I CAN, I WILL, I DID - TOM SIDES - SCENE 1

Just then the DOOR flies open, and Tom saunters in. Kang's face lights up at the arrival of his only paying, and highly capable student.

KANG (CONT'D)

START

Tom! My best student! Run three laps, and warm up stretches!

Tom heads over, smiling.

MOT

(to Ben)

Hey bro. I e-mailed yesterday. Can you put me in the system for ten private lessons with Master Kang? (Ben's eyes shoot up at the word 'private')
You can charge my dad's credit card. It's on file.

KANG

They will love your application. You are ready for Korea. If you win the scholarship.

Ben's eyes widen. Korea? He tries to keep calm, goes to the computer to input Tom's payment info. Turning his attention to Adrienne, Tom smiles at her.

BEN

(under his breath)
The nomination has already been--

TOM

(to Adrienne)

--What a wonderful surprise! I've been meaning to send you this writing blog I stumbled across.

(MORE)

END

ADRIENNE STERN CASTING

TOM (CONT'D)

It made me think of you. It's so good to see your face around here.

Anger now boiling in him. Ben can barely conceal his jealousy and humiliation.

Kang puts his arm around Tom.

KANG

She comes to see good class. Warm up now.

Ben registers a moment between Tom and Adrienne. Infuriation brews within him now.