

EXT. MOUNTAIN- MIDDAY

Two pairs of sneakers march up a steep incline, traversing over roots, rocks, and dirt. MEGHAN is ahead of WESLEY by a few steps. Wesley is putting more physical effort into climbing.

MEGHAN

Do you want me to slow down?

WESLEY

No, you're fine. I'm right behind you.

MEGHAN

Are you sure you still wanted to hike?

WESLEY

Yeah, no I'm cool with it. It's a good idea.

Pause.

WESLEY

We could've just gone to Gino's, but-

Meghan whips her head back and looks at Wesley.

WESLEY

But this is better. So much better.

MEGHAN

You don't have to lie to me.

WESLEY

I'm not lying! This is way better than just sitting and eating pizza. It would've been nice, though. Having our first and last date there. It's like coming full circle, you know?

MEGHAN

We can go there afterward if you want.

WESLEY

Yeah but- yeah I guess you're right.

MEGHAN

What?

WESLEY

I don't know.

MEGHAN

You're gonna miss Gino's more than me?

WESLEY

No. It's just that, that's what we did. That was our spot.

MEGHAN

I'm sure you'll find a better place in the city.

EXT. MOUNTAIN- LATER

Wesley and Meghan continue to hike. Wesley is lagging behind, clearly getting winded. He sits on a rock to catch his breath. Megan sits next to him.

MEGHAN

Here, have some water.

WESLEY

How much longer?

MEGHAN

Another half-hour.

WESLEY

Meg, I'm not gonna make it another half hour. Let's just head back.

MEGHAN

Oh c'mon, we're right there!

WESLEY

Remind me to never date a dancer again. You have so much more endurance than me, it's embarrassing.

MEGHAN

No, it's not. Do you remember your cousin's wedding? I saw some moves out there. You kept up with me pretty well.

WESLEY

For like an hour, maybe. Then I sat on the sidelines gasping for air.

MEGHAN

Well, I still had fun.

WESLEY  
Yeah, it was a fun night.

Pause.

MEGHAN  
Do you remember what you said to me  
that night?

WESLEY  
I said a lot of things. I drank a lot  
of things too, so probably not.

MEGHAN  
Okay.

WESLEY  
Why? What did I say? What did I say?  
Meghan, tell me-

MEGHAN  
Nothing.

Pause.

MEGHAN  
Emily is getting married in a few  
months. I don't know who I'm taking.

WESLEY  
You can take one of your friends. What  
about Mark?

MEGHAN  
What if Mark is busy? And can't dance  
like you?

Wesley chuckles.

WESLEY  
I don't know what to tell you. It's  
your sister's wedding. It's okay to go  
alone.

Pause. Wesley gets up and starts walking up the path.

WESLEY  
Alright, let's keep moving.

PEAK OF MOUNTAIN- LATER

Meghan and Wesley emerge at the peak of the mountain. Meghan's eyes are fixated on the atmosphere, soaking in her surroundings. Wesley carefully watches where he steps.

Meghan approaches the edge of a cliff, stopping a few feet away from it.

WESLEY

Is this it? I expected a little more,  
no?

MEGHAN

Wes, come here.

Wesley comes towards Meghan, who wraps her arms around him.

MEGHAN

Better than pizza?

The two stare out into the horizon, soaking in the view.

WESLEY

Yeah. I guess so.

Wesley sharply inhales and lets out a big sigh.

WESLEY

Welp.

Wesley breaks away from Meghan.

MEGHAN

Hmm?

WESLEY

Here we are, at the peak. We saw the  
view. Now it's time to go.

MEGHAN

Can we stay for a bit?

WESLEY

We climbed *up* the mountain, now we  
have to climb *down* the mountain.  
That's how mountains work.

MEGHAN

Yes, but I want to stay.

Pause.

WESLEY

We've spent like six hours up here. I think we should go.

MEGHAN

You could've said no to this.

WESLEY

Could I? Really? You want me to feel even more guilty about leaving?

MEGHAN

What are you talking about?

WESLEY

Why are we here, Meg? What are we doing?

MEGHAN

I think it's a great way to spend our last day together.

WESLEY

You don't make saying goodbye easy you know.

MEGHAN

Who says we have to?

WESLEY

We did. A long time ago. Before we hiked up this stupid hill.

MEGHAN

Why can't things change?

WESLEY

Because I have to leave.

MEGHAN

Why can't you stay?

WESLEY

Because I'm going to New York.

MEGHAN

Then don't go.

WESLEY  
I can't do that.

MEGHAN  
Yes you can.

WESLEY  
No I can't.

MEGHAN  
Yes, you can.

Pause.

MEGHAN  
I don't want things to come full  
circle.

WESLEY  
I'm trying to make things easier for  
us.

MEGHAN  
Stop lying.

WESLEY  
I'm not lying.

MEGHAN  
I like being up here with you. Why  
don't you like it too?

Pause.

MEGHAN  
You love me. That's what you told me  
at the wedding, "I love you". We're  
you lying about that too?

Wesley starts walking away from the peak.

MEGHAN  
Why do you want to leave, Wes?

WESLEY  
It's getting dark.

MEGHAN  
Why are you leaving, Wes?

WESLEY

My feet hurt. I want to go.

MEGHAN

Why are you leaving?

WESLEY

Because I'm tired. I have to go home,  
and pack, and eat something because  
I'm starving, and then say goodbye to  
you. So, please? Can we go?

MEGHAN

Can you take a picture of me first?

Wesley backs up a few feet and pulls out his phone. Meghan steps closer to the cliff, about a foot from the edge. She takes a deep breath. She inches forward a little and looks down at a vast canyon below.

WESLEY

Meg?

She inches a little closer to the edge.

WESLEY

Meg, I got the picture.

She inches even closer. Her toes are off the edge of the cliff. She leans forward a little.

WESLEY

Meghan? Meghan!

Wesley runs up and grabs her by the hand. Meghan quickly whips her head around.

MEGHAN

Let's go.

They both walk to the opposite side of the mountain, where they begin to walk down.