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INT. MUSIC JOE'S PENTHOUSE APARTMENT - NIGHT

Music Joe smiles big as he opens a jewelry box to reveal a stunning diamond necklace. Music Amy beams...

MUSIC AMY
Joe, what did you do?

MUSIC JOE
For tonight. You deserve it.

Joe drapes the diamond necklace around her.

MUSIC AMY
Maybe I can wear it when I'm sworn in...

MUSIC JOE
What?

MUSIC AMY
Bobby stopped by while you were out. He's officially dropping out of the race... and... he asked me to take his place on the ballot. He said I was the most qualified person he knew.

MUSIC JOE
...What'd you tell him?

MUSIC AMY
I said yes.

MUSIC JOE
Oh.

Joe looks gut-punched.

MUSIC AMY
What do you mean? I kinda hoped you'd be more excited.

MUSIC JOE
No, I am. It's just... does that mean we're gonna stop trying?

MUSIC AMY
I hadn't really thought about that--

MUSIC JOE
Maybe you should.

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MUSIC AMY

Joe... it's always been my dream to run for office. You know that.

MUSIC JOE

It's always been my dream to be a dad--

MUSIC AMY

I know... I just...

MUSIC JOE

Have other priorities right now. But how long do we have to press pause?

MUSIC AMY

I don't know, Joe. What if we aren't meant to have kids? If it ends up being just you and me? Are you gonna be okay with that?

Finally forced to confront the question he's been avoiding, Music Joe hesitates a beat too long. Amy heads off...

MUSIC JOE

Where are you going? We have to get ready for the reunion --

AMY

Go without me.

With that, she leaves. OFF Music Joe, emotions swirling...

EXT. BALCONY - NIGHT

Nurse Joe walks along the railing, where to his surprise, he runs into Eric's wife Amy (the real estate agent).

REAL ESTATE AMY

Hey.

NURSE JOE

Hey. Why aren't you inside?

REAL ESTATE AMY

Eric's in there flirting with some girls from his econ class. It's embarrassing and I couldn't watch. Why aren't you?

NURSE JOE

Jenny and I are kind of... better apart from each other right now.

REAL ESTATE AMY

You seemed okay at dinner--

NURSE JOE

She'll be happy to hear you bought the charade.

REAL ESTATE AMY

Oh. Sorry. Well... Eric and I are having issues, too. I guess we're not quite as good at charades.

NURSE JOE

What's going on?

REAL ESTATE AMY

Four unsuccessful rounds of IVF basically wiped us out. Financially. Emotionally... and we sort of... lost who we were...

NURSE JOE

I'm sorry... It's like this whole reunion... is some horrifying reminder... that things never work out the way you expect.

REAL ESTATE AMY

I'll drink to that.

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NURSE JOE

Sometimes I think about some of the choices I've made... and the ones I *didn't* make. *And I wonder...* I mean, if I could only see the way things would have been... the way some other life path would look...

REAL ESTATE AMY

But we only get the one, right? I mean, I did the whole "what if" thing when Eric and I couldn't get pregnant. *And I drove myself crazy...* so I stopped... I just decided the best way forward is to try and make *this* life the best it can possibly be...

These words seem to land with Joe. *Change him somehow* as he looks back and sees his wife Jenny inside, smiling. *Sparkling.*

STOP.

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