

Whatever's Left

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FADE IN:

INT. RESTAURANT - NIGHT

A fine dine facility.

On one of the tables sit THEO(30s) and LAURA(30s).

Both of them befits their surroundings.

Food laid out in front of them. They eat in silence.

LAURA
(murmurs)
Mushrooms.

Theo looks up.

THEO
What?

LAURA
There are mushrooms in it.

Theo just stares as he chews his food.

THEO
So... What?

LAURA
Really? You know that I don't like
mushrooms.

THEO
Oh yes. I forgot.

He reverts to his food.

LAURA
I told you to order this without
mushrooms.

THEO
(not looking up)
I told you. I forgot.

Laura shakes her head slightly.

A WAITER comes and refills their wine glasses.

Theo takes a sip of the wine.

Laura removes the mushrooms from her plate with a fork.

THEO
Come on. It's healthy.

LAURA
I don't care.

THEO

Fine.

He takes out a BLACK PLUSH BOX from his coat pocket and quietly slides it across at her.

LAURA

For me?

THEO

Let me guess... I took it out in front of you and then slid it across to you. So... Yeah it's for you.

Laura opens it. In it is an expensive bracelet. No excitement from her.

THEO

You said you wanted one.

LAURA

Yeah but I never said it to you.

THEO

I know. You told Silvia about it.

LAURA

How do you know?

THEO

From your chats with her.

LAURA

You've been spying on me!

THEO

No! You left your phone unlocked in the middle of the chat, so I just happened to read it. A little bit of it.

LAURA

Well, then I wish you had read the full chat. I liked a different color.

She slides the box back to him.

Theo quietly puts it back.

THEO

Sorry for that.

They resume eating.

EXT. RESTAURANT - NIGHT

Theo and Laura wait for their car.

After a moment, the valet service drives in with their car.

INT. CAR [TRAVELLING] - NIGHT

Theo drives, focused.

Laura glances out the window.

She looks back at Theo, clears her throat.

THEO

What?

She hesitates.

THEO

Say it.

LAURA

That bracelet.

THEO

What about it?

LAURA

It is not that bad.

THEO

So you think.

LAURA

I mean - yes. It is pretty.

THEO

But the wrong color?

LAURA

Yeah... Not wrong. Just not what I liked.

Theo nods.

They continue to drive.

INT. HOUSE - BEDROOM - DAWN

Theo and Laura in the bed.

Theo stares at the ceiling. Laura faces away from him, eyes shut.

LAURA

Awake?

No response.

He reluctantly gets out of the bed.

EXT. HOUSE - PORCH - DAWN

Theo smokes, looks out the street.

A YOUNG COUPLE jogs on their way.

They wave at Theo as they go by. He waves back.

Theo goes back in.

OUTSIDE THE BEDROOM

The door is ajar.

Theo peeps inside.

Laura sits upright, typing on her phone.

Theo sighs and silently walks away.

EXT. HOUSE - PORCH - DAWN

Early rays of the sun slowly climb up.

Theo sits on the porch steps.

He lights another smoke, takes a long drag.

More JOGGERS pass by as quietly watches them.

END.