

Olivia So two days? Two hours? Two minutes?

Mike There you go again with that mouth of yours.

Olivia There I go again.

Lights dim slowly and then rise again to show passage of time. Mike is now sitting next to Olivia, tapping his foot impatiently.

Olivia You know, we've spent all day together and I know absolutely nothing about you.

Mike And that's the way it's gonna stay sweetheart.

Olivia I'm not your sweetheart.

Mike I'm sure you're somebody's sweetheart.

Olivia Why?

Silence. He regards her suspiciously.

Mike What are you doing?

Olivia What?

Mike This isn't a Sunday walk in the park. So quit with the banter, the chit chat, and just do as you're told.

Olivia Well I would if you told me what to do.

Mike Enough, ok?

Olivia Yes sir.

Pause

Mike You're very attractive, aren't you?

Olivia Are you trying to pick me up?

Mike No. As if. I'm just sayingyou're an attractive woman.

Olivia I try. I moisturise. I floss. The rest is just genetics, I'm afraid.

Mike I suppose that's given you a pretty easy ride through life.

Olivia Yep. I'm living the dream.

Mike People like me – all we have is dreams.

Olivia And how's that working out for you right now?

Mike I'moptimistic.

Olivia Well that makes one of us.

Pause

Mick Not yet.

Olivia Typical.

Pause

You know what might work?

Mick What?

Olivia Film me. Send them a video. Blindfold me, mess up my hair – I'll do the rest.

Mick Are you kidding me?

Olivia Do you want the money or don't you?

Pause. Mick is thinking.

Look, send it to them and send it to the media. They wouldn't dare ignore it.
My family's reputation is way too important to them.

Pause

Mick Okay. Let's do it.

He takes off her headscarf, scruffs up her hair and then blindfolds her with the scarf. He takes out his phone and aims it at her.

Go.

Olivia Please Mummy? Daddy? They say they're going to kill me! I think they mean it. I don't want to die.

She hangs her head and sobs, then looks straight ahead.

I love you.

Mike turns off the camera. He takes off her blindfold, then tucks a strand of her hair behind her ear. They hold each other's gaze for a moment.

Mike Quite the little actress aren't you?

Olivia Who said I was acting.

Mike *(Tapping on his phone)* I'll just send this..... Let's see how much they love their little princess.

Silence

Olivia Sowhat exactly do you like about me?

Mike Now who's coming out with the pickup lines.

Olivia I'm genuinely interested.

Pause

Mike Okay. You're funny. And smart.

Olivia Don't forget pretty.