00:40:48,320
I caught up
on all my college applications.

717

00:40:48,404 --> 00:40:49,864
I wanna show you something.

718

00:40:51,532 --> 00:40:55,619
This is an article I found from 2002.

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00:40:56,829 --> 00:40:59,874
[Betty] "Novelist Theodore Weisel drowns
in yachting accident."

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00:40:59,957 --> 00:41:01,250
Why does he sound familiar?

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00:41:01,333 --> 00:41:04,003
He was in the Quill and Skull
literary society with my grandfather.

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00:41:04,086 --> 00:41:05,754
I tracked down all the original members.

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00:41:05,838 --> 00:41:09,508
They could tell you something about what
your granddad and DuPont were like then.

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00:41:09,592 --> 00:41:13,095
But guess what? Theodore was not
the only one who suffers an accident.

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00:41:13,804 --> 00:41:16,432
This one is from 1978.

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00:41:17,016 --> 00:41:18,058

Drove off a bridge.

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00:41:18,559 --> 00:41:21,353
This one's from 1994. Mechanical failure.

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00:41:21,770 --> 00:41:24,148
In fact, DuPont and my MIA grandfather

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00:41:24,231 --> 00:41:26,192
are the only ones in the society
who are not dead.

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00:41:26,275 --> 00:41:29,778
Which begs the question, are these
all horrible, suspicious accidents?

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00:41:29,862 --> 00:41:31,030
Or murders?

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00:41:32,281 --> 00:41:35,534
Jug, if you're right,
you need to transfer.

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00:41:35,618 --> 00:41:36,452
I can't.

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00:41:36,952 --> 00:41:39,205
-We're so close to this. I can feel it.
-Yeah.

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00:41:39,872 --> 00:41:41,207
That's what I'm afraid of.

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00:41:46,003 --> 00:41:48,631
Are you sure these are
the three suspects you saw that night?

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00:41:49,507 --> 00:41:50,591
It's definitely them.

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00:41:51,467 --> 00:41:53,427
Those are the kids we saw kill Jughead.