

THE CHOICE

FADE IN:

INT. DORM COMMON SPACE - DAY

GEOFF, college-age, comfortably dressed with glasses sits on a couch while absorbed in a BOOK with feet up on a table

DANNY, college-age with messy hair, enters and begins pacing.

Danny coughs loudly to get Geoff's attention

GEOFF

(still reading his book)

Oh. Hey, Danny, what's up?

DANNY

I don't know if I can do this. I've already called three times.

GEOFF

Oh, that's interesting

DANNY

I couldn't even let it finish ringing.

GEOFF

Bummer.

DANNY

Geoff, this is serious.

Danny snatches the book from Geoff closes it and SLAMS it on the table.

GEOFF

Okay okay, you've got my attention.

DANNY

Thank you, because this actually matters.

GEOFF

(under his breath)

I think my book matters too.

DANNY

What?

GEOFF  
Nothing, go on.

DANNY  
Like I said, I've been calling a lot  
but when I hear them pick up I just  
freeze.

GEOFF  
Nothing wrong with that.

DANNY  
But then I panic and hang up.

Danny sits on the couch and puts his head in his hands.

GEOFF  
Is this really that big a deal?

DANNY  
It is to me.

GEOFF  
Okay okay.

Geoff puts his arm around Danny

GEOFF  
Look, if this is too much, then I can  
do this for you.

DANNY  
What do you mean?

GEOFF  
Let me make this call for you.

Danny lifting his head from his hands.

DANNY  
No, no I have to do this. I made this  
choice so I've gotta do this.

GEOFF  
Well, it's not like I don't have any  
stake in this.

DANNY  
What?

GEOFF  
Hey I assumed-

DANNY  
You assumed what?

GEOFF  
That I was in on this too.

DANNY  
And why would that be your first  
reaction?

GEOFF  
Well, I helped a lot with this  
decision, didn't I?

Danny stammers for a few moments.

GEOFF  
Look, I understand if you don't want  
me to be a part of this. I just want  
to help you get through this.

DANNY  
Yeah, for your own benefit.

GEOFF  
Okay, maybe. You're still my friend. I  
want to see you succeed.

Danny takes a breath, stands and pulls out his phone.

DANNY  
Okay, okay I think I can do this.

GEOFF  
Alright! Want me to stay or go?

DANNY  
Can you stay?

GEOFF  
Anything for you my friend.

Danny dials his phone and brings it to his head.

DANNY  
What did you want on your pizza again?