

ENCOUNTER THREE — WITHIN EACH-OTHER | SCRIPT |

THEO & SHAWN

Shawn - Sitting in warm skin... cold leather sofa. Trying to read...what is this distraction?

Theo - Sitting bracing my dilemma. You're there...reluctantly turning away I sense you here.
Hand finds face.

Shawn - I pulse stillness. Your nervousness? Mine?

Theo - Turning face...almost standing...almost calling...Inhibition interrupts. You don't look back...disappointment spirals.

Shawn - Courage eyes scan the length of your body... You're here sat with your face rested in your palm...familiar feeling... scared...

Theo - Hand tries to speak awkwardness...Arm weight surrenders... seeking chair composure... pressing against its back.

Surging towards...freeze/retract...deflated...Have you still not seen me?

Shawn - This book, avoidance companion

Theo - Abandon rises me, uncertain knees fold beside you...small gestures to be closer to you

Shawn - I close my book at your advancing...is this it?

Theo - Courageous finger tip eyes find the empty place beside you.

Shawn - My hand fills place...

Shawn/Theo our hands...

Shawn - electricity from your finger tips...

Shawn/Theo barely apart

Theo - Diving pounce towards

Shawn - Catching your acceleration

Theo - Pull up...shift back...sitting

Shawn - Spiralling back

Theo - Side body pressed close

Shawn - Settling into curves

Theo - Right hand

Shawn - rising to touch

Theo - anxious self embrace

Shawn - Your shoulder...my head...desire to rest...not yet!

Theo - tentative hand slow motion...your knee....hovering

Shawn - Left shoulder tightens...Heart racing

Theo - My body dances up and over

Shawn - I slide across underneath

Theo - Swapped places...same confusion. You're looking away. I'm looking for you...

Shawn - I'm looking for you. You're looking away.

Theo - I'm looking for you. You're stepping away.

Shawn - Bubbling frustration...perpetual game...

Theo - My body forms your shadow

Shawn - anxious recoiling to sit on my hands...

Theo - Hand hovers over shoulder, down arm...air between us

Shawn - I see you...acceleration takes over...

Theo - flinching away.

THEO & IOLANDA

Iolanda - You're back...turn my eyes to check, I lift my questioning shoulders but let go.

Theo - My attention follows...

Iolanda - my dropping hand turning

Theo - leaning into your attention, we swing

Iolanda - eyes meet

Theo - Rising intensity

Iolanda - Sudden advance...leap...escape...return...adjust...inner battle...stand...gather.

Theo - Desperate hands run through my hair...hand to mouth I see you...I return my hand to your heart

Iolanda - Upper body drapes...floor pause invites reflection....up... glance over shoulder...We stand in spiral

Theo - Fingers reach face

Iolanda - Your cheek...breath suspended

Theo - Stop....sensing barrier. (4.49)

Iolanda - Shift to sit...swift lean...head tilt

Theo - Hand to mouth...missing you...hands run through my hair...i'm slowing down

Iolanda - echo

Theo - You leave...sit...stand...

Iolanda - Place..replace...

Theo - I lie my head where you were

Iolanda - Fast...two playful butterflies

Theo - Standing...darting... chasing

Theo - Finding floor...

Iolanda - my legs are yours

Theo - pointing finger

Iolanda - curling fingers...head on arm

Theo - right arm brief hug

Iolanda - uplifting

Theo - pounce

Iolanda - avoid

Theo - spiral down...slide freeze....pointing fingers...

Iolanda - roll...follow...stand

Theo - Right arm hug...

Iolanda - I see you

Theo - left side lean...touch melting

Iolanda - Shyly wrap...your back...warmth.

Theo - We pull...share weight...lean back...pass through...entwined sitting

Iolanda - Heads meeting not passing...falling together to stand

-SHORT EXCHANGES OF PEOPLE-

Shawn - I found you

Theo - I see you

Stefania - Who are you?

IOLANDA & STEFANIA

Iolanda - Hand welcomes me...tracing the shape of fingers...flow...follow

Stefania - You lead.....light breeze hands leaves floating....advance...retreat

Iolanda - I'm reassured...you're hypnotised

Stefania - warm radiant skin...my curiosity

Iolanda - You stand... my feet... I'm hopeful.

Stefania - Attentively I follow.

Stefania - Inquisitive amazement, fascination... our gentle...airy...carefree.

Iolanda - Calm scooping arms around your torso....knees faint...I'm looking up at your face.

Iolanda - Rebound to our playfulness.

Stefania - Attention point...are you with me? Swift shift diagonal joy...within each other...
leaves caught in a twirl.

Iolanda/Stefania/Shawn - we land

SHAWN & STEFANIA

Shawn - 7.19 - Hands connecting in trust...

Shawn/Stefania - Together...surrender and falling

Stefania - Magnetic density

Stefania - Eyes into eyes

Shawn - Dreaming...

Stefania - Same direction....tenderness...care.

Shawn - Around... back...sliding down your side...you slide up over mine. Your gentleness
leads me back to your embrace

Stefania - I feel supported, safe.

Shawn - You fall away....glide up... Surrender... we connect... we separate. I cling to warm
grasp.

Shawn - pass you through softly.

Stefania - I guide... you wave

Shawn - I shift... you press

Shawn - You support... I fall

Stefania - Grown deeper; hearts fonder

Shawn - Energy swelling within...

Stefania/Shawn - our rhythm shared

Shawn - I am taking off... you are my wings.

THEO & SHAWN

Shawn - My eyes absorbed in our mutuality.

Theo - Walking into your arms...wrapping within

Shawn - Peeling out...spiralling back...taking my surprise with your momentum...

Theo - Launch

Shawn - helicopter blades swivelling

Theo - landing into your arms

Shawn - bodies locked...I hold you

Shawn - I slide out from our hug

Theo - Where are you?

Shawn - Here behind you...forehead warm in my palm

Theo - Too much...I slink away...

IOLANDA & SHAWN

Iolanda - Arms firm on your body...nothing between us.

Shawn - You adjust me...your dominance sweeps my arm

Iolanda - Magician turns the card

Shawn - Chin scrapes my arm

Iolanda - Hand to belly...push...hand to shoulder...push

STEFANIA & IOLANDA

Iolanda - Judging me? questioning me?

Stefania - No longer willing

Iolanda - Hug

Stef - No hug

Iolanda - Step back

Stefania - Resistance...avoidance...are you testing me?

Iolanda - Skin available....torso cramps with distance...too dependent?

THEO & STEFANIA

Stef - Sudden wave

Stef - I pounce

Theo - dodge...pounce....I tease

Stefania - what? where?

Theo - Finally. Caught.

Stefania/Theo - In arms of submission.

Stef - I run my fingers through your hair

Theo/Stefania - Your forehead

Theo - The squeeze of your hand

Stefania - The push of your hand

Stefania - The floor... resting head on my collarbone...tenderly caress your hair

Theo - Come lay wait/weight on my chest

Stefania - I lay weight/wait on your chest.

Stefania - I roll...You lean

Theo - I sit...you follow

Stefania - I see you denying my gaze...My head...your leg...hiding...masking...a wave is swelling...

Theo - I shunt...you sit

Theo/Stefania - The squeeze of your hand

Stefania - Buried face in your neck

Theo - Head swerve... "get up!"

Stefania - Rapid...stiff hands.

Theo - I correct you...

Stefania - You turn me...my neck...tight rope arms...jump back

Theo - I turn you.....jump back

Theo/Stefania/Shawn/Iolanda - Snake arms constricting

(chorus) **Theo/Stefania/Shawn/Iolanda** - Intense squeeze of your hands

Stefania - You turn me to wrap you.

Theo - I turn you, unwrap you

Theo - Squeeze tighter

(chorus) **Theo/Stefania/Shawn/Iolanda** - I Drop!

Theo - Disquiet contact ... "I'm here"

Stefania - Rage storm...bursts

Theo - We collide out of tune

Stefania/Theo - In arms of submission...descending away.

(chorus) **Theo/Stefania/Shawn/Iolanda** - 12.00 - Pull back...

Theo/Stefania - eye to eye

Stefania - With all my strength

Theo - Knocked back

Stefania - Betrayed I stand

Theo - Helpless i'm clinging

Stefania - Submissive to my legs

Stefania - The back of your neck

Theo - Ambiguous fingertips