

DAVID

Hi. So... How have you been?

CONSUELA

That one's new.

DAVID

Yeah, its... Edward Weston. I like your hair.

CONSUELA

I cut a little each day. So when it disappears I won't miss it as much. I'm sick. I have... cancer, breast cancer. I'm having surgery in two weeks.

DAVID

Cancer? This is... Are you...?

CONSUELA

Afraid? No.

DAVID

No?

CONSUELA

Not exactly.

DAVID

That's not what I meant. I meant... What happened?

CONSUELA

I was in the shower one morning and I... I felt this ... thing under my arm. So I went to the doctor and he said it was probably nothing to worry about. I went to a second doctor and a third doctor and... you know the story. The third doctor said it was something to worry about.

DAVID

And did you panic?

CONSUELA

Yes, I panicked. I spent a whole month in pure fear. Tonight I was going to go to this party, thinking it would be better than staying by myself, but... David. David... NO. Don't cry. Do not cry.

DAVID

Why didn't you call me? Why didn't you call me when this happened?

CONSUELA

I couldn't tell you. I couldn't tell you of all people. You know what's funny? I feel older than you now.

DAVID

You promise me one thing, that if you should ever start to panic, during the night or during the day or any time, you'll phone me. What can I do? What can I do?

CONSUELA

It's... It's like not being able to get into a... a comfortable position, because no matter which way you turn, you're stuck. I'm stuck inside myself. When I think of all the things I used to think were so important, all the arguments I got into with my mom, Its so stupid all the time I wasted. Sleeping... Sleeping my life away. David. I need to ask you a favor. Something I can only ask you.

DAVID

Anything. What is it?

CONSUELA

After you, I never had a boyfriend who loved my body as much as you did.

DAVID

I find that hard to believe. Were there many?

CONSUELA

No.

DAVID

What about work? No one fell in love with you at work?

CONSUELA

They all did.

DAVID

Well of course they did.

CONSUELA

I just wasn't interested. I know you loved me. And you loved my body. SO... before the doctors ruin it...

DAVID

Stop. Stop talking that way and stop thinking that way. Consuela no-one's going to ruin you. Consuela... What is it you want me to do?

(She undresses and he photographs her)

DAVID

That's the Paris Opera House.

DAVID

I missed you.

CONSUELA

I missed all the places we never went.

DAVID

Would you like to stay here tonight?

CONSUELA

No. I have to go.

DAVID

Would you like me to go with you when you go to the hospital? Consuela, you can't do this alone.

CONSUELA

Why do you say that? You do everything alone. David, I promise, you're more scared than me. Would you at least like to fuck me before I lose my breast? Would you be up for that? Will you? I'm sorry, David. I'm sorry. I'm scared, David. Happy New Year.