

INT. ANNA'S APARTMENT - DAY (MORNING)

Anna folds towels monogrammed with "A&R" to give away and calls Emerald Miles on speaker. INTERCUT WITH:

INT. EMERALD MILES OFFICE - DAY (AFTERNOON)

CIARÁN BYRNE, 35, sits at a desk with his feet propped up, reading a book about "U.S. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS." He has red hair and beard and an athletic build. The phone rings and he answers.

CIARÁN
(into phone)
Hello!

Anna waits a beat, expecting a longer greeting.

ANNA
(into phone)
Uh, hello, is this Emerald Miles?

CIARÁN
Well my name is Ciarán, but sure I
work here at Emerald Miles.

Anna laughs.

ANNA
Great. Um, I'm calling to uh, see
if I can cancel a package.

Ciarán turns a page in the book.

CIARÁN
Oh now, why would you want to do
that?

ANNA
I have a... funeral... for... my
cat.

Anna mouths "What?" to herself. Ciarán pauses and sits up straight.

CIARÁN
Well, I'm very sorry to hear that.

ANNA
Thank you. It's been a hard time.

CIARÁN
What was your cat's name?

Anna looks around the room at the gifts she was organizing and sees some kitchen implements.

ANNA

...Spatula.

Ciarán raises an eyebrow.

CIARÁN

...Spatula?

ANNA

...Yes. It was, it's a long story.

CIARÁN

Well I'd love to hear it sometime.
What was Spatula like?

ANNA

He was... a curious cat. It's what
killed him, really.

CIARÁN

The life of an explorer is one
worth living, don't you think?

ANNA

Uh...

CIARÁN

Don't you think what Spatula would
have really wanted was for you to
go out and explore the world?

ANNA

I think he would have wanted to be
alive.

CIARÁN

He would have wanted you to be
alive. That's all we can really do
when someone leaves us, is to go on
living, right?

ANNA

Well it's easy for you to say that!

CIARÁN

It is remarkably easier to say
anything when you're alive.

Anna sighs.

ANNA

Sir, my trip is next week --

CIARÁN

-- Sure look, your trip is nonrefundable. So that's sorted, we'll see you next week. You're going on this adventure for Spatula now, to honor his memory. What's your name?

Anna sighs.

ANNA

Anna. Gilleran.

CIARÁN

So looking forward to welcoming you to Ireland, Anna.

ANNA

You too. I mean, not, I'm looking forward to seeing you... I mean...

CIARÁN

See you soon, Anna. Bye.

ANNA

Bye!

CIARÁN

Bye bye.

ANNA

...Bye?

Anna hangs up. END INTERCUT, stay with Anna. She puts down the phone, exasperated.