

JESSE

I'm sorry. I can't.

Jesse gets up and leaves.

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EXT. THE WELL BAR-EVENING

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Jesse walks out of the bar. He takes a deep breath and starts walking. A beat later, Celeste tears out of the bar, walking quickly after Jesse.

CELESTE

Hey!

Jesse pauses for a moment. He turns.

CELESTE (CONT'D) (CONTD)

Why did you come to my house last night?

JESSE

I don't know.

CELESTE

Oh no, I think you do.

JESSE

I made a mistake.

CELESTE

And?

JESSE

I shouldn't have come.

CELESTE

You're a fucking coward.

JESSE

I'm just trying to do the right thing with Veronica. I'm trying to change.

CELESTE

Well, you never changed for me.

Jesse pauses.

JESSE

To be honest, you didn't really let me.

CELESTE

Wow. All I did was wait for you to grow up! I rooted for you, I fucking paid for everything, I did everything for you!

JESSE

Yeah, and I was never your equal. And you know what? I think you preferred it that way.

CELESTE

Right. Well, I know my success was never easy for you.

JESSE

And how do you define success, Celeste? Because you don't look very successful right now.

CELESTE

And you are? Pretending to be a father? Pretending to be an adult?

JESSE

What do you want?

CELESTE

I just want you to admit that you're wrong!

JESSE

Wrong? Wrong about what? What did you want me to do? Wait for you to meet someone first? Is that how you saw it happening?

Celeste doesn't respond.

JESSE (CONT'D) (CONTD)

I didn't expect to meet someone so fast, but I did. And I think we have a chance to be happy together. I don't want to blow that.

CELESTE

You know what, Jesse? You definitely will blow it.

Jesse takes a beat. It stings.

JESSE

I feel really sorry for you. You might be alone forever.

He starts to walk away. Celeste call after him.

CELESTE
Don't ever call me.

JESSE
Don't worry about it.

Jesse walks away.

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EXT. CELESTE'S GARDEN-NIGHT

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Skillz and Celeste sit in her backyard and watch the last scene from "Dirty Dancing." The image is being projected onto her garden wall. There is no sound. Instead, Bob Marley's "Kaya" plays over the speakers. Celeste is ripping an enormous bowl from a four-foot bong. Skillz is on his knees, bracing the bong, looking at Celeste with admiration. Celeste watches the movie.

CELESTE
She's so sad.

SKILLZ
Is she? I don't think so.

CELESTE
No, she's sad. I can tell. I went to dance camp.

We see Jennifer Grey elevated above Patrick Swayze, looking elated. Celeste exhales a huge billow of smoke.

CELESTE (CONT'D) (CONTD)
That's the first good thing that's happened to me in months.

SKILLZ
Shit'll get better.

CELESTE
Will it? You don't know that.

Celeste grabs a handful of Cheetos from an economy-sized bag.

CELESTE (CONT'D) (CONTD)
How could he do this to me?

SKILLZ
J-Thunder? He's not doing anything to you. You wanted a divorce.