

INT. AL'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Helen gives Al a shake on the arm.

HELEN

Al. Wake up.

AL

Huh? What is it?

HELEN

Matt and I are going to go look for Dude.

AL

Mom.

HELEN

I can get the neighbor over if you want to come with us.

AL

To look for my dead dog?

HELEN

I don't think he's dead.

AL

Does Matt think he's dead?

HELEN

It doesn't matter.

AL

So that would be yes.

Matt walks in with the dog cage. Buddy is barking, playfully.

AL (CONT'D)

(Groggy)

Seriously Mom?

MATT

You want to argue with her?

AL

Oh man.

Al half sits up.

AL (CONT'D)

Why are you making this
harder on yourself.
Dude's dead.

HELEN

Is that a no?

AL

Leave Buddy. Just leave.
(tired)
I'm going back to sleep.

HELEN

Last time. I promise.

WES

That's what you said
before.

HELEN

I love you.

AL

Not enough to let me
sleep.

(yawn)

I love me, too.