

SUZANNE

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The office door swings open to **REVEAL SUZANNE** channels Reese Witherspoon on her most emotionally fragile day.)

SUZANNE

Sorry I'm late. I was stuck with the principal cause Riley won't stop drawing boobs on his homework. He's obsessed. I have no idea where he gets this stuff from.

Suzanne looks at Wei for a second too long- there's a tension between them. She quickly shifts her gaze to Caleb.

SUZANNE (CONT'D)

Caleb, will you help me replace the slushie machine? It's pretty heavy.

Caleb and Wei look at each other. Wei nods at Caleb.

WEI

I can do it.
(rolls up her sleeves)
I've been lifting.
(MORE)

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29 **EXT. 7/11 - DAY** 29

Caleb walks up to the door of the 7/11, limping from the shot. There's gauze around his arm from the antigen test.

30 **INT. 7/11 - DAY** 30

Caleb walks into an empty store.

CALEB

Wei?

He walks to the storage room. Caleb opens the door to see...Wei's hands beneath Suzanne's shirt as they make out.

CALEB (CONT'D)

Sweet god.

SUZANNE

Oh shit shit.

A scarred Caleb closes the door and retreats behind the register. Wei comes out of the back and runs up to Caleb.

CALEB

Hey! Wanna know the craziest thing about doors? You can lock them.

WEI

Fuck, man. She's so mad. If anyone asks, you didn't see that.

CALEB

Literally trying to unsee it as we speak. What happened to her not wanting to eat your quiche?

WEI

Remember when I covered for you? We got to talking and before I knew it-

Wei makes sexual motions with her hands. Caleb gags.

CALEB

It's bad enough I'm responsible for my own mistakes. Please don't make me responsible for yours too.

She notices the gauze around his arm.

WEI

-shit. Are you okay?

CALEB

Yeah. Just some blood tests and needles. Another casual Tuesday.

Suzanne comes out of the stock room. She won't look at Wei.

SUZANNE

Caleb. My office. Now.

WEI

You didn't see anything. Please.

Caleb sighs and follows Suzanne into her office.

31 INT. SUZANNE'S OFFICE - DAY

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There's a corkboard with photos of Suzanne's family on it: her husband, her kid, and a border collie. Caleb wants to light them on fire.

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SUZANNE

Sit.

Caleb abides.

SUZANNE (CONT'D)

I'm not happy, Caleb.

CALEB

You looked pretty happy a few minutes ago.

Suzanne gets flustered, then angry. She doubles down.

SUZANNE

I don't like your tone and I really don't like seeing security footage of you stealing and leaving early. I'm trying to run a business here. A profitable, *respectable* business.

CALEB

It's a 7/11. We sell yesterday's hot dogs.

SUZANNE

Don't test me. I will fire you.

CALEB

Suzanne, I can't lose this job. I need to save for school. It won't happen again.

She makes him sit and sweat for a beat or two, then-

SUZANNE

Fine. So long as we agree that what happens here, stays here.

CALEB

Got it.

Caleb gets up to leave, then turns back to Suzanne.

CALEB (CONT'D)

You could be a little nicer to her, you know.

Suzanne stops dead in her tracks. She looks up at Caleb.

SUZANNE

So could you.

With that, Caleb leaves Suzanne alone in her office.

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INT. 7/11 - DAY

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Wei and Suzanne talk in the corner. Wei turns away but Suzanne puts a hand on her shoulder and whispers in her ear. They walk into the storage room. Caleb's behind the counter and looks at another unreturned text to Estha.

CALEB: How'd it go? You okay?

He stares at his phone when a MAN that looks vaguely familiar walks in the store. He looks around frantically.

MAN

Where's Suzanne?

Caleb has a flashback to a photo on Suzanne's corkboard. It's her husband. He hears something fall in the storage room.

CALEB

She left. Something about a dog having worms? Or worms having a dog? It sounded gross and urgent.

MAN

Where is she?

CALEB

Um. I told you, *sir*. She left. That means she is no longer here.

Another sound from the back room. The man hears it and heads for the door. Caleb shouts so Wei can hopefully hear him.

CALEB (CONT'D)

Sorry that's for employees only
SUZANNE'S HUSBAND MAKING HIS WAY TO
STORAGE WITH A SERIAL KILLER SPARK
IN HIS EYE. DON'T GO BACK THERE.

Caleb runs from the counter and tries to block the door. The man pushes him out of the way and busts through.

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MAN (O.S.)

What the FUCK, Suzanne?

SUZANNE (O.S.)

Henry. Calm down. I was just helping her-

HENRY (O.S.)

Helping her what? Find your tits?

All of a sudden Henry is dragging Wei by the sweatshirt into the front room. Suzanne follows, pleading.

SUZANNE

Leave her alone, Henry.

Wei backs into one of the refrigerators and Henry has her cornered. She's frozen with fear. Caleb looks at Suzanne.

CALEB

Are you going to do something!?

Suzanne, in shock, doesn't move.

HENRY

You like touching my wife?

His nose is an inch away from hers. Caleb runs to Wei and pulls her behind him.

CALEB

Back off.

He tries to get to Wei but Caleb continues to block his way.

CALEB (CONT'D)

I said fucking back off.

Henry pushes Caleb and knocks him into a rack of peanut bags. He falls to the ground. Henry's up in Wei's face again.

SUZANNE

I'm calling the cops, Henry! Get out of here! Leave them alone!

Henry looks at Wei and Suzanne. He screams loudly and heads toward the door. Before he leaves he turns to Suzanne.

HENRY

We're done!

He leaves and Suzanne runs after him. Caleb runs to Wei.