

EXT. STREET

ZOE

I am so sorry.

JORDAN

I know you are.

ZOE

I will make it up to you!

JORDAN

You can't, but it's fine.

ZOE

Well, if I can't, then it's not fine, so don't say it's fine if it's not fine.

JORDAN

Okay, then, you know what? It's not fine.

ZOE

Okay.

JORDAN

I hate that you weren't there today. But, it's so much more than that. I hate that we can't do anything normal, ever. I hate that we can't go for a walk, or coffee, and brunch...

ZOE

Brunch.

JORDAN

Yeah, brunch. I hate that I'm tired all the time. I hate that I have to make excuses for you. I hate that I can't dream of a future with you because who knows what that's gonna look like? A midnight wedding? A baby you can't even take care of?

ZOE

You think about things like that?

JORDAN

I don't let myself, because it seems like a future like that is impossible with you.

ZOE

Okay, so what do you want me to say? I mean, I've been upfront with you since the very beginning.

JORDAN

But it's been on your terms ever since then. I've been subsisting on, like, no sleep just to hang out with you, and you can't even set an alarm just to... to meet my mom.

ZOE

It's a medical condition, Jordan. It's not some, like, lifestyle choice. I thought you understood that, but, great to know what you'd be like if I actually got sick some day.

JORDAN

If you were actually sick, I'd take care of you.

ZOE

What does that mean? So you don't think this is real? Like, just say it, Jordan. I can tell you want to say it, so just say it. Or do you save your honesty for when you're secretly apologizing to waiters on my behalf? You say you have to make excuses for me, but what you don't get is that it's not an excuse if the problem is real.

JORDAN

I just think it's a convenient condition for an introvert who doesn't maybe really want to engage with the world anyway.

ZOE

Yeah. Because this has made my life SO convenient.

JORDAN

I need time.

ZOE

Okay.

JORDAN

Okay? Just like that?

JORDAN exits.