

DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES
8x20

Gaby confronts her past

2 people
Woman/Woman

It can be adapted to any gender, and Gabrielle's lines can also be combined into a single monologue.

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GABRIELLE returns to her hometown after years. She finds herself in the same convent school she attended as a child and meets SISTER MARTHA, who used to be her teacher.

SISTER MARTHA
So, Gabrielle, what brings you back?

GABRIELLE
(in discomfort)
I have some - personal business.

SISTER MARTHA
Well, it looks like you are enjoying yourself. I'm not surprised. You always did love being in the center of attention.

Sister Martha is about to leave, but Gabrielle stops her.

GABRIELLE
We need to talk.

SISTER MARTHA
Alright.

GABRIELLE
Do you remember the discussion we had here 20 years ago?

SISTER MARTHA
I've got a lot of students over the years, Gabrielle, I can't remember everything.

GABRIELLE
I think you remember this conversation. I told you what was happening with my stepfather.

SISTER MARTHA
Yes. You had a big imagination. Most likely from all those trashy books and magazines you used to sneak into class.

GABRIELLE
Oh, my God! You still don't believe me! I came to you with a secret, a horrible secret. I couldn't tell to my mother or anyone in my family. But I thought I could trust you because you were my teacher and a
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GABRIELLE (SEGUE)
nun. So, I told you... do you
remember what you said to me?

SISTER MARTHA
I'm not going to stand here and
listen to this.

GABRIELLE
Yes, you are! You told me I was a
liar and that I should be ashamed
of myself and I have been ashamed
ever since.

SISTER MARTHA
Is that why you came back here? To
blame me?

GABRIELLE
No. I came back here because my
therapist had a crazy idea. She
thought it would help if I stood on
the grave of the man who *abused* me
and told him how I felt. But you
know what? I think I need to tell
you. I did not deserve what
happened to me. I was a child. But
you. You were a grown up and you
did nothing. You should be ashamed
of yourself.

A moment. Then Gabrielle leaves.