

Chapter 15

Do We Need Professional Help?



Wife: You know I really don't feel like talking about this five nights a week. [soft tone]

Husband: I'm sorry. I didn't mean to bore you. [calm voice]

We should have re-landscaped without sod like I keep telling you. [soft tone]

You know, 1,500 square feet of grass and a new irrigation system was expensive. You just don't throw it away.

Please don't use that tone with me. [slamming book closed]

I didn't use any tone with you.

OK don't deny using a tone when you use a tone. I'm not crazy. I know what I just heard. [slightly raising voice, being more animated]

I didn't call you crazy.

But you implied it though, didn't you? As if I am not sane enough to judge your tone of voice. [change of body position, facing him now]

Maybe you are crazy.

Oh, Oh, right. Oh, oh now the truth comes out. Well, you want to know the truth? [raising voice]

Yeah, sure. I love the truth. [raising voice]

The truth is you are the crazy one. OK. With these g-ddamn raccoons you are acting like a complete f-ing deranged moron. [raising voice, more animated, cursing]

Now I am acting like a f-ing deranged moron? [raising voice, more animated, cursing]

Keep your f-ing voice down. [voice raised]

You keep your f-ing voice down. [voice raised]

Don't you dare wake up Miles. [voice raised, cursing]

This is it. This is perfect. This is just what you want isn't it? [loud, very upset]

What is what I want?

You want me to get crazy so you can remind me of how crazy I got.

Mission accomplished.

when you make me apologize to you.

[More conversation – screaming]

[More conversation] [screaming]

What?

And of course I am the crazy one and of course you have no f-ing responsibility at all. [yelling,

cursing]

[An expletive statement] [screaming, cursing]

[An expletive statement that tops her expletive statement].

Scene Ends 1 min. 20 sec. later