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RACHEL
(getting it)
Long story is that you two dated?

MIKE
You could call it that.

TESS
We hit a few milestones together:
first kiss, first beer, prom, sex--

Mike puts a hand over her mouth.

MIKE
Sorry, she's an oversharer.

Tess bats his hand away.

TESS
What do you say we all go to a bar
and raise a glass to the best lady
I've ever known?

MIKE
I'd love to, but I have to pack up
Grammy's room.

TESS
Then, let me help. I've seen you
pack.
(to Rachel)
When he went to college, everything
was in garbage bags. I've never
seen Edith so pissed.

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Mike smiles at Tess for the memory. Rachel clocks it,
suddenly feeling like a third wheel.

RACHEL
Well, I'll let you two... I'd help,
but I should get back to work --

MIKE
Of course. You've already gone
above and beyond.

Rachel hesitates and then goes in for a hug.

RACHEL
Call if you need anything.

Mike nods and walks out with Tess, while Rachel watches.

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Tess

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Tess puts books into a box while Mike packs clothes. She picks up a framed photo of a young Mike off the shelf.

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I love this photo.
(a beat)
Too bad Grammy folded me out of it.

Mike looks at it.

MIKE
She would not do that.

Tess removes the photo from the frame and unfolds it, revealing her seven-year-old self making a goofy face.

MIKE (CONT'D)
Her Grandson was being adorable.
You were ruining the sincerity of
the moment.

TESS
You were such a brownnoser.

MIKE
Brownnoser is just another word for
smart. And for the record, she
loved you. I'm pretty sure she
never got over our breakup.

TESS
She knew you would never do better.

Tess smiles. Mike doesn't, sitting down on a chair.

TESS (CONT'D)
What's up?

MIKE
(simply)
I never got to tell her goodbye.

TESS
We don't always get that chance.

MIKE
But I had the chance and I missed
it. I cancelled plans with her the
night before she died because I was
working. It seemed so damn
important. And then she was gone.

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A beat.

TESS
You must feel awful.

Mike nods.

TESS (CONT'D)
I never gave you the chance to say
goodbye to me.

Mike looks at her in surprise.

TESS (CONT'D)
When I left for college, I was
supposed to see you on my last
night, but I told you I couldn't.

MIKE
You had dinner with your family.

TESS
Dinner with my family was me
sobbing in my bed. We had agreed
to break-up at the end of the
summer, but I knew that if I showed
up that night, I never would've
been able to do it.

Mike takes this in and pulls her into a hug. The moment
feels so comforting, so familiar that Mike kisses her. Tess
responds. When they finish, Mike leans against her forehead.

MIKE
Tess, I'm so glad you're here.

Tess steps back from him, suddenly panicked.

TESS
I'm married.

Mike looks at her as though he's been punched.

TESS (CONT'D)
I'm sorry, I never should've come
back.

She grabs her bag and leaves Mike standing alone in his
grandmother's empty room.

END OF ACT TWO

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End