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~~RAY JAY~~
~~(surprised, he knows EXACTLY who she is)~~
~~It is.~~

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JULIETTE
I'm looking for...
(checks a piece of paper)
...a Dr. Danielle Santino.
(back up to Ray Jay)
My father said if I ever needed someone to talk to... I should look her up.

RAY JAY
You got the right place, but... she's not home.

JULIETTE
Oh.

Juliette nods, OK, but then...

JULIETTE (CONT'D)
Got any ice cream?

Off Ray Jay... where is THIS headed?...

JULIETTE'S VOICE (PRELAP)
Community service, huh??

B23 **INT. DANI'S KITCHEN - NIGHT** B23

...where Ray Jay stands across the island from Juliette, eating chocolate ice cream. He's got butterscotch.

JULIETTE
Been there.

RAY JAY
Yeah?

JULIETTE
Once for a "five finger discount" incident... once for "a stealing a car incident"... and once for... I honestly don't remember. The last time... I volunteered tutoring at-risk kids... for one of my mother's charities. Thought it was going to be lame, but it turned out... enlightening.
(takes a bite)
(MORE)

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JULIETTE (CONT'D)
Every year... I send Christmas gifts to all those kids.

RAY JAY
Yeah, well I'm picking up trash on the side of the road... so less enlightenment... more candy wrappers and empty beer cans.
(then)
Doesn't matter... just trying to do my time... and be done.

JULIETTE
Going straight?

Off his nod.

JULIETTE (CONT'D)
I was doing the same... getting distance from my family and then... got knocked off my path.

RAY JAY
Sorry about... your father.

JULIETTE
(re: her Daddy issues)
You and me both.

Juliette takes a bite, then re: his choice of ice cream...

JULIETTE (CONT'D)
Really? Butterscotch? Don't think I know anyone under 70 who does the butterscotch.

RAY JAY
Don't yuck my yum.

JULIETTE
Don't who your what?

RAY JAY
Yuck my yum. Santino family rule. It's OK not to like something, but don't go yucking someone else's yum.

She smiles. Then...

JULIETTE
OK. Gimme a taste.

He looks down, he's only got his spoonful left.

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JULIETTE (CONT'D)
Don't believe in cooties, so... come on... give it up.

And so he reaches out, offers her his spoon. She takes a taste, and...

JULIETTE (CONT'D)
Ok, you're right. There's definitely some yum in there.

Ray Jay smiles and just then...

STOP

FEMALE VOICE
Ray Jay?

Ray Jay turns... there's DANI.

RAY JAY
Hey, Mom. You know Juliette Pittman, right?

Off Dani... what the fuck is THIS?

23 **INT. TK'S APARTMENT - NIGHT** 23

...where TK opens the door... wearing gardening gloves...

TK
Deactivating me wasn't enough... you here to kick sand in my face?

MATT
I'm here to see how you're doing.

TK
Beyond the fact that I've committed an act of vegicide... peachy.

With that TK turns, leading Matt into the apartment... where, sitting on the kitchen island, is that ficus... wilted.

MATT
How often have you watered it?

TK
Every three hours.
(reaching for a watering can)
Think it needs more?

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