(SAM freezes. MOLLY hesitates a moment, wipes her tears with her arm.)

MOLLY

Just a minute, Carl.

(she washes and dries her hands)

SAM

Don't answer it. He's a murderer, Molly! You can't trust him. Don't let him in. Listen to me, damn it! Please! Don't do it. Don't.

(MOLLY opens the door. CARL seems buoyant, almost celebratory. He has a Starbucks bag in his hand. He is still in a suit and tie.)

CARL

Hi. Thanks. Am I interrupting?

MOLLY

No...no. What's up?

(MOLLY turns off the radio)

CARL

I felt real lousy about what I said at the café. This supernatural stuff just makes me so uncomfortable. I don't even read horoscopes.

MOLLY

Don't worry about it. It's okay.

CARL

Hey, I brought you a coffee, a skinny caramel macchiato. I know you like them.

MOLLY

Carl, thank you. That's really sweet.

CARL

Listen, you mind if I hang out for a little bit? I won't stay long. I've had one of those days.

MOLLY

Yeah. Of course.

SAM

No, Molly. Don't let him stay!

MOLLY

Are you all right?

CARL

What can I tell you? It's been tough. Hell, you know. It still hurts so much.

SAM

You lying snake.

(MOLLY exits to discard her dirty apron. CARL crosses toward the couch and, curiously, turns SAM's picture so it faces the wall. MOLLY returns.)

CARL

Then on top of it all...it's stuff at work. Hey, you have any cream?

MOLLY

Yeah, sure.

(She walks over to the refrigerator)

CARL

They've given me a new office, my own accounts, which is good. But I've had no time to adjust, to kind of absorb it all, you know.

(As MOLLY reaches to get the cream CARL intentionally pours the coffee all over his shirt.)

CARL

Oh shit, Jesus, I can't believe I did that.

MOLLY

Are you all right?

CARL

Yeah, I'm fine. Ow.

(To avoid the burning coffee, he pulls off his jacket and starts unbuttoning his shirt. SAM watches all this with suspicion.)

MOLLY

Here, let me put that in the wash.

CARL

No, don't worry about it. It's okay.

(He quickly takes the shirt off)

MOLLY

Do you want me to get you another shirt?

CARL

Sure.

(looking at SAM's shirts on the fridge)

Well, maybe ...

MOLLY

Yeah, sure ... Here you go.

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(She hands CARL one of SAM's shirts. He puts it on.)

Hey Carl, I went to the police.

CARL

You did? What did you tell them? What did they say?

MOLLY

You were right, you know. It was awful. They brought out a file on this psychic woman; it went on forever.

CARL

(relieved)

A rip-off artist, huh?

SAM

Molly, no.

MOLLY

Yeah. And the sad part is that I believed her.

CARL

(leaning toward her)

Sometimes we need to believe.