

INT. NORTHSIDE GRILL & BAR - BATHROOM - NIGHT

MARTÍN

Something about this place... women are just charming.

CERRO

Hard to argue. Let's all sit together once it clears out.

MARTÍN

Let's see. You good then?

CERRO

Good? Beautiful and sturdy redhead? I may never go back to Miami.

EXT. NORTHSIDE GRILL BAR & GRILL - OUTSIDE STREET - LATER

CREWS and MARTÍN stand beside her truck. They kiss - deliberate, measured.

CREWS

I should text Kathy. We came together - we look out for each other.

MARTÍN (nodding)

That's smart. I should too - I left my ride in there.

CREWS (sheepishly)

It's not too late, but I have to work tomorrow.

MARTÍN (grudgingly)

Me too.

CREWS

We can grab another drink tonight - or coffee in the morning?

MARTÍN

Coffee sounds great. You have a place in mind?

CREWS smiles devilishly, opens the truck.

CREWS

You coming?

They disappear into the night. MARTÍN has a moment of clarity, smiles, and steps in.

EXT. NORTHSIDE GRILL BAR & GRILL - OUTSIDE STREET - LATER

The door swings open. STEARNS steps into the crisp night. CERRO follows.

STEARNS

I needed air. Walk with me?

He reaches for her hand — bold. She lets him. They stroll a few paces, reading the moment.

STEARNS

You know the game's over, right? You eaten?

CERRO

Yeah. Tough for northern teams to play down there this time of year.

(beat)

I ate — but I'll go anywhere. Another bar, diner, coffee shop — I don't care. I came with someone, but he's good. He'll figure it out.

STEARNS

Where you staying?

CERRO

Mountain View Lodge.

He steps in — hands around her waist. A kiss. Confident. Careful. Perfectly weighted.

CERRO (CONT'D)

I should probably settle the tab.

STEARNS

Don't worry about it.

(beat)

Listen - I don't usually do this. Go home with someone I just met. But here I am... saying yes to the guy who didn't try too hard.

CERRO

I'll take that as a compliment.

STEARNS (expressively)

You didn't perform. You didn't preen. You listened. And somehow... that worked.

CERRO

The world's full of noise. I like to listen.

STEARNS

Or maybe... you just knew when to shut up and let a girl choose.

(beat)

So, here's the deal. I only need one thing from you.

CERRO

What's that?

STEARNS

Be the same guy in the morning that you are right now; oh, and try to keep up.

CERRO

Yes ma'am.