

CONTENTION

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EXT. PARK - OUTSIDE TOILETS - AFTERNOON

HANNAH is sitting on the grass, round the back of the toilets, she looks around the corner at JACK and smiles weakly. HANNAH takes the bottle of water out of her bag and takes a sip, she exhales deeply. HANNAH removes the test from the packaging and stares at it for a while, chewing her bottom lip.

EXT. PARK - AFTERNOON

JACK is sitting quietly, fidgeting, ripping up grass. HANNAH approaches and sits down, startling JACK a bit. She holds the pregnancy test up.

HANNAH

Takes two minutes to develop.

JACK

Oh right, yeah.

HANNAH gives him a comforting smile and puts the test down.

JACK

What would you want, like if you were? Boy or girl?

HANNAH

I don't really know, I never thought about it, never thought I'd have to.

JACK

Would be nice to have a boy - teach him football. Well, only on weekends obviously, cos of work.

HANNAH raises an eyebrow at JACK then sits forward slightly.

HANNAH

What about my work? I'd be working too.

JACK

I just thought, well, you wouldn't go back to full time, would you?

HANNAH raises both eyebrows and lets out a half-laugh, half-exhale. JACK chews his bottom lip.

HANNAH

What, so I have to give up my job to look after a kid?

JACK

OUR kid, you mean? I never said you had to give up your job.

HANNAH

Well I'd have to, I want to go for regional manager and-

JACK lets out a half-laugh, half-exhale. Staring at HANNAH.

JACK

You never said... I thought you'd want to spend time with them?

HANNAH

I want to travel, you know that, I want to go to Croatia and- and Australia. I told you that - you said you wanted to.

JACK

We can't go backpacking with a baby!

HANNAH throws her arms up at JACK.

HANNAH

Exactly!

JACK

What, so you don't want one now?

HANNAH

I'm not saying no, I'm just saying not now.

HANNAH sits back and folds her arms, JACK stares at her - mouth open.

JACK

You thought you couldn't even have kids, now we might be able to and you're... Backtracking?

HANNAH

I'm at peace with it Jack, I've been going through it for years-

JACK

You're actually gonna do this to me? I supported you, Hannah, I was there for you.

HANNAH's eyes narrow as her face twists in to anger - she sits forward.

HANNAH

I was handling it on my own for years before you!

JACK nods slowly as he lets out a half-laugh, half-exhale.

JACK

So now you're turning it around on me? For what? Helping you?

HANNAH

I never needed you to, that's the point! I never asked.

JACK pauses for a while, exhaling deeply.

JACK

I'm your boyfriend, I'm supposed to help you.

HANNAH

You're not my carer, Jack. Just because this might be the only time I get pregnant, doesn't mean it's the right time.

JACK

Is there ever gonna be a right time?

HANNAH looks down as she clutches her scarf - she lets out an exhale. After a while she looks up at JACK.

HANNAH

I can't do everything I wanna do if we have a baby right now.

HANNAH and JACK sit in silence for a while, she fidgets with her bag strap while he rips the grass up again. JACK looks up at HANNAH.

JACK

We haven't even checked it yet.

HANNAH lets out a deep exhale whilst JACK moves closer to see the test, he lets out an exhale now too. HANNAH picks up the test and they both look at it. We don't see their reactions or the test result.

CUT TO BLACK.