

SCENE: THE NOTEBOOK (Noah & Allie)

NOAH

Interesting morning?

ALLIE

Yeah. (Beat) Lon's here in town.

NOAH

He's here.

ALLIE

Yeah, we saw his car on the way, at the hotel.

NOAH

Huh. (Beat) I see you got my letters. (She nods) Finally.
What you gonna do, Al ?

ALLIE

I don't know.

NOAH

We're back to that? Are we back there?
What about the past couple days?
They happened, you know?

ALLIE

I know they happened, and they were wonderful,
but they were also very irresponsible. I have a fiance
waiting for me at a hotel, who's going to be crushed
when he finds out.

NOAH

So you make love to me and then go back to your husband?
Was that your plan? Was that a test I didn't pass?

ALLIE

No, I made a promise to a man. He gave me a
ring and I gave him my word

NOAH

And your word is shot to hell now, don't you think?

ALLIE

I don't know. I'll find out when I talk to him.

NOAH

This is not about keeping your promise, and it's not about following your heart, it's about security.

ALLIE

What is that suppose to mean?

NOAH

Money!

ALLIE

What are you talking about?

NOAH

He's got a lot of money!

ALLIE

Now I hate you, you smug bastard.

NOAH

Well, I hate you. If you leave here, I hate you.
(Beat continuing over her) if you leave I hate you.

ALLIE

Have you been paying attention to anything happening here?

NOAH

I guess not. I think I must have misread all those signals.

ALLIE

I guess you did. (She goes to leave)

NOAH

You're bored! You're bored and you know it.
You wouldn't be here if there wasn't something missing.

ALLIE

You arrogant son of a bitch!

NOAH

Would you just stay with me?

ALLIE

Stay with you? What for? Look at us, we're already fighting.

NOAH

Well, that's what we do. We fight. You tell me when I'm being a arrogant son of a bitch and I tell you when

you're being a pain in the ass. Which you are, 99% of the time. I'm not afraid to hurt your feelings. They have like a two second rebound rate and you're back doing the next pain the ass thing.

ALLIE

So what?

NOAH

So it's not gonna be easy. It's gonna be really hard. And we're gonna have to work at this everyday, but I want to do that because I want you. I want all of you, forever, you and me, everyday. Will you do something for me? Please? Will you just picture your life for me? 30 years from now. 40 years from now, what's it look like? If it's with that guy, go! Go! I lost you once, I think I can do it again, if I thought it's what you really wanted. But don't you take the easy way out.

ALLIE

What easy way? There's no easy way, no matter what I do somebody gets hurt.

NOAH

Would you stop thinking about what everyone wants? Stop thinking about what I want, what he wants, what your parents want. What do you want? (Beat) What do you want?

ALLIE

It's not that simple.

NOAH

What do you want?

ALLIE

It's not--

NOAH

Goddamn it, what do you want?

ALLIE

I have to go.

A long beat of them staring each other down. He throws up his arms and allows her to choose to go. She does.