

From ***The Mourning After the Night Before*** by Chloe Whitehorn

MONSTERS IN THE WATER

Pippa sits on the dock, toes skimming the water, flicking drops at the audience. Everett enters.

EVERETT

There's a monster in there. Took someone one summer.

PIPPA

For real?

EVERETT

Shouldn't have been out here by themselves.

PIPPA

Like a crocodile?

EVERETT

Like a metaphor.

PIPPA

Surprised to see you here.

EVERETT

As am I. To see you.

(pause)

It's expected.

PIPPA

You didn't strike me as the doing what's expected type.

EVERETT

Pot.

PIPPA

Blaming your choices on drugs?

EVERETT

No, like pot kettle. Pot calling the kettle--From the beginning. Hi, nice to see you.

PIPPA

I just kind of want to be alone.

EVERETT

I saw you arrive at the party. Didn't look like you wanted to be alone.

PIPPA

I'm an attention seeking introvert.

EVERETT

You're weird.

PIPPA

Kettle.

(Beat)

So what's there to do here?

EVERETT

What are you into?

PIPPA

Night clubs?

EVERETT

The only place to drink is the Bar Stool downtown.

PIPPA

Downtown?

EVERETT

The two blocks of close together buildings about a mile from here. As for dancing, Donna's mom teaches a zumba class in the rec center Saturday afternoons.

PIPPA

Awesome.

EVERETT

Oh the Italian restaurant has a karaoke night. Bet you could dance there. Anything else you're looking for is probably at Duke's.

PIPPA

The Hardware store?

EVERETT

More an anything you need store. If they don't have it they can order it. You want a refill? What are you drinking?

PIPPA

I'm fine.

EVERETT

Sweater?

PIPPA

You don't need to stay with me. I'm fine.

EVERETT

I know.

PIPPA

I'm not scared of the dark.

EVERETT

Okay.

PIPPA

Or monsters.

EVERETT

Okay.

PIPPA

I can take care of myself. And I'll stay out of the water.

EVERETT

Okay.

PIPPA

You just, you seem like you want to leave.

EVERETT

I have to pee. But it can wait.

PIPPA

You really shouldn't. It's not good for your kidneys.

EVERETT

I think I'll survive.

PIPPA

Why haven't you hit on me yet?

EVERETT

And that came out of nowhere.

PIPPA

You're attracted to me. I can tell.

EVERETT

You're not at all shy are you?

PIPPA

Should I be? Is that considered a more desirable trait in a woman here?

EVERETT

I thought you were an introvert.

PIPPA

Attention seeking introvert.

EVERETT

I'm just being respectful.

PIPPA

So you're just being a law-abiding gentleman? 'Cause, well I haven't like thrown myself at you or anything, but it's not like... I haven't really done subtlety, with you.

EVERETT

Yeah, I noticed.

PIPPA

So you don't think I'm attractive? Are you not into women? Or you're just worried about being branded as some kind of sinner in a small town?

EVERETT

What answer gets me out of this conversation?

Pippa kisses Everett.