

INT. APARTMENT - HELEN'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Al is placing two large ice packs under his mom
as Matt makes a pillow brace behind Helen on her
bed.

HELEN
(Deep breath,
ouch)
How was work?

AL
Alright. Careful, mom.

A YOUNG WOMAN walks into the bedroom.

YOUNG WOMAN
Helen, Mary and Robby
are asleep. I think I'll
head out. You okay?

HELEN
Yes. And thank you for
watching the kids.

Matt walks over to the Young Woman and gives her
some money.

MATT
Yes, thank you. Is that
enough?

YOUNG WOMAN
(Flirtatious)
More than enough.

Matt smiles. Helen is irritated. **START HERE**

HELEN
We should have looked
longer for Dude.

MATT
Do we have to have this
conversation, again?

HELEN
Nope. You can leave.

AL
Come on, Mom.

HELEN

You can leave, too. To
your room. Don't go out.

MATT

Don't take it out on Al.

HELEN

Excuse me?

MATT

You're being a bitch.

AL

Yeah. I'll be in my
room.

Al walks past Matt.

AL (CONT'D)

Nice knowin' ya.

HELEN

How dare you?

MATT

I didn't mean like that.

HELEN

Yes you did or you
wouldn't have said it.

MATT

Why are you so damn
difficult?

HELEN

Excuse me?

MATT

I didn't mean like that.

HELEN

Is there an echo in
here?

MATT

Look, we are all trying
very hard to find Dude.

HELEN

Not hard enough or he'd
be in my bed.

MATT

What more do you want?

HELEN

I want my dog! My best friend! Who's there for me! Who loves me! Always happy to see me! Who doesn't question my shit or care if I gain 5 lbs or I don't have to watch him flirt with someone half his age...

MATT

Are we still talking about the dog?

HELEN

You know what? Get out of my house.

MATT

You're tired. We're all tired. Let's just get a good night sleep. I'll crash on the couch and we can go looking for him tomorrow.

HELEN

And what is this "we" crap? There is no "we" Matt. You're not a part of this family or my world.

MATT

Got it. See ya 'round.

He walks out of Helen's room. Helen lays in the dark, sobbing.

HELEN

(quietly to herself)

You're such an idiot.