# "ON A TRAIL" - SHORT FILM

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# EXT. ASCENDING HIKING TRAIL. DAY.

A group of HIKERS are on a hiking trail. GEMINI (20s) is leading the way.

GEMINI

(yelling)

Mind, body, and soul, guys! We're just getting started!

Her boyfriend, CHUCK (20s), is accompanying her. He's seemingly occupied on his phone. We see a GUN tucked behind him.

CHUCK

(on the phone)

Excellent...that sounds great...Let's plan something for next week...

The rest of the HIKERS are following. L.A (18) is behind the entire group. He's SMOKING a blunt.

GEMINI

Watch your step everyone!

L.A.

(chuckling)

That's right! Don't bust ya ass...
(hits the blunt)

Cuz I'ma leave you there!

ROSE (40s) is bothered by the weed smoke. Her husband, BLUE (40s), is walking beside her.

ROSE

(to L.A.)

Can you go over there with that, please?

L.A.

...Lady, it ain't nuttin but some weed. So please-

L.A takes a hit and EXHALES a large cloud of smoke.

L.A. (CONT'D)

Mind ya business & just keep it moving.

Blue comes to his wife's (Rose) defense.

BLUE

Ay, that's my wife you talking to!

L.A.

So! Tell her to mind her got damn business!

BLUE

Hey kid! You watch your mouth! And show some respect!

L.A.

Man whatever, ole head.

BLUE

Who you calling ole head?!

L.A.

You, ole head.

SUPREME (40s) QUICKLY JUMPS in between to prevent them from fighting.

SUPREME

Whoa! Whoa! Fellas-

He TRIPS on part of a tree trunk and TWISTS his ankle.

SUPREME (CONT'D)

AHH!! SHIT!!

He hobbles up and down. Then he drops to the ground, holding his ankle. His wife, JOY (30s), rushes to his aid.

JOY

Supreme! Honey you ok?

Supreme mildly agonizes in pain. Gemini is disappointed.

GEMINI

(to the group)

People! This trip was supposed to be peaceful.

(to Supreme)

No pun intended.

Gemini lightly CHUCKLES, but quickly regains her composure. Supreme SCOLDS her.

GEMINI (CONT'D)

No but seriously, it was for us to build and spiritually connect with our partners.

BLUE

Are you serious??

(pointing to L.A)

This kid doesn't even have a partner!

L.A.

I'll just take yours then, ole timer- How about that?

BLUE

You little bastard!

The two SQUABBLE again. Chuck breaks it up this time, but with his PHONE in his hand.

CHUCK

Fellas! Fellas! Chill out!

L.A and Blue stare each other down before they separate. Chuck RETURNS to his phone conversation, and Gemini OBSERVES him. She SHAKES her head in disappointment.

**GEMINI** 

(to the group)

Come on everybody, let's keep it up! There's plenty of trail left!

JOY

(off screen)

Y'all go ahead!

We see a SHOT of Joy tending to Supreme.

JOY (CONT'D)

He can't go. I gotta take him back!

Gemini WALKS OVER to check on Supreme. We see a SHOT of Chuck on his PHONE. He's looks DISTRACTED by Gemini's actions, and curiously OBSERVES.

GEMINI

(to Joy)

... Is he going to be alright?

JOY

He'll be fine. He just sprained it.

**GEMINI** 

Well, that's good...

Joy and Supreme glance at each other after that.

GEMINI (CONT'D)

I'm sorry this all happened. I feel bad. I really wanted this to be a peaceful event. I didn't want anybody to get hurt.

JOY

It is what it is. You can never predict what anybody is gonna do.

**GEMINI** 

Yea, I guess you're right...Well you two travel back safely.

JOY

Thanks.

SUPREME

(with sarcasm)

Yea, thanks.

Gemini goes OFF SCREEN.

SUPREME (CONT'D)

Joy, that's the first and last time we got out with her ass.

JOY

Oh baby, be nice.

SUPREME

I'm serious! Look at my foot Joy! And then she wanna make jokes...

JOY

I know, baby. Here, lemme help you.

We see a SHOT of L.A as he APPROACHES Joy & Supreme.

L.A.

(to Joy)

...It's Joy, right?

She turns around to acknowledge.

JOY

...Yea? What you want?

L.A.

(looking around)

What uh- what happened to ya sister?

(confused)

...What?

L.A.

...Gemini said you was bringing ya sister...

JOY

My sister? Oh yea, my sister...

L.A.

...Well, what happened?

JOY

(shrugging)

I don't know. She didn't call me.

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Why you lyin?

JOY

(chuckling)

What I got to lie for?

L.A & Joy SCAN each other and share a faint interest. Supreme is OBSERVING. L.A hits the BLUNT and forcibly EXHALES the smoke.

L.A.

Man whatever. I'm out!

(to Supreme)

Take care of that playa!

Supreme nods in acknowledgement. Joy WATCHES L.A walk away as she helps Supreme up.

JOY

You got it?

SUPREME

Yea...That's ya new thing?

JOY

What?! Stop it.

SUPREME

Right.

JOY

...You really wanna do this now?

SUPREME

Nah, help me up.

Right.

As Supreme stands up, his phone SLIPS out of his pocket. Both him and Joy are oblivious. The CAMERA focuses on the PHONE as they go OFF screen.

DISSOLVE TO:

# EXT. DESCENDING HIKING TRAIL. DAY.

A few moments later, the group is heading back down the hill. The couples are PAIRED up, leaving L.A by himself.

L.A.

Mann, I should've stayed my black ass in the house.

BLUE

That wouldn't have been a bad idea.

L.A.

(laughs softly)

What's up, man? Huh? What you hatin on me for? You too old for that shit, ole head. You don't have nuttin better to do?

BLUE

Let me tell you something kid- I don't know who raised ya little ass, but you need some serious home training. You really need to learn to respect your elders. You gone learn.

L.A.

You know what you really need to do, ole head? You really need, to leave me the fuck alone, alright?!

(glancing at Rose)
And take care of ya wife-

(winking at Blue)

Or someone else will.

BLUE

THAT'S IT!

L.A.

COME ON!

Rose risks almost getting trampled, as she JUMPS in front of Blue and holds him back from fighting.

ROSE

No, Blue! No honey!

BLUE

Rose! I've had it with this kid! This little punk is going to start showing some respect or-

L.A gets in Blue's face.

L.A.

Or what?! Huh? What you gonna do? ... That's what I thought, ole head.

Blue looks furious, as he stares L.A down. Rose MOVES Blue away.

ROSE

Forget about him honey- he's just a kid.

We see a SHOT of L.A's reaction.

ROSE (CONT'D)

Come on- lets go hiking baby. Just me & you.

Blue SMILES at Rose and FOLLOWS her.

BLUE

(smiling)

I like that. Let's do that.

They KISS and WALK away together, holding hands.

L.A.

Just a kid?!

(yelling to Rose)

That's why ya husband's just a kid! In a ole head's body!

L.A hits the blunt, and EXHALES heavily.

L.A. (CONT'D)

This that bullshit.

We go to a SHOT of Gemini & Chuck walking ahead.

CHUCK

You know something Gemini?

GEMINI

What's that, Chuck?

CHUCK

This actually wasn't a bad idea.

GEMINI

Really?

CHUCK

Yea. I'm glad we set this up.

GEMINI

Excuse me?? We??

CHUCK

(smiling)

My bad. I mean, I'm glad you set this up.

**GEMINI** 

(with sarcasm)

Why thank you! It feels good to be recognized sometimes!

Chuck chuckles and shakes his head. Gemini FLASHES a smile.

CHUCK

But no really, I'm enjoying this.

GEMINI

Well I'm surprised...

CHUCK

I mean...I'm out here with you, away from everything out there...Why would you be surprised?

GEMINI

Well, if I recall correctly, you said you didn't like hiking when I asked you about it...

CHUCK

...Yea ok I probably said that, but-

GEMINI

And! You been on that stupid phone ever since we got here...

Chuck realizes he's been holding onto his PHONE. Gemini appears LET DOWN.

CHUCK

...You right, Gemini. I'm sorry. I been caught up with work and-

Gemini is shaking her head in DISREGARD.

CHUCK (CONT'D)

I'm all yours now, baby.

GEMINI

...You sure about that?

Chuck turns his PHONE off. He puts it in his pocket, and awaits her satisfaction. She SMILES and they HUG each other. Chuck looks over her shoulder and spots an OBJECT lying in the dirt.

CHUCK

What's that over there?

He picks it up: It's a PHONE.

GEMINI

Looks like somebody lost their phone...

They both INSPECT the PHONE.

GEMINI (CONT'D)

You think it belongs to someone in our group?

CHUCK

I don't know...

He SHRUGS and then pockets the PHONE.

CHUCK (CONT'D)

But I guess we'll find out soon.

## INT. JOY & SUPREME HOUSE. DAY.

Joy CLOSES the front door, and walks with Supreme, over to the couch. She helps him lie down comfortably.

JOY

There you go baby. How's that?

SUPREME

Good. Can you get me some water?

JOY

(smiling)

Sure.

SUPREME

Thanks.

Supreme WATCHES Joy walk to the kitchen. Then he searches for his PHONE. He can't find it.

SUPREME (CONT'D)

(loudly)

Joy, have you seen my phone?

JOY

(loud, from a distance)

... No. Where did you have it last?

SUPREME

(loudly)

I don't know. I had it on the trail-

We see a FLASHBACK of when the PHONE slipped out his pocket.

SUPREME (CONT'D)

(loudly)

Fuckk!! I think I dropped it out on the trail, when we were leaving.

Joy returns with a glass of water.

JOY

Are you sure?

SUPREME

Yes Joy, I'm sure!

Joy notices Supreme's change in his tone.

SUPREME (CONT'D)

Call Gemini for me.

JOY

I can't.

SUPREME

Why not?

JOY

You have her number, in your phoneremember? ... I know I know, that's another story.

SUPREME

(shaking his head)

Oh boy, here we go.

JOY

You damn right! Here we go!

SUPREME

(grinning)

You think I got a thing for Gemini?

JOY

I don't know, you tell me.

Chuck laughs softly.

JOY (CONT'D)

I know she could've gave me her number instead of giving it to you.

SUPREME

(shaking his head)

...You know her number ain't the only thing we saved in my phone...

Joy sits the water on the table.

JOY

...What are you talkin about?

SUPREME

Oh I think you know what I'm talkin about-

Supreme gives Joy a familiar look. Her eyes grow BIG.

JOY

OH MY GOD, SUPREME! HOW COULD YOU?!

SUPREME

What!! What you want me to do? We just recorded that!

JOY

SO!! WHY DIDN'T YOU DELETE IT?!!

SUPREME

How was I suppose to know I was gonna lose my phone today?!

Joy composes herself.

JOY

...You know what? That's it. I'm done.

SUPREME

You done?

I'm not putting up with this anymore.

SUPREME

Aw come on baby-

JOY

I want a divorce.

SUPREME

...You don't really mean that, Joy-

JOY

Oh- I do.

Joy takes the wedding ring off her finger.

JOY (CONT'D)

This marriage, this relationship...I can't do it anymore, Supreme. It's all too much for me. Marrying you was too much.

She hands the RING to Supreme.

JOY (CONT'D)

I want a divorce.

He chuckles and accepts the RING.

SUPREME

(shaking his head)
Joy, Joy, Joy...I really don't
think you wanna do that Joy...

JOY

Well you know what? I think I do. First we need to find that phone.

SUPREME

You know everything on my phone is synced directly to my Google drive, right?

JOY

...OK? And what does that mean?

SUPREME

It means that, even if the phone was wiped entirely clean, all the files can still be accessed online.

Joy stares at Supreme, in complete shock.

SUPREME (CONT'D)

But don't worry. We can use the laptop to track the phone and get it back before someone looks through it.

Supreme sits up in all seriousness.

SUPREME (CONT'D)

So please- I need you Joy. Don't do this to me now-

CLOSE UP ON SUPREME:

SUPREME (CONT'D)

(angrily)

Or I will expose you online, and ruin your whole fucking life. Your decision baby.

Supreme GRINS as he sits back. Joy's facial expression slowly changes from SHOCKED to CONNIVING.

JOY

Wow...I can't believe this. You're serious...

SUPREME

I'm dead serious. You can't just leave me that easy.

Joy LAUGHS SOFTLY and slowly walks over to Supreme.

JOY

Wait- So, you're blackmailing ya own wife because she wants a divorce? Wouldn't it be best to try and see how you can make her happy instead? Maybe she'll give you a chance if you tried. I mean, you really threatened me to stay in this marriage with you...

SUPREME

... Yep. Try me.

Joy gets behind Supreme and MASSAGES his neck & shoulders. There's a TIE lying on the couch.

JOY

Look baby...I know we haven't been seeing eye to eye lately. That's why I had set this trip up for us.

(MORE)

JOY (CONT'D)

So we can spend some quality time together and build. But you really gotta ask yourself this- Do you really think it's a wise thing to threaten me, your loving wife? Because let's say I do file those papers...and I tell them that you threatened my life...what you think is gonna happen Supreme?

Supreme almost gives in, but then LAUGHS about it. He SITS UP and takes a sip of water. As he's sitting up, Joy's HAND slowly pulls the tie off the couch.

SUPREME

You're a smart woman, Joy-

Supreme sits back, rests his hands on his head, and closes his eyes.

SUPREME (CONT'D)

I think you know what to do.

A momentary silence. Supreme appears to be alone. Then suddenly Joy SPRINGS up behind him and WRAPS the tie around his neck. Supreme fights back, struggling to free himself. However, his fight is surprisingly no match to her strength.

Joy STRANGLES him to death. Then she KISSES him on the forehead, and SEARCHES around the house. The CAMERA stays on the body. She returns with a LAPTOP and a KNIFE. She grabs the car KEYS and EXITS the house.

## INT. JOY'S CAR. DAY.

In the driveway, Joy gets in her car. She lights a CIGARETTE. She has the LAPTOP open. The LAPTOP screen shows a simulated display of a tracking device. She checks it and SMILES.

FROM BEHIND THE VEHICLE

Joy flicks the CIGARETTE out the window and PEELS off.

#### EXT. DESCENDING HIKING TRAIL. DAY.

The group gathers at the beginning of the trail, to conclude the trip. Gemini is looking around.

**GEMINI** 

Where's L.A?

ROSE

... He was behind us.

CHUCK

Call him.

GEMINI

He doesn't have a phone.

BLUE

That's too bad.

GEMINI

What?

BLUE

We can't stay out here all day and wait for this little punk to show up.

GEMINI

Hey that's my brother you're talking about!

BLUE

Yea? Well I'm sorry, but the kid is rude. He think he's grown, let him figure it out on his own.

Blue and Rose PROCEED. Gemini waits to see if L.A will show up. She looks worried as Chuck consoles her.

GEMINI

This is why I don't like to bring him anywhere with me.

CHUCK

Don't worry, he's probably just trailing way behind.

**GEMINI** 

Yea...I hope so.

## EXT. SOMEWHERE IN WOODS. DAY.

L.A wanders along the trail, SMOKING a blunt and SWINGING branches. He POSTS next to a tree and takes a PISS. When he turns around, Joy is right behind him, smiling and holding a KNIFE behind her back. She STARTLES him and he DROPS the blunt.

L.A.

WHOA! What the-

(chuckling)

I'm sorry.

L.A.

What the fuck is ya problem?! That shit ain't funny!

JOY

I said I'm sorry...

L.A.

(shaking his head)

You scared the shit outta me...

L.A SEARCHES on the ground for the BLUNT.

L.A. (CONT'D)

...Got me losing my blunt. I just rolled that! ...Oh, there it is!

He picks it up and its still LIT. He takes a hit.

L.A. (CONT'D)

Wait- Ain't you suppose to be home with dude?

JOY

Oh he's good now. I put him right to sleep.

She winks at L.A.

L.A.

(smiling)

Ohh ok, I see. So now you on the creep.

Joy laughs.

JOY

It's not even like that.

L.A.

Yea whateva! You don't have to lie!

Joy gives L.A a blush-like look. He SMILES and NODS his head.

L.A. (CONT'D)

I knew you was a freak!

L.A checks to see if the coast is clear.

L.A. (CONT'D)

What you wanna do then? It's just me & you out here-

He attempts to UNZIP his pants but her FOOT stops him.

JOY

Ungh ungh-

L.A flinches.

L.A.

Damn, what's good?

JOY

You can keep *him* inside. Remember the *dude* I was with? That's my husband.

L.A.

Wait, what?

JOY

Yea, he lost his phone out here. Have you seen it?

L.A.

Hold up- Ya husband?! ... Nah, I ain't seen nothing.

JOY

Please, I got no time for games right now. I just really need that phone back.

L.A.

Why? What's in it?

JOY

Something private.

L.A.

Like what?

JOY

Like none of your business! Have you seen a phone out here or not?

L.A.

(grinning)

Maybe, maybe not.

Look, I'm not playing with you. If you have it, please give it to me.

L.A.

First tell me what's in it.

Joy is tired of pleading.

JOY

Gimme the phone.

L.A.

You two have a sex tape or something? He's watching you get gang banged?

JOY

That's enough!

L.A.

What? Oh I know, you was fucking with all of them animals, huh? Sucking some of that horse cock?

L.A laughs to himself.

JOY

I said ENOUGH!!

Joy's body tenses up, as she tightly GRIPS on the KNIFE she's holding behind her back.

L.A.

(chuckling)

Come on Joy...you getting upset like what I'm saying is true...

Joy gives L.A a blank stare.

L.A. (CONT'D)

But you could tell me the truth, I won't tell anybody. So what happened? You let some pits lick ya clit?

(laughing)

Then they hit it doggystyle?

CLOSE UP:

L.A laughs uncontrollably to himself.

SHUTT UPPP!!

Joy takes the KNIFE from behind her back, and with all her force, LUNGES it in L.A's torso. L.A is in SHOCK. Blood slowly SPILLS from his mouth. His body drops. Joy searches his body for the phone. Nothing.

JOY (CONT'D)

Fuck!

She locates the blunt L.A was smoking. It's still LIT. She PICKS it up and takes a HIT. She EXHALES the smoke and shows a menacing SMILE.

#### INT. GEMINI & CHUCK'S CAR. DAY.

Chuck & Gemini are driving Rose & Blue home. Both couples are seemingly happy. They sing along together with the radio. We see a SHOT of the PHONE, lighting up, indicating that the phone is being tracked.

## EXT. ROSE & BLUE'S HOUSE. NIGHT.

They pull into the driveway. Chuck grabs the PHONE.

CHUCK

Say, did one of you lose a phone?

Rose and Blue check for their phones.

ROSE

Nope, I got mine.

BLUE

Got mine too.

Gemini and Chuck look at each other and SHRUG.

ROSE

Y'all come inside. Have a beverage.

Gemini & Chuck glance and smile at each other. They all exit the vehicle and go inside. Chuck takes the PHONE with him.

Joy PULLS up across the street, from a distance. She checks the LAPTOP and confirms her location. She takes one last drag and flicks the CIGARETTE out the window.

FRONT DOOR OPENS.

Blue comes out and walks around to the back. Joy SEES him and slowly EXITS her car. She follows his trail. As Blue bends down with his back turned, Joy creeps up on him, BRICK in her hand. WHAM! She KNOCKS him out. Simultaneously, Gemini and Chuck are leaving out the front door and are getting in their car. From Joy's ANGLE, she peeks around the corner and watches them leave. Then she runs to her car.

SMASH CUT TO:

## INT. ROSE & BLUE'S HOUSE. NIGHT.

Rose closes the door and searches for Blue. Joy can be seen running to her car from inside the house.

ROSE

Blue? Honey, where are you?

She walks to the back door and opens it. She SCREAMS and RUNS out when she notices Blue's unconscious body.

SMASH CUT TO:

#### EXT. ROSE & BLUE'S HOUSE. NIGHT.

ROSE

Oh my God baby!! Who did this?!

Blue is unresponsive. Rose HEARS someone in the front. She HURRIES around the corner to INVESTIGATE.

ROSE (CONT'D)

Heyy! Heyy!

Joy's car door CLOSES and she PEELS off. We see a SHOT of Rose as she looks on.

#### INT. GEMINI'S CAR. NIGHT.

Chuck and Gemini are driving home. They are seemingly happy being in each other's company. The PHONE blings off, in the cup holder. Gemini INVESTIGATES IT.

GEMINI

I wonder who this belongs to.

SMASH CUT TO:

## INT. JOY'S CAR. NIGHT.

Joy is DRIVING on Chuck's trail. She CHECKS the LAPTOP and confirms she's on track with the PHONE. She blows out the CIGARETTE smoke.

SMASH CUT TO:

## INT. GEMINI'S CAR. NIGHT.

Chuck and Gemini pull up to their house. They look at each other and SMILE.

CHUCK

You wanna know something Gemini?

**GEMINI** 

What's that Chuck?

CHUCK

This trip was probably the best idea you came up with.

GEMINI

Aw you just saying that-

CHUCK

No, I mean it baby. I learned a lot about you today. I learned a lot about myself today. This trip helped me see what's important in life. It's not always about making money but who you making it with. That's the new "me" talking. I hope you're ready!

**GEMINI** 

(smiling)

Baby I was born ready.

CHUCK

(smiling)

I know that's right.

They share a KISS.

CHUCK (CONT'D)

Let's go and do something fun.

GEMINI

Way ahead of you.

CHUCK

Wait-

Chuck POINTS at a car that's parked nearby.

CHUCK (CONT'D)

... That looks like Joy's car?

Gemini scans the car.

GEMINI

...It sure does, but why would she be over here?

CHUCK

Maybe she come to get the phone.

Chuck pulls out the PHONE and looks over it.

CHUCK (CONT'D)

No lock code ...

He looks at Gemini, and she SHRUGS. Then the CAMERA slowly zooms away from the car, and they can both be seen SMILING at the PHONE.

SMASH CUT TO:

#### EXT. CHUCK & GEMINI'S HOUSE. NIGHT.

Joy is PEEKING around the corner of the house. From her POV, we see the glow of the PHONE illuminating their ENJOYMENT. She grows IRATE. Chuck and Gemini EXIT the vehicle and Joy DUCKS back around the corner. She has her back against the house. She THINKS they went through the PHONE. She's extremely upset, as she SCOWLS and goes OFF screen.

Chuck and Gemini are at their front door.

CHUCK

Damn-

**GEMINI** 

What happened?

He shows Gemini the PHONE.

CHUCK

It died.

**GEMINI** 

Good.

Chuck SLAPS her butt, and follows her inside. We see a SHOT of a GUN behind Chuck's back.

# INT. CHUCK & GEMINI'S HOUSE. NIGHT.

They come inside and Chuck LOCKS the door. They KISS and HUG each other.

GEMINI

Relax yourself baby. I'ma get us something to drink.

She WINKS and SMILES at him as she turns away. He SLAPS her butt again.

CHUCK

Hurry back.

She looks back and SMILES.

Chuck sets the mood; he lights candles, he puts on music, and he fixes himself up. He goes to take his shirt off but he hears CLATTERING coming from the kitchen. Gemini YELLS out.

GEMINI

(loudly)

AHHH!! BABYYY!!

Chuck SCURRIES into the kitchen.

CHUCK

GEMINI!! Baby, what happened??

GEMINI

... I think I seen a mouse.

Chuck DROPS his head in disbelief.

CHUCK

... A mouse, baby? I thought you was in here fighting somebody!

**GEMINI** 

Really Chuck?! Who else would be in here?!

Joy APPEARS from around the corner, with a bloody knife in her hand.

JOY

Me, bitch!

Gemini and Chuck turn around in absolute SHOCK. Chuck puts his HANDS UP.

CHUCK

You gotta be kiddin me!

Gemini RUNS behind Chuck. We see a SHOT of the GUN between them.

JOY

You didn't lock your back door.

CHUCK

What the fuck is this?!

GEMINI

Yea Joy...what are you doing?!

JOY

Shut the fuck up! Both of you!

She WIPES the blood on her clothes.

JOY (CONT'D)

L.A...

(shaking her head)

Little brothers can be so annoying sometimes...

(to Gemini)

Can't they, Gemini?

She SMILES at Gemini.

Gemini realizes what she did to L.A.

GEMINI

OH MY GOD!! What did you do to my brother, Joy?! What you do to my brother?!

Gemini RUSHES towards Joy, but Chuck GRABS her.

CHUCK

No baby!

GEMINI

Why'd you kill my brother?! You crazy bitch!

Gemini RUSHES again, but Chuck STOPS her.

JOY

He shouldn't have provoked me! So I suggest you don't do the same!

CHUCK

What the fuck do you want, Joy?!

JOY

(to Chuck)

...I want you to tell me what you and your little girlfriend was laughing at in the car.

CHUCK

...What?

Joy raises the KNIFE and FLINCHES at the couple, as they back up.

JOY

Don't fucking play stupid with me! That's why you turned it off so I can't track it anymore! But as you can see, I'm here.

CHUCK

What are you talkin- the PHONE!

Chuck pulls the PHONE out his pocket.

CHUCK (CONT'D)

It's right here, Joy! Look, it's dead! We didn't look through it! I swear on everything!

JOY

I'm suppose to believe you? Please! Y'all laughing and shit like I'm some fucking joke! I guess we'll see who gets the last laugh then...

Joy grips the KNIFE with a vicious smile, and inches closer towards Chuck. We see a SHOT of Gemini. With TEARS in her eyes, she takes the GUN out *slowly* from Chuck's back. He FEELS what Gemini is doing, but he keeps his HANDS UP.

CHUCK

Joy, listen to me please- We didn't go through the phone! We don't know what you're talking about-

JOY

Shut the fuck up! You're a liar!

GEMINI

Please Joy, don't do this!

Y'all just couldn't mind ya business, huh? See what happens?

Joy takes another step closer. Gemini quietly COCKS the gun.

CHUCK

Joy please-

JOY

Well, I guess y'all can laugh about it all now...in your graves!

She CHARGES at Chuck & Gemini. In SLOW MOTION, Chuck DUCKS and Gemini raises up, both hands on the GUN. She FIRES. BOOM! The bullet strikes Joy in the head. Her body DROPS. Joy slowly LOWERS her arms as Chuck runs over to Joy. He CHECKS her pulse.

CHUCK

Damn baby-

(to Gemini)

Good fucking shot! Where you learn that from?!

Gemini gives Chuck a blank stare. Then she SMILES at him, cynically.

CHUCK (CONT'D)

... I ain't fucking with you!

Chuck tosses the PHONE at the body and walks away. The CAMERA follows him.

GEMINI

Aw baby come back. Chuck?

CHUCK

(from a distance)

Clean that shit up!

Gemini walks up to Joy's body. She shakes her head.

GEMINI

Damn Joy. You held onto that secret...bitch.

Gemini DRAGS the body off screen.

CUT TO BLACK.