THAT THING BETWEEN FRIENDS

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SCENE 1: TEDDY AND MARK - THE AFTERMATH

Teddy visits Mark for the first time after an intimate situation a week prior

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INT. HALL HOME - DAY

Teddy and Mark are in a conversation.

TEDDY
I am just making sure you are ok. You haven't returned any of my calls within the last week.

Mark responds without looking Teddy in the eyes.

MARK
I have been busy. Dealing with a lot of things right now.

TEDDY
Yeah well it must be pretty heavy. I don't think there has ever been a time in our friendship where you were ***too busy*** to return my calls. Or even just send a text.

Mark realizes he needs to be truthful here. He locks into Teddy's eyes.

MARK
Look, to be honest with you, I think its best if we gave each other a little space. Like I said, I have a lot on my plate...

Teddy is stunned by the request

TEDDY
(interrupting)
Space? ***This is about that night isn't it?***

MARK
(hesitation)
The night that should have never happened.

TEDDY
Ok you can say that but that doesn't have to affect our friendship. ***What happened was mutual.***

Mark locks eyes with Teddy.

MARK
I don’t think so.

TEDDY
Wait..are you saying I forced myself on you?

MARK
I am saying you took advantage of my situation.

TEDDY
(incensed)
That is an outright lie and you know it.

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Scene 2: Lizette and Teddy’s confrontation

Teddy shows up at Mark’s house. Mark is not around but his wife Lizette is home.

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TEDDY (CONT’D)
I just really need to talk to him.

LIZETTE
And again he is unavailable.

TEDDY
Well when will he be available?

Lizette can’t hide her frustration.

LIZETTE
Look...Mark doesn’t want to see you. To be honest with you, under the circumstances I find it rude that you have even come here.

TEDDY
Why would it be rude? He is my best friend?

LIZETTE
Was...your best friend. ***Was***. He assured me that your friendship is over.

TEDDY
Assured you? Was that a little slip of the tongue? Cause that certainly sounds like you are behind that choice.

LIZETTE
No that would be all you and your actions.

TEDDY
You’re delusional if you think what happened between he and I was all on me.

LIZETTE
I know my husband and he is not gay

Teddy smiles.

TEDDY
Why does it have to even have a label? It was just two friends who needed one another.

Lizette is instantly disgusted.

LIZETTE
You’re sick. I have always felt that there was something off about you. Something in your walk, your rhythm.... even your speech pattern. I just had no idea you would disrespect me and my husband.

TEDDY
There was no disrespect. I have known Mark much longer than you have. We have history. We have a long past.

LIZETTE
Well hold on to that past Teddy boy because there is ***no*** future.

TEDDY
Wanna make a bet?