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DARYA

I don't know what to do!

LIM

Of course you don't. It's an impossible choice. Terrible things happen either way. And yeah, it's on you.

DARYA

...I can't do it. ...I just can't.

Darya breaks down, sobbing. Lim softens, pain in her own eyes at how many times she's had to make that choice.

Lim finally nods to Claire, letting her comfort Darya.

LIM

You're not a grown-up, Darya. Luckily. So those of us who are will make the impossible decision for you. Dr. Andrews will do the diversion. Someone will bring you to see your father when he's out of surgery.

Darya reacts, overwhelmed and confused by what just happened. The impossible decision made, Lim exits without looking at Claire.

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INT. HOTEL LOBBY - DAY

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Shaun sits in the near-empty lobby of a hotel, having strategically positioned himself near a COFFEE AND PASTRY BAR. He doesn't see Pam and Mike cross behind him with TENNIS RACKETS. Pam stops, noticing Shaun.

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PAM

Shaun? What are you doing here?

Shaun stands quickly, a little thrown.

SHAUN

(regroups)

You're wrong about me and Lea.

MIKE

No offense, but this is between family.

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SHAUN

Lea is my girlfriend. And the texts you sent were about us.

PAM

Shaun, we're sorry you saw those. You're a nice young man, and we really enjoyed meeting you. But we've known Lea a lot longer than you have.

MIKE

She's...

(doesn't want to say a flake)

She has a good heart, but she doesn't think ahead.

PAM

And she will do anything to get under our skin. If you saw some of the people she's dated...

SHAUN

Drummers. And Jake. I had to pretend to like him even though he drank all the orange juice. But that was a long time ago.

MIKE

And you think Lea has changed?

SHAUN

You think she's dating me to be mean to you?

Even if they thought that, they wouldn't say so. Shaun continues.

SHAUN (CONT'D)

I'm different than anyone she's ever dated. How is that not a change?

PAM

That's true, Shaun. But I'm not sure it's a good thing.

Shaun reacts, getting frustrated.

SHAUN

You knew her then. You don't know her now. All you know are her mistakes.

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SHAUN (CONT'D)

And you don't trust her because you aren't sure you were good parents.

MIKE

We're trying to be good parents by not letting our daughter get too deep into a relationship she can't handle.

SHAUN

You said our relationship has "challenges." You're right.

(then)

Lea challenges me to try things, even things I know I won't like, because it's not always better to stop and think. And I make Lea patient, because I can be very frustrating. So can the two of you.

Pam and Mike exchange a look. Point taken.

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INT. LIM'S OFFICE - DAY

Lim heads into her office, Claire on her heels. Claire shuts the door.

CLAIRE

What was that?

LIM

You asked me to intervene.

CLAIRE

Not by terrorizing a child.

LIM

I saved that girl's life when you couldn't. You don't like my methods? Next time, be more specific.

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