They were just talking about this on the news, but those were all the way in Maine, not here, not sunny SoCal.

(KEVIN heads over to the window to see what the pair is talking about.)

KEVIN

Oh shit, that's cool.

NOLAN

(beat) Cool!?

KEVIN

Yeah it's been popping up all over the news.

NOLAN

How can you think a volcano popping up on our street is cool? It's a VOLCANO. They have lava. Hot hot lava.

KEVIN

They say they're harmless, most of them are dormant anyway. No harm done, just some new geography.

(GENNA picking herself up goes over to the window as well. She's still upset about the dish, but recognizes that the volcano is a more pressing issue.)

**GENNA** 

It doesn't seem very harmless to me, that little gambling den on the strip mall was basically torn to shreds.

NOLAN

Shit, it really is gone.

KEVIN

I mean it was kind of an eye sore.

**GENNA** 

That doesn't mean it had to be destroyed.

NOLAN

If only the power hadn't gone out, they might have talked about how to deal with this problem.

KEVIN

I don't think so. CMN has just been talking about if we really need to be concerned about this, and I'm pretty sure it's only natural.

**GENNA** 

So this is natural. Volcanos just popping up in LA is normal.

KEVIN

I mean it's not like it's anything we could affect. So yeah, just gotta roll with the punches.

NOLAN

That's insane though, there's gotta be something we can do about volcanos just... popping up!

KEVIN

I'm pretty sure leading minds have just been saying that it's already too late to do anything.

**GENNA** 

Was there really any writing on the walls? This isn't global warming, you can't predict this. It's insanity!

(KEVIN throws up his hands and moves over the couch. He pulls out his phone and goes to read some news.)

KEVIN

I'm telling you guys, it's better to just not worry about it and leave it to the people with some power.

NOLAN

I dunno, this seems a bit too important to just leave to the government.

GENNA

It blocked off my way to work. I should probably call in.

(GENNA goes into the hallway to make a call leaving NOLAN alone at the window. He stares for a bit longer before KEVIN speaks up.)

KEVIN

They're saying this is due to too much power consumption.

NOLAN

Who's saying that?

KEVIN

CMN, Mox, everyone, some chick down at the University of Phoenix apparently figured it all out.

NOLAN

So can we make them go away?

KEVIN

You actually believe this hogwash?

NOLAN

You mean you don't? Why are you telling me then!? Here let me see!

KEVIN

You have a phone, check it out yourself. I'm gonna call our landlord about the power.

(KEVIN goes outside to give the landlord a call and GENNA comes back in without her scrubs and sees NOLAN on his phone.)

NOLAN

Apparently it was the power consumption.

**GENNA** 

The power consumption? What are you talking about?

NOLAN