

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 countdown. Phone vibrates she flicks the messages away without reading, more message notifications followed by a phone call from MUM, Theia impatiently declines the call. Alarm from the timer rings, she hits her phone to silent the ring, looks to the door to check 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, Theia is 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) is sat topless on the edge of the bed, horrified. Theia climbs onto the bed behind him, wraps one arm around his waist, with the other 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, 'ASTEROID IMPACT INEVITABLE..'

CHRISTOPHER  
(stammering)  
I-I..

Theia tears her eyes from the screen to look at 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

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BROADCAST SYSTEM, 'ASTEROID IMPACT INEVITABLE..'

Christopher pulls himself off the bed and begins to get  
dressed quickly.

CHRISTOPHER

I'll call you from the car

THEIA

Ok

Theia's hand behind her back drops hiding what is in her hand,  
she tucks her hand into the blankets. Christopher leans over  
Theia, cups her face in his hands.

CHRISTOPHER

I never saw you coming

THEIA

I know

Christopher pulls Theia into a kiss, both not wanting to  
release the other, tears stream down their faces. Christopher  
eventually pulls away squeezing his eyes shut, a pained look  
crosses his face 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. In the background  
Theia looks away for that moment. Christopher opens the door  
and turns back to see Theia sat in the same spot 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 disappears as 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 which loses signal and on the phone is an opened selfie photo of Christopher and his two sons happily playing a board game.