

KING OF NOTHING

by ROSS

INT. DUSTIN'S HOME - DAY

DUSTIN and his deceased fiancée's mother ALLISON are in a heated conversation.

DUSTIN

I am just sick of everyone blaming me for Ashley's death.

ALLISON

Everyone is blaming you because we all know that you are the cause.

DUSTIN

I am **not** the cause. I didn't tell her to run into the street.

ALLISON

No, but you yelling at her is the reason she ran out in the first place.

DUSTIN

I was calling her on her shit.

ALLISON

She was having dinner with a coworker discussing a project. Hardly a reason to be yelled at.

DUSTIN

She should have told me. Why did I have to find out the way that I did? As if she was hiding something. *Like it was some sort of secret.*

ALLISON

You should have trusted Ashley instead of assuming. That is what marriage is..**trust.**

DUSTIN

(dismissive)

You don't know enough about our marriage to make that comment.

ALLISON

You're right, I don't know all the inner workings of your marriage. But I do know that my daughter is dead. Had she never met you, she would still be alive.

The words kick Dustin in the gut. He locks eyes with Allison and takes a moment before..

DUSTIN

That is low. *That is a nasty thing to say.*

ALLISON

But it's the truth. (slight Crack) *Meeting you was the worse thing that could have ever happened to my baby.*

DUSTIN

(matter of fact)

Maybe if you raised her to be honest and truthful and own up to her mistakes, she would still be here.

ALLISON

Don't talk to me about owning up to one's mistake when you are standing there with her blood on your hands.

Another kick to the guts for Dustin.

DUSTIN

You know what.. you get out of my house.
You get out and never come back.

ALLISON

You mean Ashley's house? I checked. She signed the contract, not you.