

HANNAH MCNALLY, THE RUN IN, 2/17/26

INT. GROCERY STORE, OAK PARK, IL, JAN, 2026 - EVENING

KAREENA ADLER, 32 years old, tall, thin, dark haired female walks down the aisle picking out various snacks and ingredients. She walks past the valentines day section. She glances longing at them for a while before turning down the chip aisle. She runs into STRANGER, a little startled.

KAREENA

Oh! I'm so sorry.

STRANGER

Don't worry about it hon.

She smiles and walks past. She picks up a bag of doritos and looks at them for a long time, tilting her head. She lets out a slow exhale and puts the bag in her cart.

She looks back up and notices DANIEL KLINGER, 35 years old, taller, strong, light haired male pushing a shopping cart and inspecting the cookies.

KAREENA stands frozen for a second before trying to walk away.

DANIEL looks up from the cookies and notices KAREENA. He waves and approaches her.

DANIEL

Hi Kareena!

KAREENA

Hi Dan.

He looks at her cart and laughs.

DANIEL

Since when do you like doritos.

She looks shyly at the bag then back up at him, annoyed.

KAREENA

Jacks been begging for them.

DANIEL nods in approval.

DANIEL

Where is he?

KAREENA

With my mom.

She gestures towards her cart.

KAREENA

I had to run some errands.

She starts backing up, slowly. DANIEL interjects.

DANIEL

So, how are you?

KAREENA lets out another sigh.

KAREENA

I've been okay. Busy.

(pause)

How are you?

DANIEL shrugs.

DANIEL

I'm doing well. Been working on a few things. I see a counselor now.

KAREENA

That's great!

They stare at each other awkwardly.

KAREENA

Well, I should get back to my groceries.

DANIEL

It was nice to see you.

KAREENA

You too.

They continue their awkward glances.

KAREENA nods and turns around. She starts walking down the aisle.

DANIEL hesitates, then sighs, and turns to walk the opposite way.

KAREENA turns back to look at him, teary eyed. She holds her glance for a second before blinking hard and continuing to walk.

A second later, DANIEL looks back at her. He almost says her name. Instead, he presses his lips together and keeps walking. He shakes his head.

KAREENA glances at him a final time with a look of longing. Her shoulders rise as she inhales.

He turns the corner and disappears from her view.

She turns her head, nods, and continues shopping.

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