

Martin Audition Side

MARTIN

My Mother used to say that for every minute we're late we burn in hell.

(SUSAN enters the scene)

SUSAN

Your Mother was one happy woman.

(LIGHTS UP on the playground of a fast food chain)

MARTIN

But punctual. (Looks to fast food restaurant) You think she works at the McWhopper there?

SUSAN

I only talked with her once, on the phone. Her work history wasn't my priority.

MARTIN

I'm suspicious of anybody who flips burgers that don't decay.

SUSAN

You are such a snob.

MARTIN

Which is a good thing to be right now.

SUSAN

We asked to meet her. Let's give her a chance.

MARTIN

(Checks watch) Sixteen minutes in hell.

SUSAN

Okay. We'll go home.

MARTIN

What?

SUSAN

You want to go home, let's do it. We can talk about adoption, instead.

MARTIN

No, no, no. Not again. I'm not going to raise someone else's kid. You know that.

SUSAN

So many children need good homes.

MARTIN

And I hope they find one. Just not mine. (Silence)
If we do it this way it's our child. We're the ones making our baby.

SUSAN

But she's the one carrying it. I'm not.

MARTIN

That's not your fault.

SUSAN

It's my body's.

MARTIN

I love your body. You've got the perfect body.

SUSAN

Oh please.

MARTIN

Your mouth, your smile, your incredibly sexy midriff-

SUSAN

Keep going.

MARTIN

I could live in your belly button. And that beautiful mole you have right down by-

SUSAN

Got it. (Pause) There is nothing you would change about me?

MARTIN

One thing.

SUSAN

What?

MARTIN

Lose the guilt.

SUSAN

We're back to your Mother.
(HE smiles at her. She takes his arm or hand)
There is another choice.

MARTIN

What's that?

SUSAN

We go on being happy without a baby. Put it off a little.

MARTIN

I thought you wanted a baby.

SUSAN

I do. But when we're both totally ready.

MARTIN

This is the first time we're financially ready.

SUSAN

Are we planning on a new kid with every raise?

MARTIN

How much longer should we wait? Five years? Ten? 'Till we put post-its on our foreheads to remember to pick him up at kindergarten?