

ANNE She told me you'd called her a little bitch. And I don't know what else.

ANDRÉ Me?

ANNE Yes.

ANDRÉ Could be. I don't remember.

ANNE She was in tears.

ANDRÉ What, just because I called her...

ANNE No. Because you... Apparently you...

ANDRÉ Me?

ANNE Yes. With a curtain rod.

ANDRÉ With a curtain rod... What is this nonsense?

ANNE That's what she told me. She told me you threatened her. Physically.

ANDRÉ This woman is raving mad, Anne. With a curtain rod... Can you see me doing that? I mean... Obviously she has no idea what she's talking about. Physically? With a... No, best if she does leave, believe me. She's raving mad. Best if she does leave. Believe me. Especially as...

ANNE As what?

ANDRÉ Mm? Listen... If you must know, I suspect she was...

ANNE She was?

ANDRÉ She was...

ANNE She was what?

ANDRÉ (*whispering*) I didn't want to tell you, but I suspect she was...

ANNE (*impatiently*) She was what, Dad?

ANDRÉ She was stealing from me.

ANNE Isabelle? Of course not. What are you talking about?

ANDRÉ I'm telling you. She stole my watch.