

EDDIE / HANNAH

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ACT SIX

31 INT. BEST FRIEND WINDOWS - NIGHT 31

Eddie goes through paperwork... He looks up to see Hannah entering...

START

EDDIE

Hey...

HANNAH

Phil said you were still here...

EDDIE

Burning the midnight oil. We have a shocking amount of paperwork for such a small amount of jobs...

HANNAH

You and I need to talk.

EDDIE

Okay...

HANNAH

You have to knock it off with Ikey. You have to forgive him. You can't stay mad.

EDDIE

Okay. And when, exactly, did this become any of your business?

HANNAH

He's your friend and he's a mess. So he screwed up. He's trying to make things right. He's sorry --

EDDIE

He *should* be sorry. But my question is still hanging out there. Dangling. Why does this concern you?

HANNAH

How can you act so self-righteous and keep a straight face?

EDDIE

What the hell is that supposed to mean?

HANNAH

You're such a hypocrite.

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EDDIE

A hypocrite?

HANNAH

Come on, Eddie. Like you don't know anything about sleeping with your best friend's girl...

A long beat. Guess we're finally gonna go there -- and then Eddie lays into her...

EDDIE

You were a hot mess when Nick left town, Hannah. And a lot went down that summer besides you and me. But you've never dealt with any of it...

HANNAH

I deal with it every day --

EDDIE

I don't think you do. I've come to you twice before asking you to come clean. You want to keep it all a secret, so my mouth is shut. But look at Ikey. Nothing stays secret forever...

HANNAH

Is that some kind of threat?

EDDIE

Nope. I made my peace with this a long time ago. You're a great Mom, Hannah. You're fierce and decent and loyal. But there's one thing you've never been. And that's *accountable*.

A long beat as that hits home for Hannah...

EDDIE (CONT'D)

So don't come in here, telling me what's what, like you're little Miss Virtuous. Cause we both know that's the biggest lie out there...

Hannah takes a deep breath...

HANNAH

You're right.

EDDIE

I am?

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HANNAH

You are. So I am going to do something I should have done a long time ago...

EDDIE

And what's that?

HANNAH

Be accountable.

STOP

As John Mellencamp's "YOUR LIFE IS NOW" ("See the moon roll across the stars/See the seasons turn like a heart") starts up on track... It will, naturally, take us through to the end...

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INT. VFW HALL - NIGHT

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MUSIC CONTINUES. Ballroom Madness in full swing. Filled with COUPLES, getting their dance on...

The Commander and Dean Etwood dance. She in her red dress, he in his sport coat and troubled visage.

("Your fathers days are lost to you/This is your time here to do what you will do... ")

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INT. SULLY'S TAVERN - NIGHT

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MUSIC CONTINUES. Gabriel Diaz and Aubrey sit in a booth... A waitress brings over a BOTTLE...

GABRIEL DIAZ

One bottle of sweet cherry wine.

Aubrey looks at her father...

AUBREY

Okay. Let's give this a shot.

Off Gabriel Diaz's smile...

("Your life is now/Your life is now /Your life is now/In this undiscovered moment Lift your head up above the crowd" etc.)

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INT. LOVIN' SPOONFULS ICE CREAM SHOP - NIGHT

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MUSIC DOWN, as Sam comes in to find Nick waiting for him.

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