

The Things We Never Said

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FADE IN:

INT. KITCHEN - NIGHT

GRACE (female, mid 30's) and JONAH (male, mid 30's) stand in the kitchen cooking dinner together.

They are in the midst of a seemingly normal conversation.

GRACE

But I thought Carl was taking over that project, give you some time off for a while since you've been working a lot lately.

JONAH

Uh, yea, he was supposed to, but you know Carl. And he does his best work on smaller projects, less overwhelming for him.

Grace nods.

Grace goes to add salt to the pot on the stove, but realizes the glass salt shaker is empty.

GRACE

Hey can you go check if we have another thing of salt in the pantry? I think I bought one last week.

JONAH

Yeah.

He gives her a quick kiss on her head before leaving down the hall.

Grace throws the empty shaker away in the trash can.

Just then, her phone vibrates.

She pulls it out from her pocket.

CU IPHONE: TEXT FROM "WORK" "DID YOU DO IT YET?"

ANOTHER TEXT: "WE FINALLY GONNA MAKE IT OFFICIAL?"

ANOTHER TEXT: "LET ME KNOW. I LOVE YOU."

Grace blushes at first, but her face turns dark.

JONAH (O.S.)  
(from down the hall)  
Honey, where did you say it was? I  
can't find it.

Grace quickly sets her phone down on the counter, face up.  
She walks toward the hallway, calling after him.

GRACE  
It should be on the right side.

CUT TO:

INT. PANTRY - SAME

Jonah is on his hands and knees, riffling through cans and boxes looking for the salt shaker.

GRACE (O.S.)  
If it's not there, it might've fallen  
behind the canned food on the floor.

JONAH  
(quietly sighing)  
Okay, I'll keep looking.

Just then, his phone vibrates.

He pulls it out from his pocket.

CU IPHONE: TEXT FROM "WORK" "IS IT DONE?"

ANOTHER TEXT: "I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU AFTER"

ANOTHER TEXT: "LOVE YOU"

He blushes reading the texts.

GRACE (O.S.)  
You find it?

He quickly puts his phone back into his pocket, before going back to looking on the floor for the salt shaker.

He finds it all the way in the back.

JONAH  
Yea, I got it.

CUT TO:

INT. KITCHEN - SAME

Grace is stirring the pot.

Jonah comes from the hallway with the salt shaker.

He sets it down on the counter.

He goes up behind her, grabbing her into a hug as she stirs.

GRACE  
(slightly taken aback)  
What's this all about?

JONAH  
I just want to hold my wife. Savor  
the moment. Is that a problem?

GRACE  
(smiling)  
No, I guess that's fine.

He grabs her waist turning her, they begin kissing.

After a moment, Grace's phone begins ringing.

CU IPHONE: CALL FROM "WORK"

She quickly grabs her phone, silencing it.

JONAH  
Who was that?

GRACE  
(shaking it off)  
Just work.

JONAH  
Oh, they need your help with  
something?

GRACE  
No, it's fine.

Jonah nods. Grace goes back to the pot.

She opens the new salt shaker and adds it to the pot.

GRACE (cont'd)  
Okay, it's almost done. Can you just  
stir it for a couple more minutes?

Grace hands the spoon to him.

JONAH  
Yea, everything okay?

GRACE  
(nodding)  
Just have to use the bathroom.

She gives him a quick peck before leaving.

After she leaves, Jonah stirs the pot for a moment. We hear the bathroom door close.

He checks the hallway, and once he makes sure she is gone, he opens a top cabinet.

He reaches to the back of it, pulling out a box.

CU BOX: "RAT POISON"

He examines it for a moment, glancing between the box and the pot.

CUT TO:

INT. BATHROOM - SAME

Grace closes the bathroom door.

She sits on the toilet, pulling out her phone.

CU IPHONE: MISSED CALL "WORK"

She lets out a deep breath before shutting her phone all the way off.

She stands up and opens the medicine cabinet, pulling out a small pill bottle from the back.

CU PILL BOTTLE: "SLEEPING PILLS"

She opens the bottle, spilling out a handful into her hand, before shoving them in her pocket.

CUT TO:

INT. KITCHEN - MINUTES LATER

Jonah is in the middle of plating the meal, one plate already set on the table, the other on the counter in front of him.

Grace enters from the hallway.