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Training Sides for Elite Actors and Studios

INT. HARDISON LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

COVE motions for BRIGHTON to sit down on the large sofa.

COVE

Do you want me to take your coat?

Brighton nods against it.

BRIGHTON

This shouldn't take long. I'll get right to it.

COVE

Sit down.

(sitting across from  
Brighton)

Does Arden know you're here?

BRIGHTON

No.

Awkward time passes. Neither being comfortable with small talk.

COVE

What's up?

BRIGHTON

You know I've been in therapy for quite a while--

COVE

--I actually didn't know that. But that's good to hear. When did you start?

BRIGHTON

Probably a month or so after Arden and I broke up. I've really found some ways of dealing with myself. Telling the truth. Facing my demons.

COVE

That's good.

Brighton shifts on the sofa.

BRIGHTON

I screwed up.

COVE  
(unsure)  
OK.

BRIGHTON  
I wanna work things out with them.  
I can manage my emotions now, and  
I'm in such a better place.

COVE  
That's definitely a lot for you  
both to consider.

BRIGHTON  
Can you talk to Arden?

COVE  
I have no choice now. Especially  
with you showing up unannounced,  
after all this time.

BRIGHTON  
Sorry. It's been a tough year.

COVE  
(pointing to the couch  
Brighton sits on)  
It's been tough year for Arden.  
They spent quite a few sleepless  
nights on that couch--hiding from  
what happened.

Brighton feels the sofa with their hands.

BRIGHTON  
Words can't explain how sorry I am.

COVE  
No one will ever forget that New  
Year's party--

BRIGHTON  
--Do you forgive me?

COVE  
(taking a moment)  
I already did. I knew you needed  
help. I'm glad you got it.

BRIGHTON  
I'm *still* getting it. Therapy is a  
life long journey. I don't see that  
ending anytime soon. I'm committed  
to the long haul.

COVE

I won't talk to Arden for you. I'll say that you came by and made amends with me. But that's all I'll say.

BRIGHTON

I just miss them in my life--

COVE

--that chapter is over. They moved on. We all did.

BRIGHTON

Are they seeing someone else?

COVE

(redirecting)  
It's getting late.

Both Brighton and Cove stand and face each other.

COVE (CONT'D)

I do forgive you. Goodbye.

Brighton nods. With their coat tucked under their arm, they slowly walk towards the front door.

BRIGHTON

Goodbye.