

THE RAREST THING
EP.23 - NEXT

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INT. LEGAL BOARDROOM - DAY

We slow pan across a large board room TABLE. There are LEGAL DOCUMENTS scattered across it.

We cut to see JASMINE and LOGAN sitting on either side of the boardroom table opposite one another, with a MEDIATOR sitting at the end of the table between them.

MEDIATOR

...So both parties are in agreement with the terms of separation. The reason cited on the application for divorce is "irreconcilable differences brought on by infidelity". Are you both in agreement with this?

JASMINE & LOGAN

Yes.

MEDIATOR

Very good. It's noted that no children have been conceived or raised during the period of the marriage. Assets are negligible other than one late model motor vehicle purchased approximately two years ago--

LOGAN

Jasmine can have it.

Jasmine raises an eyebrow, not expecting Logans easy concession, but likewise not moved by it.

The mediator nods, and jots something down.

MEDIATOR

Very well. Now, you are both in agreement that separation commenced ninety-four days ago. By law, separation must extend for a twelve month period before divorce can be filed.

Jasmine leans forward.

JASMINE

Actually... I was hoping that the separation period could be waived and the divorce order granted quickly.

Logan sighs. The Mediator looks at Jasmine carefully.

MEDIATOR

You are able to seek permission from the court for the divorce to be granted in a shorter time period... However permission is usually only granted in situations where domestic violence is a factor.

He looks at Jasmine carefully.

MEDIATOR (CONT'D)

(slowly)

Is that the case here, Ms. Hawkins?

Logan gets his back up.

LOGAN

(defensively)

No!

The Mediator ignores him and continues looking at Jasmine. After a few beats of silence, Jasmine sighs.

JASMINE

No, that's not the case.

The mediator sighs.

MEDIATOR

Well. You are, of course free to petition the court for an early divorce. However in my experience, they won't grant it unless there is something resembling a life and death reason.

Jasmine nods, slightly frustrated. The mediator clears his throat.

MEDIATOR (CONT'D)

Well. It seems to me that there are no points of contention that need addressing in your situation. I'm happy to sign off on the mediation papers and in nine months or thereabouts you'll be able to file for divorce. Because there are no major assets of contention, and no children involved you should be able to apply online, and there should be no need to attend court.

Jasmine and Logan look at one another across the table, and they both nod.

EXT. CARPARK - DAY

We see Jasmine walking towards her car, Logan approaches from behind.

LOGAN
(calling)
Jasmine!

She sighs in irritation at the sound of his voice and then turns around to face him. She doesn't say anything.

LOGAN (CONT'D)
So... I guess that's that, huh?

JASMINE
It will be in nine months, I suppose.

He sighs. He was hoping that his conciliatory manner in the mediation would have earned him brownie points... at least enough for them to be able to have a conversation.

LOGAN
So... what's next for you? Any plans?

Jasmine scoffs.

JASMINE
(incredulous)
What's next? What's next Logan... is that we start over. Put the wasted eight years of our marriage behind us, and start from scratch.

Logan tries to ignore her sarcasm.

LOGAN
Okay, and what does starting from scratch entail for you, then?

Jasmine scoffs, wondering why the hell he's trying to chat with her. After a few beats:

JASMINE
Okay. You want to play this game? I'll tell you what starting over means for me. It means living life for myself.

(MORE)

JASMINE (CONT'D)

It means pursuing the dreams that I've always had, and that you've always held me back from.

Logan looks at her sadly.

LOGAN

C'mon Jaz, that's not fair. I've made mistakes, but I've never stopped you from doing what you want.

She sighs.

JASMINE

I didn't mean you did it intentionally... or even consciously. But the eight years we spent together... I never felt free to do what I've really wanted.

LOGAN

Which is?

Jasmine gives it a moment's thought. After a few beats:

JASMINE

To travel. To see things I've never seen. To experience things I've never experienced.

Logan smiles and nods.

LOGAN

That's cool.

(beat)

I genuinely hope it works out for you, Jaz.

He hold out his hand. She looks at it hesitantly, and then reaches out and shakes it. We close on the shake of their hand which is a physical manifestation of the end of their marriage.