

It's now the early morning, Kyle just finished shooting up again. He's laughing and having a great time. Then suddenly his breath escapes him. He collapses to the ground convulsing. He can't breathe.

Eddie is nearby, laughing, but slowly escapes Kyle's vision.

Suddenly, Kyle's front door opens. Lauren stumbles in with coffee and breakfast, dropping it and freaking out as soon as she sees Kyle.

He can't fully understand her, but she rushes over to him as his vision goes completely.

5 INT. HOSPITAL LOBBY - DAY 5

Lauren checks Kyle out of the hospital. He sits in the waiting room visibly shaken.

5A EXT. HOSPITAL ENTRANCE - DAY 5A

Kyle exits the hospital and waits there a moment. Lauren pulls up to the curb, she looks straight ahead as Kyle comes into the car.

5B INT. LAUREN'S CAR - DAY 5B

Lauren looks straight ahead as her and Kyle drive along the way. Kyle is slumped in the passenger chair. Neither has spoken to the other for a while now.

6 INT. KYLE HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - DAY 6

Lauren sits alone on the couch, sitting as far away from Kyle as possible. Kyle sits in the chair, hoping this entire day is just one bad dream.

The silence is deafening. Until one finally gains the courage to speak.

LAUREN

When we're you planning on telling me?

Kyle remains silent.

LAUREN (CONT'D)

Do you understand what it felt like? To walk in on you, dying? To know that if I was just five minutes late you would've died on the way to the hospital? To hear you complain about how you missed your audition as soon as you came too, as if it was the only thing you cared about? Do you even care how this affects those you love?

KYLE

Lauren I...

LAUREN

I thought you quit. You told me that when we got together that you were done, that I was worth it.

KYLE

I did quit, for a week.

LAUREN

What are you on now?

KYLE

Cocaine.

LAUREN

So the same shit as last time...

Kyle lays back, wishing this was just a bad dream.

LAUREN (CONT'D)

I can't believe you Kyle! You couldn't even say my name when I found you.

KYLE

I didn't want to hurt you.

LAUREN

Keeping it from me hurts me much more than you just being honest with me.

KYLE

Okay well fine, you want the truth Lauren? I'm an addict, and I'm a piece of shit who lies not only to the woman he loves, but his dad, his friends, and everyone in his life. I'm a pathetic loser who will get no where in life.

LAUREN

My god Kyle.

KYLE

What! It's true isn't it? That's how I got here, right?!

LAUREN

Stop it! Stop trying to make me feel bad for you! I could've helped you Kyle, your dad could've helped you. You got here because you didn't want to reach out to the ones you loved because you were scared we'd leave you.

Kyle looks away, he can't look her in the eyes. She hesitates, takes a deep breath, and then moves closer to him.

LAUREN (CONT'D)

Well guess what Kyle. I'm better than you think I am. I'm staying, but only if you're ready to reach out.

Kyle now looks at her, tears in his eyes.

LAUREN (CONT'D)

Are you Kyle?

KYLE

Yes... I'm sorry, I'm so sorry
Lauren...

Kyle breaks down, and Lauren grabs his hand.

LAUREN

Kyle, I love you, no matter your
flaws. We're gonna get through
this, okay? We'll beat this.

Kyle tries too meets her gaze.

LAUREN (CONT'D)

Together.

Kyle shakes his head in agreement with her.

She looks at her watch.

LAUREN (CONT'D)

I forgot about work. Okay look,
I'll be back as soon as I get off,
and I'm gonna make sure I only work
when you do. Okay?

KYLE

Okay.

Laurens gets up and heads towards the door. Kyle gets up and slowly follows her. He expects the usual goodbye, but she quickly walks out the door and he is left alone. Kyle lays his head against the door. Eddie comes from around the corner.

EDDIE

Finally, I thought she'd never
leave.

Eddie collapses onto the couch. Kyle walks up c to Eddie.

EDDIE (CONT'D)

Damn, you look like shit.

KYLE

I overdosed Eddie, of course I look like shit.

Kyle sees the needle and cocaine from last night near the couch. He takes a deep breath.

KYLE (CONT'D)

Speaking of shit...

Kyle grabs a small trash can, and then quickly picks up his mess from last night.

EDDIE

What the hell are you doing?

KYLE

I'm done Eddie.

EDDIE

What are you talking about?

KYLE

Lauren found out.

EDDIE

And that suddenly means you're not an addict anymore?

KYLE

Yeah it does!

EDDIE

That's not how this works Kyle. You need this shit, you can't live without it.

KYLE

I almost died because of this shit Eddie! I can't keep doing it. I can't let Lauren down, not again, I gotta do this for her.

Kyle turns and heads back up the stairs.

EDDIE

You're an addict Kyle! You are and
you always will be, no bitch will
change that.

Kyle stops, but chooses to ignore him.

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INT. KYLE HOUSE - KITCHEN - MORNING

7

Lauren makes Kyle breakfast as he sits at the table waiting

KYLE

You know you don't have to be doing
this, I can take care of myself.

Lauren puts some eggs on two plates and walks over to the
table.

LAUREN

I know you can.

Lauren sets the plate down in front of Kyle and sits down.

LAUREN (CONT'D)

Now, I really think we need to
discuss rehab....

KYLE

No.

LAUREN

Kyle.

KYLE

We agreed, we'd do this ourselves.
I don't want to bring anyone else
into this, just you and me.

She grabs his hand and looks him in the eyes.

LAUREN

Okay. This gonna work Kyle, you're
gonna beat this.