

“LAST NIGHT”

ALEX
And he cooks?

JOANNA
No. I bought that for him last year I don't know if he ever used it.

ALEX
So, why aren't you writing?

JOANNA
I am writing.

ALEX
No, why aren't you writing?

JOANNA
You mean-

ALEX
Your book, Joanna.

JOANNA
My editor says that I just need to get over my doubt.

ALEX
What do you doubt?

JOANNA
Everything Alex. I go to write and every word, every thought, every choice that I make leads to another and I doubt every single one I make.

ALEX
It wasn't like this last time.

JOANNA
You live with your first book all your life. It sort of comes out on its own. After that though its different and you can suddenly write anything and you second guess everything.

ALEX
Doubts will kill your work.

JOANNA

You think? I don't know. What's the matter with doubt? I think the world could use a little more doubt. So I doubt.

ALEX
For the good of the world?

JOANNA
Exactly.

ALEX
First book was good Joanna.

JOANNA
You know I think you might have just ruined this kitchen for me.

ALEX
How?

JOANNA
By being in it. I come here all the time and now you've been here.

ALEX
Okay. So remind me why it didn't work.

JOANNA
Geography.

ALEX
People live between two cities.

JOANNA
I don't. And neither do you. And timing.

ALEX
You were broken up.

JOANNA
Temporarily. Technically. Whatever. We got back together. After we'd already been together for a really long time. You came after.

ALEX
Oh. So you're with him because he came first?

JOANNA
He did. And I love him. And I love you too and I love being able to tell you the truth. And I love faith and loyalty and all that shit even though—

ALEX
And this?

JOANNA
This? I don't know that this would be what it is on its own? I mean, this is only what it is because its something that's between me, my marriage to Michael, and you and your set of things.

ALEX
Does Andy have anything to drink?
(Beat)
What are my things?

JOANNA
Nothing. I'm criticizing. I'm just..I know that if we went for it we'd lose it. I think the thing is we never wore out. I mean we were just getting to know that we weren't right for each other and then—

ALEX
You didn't want it.

JOANNA
No.

ALEX
No?

JOANNA
I came to Paris for two months.

ALEX
You hold all that against me.

JOANNA
I don't hold anything against you, I-

ALEX
I was finishing a book. I was too tired to even figure out what you being there meant.

JOANNA
It should have meant that you wanted to spend some time with me. God, it's doesn't matter.

ALEX

No no no. It matters to me. Because I'm the one that has to see you here. I'm the one who has to look around "Andy's" to see these pictures of you in this life. What? I was what you needed to be sure of Michael?

JOANNA

No. It doesn't work like that. I think maybe I've never wanted this to change. Everything changes but this still hasn't. Not for me. Hasn't lessened. I saw you this morning, and in the middle of some nights when I can't sleep, I still replay you.

(Beat)

I'm gonna go for a walk.