Rico rummages through the refrigerator...a stick of butter, a bruised apple, three cans of soda. The interior light flickers. He glances back at the liquors, shakes his head. He grabs a can, SLAMS the door.

RICO

Yeah, nice people.

Rico approaches the master bedroom, nearly collides with Cassie.

RICO (CONT'D) I come bearing a gift.

M.J.

Bye Rico!

RICO

Ah c'mon. It's much more fun here than with Doc Dick-less.

He offers the soda. He's turned down.

RICO (CONT'D) Say, I never got to go to no sleepovers.

Rico fondles the sleeve of Cassie's oversized tee-shirt. She reacts, squeezes his wrist in a moment of self-defense.

> RICO (CONT'D) Ow, take it easy will ya!

He retracts his wrist.

RICO (CONT'D)
Damn, where'd ya learn that?

Rico massages his wrist.

CASSIE I'm so sorry. You surprised me. Are you okay?

M.J. Nice going Rico.

RICO

I'll live.

CASSIE If you will excuse me. (turns towards Rico) Are you sure you're okay? RICO Are you kidding me? I like a woman who's rough.

He steps inside.

CASSIE (to M.J.) Good luck.

RICO Ah, c'mon, where ya going? The party's just starting. (towards M.J.) Looks like we got the whole room to ourselves.

M.J. Look, you've already had your fifteen minutes of Morgan Jane.

RICO Ah, but no means yes.