

JOE  
Sure, why not.

She leaps into his arms and kisses him.

FADE OUT:

INT. COUPLE'S APPARTMENT - DAY

COUPLE SITTING ON THE COUCH WITH THE TV IN FRONT OF THEM.

They're petting their small dog. A cat walks across the room.

CLAUDINE  
Now on the international front:  
Tensions continue to rise between  
the countries of Gusto and Plazari.  
The two allis have become at odds  
lately concerning discrepancies in  
their trade deal of food for water.  
The remaining leaders of Plazari  
comment they have the upper hand,  
and can last longer without food  
than they can without water.

CLAUDE  
As tensions rise between the allied  
countries, it comes amidst talks  
between Gusto and Aldi for  
exchange. This is furthering the  
conflict, as Gusto seems to have  
formed this new relationship  
between Plazari's back. Aldi, also  
having it's own water source from  
rapidly melting snow caps,  
threatens to replace Plazari, as  
Gusto's go to water source.

CLAUDINE  
Though it seems like another  
trivial quarrel, the relationship  
is amping up for warfare with a new  
nuclear threat on the horizon. If  
the two countries go to war, it  
remains to be seen if Aldi will  
join in the fight.

CLAUDE  
Neighboring countries have  
responded to the escalation  
saying... "Shut the hell up, we're  
trying to sleep!"...

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CLAUDE (CONT'D)

In interviewing citizens of the two countries, many citizens responded unilaterally to the two leaders saying... "Go see a fucking counselor and stop dragging all of us into your stupid personal dramas! Is it that hard to have a conversation with another fucking human being."

CLAUDINE

If escalation continues, the nuclear fall out could have devastation consequence on the two downwind neighbors, while their upwind neighbors respond in saying, "Good ridded, now we can finally get some sleep."

ATAM

Stupid fucking idiots! Every single one of them, idiots!

EVELYN

Calm yourself now. No point getting yourself all worked up.

Atam stand up out of his chair, kneels with his face close to the TV, and starts yelling at it.

ATAM

They're still repeating the same god damn mistakes! You guys were fucking warned! But you continued shitting your water away. More cars, soda, and shopping malls ain't gunna do shit for you now.

EVELYN

Hush, sweetie! They can't hear you.

Atam breaks his eruption and sits back down.

ATAM

(with deep reflection)

No... they never could. Never listened to anyone. They burnt all the forests, drained their reservoirs for the highest bidders, poisoned the stream with toxic waste, lined their pockets while our planet continued to die.

(MORE)

ATAM (CONT'D)

No they never listened, not even now when the poison smoke is burning their eyes.

EVELYN

Men love their control. Maybe there's still time. You were always the optimistic one, don't let them jade you. They still have a chance.

ATAM

There is a point... of no return.

EVELYN

Ah, but you often said, "It's never too late." Maybe you can't save them in this man-eat-man world. But they brought that upon themselves. Maybe there are more people like us out there. How wonderful would that be!

Atam turns off the TV with the remote.

ATAM

Yes, that would be amazing... if only we could find them. We'll wait it out all together till the others eat themselves into extinction. I just hope they don't take us all with them in the process.

EVELYN

Come, let us go do some work and distract ourselves with something positive. This isn't relaxing anyways.

ATAM

Yes, you're right. Always are a light. I'd be in darkness without you.

FADE OUT:

INT. JOE'S APPARTMENT - EVENING

JOE'S FRONT DOOR SEEN FROM INSIDE.

Sound of the door unlocking. The door opens and Joe and Gertrude enter in. Joe is looking at Gertrude as he speaks.