

RARE TIME

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For Create 50 - "The Impact"
Act II to Act III

INT. KITCHEN - DAY

A modest apartment. Sparse. Simple decoration. Band posters, framed. Sports memorabilia on shelves. Organised to a degree but a small bit cluttered.

JOSEPHINE (15) sits at a kitchen table. Looks down at her plate. Steak, rare and bloody. Opposite her sits THOMAS (40).

THOMAS

Hope you like it rare?

Josephine tries to be polite. Takes a bite.

JOSEPHINE

So mom didn't tell you?

THOMAS

Tell me what?

He stops to think while taking a bite. Finishes. She chews in a slow and deliberate manner.

THOMAS (CONT'D)

I can put it back on the pan?

JOSEPHINE

I'm a vegetarian, have been for 3 years. It's okay, it's good.

THOMAS

I'm not much of a cook, hell steak is probably the only thing I'm good at.

Josephine takes a drink of water.

JOSEPHINE

It's fine, really.

THOMAS

I'm just happy she agreed to it. She's a good woman, well she was when I knew her. Me, on the other hand....

Josephine puts her hand on his.

JOSEPHINE

We don't have much time.

Thomas looks down at his hand. Smiles.

THOMAS

I guess if it weren't for the end
of the world we may never have met.
Isn't that a crazy thing?

Josephine smiles.

JOSEPHINE

Maybe we would have bumped into
each other, and you know, there'd
be a familiarity there. Or I'd see
you somewhere and we would both
recognise something.

An awkward silence.

THOMAS

Hey, my favourite part of dinner
was always dessert. You like
cheesecake?

JOSEPHINE

I try to stay away from dairy. But
I guess it's not going to matter
after today is it?

She smiles. He smiles.

THOMAS

Great!

Thomas excitedly takes away the plates of food. Josephine
takes out her phone and scrolls through it. Thomas returns
with two slices of thick creamy cheesecake.

JOSEPHINE

So, when it happens, are you going
somewhere? A bar, something like
that?

Thomas looks down at his plate, plays with the cream topping
with his fork.

THOMAS

I haven't had a drink for years.

JOSEPHINE

Sorry, I didn't know.

He takes a bite of cheesecake, then breaks down. She walks
over and hugs him.