

INT. NICK'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

Amaya sits in a wooden chair in a small living room, lit by 2 tall floor lamps and a desk lamp by the window. Across from Amaya, NICK (35) sits in an armchair. Nick is tired looking, bearded, unkempt and not too bright. Amaya sits cross-legged.

AMAYA

Thank you again for having me over.

NICK

It isn't often that anyone wants to come. I figure why not? Best case, you'd be a foxy lady. Which, you are by the way...uhh, Ma'am. Worst case, I get to chat with someone for a little while before the end.

AMAYA

You sure you want to go through with it?

NICK

I don't see any other choice really. There is no way out. I fucked up too bad.

AMAYA

What do you mean?

NICK

(quick sniff)

There is a reason I don't get visitors, ya know?.... Most people see me as a monster.

AMAYA

People are often wrong.

Nick looks up at Amaya with death in his eyes.

NICK

No ma'am. Not about this. They are right about me.

AMAYA

That you're a monster?

NICK

Yes ma'am.

AMAYA

Why do you think that you're a monster?

NICK  
I've done things, ma'am.

AMAYA  
What kind of things?

NICK  
Bad things ma'am.

AMAYA  
Everyone has done bad things. Tell me what happened.

NICK  
Not this bad. I think I'd rather not say.

AMAYA  
Let me be the judge of that, okay?

NICK  
(sighs)  
One night I was out at a trucker bar. I had had a few too many whiskeys when a beautiful girl and her boyfriend walked in. Well I guess at one point the boyfriend stepped outside to make a phone call and I was hitting on this gorgeous girl at the bar. Next thing I know we are making out in the bathroom. The boyfriend came in all furious. She tried to settle him down but he got in my face. So... I threw a punch. And then...I just didn't stop. Beat him to a pulp. Smashed his face into the sink. He definitely broke his nose and cheekbone as well as some lost teeth.

AMAYA  
Yeah I mean....that is pretty bad.

NICK  
I'm not finished.

Amaya looks at Nick, who cannot make eye contact with her.

AMAYA  
Go on.

NICK

So he was on the ground, bleeding everywhere. And she was trying to get him up as she screamed at me...and I don't know why but I was so pissed that she was mad at me. Like he was the one getting in my face. Control your boyfriend if you don't want him to get knocked out.

AMAYA

What happened next, Nick?