

INT. NIGHT - OWEN AND CRISTINA'S APARTMENT

OWEN walks in. CRISTINA gets up and rushes to him.

CRISTINA  
I need to talk to you--

OWEN  
--You know I think I'm gonna order  
pizza. If you want, I can get--

CRISTINA  
--I'm pregnant.

OWEN  
(Sighs, then smiles.)  
Cristina--

CRISTINA  
--I cannot believe this is  
happening.

OWEN  
I know. I know it's complicated. I  
know it wasn't supposed to happen  
like this, but Cristina, this could  
be something...

OWEN reaches to touch CRISTINA'S stomach, she gasps and  
pushes his hand away.

CRISTINA  
What? No. There's no way we're  
doing this. Do you hear me?

OWEN  
Cristina--

CRISTINA  
No, no. I-I am not this uh,  
beautiful vessel for all that might  
be good about the future. I'm not  
carrying your hopes and dreams. No.

OWEN  
I get to talk. I'm here. There's  
two of us. We are a partnership.  
Can we just--just think together?  
Is that okay?

CRISTINA  
(nods yes)  
Mmm-hmm.

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OWEN

I know who you are. I know what you want. I love you. I don't love the incubating potential of your womb. I love you. Why would I want to do something that would make you miserable? Do you think I love you more when you're miserable? Do you think I-I-I want that, you running off to Meredith? You think I'm looking for more of that? But... I think there's a way--

CRISTINA

No! No!

OWEN

I-I still get to talk! There is a way to make this work without it ruining your life or derailing your career.

CRISTINA

I don't want a baby.

OWEN

Well, you have one.

CRISTINA

Are... Are you getting all life-y on me?

OWEN

How late are you?

CRISTINA

That does not matter.

OWEN

Of course it matters.

CRISTINA

Okay, fine. You tell me when life begins. You know, I can't-- I can't wait to hear this one.

OWEN

I don't know. Does it-- Does it have hands?

CRISTINA laughs, then begins to tear up.

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CRISTINA

I cannot believe you are doing this.

OWEN

I'm just asking a question.

CRISTINA

I don't want one. I don't hate children, I respect children. I think they should have parents who want them.

OWEN

I want them. I want them, and maybe you could too. I believe your life can be bigger than you think it is. I know you can contain more than you think you can. I'm not saying we do this. I am just saying, let's think. Let's see what kind of life we can imagine. Cristina, I imagine such a huge life for us. I could take a leave for six months or a year.

CRISTINA

No, you couldn't.

OWEN

Yes, I-- sure, I could. They're not gonna fire me.

CRISTINA

No.

OWEN

Stop saying, "no." I'm telling you, I want this. I can do this. This does not have to be your problem. It'll be my problem. You wouldn't even--

CRISTINA

--What? Notice? It'll be a baby. I'm not a monster. If I have a baby, I'll-I'll love it.

OWEN

That's the problem.  
(chuckles)  
That you'll love it. That-- That's a problem that we can work with.

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CRISTINA

I'm sorry. Are you laughing right now?

OWEN

No. No. I'm just-- I'm not-- I just-- I love you.

CRISTINA

What is so-- Are you even listening to me?

OWEN

Yes. I'm just trying to figure out some kind of a compromise.

CRISTINA

Okay, but you know what? There is no compromise. You don't have half a baby. I don't want one. Okay? I-- It isn't about work, this isn't a scheduling conflict. I don't want to be a mother.

OWEN

Cristina, do you love me?

CRISTINA

Of course I do.

OWEN

Do you trust me?

CRISTINA

I... Yes.

OWEN

You'd be a great mother. You would. I-I know you don't believe me, but it is true. Just sit with this for a little while. This terrible idea that you might love a baby. Just for me, sit with it--

CRISTINA

--Did you even hear? I mean, okay. Why would I do that?

OWEN

Because you love me. You love me. That's why.

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CRISTINA

(Pauses)

Tell me how much you love me.

OWEN

I love you a very great deal.

CRISTINA

A lot? You love me so much. I want you to remember that... I've already made an appointment to terminate the pregnancy. I'm sorry if this upsets you. I'm sorry if this isn't what you wanted. But... I cannot talk about it anymore.

OWEN

This is a marriage. I tied my life to you. You don't decide this without me. Do you see me standing here? You give in a marriage. You make sacrifices. I've made many. And I am asking you to do something for me. Can you simply consider doing something for me?

CRISTINA

Have a baby? This isn't pizza versus thai, you don't give a little on a baby.

OWEN

Cristina, I am asking you--

CRISTINA

--I am saying NO!

OWEN turns around, bracing himself on the kitchen table. He takes a while to respond, then exhales.

OWEN

Get out.

CRISTINA

Are you-- because I'm denying you a baby, you're trying--

OWEN

--Because you denied me part of the decision, because you denied me a marriage.

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CRISTINA  
How dare you!

OWEN  
Get out!