

"Marissa" ⁴⁷ FFF 03-B

~~Pam stares at Patricia for a moment too long, then exits.~~

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. RACHEL'S OFFICE. NIGHT (N3)

Rachel sits behind her desk on the phone.

~~RACHEL
...I only asked because you
mentioned wanting to expand your
family. Right. Well, give your
little one a squeeze for me. Bye.~~

Rachel replaces the Rolodex card. A SOFT KNOCK at the door.

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RACHEL (CONT'D)

Yeah?

Marissa slips in, carrying a Tupperware of homemade brownies.

MARISSA

Brownie break? Made 'em last night.

RACHEL

Thanks.

MARISSA

I did this, too.

Marissa hands her a thick envelope.

RACHEL

Tell me this is not a resignation.

MARISSA

No. Copies of my financial
statements for the last three
years, my tax returns, and you
already know my salary -- by the
way, if we stay open, I think I'm
due for a raise.

RACHEL

Why're you giving me this?

MARISSA

I want to adopt Tammy's baby.

RACHEL

Oh, Marissa...

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MARISSA

I've thought it all out. I can cut back, get rid of cable, stop getting highlights, my bedroom becomes his nursery. I'll sleep on a pull-out sofa in the living room -- it's a little Mary Tyler Moore, but who cares -- I already looked into day care --

RACHEL

Marissa, you can't be serious.

MARISSA

I am, Rachel. I put this packet together so you could write me a letter of recommendation. I figured you being a lawyer --

RACHEL

Do you have any idea of what kind of commitment you're talking about?

MARISSA

I haven't slept for two days.

RACHEL

You adopt that child, you're not sleeping for the next eighteen years. I understand how much you feel for this baby, but this is not a good idea --

MARISSA

Rachel, I didn't come in here to ask your permission. I just want the letter.

INT. MALCOLM'S LIVING ROOM. HOLLYWOOD HILLS. NIGHT. **STOP**

WINE POURS into a goblet. Patrice studies the city lights below. This isn't her first glass. A DOOR OPENS O.S. An exhausted Malcolm enters. Freezes. Surprised to see her.

PATRICE

Hi. I let myself in.

(turns back to the view)

What was the name of the actress who threw herself off the Hollywood sign? Back in the '30s... '40s...?

MALCOLM

I don't know. "Splat"?

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