
FOUR SUMMERS AGO.

“I Don’t Want Another Dumb Argument”

Two sisters who haven’t seen one another try to patch up their relationship in this drama scene taken from one-act play *Four Summers Ago* by Joseph Arnone.

EVANDRA: Who’s drunk? I’m not drunk. Where am I drunk?

SALENE: I’m going to—

EVANDRA: No! Stay outside here with me and let’s talk calmly. OK?

SALENE: I don’t want another dumb argument.

EVANDRA: Fine. No dumb arguments...deal. (pause.) Why did you call me a “no future” girl?

SALENE: I don’t even remember.

EVANDRA: I do. Clear as day, I do.

SALENE: We call each other names all the time.

EVANDRA: This was different. This was extra.

SALENE: Extra?

EVANDRA: This was seasoned. You added some spice on top of what was served.

SALENE: Like I said, I’m sure you—

EVANDRA: Think back and tell me the truth. Please, please, someone in this family needs to speak some Goddamn truth before I melt away and die.

SALENE: Whenever anyone ever tries to tell you something openly and honestly, you can’t handle it.

EVANDRA: Because it's always with a vengeance.

SALENE: Whoever said the truth was easy?

EVANDRA: Why did you sucker punch me on the phone, four summers ago?

SALENE: Was it four summers ago?

EVANDRA: Salene!

SALENE: ...Damn you, Evandra...you weren't there for me when I needed you most.

EVANDRA: When did you need me most?

Vocabulary and set phrases.

Here you go with some phrases from the excerpt. You have to:

1. Find words, phrases, sentences to express the same idea. Remember you cannot reuse the word in bold.
2. Find a synonym for the words *in cursive*.

1. Where am I **drunk**?
2. let's *talk* **calmly**
3. *dumb* **argument**
4. ...*deal*
5. **Clear** as day
6. We call each other names
7. Think **back**
8. to **speak** some Goddamn *truth*
9. sucker punch me
10. **Damn** you, Evandra
11. you weren't there for me when I **needed** you most