Erin Brokovich

INT. ERIN'S HOUSE - ERIN'S BEDROOM - NIGHT George is sitting on the bed when Erin enters.

ERIN
What's going on? What are you doing?

GEORGE
Thinking.

ERIN
About what?

He holds out a small jewelry box.

GEORGE
About this.

ERIN
What's that?

GEORGE
It's a pair of earrings. I saw 'em in the mall one day, and I thought damn, those would look good on those beautiful ears. So I bought 'em. And I said to myself, next time Erin says something nice, does something nice, I'll surprise her with 'em. (beat) Know how long ago that was? Six months.

ERIN
I'm sorry. I'm just working so hard --

GEORGE
And what I'm thinking is, you oughta either find a different job or a different boyfriend. 'Cause there may be men who don't mind being the maid and getting nothing in return, but I'm sure as shit ain't one of 'em.

ERIN
I can't leave my job, George.

GEORGE
Yeah, you can. You could just quit. People do it all the time.

ERIN
I can't. Look -- this job -- it's the best
thing that ever happened to me. I mean it.
For the first time in my life, I got people respecting me. Up in Hinkley, I walk into a room and everyone shuts up just to hear what I got to say. I never had that. Ever. Don't ask me to give it up. I need it.

GEORGE
More than you need me.

ERIN
I need it.

GEORGE
And what about what your kids are giving up?

ERIN
Look, I'm doing a lot better for those kids than I did living with my parents. One day they'll understand that

GEORGE
And what about me?

ERIN
What about you? You think either one of the men who gave me those children asked what I wanted before they walked away?! All I've ever done is bend my life around what men decide they need! Well not now. I'm sorry. I won't do it.

GEORGE
I'm not them. Maybe you didn't like who you were before, Erin, but I did. That's who I fell in love with. What more do I have to do to prove that?

ERIN
Stay.

GEORGE
What for? You got a raise. You can afford day care... You don't need me.

George walks to her, kisses her on the cheek and holds her hands...Then exits.
Erin looks in her hands - where George has placed the velvet jewelry box of earrings...

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