

How Far?

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Camera pans up into flat living room, its an attractive room but has been messed up – as if there was a struggle. A young man (mid to late twenties) sits on the couch looking forlorn, with his head in his hands.

Nick

It wasn't meant to happen... I think I...

He speaks as if to himself, after a moment the camera pans up to a young woman, in her twenties walking out of the kitchen, she's putting on rubber gloves etc

Sam

You need to get up and get changed.....are you listening?

Sam stares at Nick, he looks stunned, then looks at her wearily. There is an awkward silence. There is a wide shot of both of them as Nick speaks again.

Nick

I didn't mean to.....

Sam

I won't tell you again.....MOVE!!

Nick moves from the couch and goes to Sam

Nick

I love you

Sammy looks into his eyes, her pov as he spoke his last line, then a wide shot of them both.

Sam

No you don't...but you need me!
There are spare clothes in the bathroom, get changed, put the clothes you're wearing
in the bath, ok?

Nick looks at Sam and nods. He leaves and goes to the bathroom. Shot of Sam as she starts to straighten up the living room. She looks focused, as if this scene is all too familiar.

Nick in the Bathroom.

He sits on the bathroom floor, in clean clothes, with the door slightly open. The medicine cabinet has all its contents in the sink, his other clothes are in the bath.

Sam
Ok it's done

She moves towards the bath and puts his clothes into a black bag. She looks composed, relaxed almost. She looks down at Nick, he's starting to fall apart.

Nick
What next?

Sam
Nothing (beat)
The truth.

Nick
And what's that?

Sam
You tell me nick?

Camera passes through the flat, looking in different rooms, everything is neat and tidy. The last room, a bedroom, a beautiful woman lies in the foetal position, as if she's asleep – she's dead.

Voice over

Nick

We we're together last night, Laura and me, we we're fine, but you know her, she just started to get angry again, for no reason, she said I didn't love her – but I did. I don't understand... we just argued

Flashback

Nick and Laura are in the living room of the flat. (lines in this scene are a guideline, improvise much of the argument)

Laura

Don't think I can't see what's going on – you and that bitch – I'm not stupid...

Nick

What are you talking about, you've paranoid, your out of your fucking mind, I see the therapist isn't doing much.

Laura

You're unbelievable, you're the one that's fucking about and I need a therapist?

Nick

You're delusional

Laura

Fuck you!

They stare at each other angrily. Laura heads towards the bathroom, and slams the door in nicks face as he approaches. He is extremely angry with her; he hits the door with his fist and walks away.

We see Laura sitting in the bathroom, upset and crying, she looks at the medicine cabinet (the camera from her pov) and opens the door

We see Nick in the living room he's confused he doesn't understand her – Laura walks back into the living room and looks at Nick apologetically – his mobile phone rings, there's silence in the room and the tension returns, we see the name on the display it's Sam's.

Laura
Let me guess
Wait, don't tell me, it's just to do with work, right?

Nick gives her a dirty look, turns the phone off and moves toward her with anger –
FADE OUT

Back to Present

Sam and Nick are in the bathroom. Sam looks at Nick; she touches his shoulder gently.

Sam
It was unavoidable – a personality like that...

Nick
I miss her...

Sam (standing)
Don't – there's no point now (beat) Lets go!

Nick gets to his feet, kisses Sam gently, they look at each other, their foreheads touching.

Nick
I don't know what I'd do without you...

They smile at each other, affectionately

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FADES UP

A small radio is sitting on a random kitchen table, the radio broadcaster voice can be heard clearly

Radio Voice

The body of actress Laura Leary was found today in her town house in London's Primrose Hill area, the aspiring actress was found by her on/off boyfriend Nick Greaves, the start of the television series "Friends or Lovers". The police say that as yet there investigation continues....

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