

CONTINUED: "MILLENNIAL DETECTIVE"

WALTER KANE

Hat?

AVA CALLOWAY

It's part of the outfit.

Ava makes herself comfortable in the chair, checking her makeup in her phone. Sensual jazz music still playing.

START

WALTER KANE (TO AUDIENCE)

Boy, what a dame. I could tell from her outfit she had style AND a sense of humor. 'Course it didn't hurt she had legs longer than a Buzzfeed list of cats playing the piano. She was the kind of gal Taylor Swift sang about- I knew she was trouble when she walked in.

WALTER KANE

Electronic cigarette?

AVA CALLOWAY

Yes, please.

WALTER pulls out an eCig and turns it on for her, like he was lighting her cigarette, and she is struggling.

WALTER KANE

You just hold this button...no, hold it...deep breath. Take a deep breath. Deep...Breathe...There ya go. (beat) So, how can I help you?

AVA CALLOWAY

My brother, he's missing! He hasn't liked anything on facebook or instagram in nearly four hours.

We hear a lightning strike and jazz music again as Walter soaks in that info. He takes a swig of his flask- it burns.

WALTER KANE

Kombucha?

AVA CALLOWAY

(fake sounding)

No thanks. I don't drink.

WALTER KANE (TO AUDIENCE)

Something told me she wasn't telling the truth. Like my Aunt's chain emails about Obama- she was tough to read.

(CONTINUED)

NBC SHOWCASE 2016 ~~12/15~~

CONTINUED:

3.

WALTER KANE

Where'd you see your brother last?

AVA CALLOWAY

(very theatrical)

Let me just tell you, this story is completely a-mazeballs.

Ava trails off to silently mouth the words as Walter turns to the audience.

AVA CALLOWAY

It was a Sunday, Funday, I was making my way to brunch, nursing the WORST headache in the history of mankind. But Cindy, oh Cindy, she's literally addicted to caffeine.

WALTER KANE (TO

AUDIENCE)

Her story reminded me of a thinkpiece I read about the death of long-form writing. Everything's a list. People's attention spans might as well be married to Ben Affleck-they're Gone, Girl.

AVA CALLOWAY

...then I saw two guys put a bag over his head, and drag him into a black van.

WALTER KANE

(clearly wasn't paying attention)

Sure, that would be a good web series. (Beat) Listen, I need to know what I'm getting into. Did he have any friends, enemies...frenemies?

AVA CALLOWAY

No! Everybody loved him! (beat) Now that you ask, there was his business partner.....no, I can't.

WALTER KANE

Can't what?

AVA CALLOWAY

I can't even...

Another thunderclap as Walter grabs and shakes her.

WALTER KANE

Get yourself together woman! Can't even WHAT!

(CONTINUED)

NBC SHOWCASE 2016 ~~P20/15~~

CONTINUED:

4.

AVA CALLOWAY
I literally can't even!

Walter lets go, and is back to thinking at his desk.

WALTER KANE (TO AUDIENCE)
Just like Pinterest, this case was gonna be hard for a man to figure out.

WALTER KANE
I have to warn you...it won't be cheap.

AVA CALLOWAY
I understand. Is there anything I can do...

Ava sits on his desk seductively, and dramatically pulls up an app on her phone. Walter is in a daze.

AVA CALLOWAY
I have Venmo. (looking at her phone). Oh which Walter Kane are you?

END

WALTER KANE
Ah, it's a common name.

Walter gets close to her, to help with the phone.

AVA CALLOWAY
There's nothing common about you.

WALTER KANE
(breaking character)
Seriously though, there are like a dozen Walter Kane's.

The two get close and lock eyes, ready for a kiss. Ava's iPhone rings.

AVA CALLOWAY
Ew, a phone call. What is this, 1937? Hello?

KIDNAPPER (V.O.)
If you want to see Jason Calloway again, come to the Gowanus Whole foods. Alone. Or else we'll turn him into the Snapchat logo--

(CONTINUED)

NBC SHOWCASE 2016 ~~POST~~