

INT. LIVING ROOM, EVENING

Packed boxes and furniture covered in plastic spread out through the room.

JONATHAN

How's your headache?...You need to lie down for a moment?

MIRA

No. I'm fine.

JONATHAN

Okay.

A beat.

JONATHAN (CONT'D)

You're up for doing this? We'll just go through the house quickly and just get it done.

MIRA

No. I'm not up for it, Jonathan--

JONATHAN

But you already wanted to make an adjustment to the thing. I just think it's important--

MIRA

I know, it's okay. I trust you. I really do. Just -- you do it. I trust you.

Mira sighs.

JONATHAN

Is...is something wrong?

MIRA

It's just uhmmm...it's been a shitty day, you know? It's a horrible ending to just a terrible day.

JONATHAN

What's horrible?

Mira looks at him as if...

JONATHAN (CONT'D)

Oh, yeah. Well, yeah. Yeah. No, I mean it's surprising how something so formal can have such an impact, right? I mean, it's just a piece of paper, just a fucking gett.

MIRA

A "get"?

JONATHAN

Yeah, it's Hebrew for divorce papers.

MIRA

Oh, yeah, I think I remember that. Although "give" would be more like it.

Jonathan scoffs.

MIRA (CONT'D)

Give up.

JONATHAN

It's Aramaic for deed. It's basically papers that when I give them to you, we're divorced.

MIRA

And that's it?

JONATHAN

Yeah. But it's like--, it's a crazy, traumatic ceremony. There's three judges. And, you have to have witnesses, to testify you are who you say you are and I am who I say I am. It's humiliating.

MIRA

Is it gett with two Ts?

JONATHAN

Yeah. And then you have to go into this little room, and there's a guy in there... writing calligraphy on parchment. And he's writing out the text of the gett. And it's like a thriller, because the tiniest mistake and you have to start all over again. And then you go back in to the judges and the witnesses.

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JONATHAN (CONT'D)

And then I have to hand you the gett in front of everybody and yell a few sentences at you and then you hold it up high, and you walk around the room with it. And then the judge rips it to pieces. And there's more--

MIRA

Jesus.

JONATHAN

Yeah, totally.

MIRA

Why does it have to be like that? Isn't it brutal enough?

JONATHAN

Well, I think there's a plenty of legal reasons, but I think it just has to be absolute and definitive. That's the... you know. They don't like any gray areas--

MIRA

Mmm.

JONATHAN

You're either in or out and if you're out... there's no going back.

MIRA

Right.

JONATHAN

There's some logic to that, no?

MIRA

So what's it say?

JONATHAN

It's like ummm... "This is your gett, and with it, you're divorced from me and hereby permitted to all men."

MIRA

To all men! Thank you very much--

JONATHAN

Yeah.

MIRA

Does All men include you?

JONATHAN

No. No. I'm not allowed to touch you anymore or even be in the same room alone with you from that point on.

MIRA

Hmmmmmm....

JONATHAN

It's over. Clean break.

MIRA

And like, um...What are--are you...allowed to marry me again?

JONATHAN

Am I allowed to marry you? In principle, but only if you haven't been with any other men.

MIRA

We are fucked.

JONATHAN

Yeah.