

#1 INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

LOIS and BEN NEWLAND (60) are in their living room. Both have graying hair. Lois sits in a WHEELCHAIR, her anger is just below the surface.

Ben enters the room with a CUP OF COFFEE.

BEN
How're you feeling?

LOIS
Like I need a nap.

Ben hands her the coffee.

BEN
I've got to prep an associate for probate court. Won't be long.

LOIS
You're the king of compromise. You wanted retirement and travel and you settled for this.

He ignores the dig. He will not put up with her self-pity. He loves her too much.

BEN
Your meds are on the counter. I'll be back by eleven. We have Dr. Connor at noon.

LOIS
This isn't for the faint of heart, Ben. First a walker, now a wheelchair.

BEN
I know.

She finally puts on a brave face.

LOIS
The scuba guy's coming this morning.

BEN
Just don't leave me for him.

He kisses her.

BEN
I love you.

LOIS
I know.

Ben heads out. Lois watches him go, coffee trembles in her hand.

INT. KITCHEN - SAME

PILLS lay on the counter with a GLASS OF ORANGE JUICE. She arrives at the counter and slowly stands and shuffles.

DOORBELL RINGS.

She shuffles back into her chair and wheels to the door.

INT. KITCHEN - A FEW MOMENTS LATER

LOIS (O.S.)
I'm just about to take my meds. You can come in here.

Lois rolls in. Jonathan follows.

Lois shuffles out of her chair and up to the counter. Jonathan sets a SCUBA MANUAL on the counter.

JONATHAN
This is the diving manual we talked about, Lois.

LOIS
Thanks.

She pops a few pills into her mouth and downs the juice.

JONATHAN
Is your MS progressive or relapsing?

LOIS
Some days I feel great and other days I have concrete for legs. I'm taking corticosteroids to reduce the inflammation but walking is tough.

JONATHAN
Sounds like you're fighting it with everything you've got.

LOIS

I do aqua therapy. The water supports me, lets me feel like me again.

(beat)

Then I saw you on TV. Figured it was a sign.

JONATHAN

People find us when they're ready.

LOIS

I am.

Lois gathers the remaining pills and downs with more juice.

JONATHAN

Diving can be a catalyst for change. Have you and Ben ever tried it?

LOIS

It was on the list. Retirement, travel. Then MS had other ideas. Ben is still active at the law firm. I had to stop teaching.

JONATHAN

Our class will be great for you both and we'll be doing our checkout dives in the Florida Keys.

She looks at him for a moment.

JONATHAN

What?

LOIS

Sorry, it's just... you remind me of my son.

JONATHAN

Is that a good or bad?

She laughs.

LOIS

A little of both.

JONATHAN

So, what do you think?

LOIS

We're in.