

ONE RED CENT

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INT/EXT. FRONT HOUSE DOOR - DAY

CRAIG talks with his ex-wife PAMELA.

CRAIG

I don't have it this week, Pam.

PAM

Why not?

CRAIG

Because I don't have it.

PAM

Why not??

CRAIG

We playing games over here?

PAM

You're not taking the kids this week.

CRAIG

Tell the kids to meet me in the car, they have five minutes.

PAM

I'm not letting you see the children.

CRAIG

I want to see my kids!

PAM

Where's the money to take care of them then?

CRAIG

I said I don't have it.

PAM

Bullshit! Every week same story.

Craig walks away.

We have bills to pay Craig!

CRAIG

Go work!

PAM

I do work! That's why our kids have clothes on their back and food in their mouths.

CRAIG  
Five minutes!

PAM  
They aren't going with you.

Craig charges the door. Pam slams it shut locking it. Craig pounds the door.

CRAIG  
The kids are coming with me I said!

PAM  
Not this weekend! I will call the cops.

CRAIG  
Call them!!

Craig punches the door and steps away.

(pause.)

Craig sits on the front stoop.

Pam's boyfriend WI walks into the front yard.

WILLIAM  
Hey, Craig...picking up the kids?

CRAIG  
Trying.

CUT TO:

INT. HOUSE - SAME TIME

William enters the house.

WILLIAM (TO PAM)  
What's going on?

PAM  
That son of a bitch isn't taking the kids. He promised me he'd have the money this week and he doesn't have shit.

WILLIAM  
Pamela...let him have his kids.

PAM

I said no. He does this every week!

WILLIAM

A man has a right to see his children.

PAM

Why should he get a free ride? I'm the one raising them! He promised child support, I didn't take him to court and this is the thanks I get.

WILLIAM

Calm yourself. We have money--

PAM

That's not the point Will!

WILLIAM

Look, you're right with him paying his responsibilities for the kids. I completely agree with you but I don't think it's right to hold the kids as ransom.

PAM

He needs to learn.

WILLIAM

That's not the way.

PAM

So just let him see his kids each week without paying one red cent? He makes me out to be a fool!

WILLIAM

I think he should see his kids because they are the ones who get hurt the most.

PAM (TO HERSELF)

Bastard. (looking out window) Look at him.

(pause.)

Alright call the kids...tell them their father is here and waiting.