

"Let Things Cool Off"

M/W

ROLAND
KARA

KARA - SCENE ONE

The class murmurs, shuffling out-- Roland begins to gather his things-- after a moment:

KARA (O.S.)

You really think I was *inspiring*?

Stepping up close, behind him:

ROLAND

My neurons are still buzzing.

KARA

I was thinking of turning the study into a book for my thesis. A fictionalized version, a character based on her gruesome story-- could be pretty scary..?

She pops her sucker out, biting her lip--

KARA (CONT'D)

...I thought it might be something you could help mentor me? Share some of your... experience.

ROLAND

I'd be more than happy to offer my guidance if--

KARA

--great, *when*?

ROLAND

Um... let's talk next week. Let things cool off, it's best for now.
(a charged beat, then)
...and Christine told me she explained the nanny situation to you? Sorry I wasn't there for backup, I hope she wasn't too--

KARA

--firm but fair. I got my last check two days ago. Again, I'm really sorry, I hope you both know--

ROLAND

--ah, well... "*the one among you without sin*", words to live by...

KARA

That reminds me-- check your e-mail before you get home.