

I LOVE YOU, TEDDY

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INT. OFFICE BUILDING - EVENING

A man stands silhouetted in front of a window in an office building as the sun sets behind him. He steps away and reveals himself as a handsome, well dressed business man in his early thirties. His sleeves are rolled and his tie is pulled down due to a long day at work. This is HARRY. He walks over to his desk where he picks up a picture portrait of a young kid, no older than four, with a big smile that melts your heart. His coworker, TODD, walks into the room.

TODD

Hey, a few of us are going out for some drinks down at The Brickyard to catch the game. You coming?

HARRY

Thanks Todd, but I have plans with my son tonight. You boys have fun.

Todd leaves the office. Harry gathers his coat and his bag and then walks out.

INT. REALTOR'S OFFICE - EVENING

A young lady, early thirties, her face tense with stress, is standing over her desk talking on the phone. This is CATHY. As she talks she looks at a picture on her desk and picks it up. It's the exact same picture of Teddy as the one on Harry's desk. For a moment she forgets about work and we get a smile.

CATHY

(on the phone)

Well hey, thank you so much. Uh huh. Yes. Alrighty, if you have any other questions you give me a call. Uh huh. K bubbye.

Cathy puts the phone down. She quickly throws a purse over her shoulder and grabs her jacket ready to leave. A SECRETARY walks in.

SECRETARY

Kelly is on the phone for you. She has questions about that house on Marbury.

CATHY

Forward it to my cell, I'll have to take it in the car. I am late to pick up my boy from daycare. I'll see you Monday.

Cathy rushes by the secretary on her way out.

INT. DAYCARE - EVENING

TEDDY, the young boy from the pictures, is playing with a TEDDY BEAR in the middle of the floor. His coat is on and a small backpack sits next to him. He's the only kid there. The DAYCARE WORKER watches from the edge of the room as he dances the bear around and growls. The worker looks down at her watch and back at Teddy.

DAYCARE WORKER

(quietly)

One of these days she's going to forget you.

The door is heard OPENING and Cathy runs in on the phone.

CATHY

(on her phone)

Here wait one sec.

(to the Daycare Worker)

Sorry I am late. Where is he?

Cathy sees Teddy playing on the floor and walks past the daycare worker to him.

CATHY (CONT'D)

Come on Teddy. Let's hurry, your dad will be waiting already.

Teddy stands up. Cathy grabs the backpack and his hand and drags him out to the car. The teddy bear gets left behind in the middle of the floor.

CATHY (CONT'D)

(to the daycare worker)

Thank you!

(back on her phone)

Ok, yes, so the house that you're looking at has 4 beds and 2 and a half baths...

TEDDY

Mom stop.

CATHY

What is it?

Teddy points to his bear left behind.

CATHY (CONT'D)

Oh did you forget your teddy bear?

TEDDY
No. I was late.

She lets go of his hand and he runs over to get the teddy bear.

CUT TO:

EXT. CATHY'S HOME - MOMENTS LATER

Harry waits next to his car outside a nice house in the suburbs. He looks down at his watch. He looks up to see Cathy's car pull in next to him. Teddy waves from the backseat at Harry. Cathy gets out. She is still talking on the phone.

CATHY
(to Harry)
Here I'll go grab his things real fast. Help him out of the car.

She runs inside. Harry opens the backseat door.

HARRY
Hey buddy! How are you? I've missed you.

TEDDY
Good.

Teddy struggles to unbuckle his carseat.

HARRY
Here let me help you with that.

He lifts Teddy out of the car and plops him next to it. He then reaches in and grabs his little backpack. Cathy comes back out of the house with a duffle bag. She trades Harry for the backpack. Harry opens the backseat of his car and Teddy climbs up into a carseat. Harry buckles him in, throws the duffle bag next to him, and shuts the door. Harry does not look happy.

CATHY
Sorry, they were interested in buying.

HARRY
Is that what kept you so long?

CATHY
Not exactly. It's been a busy day at work.

HARRY

Busy or not, you know that I only get him on the weekends so I'd hope you would get him to me on time. I don't think it's right for me to wait around for you every week.

CATHY

Wait around? I don't think it's that big of a deal if you lose forty five minutes with him. You had years to spend time with him when we were together and chose not to.

HARRY

That is completely different. You think I chose to work late? You think I chose to go in on weekends?

CATHY

Of course you had a choice. You chose your job over us.

HARRY

(beginning to raise his voice)

Oh please. Don't turn this on me. YOU were the one who chose this. I wanted to work things out. This was never about my job.

CATHY

(getting defensive)

NO! I chose Teddy. This is what's best for him.

HARRY

What's best for him!? You complained about him not having a father, and now he barely has a mother either. You go off and work while someone else takes care of our kid.

CATHY

I work to provide for him.

HARRY

Are you serious? Do you hear yourself?

CATHY

What? That I'm trying MY best to take care of him.

HARRY

(now yelling)

NO! I was working to take care of him. You work for yourself.

CUT TO:

INT/EXT - HARRY'S CAR - CONTINUOUS

Teddy, forgotten, sits quietly in the back of the car as they yell at each other outside. The muffled shouts surround him as he plays with his bear and dances it around on his lap. Through the window we see Harry give up the arguing and he walks around and gets into the car. Cathy comes and opens the backdoor.

CATHY

(trying to put a brave face on)

I'm going to miss you Teddy. Mommy loves you very much and will pick you up in a few days. Have fun with daddy ok.

TEDDY

Ok.

CATHY

I love you, Teddy.

She gives him a hug and shuts the door. Harry pulls the car out of the driveway. Cathy stands in the driveway as the drive away.

Harry and Teddy drive until they hit a light. Harry turns and points at a DINOSAUR TOY laying next to Teddy on the seat.

HARRY

That's a little gift I bought for you. It's just like one I had when I was your age.

He looks over at the new toy and then back at his teddy bear. He takes his teddy bear tight in his arms and gives it a big hug.

TEDDY

(to the bear)

I love you, teddy.

Harry, intrigued at his son's words, is seen in the rearview mirror as he watches Teddy drop the teddy bear into the seat next to him and pick up the dinosaur toy to play with. Harry looks away from the rearview with heavy eyes as the light turns green. We get a CLOSE UP of the bear crookedly laying in the seat alone as Teddy makes DINOSAUR NOISES in the background.

CUT TO BLACK.

THE END.