

FLASH ME

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INT. APARTMENT, BATHROOM – MORNING

Theia (Late 20s) sat on the side of the bath tub watching the timer on her phone count down. Phone vibrates she flicks the messages away without reading, more notifications followed by a phone call from MUM, impatiently declines the call. Timer alarm rings, quickly silences the noise, looks to the door for signs of life, nothing. Theia closes her eyes.

THEIA
(Whisper)
Please, please, please..

Theia lifts her hand to read something, takes a moment to register, she's ecstatic. Theia's hands move to her stomach, tears of joy show on her face. Muffled sounds from the TV in the next room can be heard.

INT. APARTMENT, BEDROOM – MORNING

Theia opens the bathroom door, Christopher (40s) sits topless on the edge of the bed, horrified. Theia climbs onto the bed behind him, embraces him keeping the one arm hidden behind her. Christopher grabs her hand, turns to her, kisses her hand, he's crying.

THEIA
Hey.. what's happened?

NEWSFEED: On a loop. 'ASTEROID IMPACT INEVITABLE', Asteroid impact video fills the screen then flicks to a countdown
1 HOUR 2 MINUTES 39 SECONDS FROM IMPACT then EMERGENCY
BROADCAST SYSTEM, Repeat.

CHRISTOPHER
(stammering)
I-I..

Theia finally looks away from the screen to Christopher as he struggles with his next words.

THEIA
(understanding and forgiving)
..have to get home to the boys

Christopher looks straight into Theia's eyes, sharing a silent curse of understanding.

CHRISTOPHER
I never thought I-

THEIA
(interrupting)
I know, me too.

(pause)

If you go now you'll have half
an hour with them

NEWSFEED: 1 HOUR 2 MINUTES 23 SECONDS FROM IMPACT, EMERGENCY
BROADCAST SYSTEM, 'ASTEROID IMPACT INEVITABLE..'

Christopher pulls himself off the bed and dresses quickly.

CHRISTOPHER

I'll call you from the car

Theia drops the hand behind her back, keeping it concealed,
she tucks it into the blankets. Christopher leans over Theia,
cupping her face.

CHRISTOPHER

I never saw you coming

THEIA

I know

Christopher pulls Theia into a kiss, tears stream down their
face, he reluctantly pulls away squeezing his eyes shut, as he
turns to pick up his phone & keys, next to them a wedding
band. He picks it up turns away from Theia completely and
slides it back on his finger. Christopher opens the door and
turns back to see Theia sat on the bed in her nightie.

CHRISTOPHER

Flash me

Theia flashes Christopher her best smile, the door shuts a
moment later and Theia's smile fades, she looks down to her
hand revealing a pregnancy test. POSITIVE.

EPILOUGE

INT. APARTMENT, BEDROOM— MID MORNING

Theia sits cross legged on her bed surrounded by chocolate,
crisps, donuts and an unopened bottle of wine. Theia reaches
for the bottle of wine, attempting to multitask, turning the
TV off from the ASTEROID COUNTDOWN with 6 MINUTES remaining
and opening the bottle of wine at the same time. Theia takes a
swig of wine and in that moment she remembers she is pregnant
and spits the wine all over her bed. Wine lands on her phone,
cell signal intermittent, on the phone is an opened selfie of
Christopher and his two sons playing a board game.