

**ROBERT:** —Is she??

**SAMIRA:** Is she what?

**ROBERT:** Paul's daughter

**SAMIRA:** *(Confused)* Of course she is

**ROBERT:** How do you know?

**SAMIRA:** She...she said she was, how would...what?

**ROBERT:** And we are supposed to just believe her?

**SAMIRA:** What the hell are you saying?

**ROBERT:** Ask her!

**SAMIRA:** What?

**ROBERT:** Ask her if she is Paul's daughter

*(SAMIRA looks at DAVID.)*

**DAVID:** *(Calmly)* Ask her

**SAMIRA:** This is crazy and you are scaring me

**ROBERT:** When the phone rang earlier, do you want to know who it was?

**SAMIRA:** Who

**ROBERT:** Eve Morris

**SAMIRA:** What?

**ROBERT:** Eve Morris, Paul's daughter, calling from Vancouver

**SAMIRA:** I...

**ROBERT:** Her flight was cancelled

**SAMIRA:** Cancelled...

**ROBERT:** Yes

**SAMIRA:** *(To EVE)* You need to start...you need to explain...

*(EVE sits quietly, almost smiling.)*

**SAMIRA:** Why aren't you explaining this? Why are you just sitting there?

**DAVID:** Because she *isn't* Eve Morris...so she can't explain it

*(Beat.)*

**EVE:** *(Playfully)* Oops

**SAMIRA:** What...Then who the hell are you?

**EVE:** I've read *Black Frost* three times, and I cry each time the husband cries out frantically for his wife who just...disappeared while on a picnic...and they never find her, I mean why would they? He yells and yells for her while people stare at him like he's a crazy person...much like you are staring at me right now

**ROBERT:** Who the hell are you?

**EVE:** The book ends the way you would think it would end, but not how you *want* it to end. Much like life when you think about it. I'm sure Paul realized *how* his life was going to end, but it wasn't how he *wanted* it to

**ROBERT:** I asked you a question

**EVE:** The book ends with no conclusion...only more questions. The door doesn't swing open with the wife running into her husband's arms, or the phone doesn't ring with the husband answering it and breaking into sobs of joy...*(To ROBERT, who is about to speak)* I'm answering your question...I'm answering your question. *(Pause)* I'm the daughter of your oldest friend...

**DAVID:** But you—

**EVE:** I'm also the granddaughter of a lonely old hermit

**ROBERT:** You can't—

**EVE:** —I'm your wife's *biggest* fan. *(To DAVID)* I'm someone you met in a dark room at a club in New York. *(To SAMIRA)* I'm the daughter you gave up for adoption *(EVE puts her thumb in her mouth like a baby)*

**SAMIRA:** *(To herself)* Jesus Christ

**DAVID:** What the hell?

**SAMIRA:** *(Still stunned)* Call the police

**EVE:** The police? Absolutely call the police. I bet they love a good story

**SAMIRA:** *Robert call the police!*

**ROBERT:** Wait

**SAMIRA:** Wait? For what?

**EVE:** Yes for what, Robert?

**SAMIRA:** David?

*(DAVID makes a move for the phone.)*

**ROBERT:** David no

*(DAVID stops.)*

**EVE:** Didn't you say your father is still living in the same small town he was so respected in?

**ROBERT:** You're sick, you know—

**EVE:** —He must be up there in age, it would be such a shame for him to live out his last few years under investigation, under scrutiny, being judged and finding out that the dark secret he has been keeping all these years...the horrible thing he did...was based on a lie

**SAMIRA:** This is insane

**DAVID:** I think we know what or who is insane

**ROBERT:** Who are you? I'm asking you for the last time

**EVE:** Or what Robert? Am I going to mysteriously disappear?

**SAMIRA:** My God what rock did you crawl out from under?

**EVE:** I am really feeling the love

**ROBERT:** You are taking something that happened years ago, something that was an accident

**EVE:** *(Laughs)* An accident?

**SAMIRA:** *(Stands)* Robert is she telling the truth?? The story she told...is it true?

**ROBERT:** It's not as easy as...it was years ago

**SAMIRA:** Robert? She's lying right? She made it up...tell me she made it up!

**ROBERT:** We were young, scared...we didn't know...what we said would cause...

**SAMIRA:** Cause what? *What did you say that poor old man did?*