

BEAUDREY: 22-27; simple, driven young Midwest man who decided at a young age he wanted to leave the combine for the cubicle, but the burden of leaving the farm never completely left him so he is on his way out into the world. He's vulnerable, has a strong work-ethic and he's lonely...LEAD

BeauDrey opens the door and sees Leah on the edge of the couch with a letter in her hand, his head slumps down in defeat.

LEAH

How serious are you about moving to Minneapolis?

BEAUDREY

What?

LEAH

I don't think I stuttered.

BEAUDREY

Did you open my mail?

LEAH

I didn't. I was looking for something and I found this.

She shakes the letter.

BEAUDREY

(under his breath)

Shit. Leah, I was going to tell you today, right now, I swear. I was going to talk to you about our plans.

LEAH

Our plans. That's funny. I didn't know our plans included hiding shit like this. Jesus Beau, have you read the letter? You have the job.

She hands BeauDrey the letter.

LEAH (cont'd)

You've been hiding this from me
and I don't know why, other than
you want to leave without me.

BEAUDREY

Leah, I was going to tell you
today, right now, I don't know why
I didn't mention anything before.
Nothing is set in stone; I have
just been corresponding with them,
keeping my options open.

LEAH

Keeping your options open? What
in the hell does that mean? Do I
exist to you?

BEAUDREY

It's not like I took the job Leah.

LEAH

It's an orientation for new hires,
what do you mean you didn't take
the job.

BEAUDREY

I took the job...

LEAH

What does this mean Beau? You know
I can't leave. I have a year left
and at this point it's too late for
me to apply for fall semester.
You know how important finishing
school is. Why can't you stay one
more year? I'll finish up and we
can both start fresh.

BEAUDREY

Why do I have to put things on
hold? Have you thought about
transferring schools? Have you
thought this job could be great
for me? Of course not because I
am the one who has worked my ass
off the last four years. I'm not
saying you haven't, but I'm tired

of this place and I can't stay here one more year. I want to be with you, I just don't want to be here.

LEAH

I understand. You have made that very clear before Beau – you hate this town – you don't even really like some of your friends here and apparently I'm not motivation enough to stay and I know this job is a great opportunity for you and I know you should go, but know I'm not going. I have to take summer school this year so I can graduate next May. You never mentioned this EASTWEST CORPORATION place so I thought you were staying.

BEAUDREY

I wasn't. I thought the same things you did only reverse. I thought maybe you would come with me. I know it's short notice now and I wish I would have brought this up earlier, but I didn't.

LEAH

You're right. It's too late. I know exactly what I need here.

BEAUDREY

Like I don't have to readjust my life if I stay.

LEAH

Ugh! You are so difficult sometimes Beau. I just wish you would have told me about this sooner.

BEAUDREY

I know. (pauses) But what happens now?