Scenes from a marriage
Bedroom scene

Jonathan What is it
Mira Oh don’t look so scared
Jonathan Im not. Whats going on?
Mira Im pregnant
Jonathan What?
Mira yeah
Jonathan Wow.. Mira.. How?
Mira Uh Well that weekend in The Cape
   Yea I forgot my pills so I missed a couple days so—
Jonathan why didn’t you tell me you forgot your pills?
Mira Well I didn’t think that mattered if we.. well it shouldn’t be so easy to get knocked up at
   my age. I took a.. Well I was late for my period so I took a test this afternoon.. Okay so its a
   faint line so maybe..
Jonathan oh so maybe..
Mira No I took a picture of the stick and sent it to my doctors. Im pregnant.
Jonathan Wow
Mira Yeah, Ive got an appointment with her next week Dr Varona
Jonathan Okay
Mira Are you happy?
Jonathan yeah of course im just a little bit stunned
Mira God me too I have no idea what to do.
Jonathan What do you mean?
Mira Nothing nothing I just — I dontknow its .. If we do this so much is gonna fall on you.
Jonathan Yeah yeah. So what do you feel?
Mira well I don’t know I wanted to know how you feel.
Jonathan no no forget about me for a second
   What do you feel?
Mira: I don’t know.

Jonathan: Okay well try to think about how you felt the second that you realized.

Mira: I felt shocked and um then I had to come downstairs for that interview so I buried it. And now I don’t know.

Jonathan: Come on. You can be honest with me. Anything that you feel must...

Mira: I don’t know how I feel!! How am I suppose to be honest about that? — Sorry..Just trying to figure out how this could have happened.

Jonathan: Yea.. Maybe sex has something to do with it.

Mira: Yeah...

Jonathan: Hey what if — what if we think about this in I don’t know like a slightly more deterministic way? You know like its the Lords doing, right?

Mira: What?

Jonathan: Not in a religious sense.

Mira: Okay.

Jonathan: I just mean like, I mean, you know, okay you forgot your pills.

Mira: Uhuh.

Jonathan: and you still...

Mira: yeah.

Jonathan: and you immediately got pregnant. So is it possible that there’s a part of you that wanted this that we should have this?

Mira: where is this coming from? Its so...

Jonathan: I know I know..

Mira: if you mean that you want to keep it just say that.

Jonathan: Well I — its what we talked about originally.

Mira: Yea originally was completely abstract. I mean it was before we knew anything about anything was before Ava before we knew what it was actually like.

Mira: what? You.. wanna keep it right?
Jonathan: I think so. Yeah I think so. I think we can handle it but only if it’s something that you really really want and would be happy about.
Mira: I think so, I think I might.

Jonathan: Ava will be thrilled.

Mira: Yeah.
— And your parents.

Jonathan: Oh, God yeah yeah.

Mira: so are we going for this?
Oh My God

Jonathan: Yeah.
Yeah come here.

Jonathan: (slight asthma attack)

Mira: Are you ok.
here.. gives him a puffer.

Jonathan: don’t look at me like that this doesn’t mean anything.

Mira: it only means you are panicking.

Jonathan: It doesn’t mean im panicking. I had a lot to drink.

Mira: Yeah mm

Jonathan: But you know what even if I was panicking so what? This is a really big deal. This is irreversible what we are talking about here.

Mira: Mhmm.

Jonathan: What?

Mira: You know it just sucks that neither one of us could be completely happy and confident about this —

Jonathan: Yea, but — that’s because I see how ambivalent you are about it.

Mira: Well yea of course. I’m ambivalent about this. I mean .. You remember the first two years with Ava and thinking about jumping back into that nightmare -

Jonathan: Yeah I was there too. I remember..

Mira: I know you were. I know you’ve been an amazing partner but you couldn’t

Jonathan: I couldn’t I couldn’t .. what

Mira: you could NOT
Jonathan: I couldn’t be in your place. I know.

Mira: You tried and I was just awful to you I was awful. Jonathan: We talked about it and I understood where that came from you know.—

Mira: But you were also hurt and that’s why you became distant and I hated you for being distant and I hated myself even more for being so shitty to you. I felt like a terrible mom

Jonathan: Oh sweetie that was a nightmare for you.

Mira: It was a nightmare for both of us..

Jonathan: Yeah

Mira: and it took so long to like feel like myself again you know.? And now we are good.. And Ava is so good and Especially when she’s with you


Mira: Kidding
Just like I finally returned to my life.. I feel so guilty for even—

Jonathan: Sweetie you shouldn’t feel guilty. It makes perfect sense

Mira Yea
Its like um all of a sudden everything is unreal. Everything we had you are not real Ava isn’t. Its just — its this thing Its this pregnancy. Its the only thing that’s real Its...

Jonathan Hey Mira

Mira yeah

Jonathan Babe

Mira: What?
…Mm Its painful wanting something and not wanting it at the same time . You know?

Jonathan: Yea yeah.. But think about it When Ava was a baby we had no perspective at all. We thought it was gonna be like that forever.

Mira: Right—

Jonathan: And now we see that it passes, right? It gets better, right?

Mira: Thats true ..