

Danny and Will look at Sam like "are you part of this conversation?"

SAM (CONT'D)

I feel like we should hug now.

Danny and Will look at each other as if to say "what the hell" and they hug.

SAM (CONT'D)

Will?

WILL

Yeah?

SAM

Try not to make a scene at Denny's.

WILL

Right.

Will exits.

Josh & Claire B

JOSH'S BEDROOM

Josh and Clair get dressed. Claire is gathering her things to leave as Josh sits on the bed watching her.

JOSH

So what's your plan next week?

CLAIRE

I don't know. What's yours?

JOSH

I'm not sure. Work, after school activities... You know.

CLAIRE

I'll see you at practice on Tuesday.

JOSH

Yeah.

CLAIRE

Hopefully it's not your buddy's turn to bring snacks. I'm just not up to that.

JOSH
You wanna take the kids out for
pizza after?

CLAIRE
Josh.

JOSH
What?

CLAIRE
We're not dating.

JOSH
I know that.

CLAIRE
Do you?

JOSH
It's just pizza. I'm not bringing a
ring or anything.

CLAIRE
Josh.

JOSH
Yeah.

CLAIRE
You're sweet and this was fun...
but I'm not your girlfriend.

JOSH
Did you think I was asking to go
steady?

CLAIRE
This works because we're sort of in
the same boat.

JOSH
The SS Getting Laid?

CLAIRE
I'm holding it together, Josh. And
you are too. I see it in you. I
recognize it. The difference
between you and me though is that
I've made peace with it and you're
still struggling. I see that too.

JOSH

I don't see you speeding to the attorney's office.

CLAIRE

No. Like I said. I've made peace with it.

JOSH

What does that even mean?

CLAIRE

It means that my life isn't perfect. It's not the way I necessarily want it. There's stuff missing.

JOSH

Yeah...

CLAIRE

And I don't deny... that hurts.

JOSH

I feel a but coming.

CLAIRE

I love my kids. I love my house. I even love living out in the suburbs. My family is healthy. We have plenty of money in the bank... In many ways I live a charmed life... I'm simply not willing to throw that eighty percent of my life overboard for the twenty percent that doesn't work.

JOSH

Easier to have no expectations, right?

CLAIRE

I have more than most people could ever dream of. Even my sports obsessed, philandering, semi alcoholic husband fixes things around the house.

JOSH

Okay.

CLAIRE

What?

JOSH
Nothing. I said okay.

CLAIRE
Nothing is perfect.

JOSH
I am one person, my dear, to whom
that doesn't need pointing out.

CLAIRE
Maybe someday things will be
different.

JOSH
Those kids are gonna be gone before
you know it. And then what?

CLAIRE
See? You're still thinking about
that.

JOSH
Well, yeah.

CLAIRE
And I've chosen not to.

JOSH
You've chosen not to.

CLAIRE
Yeah.

JOSH
And that's not burying your head...

CLAIRE
It's a choice... Josh.

JOSH
Okay.

CLAIRE
And I'm sorry if you're struggling
with the same stuff, but it's not
your place to..

JOSH
Okay.

CLAIRE
I mean it Josh.

JOSH
Okay.

CLAIRE
Okay.

JOSH
Like you said... I'm holding it
together too. God knows I don't
have the answers.

CLAIRE
You're a good guy. You've got nice
kids. People think a lot of you.

JOSH
Thanks Claire.

CLAIRE
And you're cute too.

JOSH
Thanks.

CLAIRE
So we'll see, right? We'll see how
it goes.

JOSH
Right.

CLAIRE
We're okay.

JOSH
We're okay.

Josh's Family room

Josh and Claire enter joining Danny and Sam.

CLAIRE
Well guys. It's been...
interesting.

DANNY
You off to the sleepover?

CLAIRE
Yeah. I'm taking a shift.