

INT. - LIVING ROOM - VORTEX

This is a typical middle class living room except for the 8 foot tall spinning vortex that leads to an alternate dimension. The vortex sucks in air from our world causing a wind near the opening.

Vera and Lars stand before the opening. Their hair tussled in the wind. They have to yell over the noise. Lars is placing equipment in a satchel.

LARS

Wait for 5 minutes and then call Jerry. Tell him to flip the switch.

Lars prepares himself to jump in the vortex.

VERA

You don't have to do this.

Lars stands and looks at her, both of them knowing he must.

VERA (CONT'D)

Just...be careful. God, I wish I had something helpful to say. I may never see you again.

LARS

That's not exactly helpful.

VERA

Sorry. I want to see you again.

LARS

I know. I want to see you too.

VERA

No. I *really* want to see you again.

Lars realizes she is saying she loves him.

LARS

You wait until I'm about to jump into a vortex leading to another dimension to tell me this?

VERA

It seemed appropriate.

LARS

Maybe earlier would have been better. But I'll take what I can get.

He kisses her, takes a deep breath and lights two road flares.

LARS (CONT'D)

5 minutes.

She nods, sad and happy at the same time. He jumps into the vortex and vanishes.