

# FOR THE BABY

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SCENE 1: SHARON TRIES TO  
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KELVIN

Its going to be ok Sharon.  
Everything is going to work out.

The words rub Sharon the wrong way. She rises up from Kelvin's hold.

SHARON

Don't say that. Don't lie. **I don't  
want to hear lies.**

KELVIN

I am not lying. We have to keep the  
faith. As long as she is still  
breathing, there is hope.

SHARON

We have to face the fact that we  
are going to lose Ashley.

KELVIN

I am not going to face that fact.

SHARON

They are not doing anything. The  
doctors aren't even trying

KELVIN

That is not true. They are doing  
everything they can.

Sharon can't stand in one spot.

SHARON

If I lose Ashley...if I lose my  
baby girl i don't think I'll be  
able to survive. I really don't  
think I will.

KELVIN

Thinking negative is not going to  
help us get through this.

SHARON

Lying to ourselves is not going to  
help us get through it either.

Kelvin stands up and wraps his arms around his wife. She  
pulls away.

SHARON

NO, I don't want to be touched  
right now. I feel claustrophobic  
like I can't breathe.

KELVIN

**Calm down.**

SHARON

I can't. I need some air, I need to  
go for a walk.

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SCENE 2: KELVIN'S HIRE

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The two move into the center of the room.

RICKY  
What's going on boss?

Kelvin is stuck in thought. Ricky recognizes this.

RICKY  
Ugh oh. You don't look too good.  
Hows your daughter?

KELVIN  
Same. Progressing.

RICKY  
Well that's better than what I  
thought that look on your face  
meant.

KELVIN  
We have to make a move tonight.

RICKY  
Tonight? We discussed the 3rd of  
next month.

KELVIN  
I wanted to make sure certain paper  
work was in order but my wife is  
losing it. I am scared that this  
whole thing might be too much and  
she leaves.

RICKY  
Certainly she wouldn't abandon her  
kid at a time like this?

KELVIN  
You don't know my wife. She has  
done it before. Ran to her parents  
in Missouri when things got tough.  
She is not good with stress. Our  
daughter dying is killing her  
inside. She is certainly the type  
to flee. ***That is why we have to  
move now.***

Ricky takes a few steps away from Kelvin. His mind is swimming.

RICKY

I don't know if I am ready.

KELVIN

What is there to be ready about?  
The third is in two weeks. What  
difference would it make?

RICKY

I have to mentally prepare.

KELVIN

You accepted the job.

RICKY

I know I did. Two hundred thousand  
dollars? How could I refuse that in  
these times?

KELVIN

Then you need to follow up and do  
the job..**tonight.**

RICKY

**Tonight???**

KELVIN

Don't play games with me little  
boy. You have already received a  
retainer.

RICKY

I know I have....

KELVIN

**Then you need to do the job you  
were retained for.. tonight!**

Ricky walks a few steps away from Kelvin. His mind is spinning. Kelvin is not happy.

KELVIN

**You're starting to piss me off.**