

CECE (CONT'D)

Maybe I should cancel the birthday thing tomorrow night.

Cece reaches Wren's apartment and pulls over.

She turns to Wren, preparing for a serious conversation, but is immediately interrupted by her ringing cell phone.

She looks at the phone, sighs and answers it.

CECE (INTO PHONE) (CONT'D)

Really?! I've been gone a half hour, what couldn't wait?

(beat)

I am COMING!

Cece hangs up the phone, beyond frustrated.

CECE (CONT'D)

I'm about to abandon all of you mutherfuckers. Look at me, Wren. I am *tired*. In my soul. To the very marrow of my bones. Can you even understand that level of fatigue?

WREN

Hey! I have an idea! Why don't you come inside and take a nap? I'll make you some tea, tuck you in with a blanket. No kids interrupting...

CECE

I can't. Just...go get some sleep.

Dismissed, Wren gets out of Cece's van and watches as it disappears down the dark street. She's alone again.

17 INT. WREN'S APARTMENT - LATER THAT NIGHT 17

Wren is curled up on the couch in her sweats, still slightly drunk. Her old photo album lies open on her lap. Pictures from a happier time.

Glassy eyed, she stares blankly at the TV. She's watching a Telenovela with the subtitles on.

A17 ON TELEVISION - A17

Start

A **SICK MAN** lies in a hospital bed, surrounded by friends and family. A **DOCTOR** stands at the foot of his bed.

DOCTOR

I have truly astonishing news! You are cured! There is no trace of cancer in your body!

FRIEND

But, Doctor, how can that be?!

DOCTOR

The body is a mystery. Perhaps it's a miracle. I don't know.

SICK MAN

I know. And you're correct, it is a miracle.

Everyone looks at the sick man expectantly.

SICK MAN (CONT'D)

I have been healed through the power of love.

The doctor looks at the Sick Man in disbelief.

SICK MAN (CONT'D)

I know that sounds crazy. And perhaps it is. But I can tell you with certainty that my cancer brought all of us together in a way we never had been before. It reminded us what is truly important. And it renewed our love for each other. And now that love has saved my life.

FRIEND

It saved all of our lives.

The Sick Man and his friends join together for a group hug.

End

BACK TO SCENE:

Wren smiles drowsily, tears in her eyes, and drifts off to sleep with the image of those hugging friends imprinted on her brain.

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INT. DOCTOR'S EXAMINING ROOM - AFTERNOON

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A **DOCTOR** stands facing Wren, who sits on an examining table.

WREN

So, what did you find?