

the past

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INT. JOHNNY'S HOUSE- LATE MORNING

We are in a small house, windows are covered by blinds to keep most of the light out. Despite being morning, the home is incredibly dark. JOHNNY stands at the door, eyes and head hung low. He grabs the door knob but he hand stays paused for a moment.

JOHNNY

I Hate summer, it's too bright.

He takes a deep breath before opening the door, revealing the bright outside. He walks out and his neighbor RYAN notices him.

RYAN

Hey Johnny, thank you so much for fixing my sink yesterday.

JOHNNY

Don't worry about it, Anytime.

It is silent. Johnny stars to walk off.

RYAN

Hey we're having a cookout later you should come by. I'm great on a grill, i'm telling you man.

JOHNNY

Thanks for the offer but I have to pass, i'm really busy today. It is a beautiful day though.

RYAN

Yea it is. Well if you get the time, consider it.

JOHNNY

I will.

CUT TO:

INT. IN A BUILDING- CLOSE TO NOON

Johnny climbs the stairs of a building. He knock on a door on the forth floor. CLARE opens the door for him. Her apartment is medium sized, clean and bright

CLARE

Thank you so much for coming. I would do the painting myself but I just can't find time. My A/C is broken I'm sorry for the heat.

She walks him to an empty room with paint supplies laid out on the floor, 3 bottles of water and a fan.

CLARE (CONT'D)

I have to do a couple of meetings today so i'm gonna be in the other room but again thank you so much.

JOHNNY

Shouldn't be long.

His eyes are low. He is looking out into space, hands in his pockets.

CLARE

You look good. I'm glad you're out the house.

JOHNNY

Thanks.

She walks to the other room and he stands in place for a few seconds longer. He closes his eyes and takes a deep breath in. He strongly exhales.

CUT TO:

INT. CLARE'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

Johnny has just finished painting the room. He wipes sweat off his head and sighs. He sits on the floor and we see the 3 bottles emptied.

JOHNNY

(To himself)

This took forever.

Clare enters the room.

CLARE

(shocked)

I'm so sorry. I didn't to keep you so late. You sure you don't want to get paid?

Johnny stands up

JOHNNY
No, it's fine, this was free.

CLARE
Old friends get the best discounts
huh?

They both laugh. Clare's eyes grow slightly wider at the slight of his laughter.

CLARE (CONT'D)
(to herself, quietly)
It's been a while since I heard
that.

JOHNNY
What'd you say?

CLARE
Nothing. Come to the kitchen with
me and have a drink.

JOHNNY
I don't drink but i'll have a
water. Thank you.

They walk to the kitchen. They are both smiling, Johnny sits and Clare pours his water and her wine. She hands him his drink.

CLARE
How have you been? Its been a long
time.

JOHNNY
(Laughing)
How have you been? Living in this
nice area wand this beautiful
apartment. You're doing well.

CLARE
I am, my new job has done me well
and I am Happy. Truly I am happy.

There is a silence for a moment.

CLARE (CONT'D)
Are you happy Johnny?

Johnny's smile leaves, he looks down and then straight.

JOHNNY
Yea, i'm happy, I think.

JOHNNY (CONT'D)

It's getting late, I'm Gonna go home. If you need anything else done just let me know.

CLARE

Thank you and I'm sorry, that was a weird question.

She walks him to the door.

CLARE (CONT'D)

Thank you again and You're a good person.

JOHNNY

Anytime.