

Daniel Side

DANIEL  
It's said 'pain' first grows from  
words unsaid.

Envelope lands at RITA's feet.

DANIEL gestures pistol for RITA to pick up envelope.

DANIEL  
I'm looking for an assistant. For a  
campaign, really.

DANIEL waits.

DANIEL  
My goal is to neuter pain.

RITA raises her heel and smashes tape in envelope. Crushes,  
grinds.

DANIEL picks bottle of water up from his table, unscrews  
cap. Takes slug. Holds gun while doing so.

DANIEL  
Would you sit, RITA ? You may sit.

DANIEL pulls tie out of knot, puts bottle down. DANIEL picks  
something up.

DANIEL  
What's work, RITA.

RITA says nothing.

DANIEL  
Time is the correct answer.

DANIEL tosses a hard drive through opening, flies slowly  
through air, hits floor. Drive casing cracks, spilling board  
onto floor.

DANIEL  
Whoops. That was yours. Your  
accounting that is. Not a detail,  
no decimal out of place.

RITA is silent.

DANIEL  
Does it make you angry, RITA ? To  
see it break so easily ?

DANIEL tosses sheaf of paper through hole in fence. Pages  
separate, scatter and fall round drive.

RITA looks at papers. Swallows, says nothing.

DANIEL

What do you dream, RITA.

RITA says nothing.

DANIEL

Here are three lists. They should read the same. 2,000 subscriptions, and 2,000 recipients. And 2,000 receipt.

RITA says nothing.

DANIEL

But there are 2,027 papers, 2,027 receipts and only 2,000 subscriptions.

RITA says nothing.

DANIEL

That means twenty-seven subscriptions sent to twenty-seven homes for twenty-seven balances paid, NOT included in revenue.

RITA says nothing.

DANIEL

A quaint fraud. Twelve thousand, one hundred fifty dollars over three years, I count.

RITA says nothing.

DANIEL(TO ROGER)

You fuck her don't you ?

ROGER

Stop it !

DANIEL pauses.

DANIEL

Does it embarass you ? Are you ashamed ?

ROGER

You've got no right.

DANIEL

You like sex with boys too don't  
you, ROGER ? Your other friends  
don't know. Are you ashamed for  
them to know ?

ADAMANTHA's uncomfortable. Looks at her watch.

DANIEL

If you were me. It would piss me  
off.

RITA remains silent.

DANIEL

Misunderstanding is pain, RITA.

RITA shivers.

DANIEL

Understanding, therefore. Is the  
solution.

Pause.

DANIEL

Help me to understand.

Soundtrack quiets.

DANIEL

That's all I ask.