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TRU

It's her grandmother. Nothing serious. Slipped in the tub again. Mr. Elkins asked me to find her.

A Beat.

PROFESSOR

Well, let me see... If it helps, she usually meets Phillip after class.

TRU

"Phillip?"

PROFESSOR

Yes. They're quite the popular couple around campus.

Tru suddenly realizes that there's another guy. Bridget has moved on.

PROFESSOR (CONT'D)

Try the Metzler Building. Two twelve. That's where he's probably finishing up.

TRU

Thanks.

Tru turns and runs out of the classroom.

49 EXT. METZLER BUILDING - DAY

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Tru runs up the steps of the Metzler Building. And inside...

50 INT. METZLER BUILDING - DAY

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Tru runs down the empty corridor. She reaches the room numbered 212. She looks inside.

51 INT. ROOM 212 - CONTINUOUS

51

A few WOMEN are caring for YOUNG CHILDREN. It's a DAY CARE CENTER. Tru looks over and sees Bridget ACROSS THE ROOM. PUSH in on Tru, as she recognizes her.

In her arms, Bridget is CARRYING A YEAR-OLD LITTLE BOY. Sweet...adorable. Bridget says goodbye to a TEACHER.

BRIDGET

Thanks, Regina. We'll see you on Thursday. Say goodbye, Phillip.  
(MORE)

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"TRU CALLING"

BRIDGET

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please  
Actors: Prepare  
all scenes but  
we may not do  
all of it. :)

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BRIDGET (CONT'D)  
(she smiles, as Phillip waves  
goodbye)

Bye...

Tru watches, as Bridget starts to exit with Phillip. As they reach the door, Tru turns to her.

TRU  
Bridget?

BRIDGET  
Yes?

TRU  
He's beautiful. Your boy.

BRIDGET  
Thank you.

Bridget starts to exit. Then...

TRU  
(realizing)  
He looks just like his father.

Bridget stops, stares at Tru.

BRIDGET  
What? What are you -- ?

TRU  
I'm a friend of Jake's.  
(beat)  
He needs to see you. Both of you.

BRIDGET  
What? I don't hear from Jake for a  
year-and-a-half and--

TRU  
He's dying.

Bridget stops, looks at her.

52 EXT. CAMPUS - DAY

52

Bridget -- full of edge and anxiety -- puts Phillip in his car seat, as she talks with Tru.

BRIDGET  
I'm sorry. I can't. Not now.

TRU  
(urgently)  
He doesn't have much time.

BRIDGET  
Look, this is all just a little  
much. I mean, I haven't heard a  
word from Jake in 18 months. And  
then suddenly, you show up and --

TRU  
He doesn't know about Phillip.

BRIDGET  
Why does that sound like some sort  
of accusation?

TRU  
It's not.

BRIDGET  
I found out I was pregnant the day  
he shipped out. I tried to reach  
him, but I couldn't. And,  
apparently, he had no interest in  
reaching me...

TRU  
But you sent him a telegram. You  
told him not to contact you --

BRIDGET  
"Telegram?" What are you talking  
about? I don't know what he's told  
you --

Bridget trails off. Bows her head.

TRU  
Bridget...

When Bridget looks up, she has tears in her eyes.

BRIDGET  
(getting emotional)  
He promised me he would come home  
alive.  
(to herself, re: her tears)  
Jesus, I'm over him. Totally over -  
- why am I getting upset?

TRU

He wants to see you. We can be at  
the hospital in under an hour. No  
one should have to die alone.

BRIDGET

I'm sorry. I can't. I lost him  
once, I can't lose him again.

**— STOP**

Bridget starts to climb into the car. Tru follows after her.

TRU

I know what it's like to lose  
someone. Someone you love. And to  
not be able to say goodbye. You're  
getting that chance, Bridget.

Bridget takes a long last look at Tru. Then she climbs into  
her car, drives off. Tru can only watch her go.

~~INT. JAKE'S HOSPITAL ROOM - LATER~~

~~Jake lies in his bed. Resting. Tru quietly enters. After a  
beat, Jake looks up at her.~~

~~JAKE~~

~~(wry)  
Guardian angel or stalker? You  
decide...~~

~~TRU~~

~~(smiles)  
I was in the neighborhood.~~

~~Tru stands next to his bed.~~

~~TRU (CONT'D)~~

~~How are you feeling?~~

~~JAKE~~

~~If I didn't know I was dying, I'd  
say I was feeling pretty good.~~

~~Jake coughs. Tru watches, concerned, as he catches his  
breath.~~

~~TRU~~

~~I'm sorry, Jake.~~

~~JAKE~~

~~For what?~~

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TRU  
(emotional)

I was supposed to help you. You wanted to see her. I couldn't do what you asked.

JAKE

Hey. C'mon...no. Don't do that. You tried.

TRU

I failed.

JAKE

C'mon, why are you so hard on yourself? You didn't fail.

(beat)

I saw where she lives. I know she's in school. She sounds happy...healthy. She was more alive for me today than she's been in two years. That's nothing to

54 INT. DENSON HOUSE - LATER

54

Bridget enters, sits at the dinner table. Her father sits at the table, as well.

BRIDGET

(re: Phillip)

Thought he was never gonna go down...

She sits at the table. Deeply preoccupied.

MR. ELKINS

You hungry, sweetheart?

BRIDGET

No, thanks.

(then)

Crazy thing happened today. A woman came to see me. Told me that Jake wanted to see me.

MR. ELKINS

(feigning surprise)

Really.

BRIDGET

She seems convinced I sent him some stupid "break-up" telegram.

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MR. ELKINS

(avoiding)

Listen...lot of odd people in this  
world. Nothing to take to heart.

A beat, as Bridget stares at her father.

BRIDGET

(with growing emotion)

Please tell me it wasn't you,  
Daddy.

MR. ELKINS

Sweetheart...

BRIDGET

That you didn't sign my name. That  
you didn't send it to him --

MR. ELKINS

Look at me.

BRIDGET

Not until you tell me you didn't  
send it. Because he's dying,  
Daddy. He's gonna die...

A beat. Mr. Elkins is suddenly motivated to come clean...

MR. ELKINS

You had your whole future ahead of  
you. Princeton...Stanford...you  
could have gone anywhere.

BRIDGET

My God. I knew it...

MR. ELKINS

You let yourself get knocked  
up by some soldier.

BRIDGET

I loved him, Daddy.

MR. ELKINS

And where did that get you?  
Running between day care and some  
third-rate community college? You  
could have been great.

BRIDGET

You're my father. You're supposed  
to love me no matter what I am.

Bridget turns and exits.

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57 INT. HALLWAY - MOMENTS LATER 57

Tru walks back towards Jake's room, when she sees --

Bridget, with Phillip in tow, entering Jake's room. Tru quickly runs to the doorway to watch, as...

58 INT. JAKE'S HOSPITAL ROOM 58

Bridget stands before Jake, who's eyes flutter open.

JAKE

Bridget.

BRIDGET

Hi, Jake...

JAKE

God, look at you... You look -- beautiful...

BRIDGET

Jake, I want you to meet someone.

(beat)

This is Phillip.

JAKE

"Phillip?" You have a son?

BRIDGET

We do.

Jake looks at Bridget, stunned. She hands him Phillip, whom he holds in his arms. Tru watches from the doorway. After a beat, she slips back...out of sight...unseen.

59 INT. JAKE'S HOSPITAL ROOM - LATER 59

Phillip is asleep (in a stroller). Bridget sits by Jake's beside, gently stroking his hair. Jake fights sleep.

JAKE

How did we screw things up so bad?

BRIDGET

Shhh. Don't talk.

JAKE

Were we too proud? Too stupid?

BRIDGET

I'm here now. That's all that matters.

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JAKE

I want you to have a great life. I  
want you to marry. I want Phillip  
to have a father.

BRIDGET

He has a father.

JAKE

Have a good life, Bridge. Promise  
me.

BRIDGET

Jake...

JAKE

Promise me. You won't spend a  
minute looking back. Promise me,  
Bridge...

Before Bridget can respond, Jake starts to choke a little  
bit. He can't clear his throat. Can't catch his breath.  
The ALARM on the heart monitor sounds. Bridget is starting  
to get frantic.

BRIDGET

Jake...are you -- Jake?

IN THE WAITING AREA -- Tru looks up as the heart alarm sounds  
in the nurses' station. NURSE #2 and a DOCTOR run towards  
Jake's room.

INSIDE THE ROOM -- the medical personnel rush in.

NURSE #2

(to Bridget)

Please wait outside, ma'am.

BRIDGET

No.

NURSE #2

Ma'am, please.

The Doctor gives Jake an injection of a DRUG TBD. Jake  
convulses. Bridget grabs Phillip and they slowly retreat  
from the room.

OUTSIDE -- Tru watches as Nurse #2 slowly closes the door.

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60 INT. LOBBY - LATER

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It's late now. TILT FROM A CLOCK that reads TEN P.M. Down to Tru, sitting alone in the lobby. Waiting.

After a beat, Bridget enters through the double doors. She wordlessly sits next to Tru. Close. Tru puts her arm around her, as if warming a cold friend. And then, Bridget slowly disintegrates into silent tears. The tears flow freely and easily. We don't need words to know that Jake has passed.

61 EXT. HOSPITAL - NIGHT

61

Tru and Bridget walk along. Bridget pushes Phillip in a stroller.

BRIDGET

It doesn't seem fair. To lose him now. After just getting him back.

TRU

I know. I'm sorry --

BRIDGET

But what would have been worse -- was not having this day at all.

A beat.

TRU

I wish I coulda saved him.

BRIDGET

You couldn't. No one could.

(beat)

So I guess you're gonna have to settle for having saved me.

Bridget smiles gratefully at Tru, clearly touched.

~~62 INT. MORGUE - NIGHT~~~~Davis talks on the phone.~~~~DAVIS~~~~So how was your day?~~

63 INT. TRU'S HALLWAY - NIGHT

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~~Tru talks on her phone, as she walks towards her apartment.~~