

Act 1/Scene 3

INT. - Claudia's LIVINGROOM - NIGHT

(Claudia just received a call from her estranged family that her grandfather died, and she needs to return home to be wither family during bereavement. It's been 7 years since she left home, vowing to leave them in the past. Her boyfriend Dr. Jayson tries to be a voice of reason)

JAYSON

Ok. Yes I'm concerned about your lack of knowledge regarding your family. There I said it.

CLAUDIA

What?

JAYSON

You can blow it off all you want, but when we have children we are going to need to know our family's history. Illnesses, medical issues that may be genetic, predisposed situations that can be avoided or atleast monitored. Not to mention our kids knowing both of our families or atleast where they came from.

(pause)

What about the family tree project in first grade? My side gonna be all green with leaves and fruit and your side gonna be just the brown branches.

(They share a laugh, breaking the tension from the discussion)

CLAUDIA

Why you gotta be so smart?

JAYSON

Go pay your respects to your grandfather Babygirl, and maybe you can make some kind of peace with your mother.

CLAUDIA

Wait, now you going too far, I'm not...

JAYSON

(cutting her off) You don't have anything to be afraid of because I got you. This is our life, that's your past and it's gonna be your past, even if you keep ignoring it. So let's face it. *We ain't never scared. (smiling)*

CLAUDIA

We ain't?

JAYSON

No we are not, and I'll come with you. That way if anything happens and you're not comfortable, I'll be right there.

(Claudia leans into his chest)

CLAUDIA

I love you.

JAYSON

I love you more.