

Electric City
Adrian Sides

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INT. FREEMAN HOUSE - ADRIAN'S ROOM - DAY

Justin sits next to Adrian holding the baby. He takes a stack of cash out of his pocket showing it to her.

ADRIAN
Where'd that come from?

JUSTIN
I got it for you.

ADRIAN
I don't know what to say.

Justin kisses her forehead, putting the money in her hand. The front DOOR OPENS.

LIZ (O.S.)
Adrian!?

Justin, startled, quickly reacts by hiding in the closet.

ADRIAN
In here, mom!

Liz enters, Justin quietly pulling the door shut. He pries through the crack.

LIZ
Hey sweetie, how's our little man?

ADRIAN
He's okay, I think.

Liz unpacks a humidifier and begins to arrange it near the babies crib.

LIZ
I think my job interview went really well this morning, keep your fingers crossed. We'll get that doctor's appointment scheduled in no time.

Liz folds some of the clean laundry next to the babies crib when Adrian reaches into her pocket. She reveals the money, Justin's eyes widen.

ADRIAN
Mom...

Liz stands staring at the roll of cash. She quickly approaches her daughter and takes the money.

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LIZ
Where did you get this?
(beat)
Justin?

She awaits the answer, nothing comes.

LIZ (CONT.)
Well, its a very nice gesture
Adrian, but we can't accept it.

ADRIAN
Mom, that last job barely lasted a
week. Even if you get this job who
knows how long it's gonna last. Why
can't we get some help?

LIZ
Because its drug money--

ADRIAN
--It's not drug money Mom.

LIZ
Well, whatever it is, he didn't
earn it. It's not his to give!

ADRIAN
Mom, he wants to help. We need to
take the baby to the doctor, his
baby. He's a good man.

LIZ
He's not a man, he's a seventeen
year old boy running around
screwing anything that moves! I'm
tellin' ya this 'cause I don't want
you to end up alone, like me! You
think it's easy raising a family?

Justin watches through the crack of the closet door,
Adrian's eyes tear as she feels defeated.

ADRIAN
You let Brian over here all the
time, he's Justin's family--

LIZ
--Sweetie, Brian is a child, he has
no control over anything. You saw
their mother the other night, she's
a mess. Brian needs someone to love
him.

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ADRIAN

Justin does too... David needs to go to the doctor, right? He wants to help us.

Liz sighs seeing truth in her daughter. Justin inches closer to the crack, anxious for Liz's reaction.

LIZ

Well, look at you. Growin' up right in front of me.

Liz wraps her arms around them.

LIZ

Thank Justin for his efforts, it really helps.

Justin admires the family as tears build in his eyes. He fights his urge to cry with a smile.