

EXT.

DANNY

It was your decision not to let me come back here. Didn't have the guts to tell me, though. You looked me right in the eye blamed it on Dad.

JOHN

Is that what this is about?

DANNY

It's about much more than that.

JOHN

How can we work this out?

DANNY

I don't know. How can we work it out?

JOHN

I think that you should leave. Not forever. Just until things calm down. Give it some time. We figure it out, but you can't be here right now.

DANNY

Why should I go? Because of all the terrible things I've done? When we both know what you did just last night? You think Chelsea would go to you first? I told her to go. Wanted to see what you'd do. Now I know.

JOHN

I just wanna make peace with you. That's it.

DANNY

Yeah, now. You just want me to absolve you.

JOHN

You were right about everything. I let the family scapegoat you. I did. No one ever stood up to Dad. Meg, Kevin, Mom. I never did. I could've made things better for you and I didn't. I'm sorry.

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JOHN (CONT'D)

Because you were never given the chance to have the life I have, and I see that. But you can't be here.

DANNY

I told you. I'm not leaving.

JOHN

(Referring to necklace)

You expect me to forget about this? I can forgive so much. Not that.

DANNY

You can't forgive yourself. Because you should have been there.

JOHN

You keep saying that. You had me convinced. After all these years, I thought, yeah, maybe it could've been me on that boat. If things had been just a little bit different, I would have taken her. Never.

DANNY

No, you keep telling yourself that-

JOHN

You know why? Because she was 10 years old and she shouldn't have been out there. I told you not to take her and you remember that. I fucking told you. But you did, and that was your choice, so don't blame Sarah's death on me.

DANNY

All these years, you all blamed me!

JOHN

You were a fuckup before Sarah! I was always protecting you, always standing up for your fucking mistakes.

DANNY

Such a hero.

JOHN

I was the one who could never fuck up. I was the responsible one.

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JOHN (CONT'D)

I was the one who was always making everything okay for everyone in the fucking family, because it was Danny who was always turning everything to shit!

DANNY

Let it out. Let the hate out.

JOHN

I don't hate you. I never could hate you. That's my fucking problem! What the fuck do you want?

DANNY

I want you to know how it feels. Just to know what it feels like to have to beg, to have to go through your whole life apologizing for everything. I want you to know. You want me to leave? Beg me. Get down on your knees, and you beg me to go. Beg me!

JOHN

When is this gonna end?

DANNY

It doesn't end for me, why should it end for you?

JOHN

What the fuck does that mean?

DANNY

I told you. Your life's not always gonna be so perfect. So you're not gonna beg me? Because if you're not gonna beg, we don't have anything to talk about.