

The Marriage Pact

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FADE IN: OUTSIDE

SETUP SCENE: Two little girls, with long pig tails, laying on a porch holding pinky fingers.

ESTABLISHING SHOT - 20+YEARS LATER: Skyline view of downtown Houston

Twins, TAYLOR with a dark brown curly bob and SKYLAR with shoulder length straight black hair, on the phone.

INT. TAYLOR'S T/H AND SKYLAR'S CONDO - NIGHT

TAYLOR

You remember when we were kids, we made the pact?

SKYLAR

The pact to do what?

TAYLOR

The pact Sky. You know?

SKYLAR

No, Tay, I don't know.

TAYLOR

Yeah, the pact to be married by the time we were 30.

SKYLAR

Girl bye, did we?

TAYLOR

Yesss, you don't remember?

SKYLAR

No, and wow, we were lame as kids.

TAYLOR

Yes, yes, we were.

SKYLAR

Why did you bring that up?

TAYLOR

Well, because we'll be 30 next year and neither of us are married.

SKYLAR

True, but that doesn't mean  
that'll change soon. Well, I  
could see it for you and  
Jason.

TAYLOR

Yeah, could you imagine how  
the guys would feel about our  
pact.

SKYLAR

They'd think we were lame too.  
In fact, it would probably  
freak them out.

TAYLOR

Yeah, probably.

SKYLAR

Sooo, same time for brunch  
tomorrow?

TAYLOR

Yeah, sure, oh wait, let's try  
that new place in midtown.

SKYLAR

Ugh, for brunch, why?

TAYLOR

What do you have against  
trying something new?

SKYLAR

Nothing, it's just...well,  
nevermind.

TAYLOR

You sure?

SKYLAR

Sure Tay, it's fine; so, same  
time, new place tomorrow?

TAYLOR/SKYLAR

BET!

Phones disconnect.

FADE TO BLACK:

SKYLAR

You know this is something  
we've done every Sunday  
since...

(she paused and took a  
deep breath)

why are you acting like this?

A 31 year old black man with shoulder length dreads.

CHANCE (OTP)

Well maybe I wanted to have  
lunch with you, but we can't  
cause you gotta standing date  
with your twin!

SKYLAR

Well do you wanna have lunch  
with me baby?

CHANCE

(silence before he  
answered)

Nah, y'all good.

SKYLAR

Really!? All this and...

CHANCE

Yeah, y'all better than good.  
Later, Sky.

Phone disconnects.

SKYLAR

...you.

(looking at the phone)

What just happened?

Dismissing the confusing conversation she just had, Skylar  
locked the door to her condo, walked outside and waited for  
her ride to pick her up for work.

SKYLAR

Good morning, Stace.

A 20 something Caucasian female with long golden brown hair.  
Skylar's best friend since they room-mated in college.

STACEY

'mornin Sky.

SKYLAR

What's wrong, long night?

STACEY  
Long night indeed.

She said with a wink as Skylar smirked at her.

SKYLAR  
Ugh, I envy you being single,  
oh, that reminds me, I have  
something to tell you. But,  
first tell me about your  
night.

STACEY  
Weekend really. You remember  
Kelvin the blind date from 2  
months ago?

SKYLAR  
Tall, nice tan, bad boy hair  
cut, no I don't remember him.

They laughed.

STACEY  
Well, he called me Friday, I  
know it was just a booty call  
but my booty hadn't been  
called in a while so I went  
along.

SKYLAR  
OMG, you're crazy.

STACEY  
Well, crazy paid off cause we  
had a good time all weekend.

SKYLAR  
Aww, that was almost  
relationship sweet.

STACEY  
Uhh! Bite your tongue.

They both laughed.

STACEY (CON'T)  
But, it was amazing though. So  
what's your news?

SKYLAR  
Is that the end of the story?  
No deet's?

STACEY  
Oh, no details,  
(she said winking her  
eye)  
you're a big girl you can  
figure it out.

SKYLAR  
Ugghh!

STACEY  
So what's up with you and  
Chuck?

SKYLAR  
Cha...never mind,  
(Stacey and Taylor never  
cared for Chance so there  
was no need to correct  
her, she went on)  
well, I don't think there's  
anyone that doesn't know about  
Sunday brunch.

STACEY  
Yeah, you and Tay every Sunday  
after church.

SKYLAR  
Exactly, so why would Chuck,  
ugh Chance get upset about it?

There was silence.

SKYLAR (CON'T)  
Stacey, you heard me?

STACEY  
Oh you know why. Cause, after  
all this time it could only  
mean 1 thing.

SKYLAR  
I don't understand, because I  
asked him did he want to have  
brunch with me instead.

STACEY  
And he said?

SKYLAR  
Nah, y'all good. Later, then  
he hung up.

STACEY

Well, that sounds shady.

Just as they pulled into the parking lot of their workplace.

SKYLAR

I know right! Like, dude,  
what?

STACEY

So have you spoken to him  
since?

SKYLAR

No, that was this morning.

STACEY

Really!?

The 2 women got out of the car and walked toward the door.

SKYLAR

Yes, it was a crazy  
conversation from start to  
finish.

STACEY

So does that mean y'all broke  
up or what?

SKYLAR

I don't know.

They walked to the elevators, stepped on and pressed their  
floors.

STACEY

Mhmm, so what are you going  
to do?

SKYLAR

I'll give him til lunch then  
I'll call him if he hasn't  
called me by then.

The elevator doors opened as Skylar stepped off then 2  
others stepped on.

STACEY

Bye love, we'll talk at lunch.

SKYLAR

Okay hun later.

The door closed behind her. Skylar walked down the hall to her office and closed the door. Picked up her office phone to call her twin.

TAYLOR (OTP)

Why would he have anything to say now?

SKYLAR

I don't really know, he made it seem like it was news to him, then when I asked if he wanted to have brunch with me he said, 'nah, y'all good, later,' and hung up.

TAYLOR

Wow, it sounds like he's having brunch with someone else.

SKYLAR

Why would you say that?

TAYLOR

Because!

SKYLAR

Because what Tay? I get that you don't like him but I do. You and Stacey never cut for Chance from day one.

TAYLOR

Nope, never been a fan of Chuck's.

SKYLAR

But why not, he likes you.

TAYLOR

Because I look like you. But he knows us apart because of my facial expressions toward him.

SKYLAR

Yeah we know.



TAYLOR

Yeah we know,  
(she said in a mocking  
tone)  
anyway, wash your hands of  
this one so you can finally  
move on.

SKYLAR

It's not as easy as that but  
okay, I get what you're  
saying.

Skylar got up from her desk and paced around her office.

TAYLOR

You're gonna call him aren't  
you?

SKYLAR

Well...

TAYLOR

Sky! Don't do it, if he wants  
to talk about that non-sense  
let him initiate the call.

SKYLAR

I know Tay but I have  
questions.

TAYLOR

And you'll get your answers if  
you wait on it.

SKYLAR

But Tay  
(she smacked her lips and  
rolled her eyes)  
I...

TAYLOR

Skylar! Listen to your big  
sis. I know you want to talk  
with him but, let him think  
you're done with his  
non-sense.

SKYLAR

Oh, okay, I get it now and  
outta his curiosity he'll call  
me first.

TAYLOR  
Yes, that's it.

Taylor said while shaking her head.

SKYLAR  
Okay, I'm good,  
(she exhaled loudly)  
and you're only 2 minutes  
older.

TAYLOR  
2 minutes, 48 seconds still  
counts. Bye sis, love you.

SKYLAR  
Love you too.

Phones disconnect.

JUMP CUT TO:

SAME DAY - CURBSIDE CAFE DOWNTOWN HOUSTON

STACEY  
Why you tell her not to call?  
I was anxious to know where he  
was going with it too?

SKYLAR  
Exactly, but if I think about  
it I felt like it was coming.

TAYLOR  
What do you mean?

SKYLAR  
Well, it would be days at a  
time I wouldn't hear from him.

TAYLOR/STACEY  
WHAT!?

TAYLOR  
Why are we just hearing about  
this?

SKYLAR  
Really?

STACEY  
Yes! Really!

SKYLAR  
You guys don't like him.

TAYLOR  
And, if he liked you more we  
probably would.

STACEY  
Exactly, why should we care  
for his uncaring,...

TAYLOR  
Disrespectful...

STACEY  
right, self.  
(pointing at Taylor)  
Sky, love, take his hints and  
move on. If you'd like we  
(she pointed at herself  
and Taylor)  
can help you find a guy.

SKYLAR  
Welll, y'all know how I feel  
about set-ups and blind dates.

TAYLOR  
Yes, we do know.

STACEY  
Well, I know a plethora of  
single guys.

TAYLOR  
Not any of your ex's I hope.

STACEY  
Well, I know a few single  
guys.

Licking her tongue at Tay and they all laughed. The waiter  
came with their separate checks. Reading his name on his  
badge she said...

STACEY (CON'T)  
Kyle are you single?

KYLE  
No, I'm not.

Laughing as he walked away.

SKYLAR  
Stace, STOP IT!

TAYLOR  
Well, you have to start  
somewhere.

Taylor and Stacey laughed.

SKYLAR  
How are you the best person to  
set someone up and you're  
single?

STACEY  
By choice.

TAYLOR  
I was thinking the same thing.

STACEY  
Well, excuse me for trying to  
help.

Getting their change/cards back from Kyle they gathered  
their things to head back to work.

STACEY (CON'T)  
Besides, not everyone can be  
in a loving, committed  
relationship like you and  
Jason. Or mom and dad.

Both twins looked sad remembering their parents longtime  
love and devotion to each other before they were killed in  
an accident.

TAYLOR  
Well, y'all could  
(she said smiling)  
if you stop answering the  
booty calls.

STACEY  
You told her!?

SKYLAR  
No, but you just did.

TAYLOR  
Oh lawd, I was right wasn't I?

SKYLAR  
That's why we didn't hear from  
her all weekend.

STACEY  
Right onn.

TAYLOR  
All weekend! So who was the  
lucky guy?

SKYLAR  
Kelvin.

TAYLOR  
Kelvin?  
(looking confused)  
Kelvin? Oh, blind date guy?

STACEY  
The one and only.

SKYLAR  
I told her the whole weekend  
meant relationship.

TAYLOR  
Right! So when...

STACEY  
So nothing, bite your twin  
tongues.

TAYLOR  
Welp, I'll see you 2 later.

She said as she walked into her office building. Skylar and  
Stacey rushed to the corner to cross before the yellow light  
turned red.

Phone ringing; Taylor looking at the screen then swiped.

TAYLOR (CON'T)  
Hey baby.

Split screen: A tall, dark 30 year old man with a clean cut  
and short beard.

JASON (OTP)  
Hey babe, I've been trying to  
call you before your lunch was  
over.

TAYLOR

Busy day?

JASON

Yes, and I'm starving. The new management team don't bring in catering for working through lunch.

TAYLOR

Aww, they suck.

JASON

Yeah we do.

They both laughed.

JASON

Since I'm apart of that team.

TAYLOR

Oh you are huh. Well, does this mean dinner for 1 tonight?

JASON

Oh babe, I'm not sure. I'll let you know by the end of the day.

TAYLOR

Okay, baby, I'm in the office now.

JASON

Okay, love you babe, bye.

TAYLOR

Love you too, bye.

She said but don't think he heard before the phone disconnected.

Inside the office building Skylar and Stacey are waiting for the elevator. When it opened they got on and pressed their floors.

STACEY

Jackson?

SKYLAR

What about him?

STACEY  
You remember him?

SKYLAR  
Not especially.

STACEY  
He was a friend of 1 of my  
ex's.

SKYLAR  
Which ex?

STACEY  
Ugh, that's not important.

The elevator doors opened.

SKYLAR  
You don't remember do you?

STACEY  
No, I don't but I'll give him  
your information.

She said as the doors closed.

SKYLAR  
No, don't ugh.

As she walked to her office she remembered how good looking Jackson was and smiled; Stacey got off the elevator and stopped in the hall.

STACEY  
Hi, don't I know you?

Looking at a tall, brown skinned, muscular, handsome early 30ish looking man with a short beard and low cut fade.

MYSTERY MAN  
Stacey right?

In his deep baro-toned voice.

STACEY  
Yeah, refresh my memory.

MYSTERY MAN  
Joseph. Well, Joe.

STACEY  
That's right, Sky's ex. What  
are doing here?

His eyes lit up when she said Sky.

JOSEPH  
I'm back in town, I work here  
now.

STACEY  
Really?

She said smiling with a sly look on her face.

JOSEPH  
Yes, with IT up on...

STACEY  
Yeah, on 12. Not much happen  
here that I don't know about.

They both laughed, his laugh sounded more nervous.

JOSEPH  
Right, well it was good seeing  
you again.

He said as he passed her to get to the elevators. He pressed  
the up button.

STACEY  
It sure was and you should be  
going down to 2.

He looked at her confused.

STACEY (CON'T)  
Go down to floor 2, on the  
elevator I mean.

JOSEPH  
Oh, yeah, I've already been  
down there.

STACEY  
Yeah, but who you're looking  
for is there now.

The doors opened and with 1 eyebrow raised in confusion he  
stepped on and pressed 12. Stacey smiling like she won a  
million dollars walked to her office, closed the door, sat  
down and picked up her office phone to dial.

HOURS LATER



Stacey standing on the 1st floor waiting for Skylar. The elevators opened and a group of talking people got off, but no Skylar. Stacey took her cell phone from her purse to text Skylar but it rang and Sky was calling her.

STACEY

Hey, love, where are you?

SKYLAR (OTP)

I haven't been able to leave yet. You can go ahead, I'll get a ride.

Taylor walked into the building and motioned to Stacey asking where her sister was.

STACEY

You haven't gotten off yet?

Motioning to Taylor that Skylar was on the phone.

STACEY (CON'T)

How late are you working?

SKYLAR

Not sure, but I'll get a ride from a coworker.

STACEY

Oh no you don't have to ride with a coworker we'll wait for you in the district area.

SKYLAR

No, you guys don't...

STACEY

NO! We'll wait! Bye!

And hung up so nothing else could be said.

TAYLOR

What was that all about?

STACEY

She was trying to ditch us for someone else.

TAYLOR

Oh no we ain't having that.

They both laughed and walked out the door to the corner to cross at the signal light.

STACEY  
So are we eating or drinking?

TAYLOR  
Why not both?

They crossed the street and headed toward a favorite after work spot that had pretty good food and even better happy hour.

JOSEPH  
What was that all about?

SKYLAR  
They wanna wait for me.

JOSEPH  
Ha, why am I not surprised.  
The 3 musketeers as close as  
ever.

Skylar blushed.

SKYLAR  
Well what can I say? The  
longest relationship I've ever  
had.

She looked embarrassed now, shook her head and closed her eyes.

SKYLAR (CON'T)  
I'm sorry I don't know why I  
said that.

JOSEPH  
Well,  
(he said while standing  
up)  
I know you and I know it's  
true.

SKYLAR  
Where are you going?

She stood and followed him toward her office door.

JOSEPH  
I'm gonna go check on things  
before I head home.

With 1 hand on the door knob he turned and faced her.

JOSEPH (CON'T)  
It's really good seeing you  
again Sky.

She blushed again.

SKYLAR  
It was good seeing you too.

They smiled at each other as he took her by the chin and  
kissed her on the lips.

JOSEPH  
Call me later.

SKYLAR  
Okay, I will.

She grabbed her purse, turned off the light and closed the  
door behind her. She didn't see him at the elevator and  
laughed to herself wondering how long did it take her.

Light sound of 80's, 90's hits music in the background

SKYLAR  
Hello my loves.

She said as she walked over to the table where Taylor and  
Stacey were sitting.

TAYLOR  
That was quick.

STACEY  
It sure was, we haven't even  
gotten our platter yet.

SKYLAR  
Good cause I'm hungry.

STACEY  
So what kinda work were you  
doing for a whole 10 minutes?

Taylor sipped from her drink then smirked her lips.

TAYLOR  
Mmhmm.

SKYLAR  
I never said I was working,  
you said that.

As she took a seat next to Tay.

STACEY

Technically, so what's the deal? You were trying to ditch us?

TAYLOR

I feel hurt.

She said playfully as the waiter brought their food to the table.

WAITER

Oh you're here.

A young looking black male with short dreads and tattooed arms.

He smiled and took her drink order.

As soon as the waiter walked away they started to dig into their platter, after a few bites were taken the conversation commenced.

SKYLAR

If you must know mom and dad...

She smiled and waited for a comeback but nothing.

SKYLAR (CON'T)

Phew, tough crowd, anyway, I was talking to someone.

TAYLOR

Who?

STACEY

Is this like a work related talk?

SKYLAR

Uh, could've been.

TAYLOR

Skylar Nicole!?

SKYLAR

Wow, my first and middle name mom.

STACEY

Oh so I'm dad? Negative, so who was it?

TAYLOR  
Never mind that, PLEASE tell  
me it wasn't Chance.

Stacey pretended to gag, took a sip of her drink, pat her chest and said...

STACEY  
I'm sorry.

SKYLAR  
No, it wasn't Chance. You told  
me not to call him remember.

TAYLOR  
You don't always listen.

SKYLAR  
Yes, I do mom.

TAYLOR  
Okay cut the mom and dad  
stuff. We have something to  
tell you.

SKYLAR  
Is this an intervention?

She laughed and thanked the waiter that sat her drink on a coaster.

TAYLOR  
Sky we're serious.

SKYLAR  
You two are starting to scare  
me. What's up?

STACEY  
It's not that serious, Sky we  
just don't want you to mess up  
again.

SKYLAR  
Mess up again?  
(starting to sound  
irritated)  
I know y'all not about to  
lecture me about Chance again?

She took a bite of food and washed it down with some of her drink.

TAYLOR  
No, no lecture and it's not  
about Chance.

STACEY  
It's about Joe. Your ex.

SKYLAR  
What about him?

STACEY  
He works in our building.

Sensing her twin already knew.

TAYLOR  
You already knew that didn't  
you?

SKYLAR  
Yeah I did, I saw him today.

STACEY  
And you weren't gonna say  
anything?

SKYLAR  
I would have eventually.

TAYLOR  
That's why you didn't mention  
Chuck at lunch?

SKYLAR  
No, you said not too. Besides,  
I didn't see him until after  
lunch.

TAYLOR  
Did not but, whatever, so you  
guy's talked?

They glanced at Stacey who was all smiles.

SKYLAR  
We exchanged numbers, I said  
I'll call him when I get home.

STACEY  
So he's single too? I couldn't  
tell if he was wearing a ring  
or not.

SKYLAR  
No, wait, when did you 2 see  
him?

TAYLOR  
I haven't yet.

STACEY  
After lunch, he was...

SKYLAR  
After lunch!? You kept it to  
yourself all this time?

STACEY  
Well, I told Tay.

SKYLAR  
Seriously, wow it makes sense  
now.

TAYLOR  
What does?

As she put more food on her plate and sipped her drink.

SKYLAR  
First of all (looking at  
Stacey) how you tell Tay and  
not me?

STACEY  
Well, telling her is like  
telling you  
(she frowned up her face)  
you know the whole twin thing.

TAYLOR  
Ha, (almost choking on her  
drink) good one.

SKYLAR  
Whatever, and 2nd when we were  
talking he said something  
about who he was looking for  
was on the 2nd floor.

STACEY  
Good man, he listens.

Winking her eye at Sky, Sky shaking her head and putting  
some food in her mouth.

TAYLOR  
So, you 2 talking about  
picking up where you left off?

STACEY  
It seems like he moved back to  
Houston for 1 reason.

SKYLAR  
Yeah work,  
(looking at her twin)  
and I don't know about that  
Tay. We hadn't talked that  
much.

TAYLOR  
So what did y'all talk about?  
(just then her phone  
rang, she looked at it  
and frowned)  
Hold that thought. (she  
answered) hey baby.

Faint talking and music playing in the background.

STACEY  
So, what did y'all talk about?

TAYLOR  
(putting her hand over  
her mouth piece)  
You will not answer my  
question without my undivided  
attention.

Stacey smacked her lips and Skylar laughed, so they ate.

TAYLOR (CONT'D)  
Okay baby, see you at home.  
Bye.

She hung up her phone and joined the other 2 eating and  
drinking.

SKYLAR  
So we talked about him being  
back in Houston, he said when  
his company offered to  
relocate to Houston he jumped  
at the chance to come back.



TAYLOR

Chance!?

(she asked)

what are you gonna do about  
him?

SKYLAR

I don't know. I think he's  
already decided that for us.

TAYLOR

Well, I say good riddance.

STACEY

I'll 2nd that

(as she high fived Tay)

and it happened at the perfect  
time.

TAYLOR

I was so thinking that too.

SKYLAR

Y'all so annoying, and I know  
you don't care about Chance.

Her happy expression turned to sad as she fought back tears.

TAYLOR

(she leaned over to hug  
her sister)

Aww, hunny we're sorry.

STACEY

We really are (she reached  
over a grabbed one of Sky's  
hands) we're here for you, you  
know that right?

SKYLAR

I know. I just need closure  
before I could move on, you  
know what I mean?

TAYLOR

Absolutely, and you should get  
it too.

Their waiter came to the table, asked if he could start  
removing items from the table.

WAITER

Can I get you ladies anything  
else?

STACEY

No, just the bill please.

He took the bill from his apron pocket and placed it on the table in front of Stacey. They paid then left to walk to Stacey's car.

They walked to the car in silence, got in and was driving before anyone said anything else.

SKYLAR

Here's what I'll do, I'll go home and get comfortable then I'll call Chance. I'll get the closure I need so I can move on.

TAYLOR

(touching her sisters shoulder from the backseat)

Good for you. Then pour you a lil something and call Joe.

SKYLAR

Ha, I'll see how...

STACEY

No, do it cause him coming back to Houston was for you and working in our building...

TAYLOR

That was all God.

SKYLAR

You 2 are still annoying. Isn't it too soon to be calling Joe? I mean I don't want him to think he's a rebound.

TAYLOR

Well, since you dated him before you even knew Chance that shouldn't be considered a rebound.

STACEY

Besides, you have to admit the timing couldn't be better.

TAYLOR

Right, look at God.

They all laughed. Skylar took a deep breath.

SKYLAR

I guess I could look at it  
that way.

TAYLOR

You should baby sis  
(squeezing her shoulder  
again as they pulled up  
to the security gate at  
her and Jason's  
townhouse)  
I'll walk from here loves.

STACEY

You sure?

TAYLOR

Oh yeah,  
(as she got out she said)  
we'll catch up tomorrow.

SKYLAR

If you ride with us in the  
mornings we can catch up then.

TAYLOR

And miss the cha...opportunity  
to carpool with mu man. I love  
you ladies but NO.

She got out and closed the door, walked to the gate and scanned her card, walked in and after a few more steps she was at the front condo.

Skylar sitting at the foot of her bed dialing Chance's cell phone number. There was no answer so she hung up and group messaged Taylor and Stacey (no answer from Chance).

SKYLAR

Ugh, I don't know why I texted  
them  
(she said aloud to  
herself)  
they're gonna be texting me  
back with questions.

Before she could gather her thoughts she got a text. It wasn't from Taylor or Stacey but from Joe.

SPLIT SCREEN:

Joe in a lazy boy recliner in his living room with a bottle in his hand.

JOSEPH  
Hey beautiful.

SKYLAR  
I was about to call you when I got your text.

JOSEPH  
Oh yeah, you were thinking about me?

SKYLAR  
I was. How...

JOSEPH  
...that's good.

They spoke at the same time. Then he finished her question.

JOSEPH (CONT'D)  
How was my day.

SKYLAR  
Yes, how was your day?

JOSEPH  
It was busy and eventful and now it's ending pretty good. How was yours?

She was blushing assuming he was saying that because of her.

SKYLAR  
Ending better now. So how long did you say you've been back in town?

JOSEPH  
A couple of weeks. I almost didn't recognize the city it's changed so much.

SKYLAR  
Yeah, it has. Some good, some not so much.

JOSEPH  
Aw yeah, how's the not so much?

Taylor's phone indicated she received a text. From Taylor that read: closure, night loves.

SKYLAR

Well, there's still too many unoccupied spaces downtown but that's a story for another day.

JOSEPH

Well that's everywhere unfortunately. So what have you been up to besides working and Sunday brunch?

SKYLAR

You remember?

JOSEPH

I didn't forget anything about you Sky.

She smiled and laid down on her bed.

SKYLAR

Well, I remember you never liked hypotheticals but I'd like to ask you something.

JOSEPH

Sure, what's up?  
(he smiled that she remembered)

SKYLAR

If you and I were dating...

JOSEPH

I like where this is going...

SKYLAR

Stop it.

They both laughed.

SKYLAR (CONT'D)

Seriously, would you have a problem with Tay and my Sunday brunches?

JOSEPH

Seriously?

SKYLAR  
Yes, seriously?

Just then she received a message from Stacey that read:  
"AGREED". Skylar replied to the group: "NIGHT LOVE YOU 2"

JOSEPH  
No, I always thought it was  
kinda cute.

SKYLAR  
Really?

JOSEPH  
Yeah, I admire that closeness  
about you 2.

Being an only child his closest friends were cousins but  
once they started moving away for college, even that had  
changed.

JOSEPH (CONT'D)  
So who had a problem with it,  
your boo?

SKYLAR  
Ha, my boo.

JOSEPH  
So, was it him?

SKYLAR  
How you know I had a boo?

JOSEPH  
Sky please, I'd be a fool to  
think you've been single all  
this time.

SKYLAR  
And your daddy didn't raise no  
fool.

They laughed.

JOSEPH  
Right onn. So, let me ask you  
this, did he know about the  
brunches from the beginning?

SKYLAR  
He did.

JOSEPH

And he didn't have a problem with it until, let me guess somethings started changing about him?

SKYLAR

Huh, yeah I guess so.

JOSEPH

Babe, you know deep down what it means.

SKYLAR

Yeah, I know. I was in denial but I gotta face the facts.

JOSEPH

I'm sorry babe  
(smiling to himself)  
if you need time I understand.

SKYLAR

What I need is...

JOSEPH

I'm also a good listener with nice shoulders to cry on.

SKYLAR

Yes,  
(smiling to herself)  
I remember your shoulders, and a few other things.

JOSEPH

Well, beautiful, I've got an early day tomorrow so I'm going to shower and hit the sack.

SKYLAR

Aww, okay.

JOSEPH

We'll have plenty of time to catch up babe.

Hearing him call her babe again sent chills through her.

SKYLAR

Okay baby,  
(she felt like it was  
okay to say)  
talk to you tomorrow.

**EXT. DOWNTOWN HOUSTON - DAY**

The ride to work was difficult trying not to talk about Joseph and her conversation the night before.

The first half of the work day seemed to go on forever. They were finally at lunch and ready to talk. Food on the table and ready.

SKYLAR

So, how have you ladies days  
been so far?

TAYLOR

Sky, don't play, did you and  
Chance ever speak again?

SKYLAR

No, nothing. So Joe and I  
talked for a minute.

STACEY

About?

SKYLAR

Oh, nothing really.

STACEY

So you told him you're coming  
out of a relationship and need  
someone to help you move on.

SKYLAR

Uh no, that never came up and  
you don't think it's too soon?

STACEY

No, you guys have history so  
that's different.

TAYLOR

Exactly, what I was thinking.  
It would be like picking up  
where you guys left off.



SKYLAR

But it's not, and I feel like  
it's too soon.

TAYLOR

You know what Sky, if you feel  
like it's too soon then take  
your time. If it's meant to be  
then it'll be.

STACEY

Don't listen to Shakespeare  
and don't let someone else  
snatch him up either.

TAYLOR

I doubt if that happens. He  
came back for Sky...

SKYLAR

Um technically, he came back  
for work.

TAYLOR

He came back for work and the  
added bonus is Sky. Now how's  
that?

(she looked around the  
table for any nay-sayers)  
So, I doubt if he gives anyone  
else a cha...ugh, that name  
irritates me.

They all laughed.

TAYLOR (CONT'D)

But he's not gonna give anyone  
else some play unless he  
thinks Sky is no longer an  
option.

SKYLAR

Well he doesn't think that.

She smiled.

STACEY

Why, what happened?

SKYLAR

Nothing, we just talked and it  
was so sweet how he remembers  
things about me.

TAYLOR

Well, he did want to marry you  
Sky.

STACEY

He did?

(she asked with her hand  
over her heart in aww.)

What happened anyway? Why  
y'all breakup?

SKYLAR

Long distance relationship  
wasn't gonna work. Then he  
tried to get me to move with  
him first but that was after  
our parents accident...

TAYLOR

...and she didn't want me to  
be alone.

She finished her thought.

STACEY

Oh yeah I remember that.  
That's when you started the  
Sunday brunches right?

SKYLAR

Yeah it was. So we wouldn't  
lose contact again.

TAYLOR

It was crazy to be on the same  
campus but hardly saw each  
other.

The 3 put food on their plates finally and ate in silence  
for a moment. They finished their lunch conversation while  
walking through the tunnels back to their offices.

SKYLAR

...he said we'll have plenty  
of time to catch up, then he  
called me babe and we hung.

TAYLOR

See what I was saying and I  
think this time will be  
different.

SKYLAR

How so?

STACEY

Mmhmm, he's more muscular that  
I remember too.

TAYLOR

Um and no one took a picture?

SKYLAR

He is, and no, that would've  
been creepy Tay, it makes me  
think I should get back in the  
gym myself.

STACEY

That's sexy, a couples  
workout.

TAYLOR

Yeah it is.

Smiling thinking about her and Jason's workouts.

STACEY

Yum, that kind of workout huh?

SKYLAR

OMG, Stace.

They all laughed as Taylor headed towards the escalator.

TAYLOR

Bye loves, later.

STACEY

So you think you guys will  
make it work this time?

SKYLAR

I don't know but I think it'll  
be better this time around.  
That's if we even make a go of  
it.

STACEY

Girl, if you don't stop  
playing.

SKYLAR

I'm serious, I don't know if  
that's his intentions. He  
could...

STACEY

Skylar, if you don't stop with the foolery. Why you think he jumped at the cha...ugh, at the opportunity to come back to Houston?

SKYLAR

The money.

She knew his reason, she just wanted to mess with her friend with a smirk on her face she said...

SKYLAR (CONT'D)

Girl, I know I'm just messing with you.

Stacey smacked her lips and Sky laughed as they got on the escalator going up.

STACEY

So you think he'll propose again?

SKYLAR

I don't know,  
(stepping off the  
escalator walking toward  
the elevator)  
you don't think it's too soon,  
nooo, what if he's holding a  
grudge about the last  
proposal?

Stacey almost laughed at her friends paranoia.

STACEY

Sky, love, it's not too soon.  
Y'all have history and OMG I  
was joking with you like you  
did me.

They got on the elevator with several others, they decided not to talk about it anymore.

As Skylar got off the elevator with 2 other people she had a look of worry on her face and she didn't say anything else to Stacey.

FADE OUT:

NEXT SCENE:

STACEY

You know I didn't mean to  
scare you about Joe.

SKYLAR

Not so much scared, just  
unsure. You know what I mean?

She asked with a quizzical look. Before Stacey could answer  
Skylar's phone rang. She smiled and said...

SKYLAR (CONT'D)

It's Joe  
(then she answered)  
hello.

JOSEPH

Hey beautiful, I was trying to  
catch you before you got off.

SKYLAR

Why, what's up?

JOSEPH

To see if you would like a  
ride home.

SKYLAR

Aww, that's sweet but I'm  
already headed there.

JOSEPH

Oh  
(he sounded sad)  
well, do you have plans for  
dinner?

SKYLAR

No, no plans.

JOSEPH

Good, can I take you to  
dinner?

SKYLAR

Welllll,  
(she said in a joking  
tone)  
sure, dinner sounds great.

JOSEPH

Text me your address and I'll  
be there around 8.

They hung up and she sent him a text.

STACEY  
Yum dinner with bae.

SKYLAR  
Yup dinner, and he's not bae.

STACEY  
And maybe dessert?

SKYLAR  
Ha, I don't know, I doubt it.

STACEY  
What? Why not? Don't you want to?

SKYLAR  
Honestly, hadn't thought about it.

STACEY  
Mmhmm.

She said smirking at her.

SKYLAR  
I'm serious. I'm just really trying to take my time.

STACEY  
Girl, it's a good thing you're 1 of my best friends cause you're being crazy right now.

SKYLAR  
I don't want to jump to the conclusion and find out he only wanted to be friends.

STACEY  
Well, I guess you'll have to ask him at dinner.

They pulled up to Skylar's condo. Sky exhaled as she got out the car.

SKYLAR  
I guess so, bye love, see you tomorrow.

STACEY  
Later love, bye.

While getting ready for her date Skylar was listening to some CHH on her phone through her headset. Not noticing the time or that her doorbell was ringing.

JOSEPH

Skylar!

(as he's knocking on her door)

Sky, are you in there?

He went to his car and called her, the music stopped in her headset and when she saw his name her heart sank.

SKYLAR

Hello.

Almost afraid to answer thinking he was calling to cancel.

JOSEPH

Babe are you home?

SKYLAR

Yes, I'm getting ready.

JOSEPH

I was at your door knocking.

SKYLAR

What time is it? Oh,

(looking at the time)

geez baby, I had my headset on and didn't hear you at the door. I'm sorry.

JOSEPH

It's fine babe, are you ready?

SKYLAR

Almost.

JOSEPH

Sooo, you need another hour?

SKYLAR

Nooo, smarty pants, I'm almost ready.

JOSEPH

So half an hour?

SKYLAR

Joseph, I just need to change purses and I'm doing that as we speak.

She headed toward the door, exited and locked it.

Walking to the car he was standing outside holding her door open for her. She smiled as he kissed her while she got into the car. He closed her door and walked around to the driver side. She reached over to open his door, he got in and they drove away.

JOSEPH  
You look beautiful.

SKYLAR  
Thank you, so do you.

She took a deep breath inhaling his cologne.

SKYLAR (CONT'D)  
Oh my gawd, you smell good.

They both laughed, her more so from embarrassment.

SKYLAR (CONT'D)  
OMG, did I say that out loud?

JOSEPH  
You did and thank you. So how was your day?

SKYLAR  
It was fine, same ole uneventful days. Lunch with Taylor and Stacey and back to work.

JOSEPH  
So, how is twin now-a-days?

SKYLAR  
She's fine. Still with Jason.

JOSEPH  
Wow, good for him.

SKYLAR  
Wait, what does that mean?

She said in a playful way punching him in the arm. He laughed and said...

JOSEPH  
Ouch, nothing...



SKYLAR

It must be something you said  
it.

JOSEPH

All I meant was he got to hold  
on to his twin,  
    (Skylar smacked her lips  
    then there was an awkward  
    silence)  
I'm joking about twin and  
Jason. I'm glad for them.

SKYLAR

Mmhmm, I'm sure.

He reached over for her hand and she didn't stop him from  
grabbing it and kissing it.

JOSEPH

All I meant babe was I wish I  
could've kept my twin.

SKYLAR

I'm good, you're good.

JOSEPH

We're good?

SKYLAR

Yes baby, we're good.

They pull into the restaurant parking lot, she smiled.

SKYLAR

You still like, I mean, LOVE  
Mexican food I see?

JOSEPH

Mexican food is life babe.

He got out and walked around to open her door. They walked  
into the restaurant holding hands. Her phone rang and she  
saw it was Taylor.

SKYLAR

Gimme a sec, it's Tay.

JOSEPH

Okay, I'll get our table.

She stayed outside while he went inside to the maitre d' for  
their table.

SKYLAR

Hey sis.

TAYLOR (OTP)

What's going on?

SKYLAR

A lil busy, what's up?

TAYLOR

I haven't heard from you since lunch, did I upset you?

SKYLAR

Oh uh, I'm about to have dinner with Joseph right now, I'll call you later.

TAYLOR

Aww, and you'd better so you can tell me all about it.

SKYLAR

Of course I will, love you bye.

They hung up and Sky turned to walk inside the restaurant. She looked around but stopped when she saw Chance sitting in a booth hugging and kissing with another female.

She walked over to the booth and stood there until the female noticed her and nodded for Chance to look. A shocked Chance cleared his throat and was about to stand up until Skylar walked away.

Joseph standing and gesturing for her to notice him. She walked over to the table he pulled her chair out and they sat down.

JOSEPH

Who was that?

SKYLAR

One guess.

JOSEPH

You're kidding.

SKYLAR

It's all good tho, I'm here with you right.

JOSEPH

Right onn.

SKYLAR  
This brings back so many  
memories.

She said trying to change the subject.

JOSEPH  
What's that?

SKYLAR  
Being spoiled.

JOSEPH  
Good, that way ole dude can't  
come back and try to get you  
get.

SKYLAR  
What!? That's not even an  
option for him.

JOSEPH  
The fact that you're not  
already, is bad business for  
ole dude, not for me.

SKYLAR  
Ole dude  
(she said in a mocking  
tone)  
so you're doing all this for  
us, is this supposed to be us  
picking up where we left off?

She couldn't believe she had actually said it aloud.

JOSEPH  
Well bluntly speaking, yes.  
Admit it, sounds like I came  
back at the right time.

SKYLAR  
No, I don't have to admit  
that.

She said smiling so he would know she wasn't upset.

Finally, a young thin Hispanic female came over with 2  
glasses of water and placed them with coasters on the table.

WAITRESS

Good evening, my name is Cece  
I'm gonna be your waitress for  
the evening. Can I start you  
off with some chips and salsa?

JOSEPH

Can we have both salsa and  
queso please?

SKYLAR

You remembered?

JOSEPH

I told you, oh  
(directing his attention  
back at Cece)  
and can you take our drink  
orders too?

CECE

Of course, what can I get you?

He pointed at Skylar to order first. Then he ordered and  
Cece walked away. They took a moment to look at their menus  
until Cece returned with chips, salsa and queso.

CECE

I'll be right back with your  
drink orders. Were you ready  
to order your food now?

SKYLAR

I am,  
(looking at Joseph)  
you already know what you want  
don't you?

JOSEPH

Yup.

He said in a mocking tone. They laughed and she ordered,  
then he and Cece took their menus and left.

JOSEPH (CONT'D)

They don't have this place  
where I was and I've been  
wanting their food since I  
came back.

He said as he put salsa and queso on his saucer with some  
chips.

SKYLAR

Ha really? Well you should've called me I would've sent you some.

She took her spoon and scooped some queso onto her saucer and got some chips.

JOSEPH

Yeah right, ole dude sounds like an idiot, he wouldn't have went for that.

SKYLAR

Please stop.

JOSEPH

So you didn't want to talk about what you just witnessed?

SKYLAR

No, not really.

JOSEPH

Okay, babe. I could go over there and bust his head open if you want.

She finished chewing. She tried to sound sincere but stern because she was tired of the whole Chance situation.

JOSEPH (CONT'D)

I'm just joking with you babe.

SKYLAR

I know but I'm tired of you talking about him too.

Putting his hands up in a defensive manner.

JOSEPH

Okay, okay, jokes aside can I ask you a personal question?

She frowned and ate another chip before answering.

JOSEPH (CONT'D)

Then I won't bring him up anymore. But can I ask you a question?

SKYLAR

What's your question?

With exasperation in her voice.

JOSEPH  
Do you love him?

Shocked and not expecting that question she took a sip from her water, composed herself and then she answered.

SKYLAR  
Honestly, I don't know what I feel.

She looked embarrassed for not knowing and a little sad. He reached over the table for her hand, she reached out for his and let him console her.

JOSEPH  
I mean if you do that's fine  
it's just that we should  
probably not go any farther  
until you're ready to move on.

SKYLAR  
I know that and I really don't  
see him being an issue.

Letting her hand go Joseph looked past her at Cece coming with their food. He waited until she had left again before he spoke.

CECE  
Does everything look okay?  
(they both nodded yes,  
she put more napkins on  
the table)  
Is there anything else I can  
get you?

JOSEPH  
Babe?  
(he looked at Skylar who  
shook her head no)  
No, we're fine, thank you.

Before walking away Cece offered the bring more chips, salsa and queso.

SKYLAR  
Considering he's the one that  
dumped me I don't expect to  
hear from him again.

JOSEPH  
Really?

He said shaking his head as if to say, 'that idiot', but decided to take the high road and keep the thought to himself.

JOSEPH (CONT'D)

Well I meant what I said. I'm here for you if you need me.

SKYLAR

I know baby.

They ate for a while in silence until Cece appeared with more chips, salsa and queso.

CECE

Is everything okay?

SKYLAR

Yes, thank you.

JOSEPH

We're good, thanks.

Cece walked away. By this time they noticed Chance and his dinner companion trying to leave without being scene.

JOSEPH (CONT'D)

Can you believe that idiot? I could meet him out in the parking lot. Don't be mad at me babe.

Joseph noticed Sky was looking at her food trying to avoid looking at him or Chance.

SKYLAR

I'm not, I'm mad at me.

JOSEPH

Don't be mad at her either.

They both laughed to ease the tension they were feeling.

JOSEPH (CONT'D)

It's okay if you don't know how you feel. A lot of things could leave you with mixed emotions. He was apparently cheating. He broke up with you, he's an idiot, but

(she blushed)

that's okay. The best thing you could do is to show him you've moved on.

(he said while pointing to himself)

And what better way to do that than with someone you know, love and trust.

They smiled at each other, he winked and she spoke.

SKYLAR

I know you're right. I shouldn't stress about it.

JOSEPH

No babe, you shouldn't.

She smiled a genuine smile and they ate more in silence.

SCREEN SWITCH - TAYLOR'S T/H

Jason sitting on the sofa, remote in hand, with a pillow on his lap, Taylor lying on her back with her head on the pillow reading a novel.

JASON

I thought you were calling Sky?

TAYLOR

I did, she's out with Joseph. She said she'll call me later.

JASON

Joseph? Joseph!? You mean Joe!?

He couldn't contain the excitement in his voice; he looked at her as she looked up at him laughing.

TAYLOR

Yes baby, Joe.

JOSEPH

What happened to Chance?



TAYLOR  
He broke up with her.

JASON  
Wow, really!? I thought it  
would've been the other way  
around.

TAYLOR  
Yeah well, join the club cause  
that's what we all thought but  
nope, she kept trying to make  
it work.

JASON  
Well, well my man Joe is back.

He was starting to smile again then he turned his attention  
back towards the television.

TAYLOR  
You seem really excited baby.

JASON  
I am. That Chance dude was  
okay but he wasn't good enough  
for her.

TAYLOR  
Who you telling. I think it  
was just because she was  
lonely that she fell for  
Chance.

JASON  
Good riddance right?

TAYLOR  
Right!? That's the same thing  
I said. This is the first day  
of the rest of her life.

She went back to reading while he continued to channel surf.  
After about a half hour of that she yawned and sat up facing  
him.

TAYLOR (CONT'D)  
I'm tired, I'm going to lie  
down in bed til she calls me  
back.

She got up from the sofa moved her pillow back to where it  
belonged, leaned over to kiss him and he grabbed her arm and  
pulled her back down to him as they kissed passionately.

They were both asleep with the television on but no volume. Jason on his back and Tay on her side with 1 leg over his legs and her head on his chest.

Phone vibrating on the night stand behind her. Awakened from her sleep Tay turned over and reached for the phone. One eye open she saw her sister's name and swiped.

TAYLOR

Hello.

SKYLAR

Sorry for calling back so late  
but I'm just getting home so  
I'll talk to you tomorrow.

TAYLOR

Okay  
(smiling too the phone)  
love you.

SKYLAR

Love you too.

They hung up.

SCREEN SWITCH - SKYLAR'S CONDO

Skylar sent Taylor and Stacey a text, 'NO RIDE IN THE A.M.', while she and Joe were hugged up together sitting on the sofa.

JOSEPH

It's late, I should probably  
go.

SKYLAR

Okay, if you want.

She started to move away.

JOSEPH

You want me to go?

SKYLAR

Yes,  
(his happy expression  
turned sad)  
if you want to.

She stood up, grabbed his hand and led him upstairs to the bedroom.

NEXT DAY

Riding in Joe's car headed to work with his left hand on the steering wheel and his right hand holding her left hand. Listening to CHH music playing low on the radio.

SKYLAR

Last night was amazing.

She said smiling.

JOSEPH

Like old times huh?

SKYLAR

No, better. Is that even possible?

He smiled trying to contain himself.

JOSEPH

Of course it is.

He kissed her hand.

SKYLAR

Well, thank you for last night.

JOSEPH

Anytime.

He winked at her and smiled.

SKYLAR

Ha, that's not what I'm talking about.

(she explained)

The dinner date, the food and the company. I enjoyed myself.

JOSEPH

Yeah, me too. What you thought I was talking about?

She smirked and he laughed.

SKYLAR

Mhmm, yeah, okay whatever you say baby.

JOSEPH

Yep, that's my final answer.

They both laughed.

JOSEPH (CONT'D)

You wanna stop for breakfast  
on the way?

SKYLAR

No, thanks, I'm fine.

JOSEPH

Yes, you are that.

He said looking at her, biting his lip playfully.

SKYLAR

Stop it, you're so bad.

Sky took a deep breath, smiled inside and thought this was the happiest she'd been in a long time. The thought of her and Joseph back together made her smile openly this time which made him smile and kiss her hand again.

Pulling into the parking lot she noticed Stacey's car was already parked. Once he turned the car off he leaned over and kissed her before he got out to open her door.

He held the door open for her and walked in behind her.

SKYLAR (CONT'D)

Thank you.

JOSEPH

Anytime baby.

She pressed the elevator button and noticed him watching her and smiling. When the doors opened she stepped in, then he behind her and he was still smiling. She pressed both floors and the doors closed.

SKYLAR

What?

JOSEPH

Nothing. Nothing. Nothing.  
Nothing.

SKYLAR

Okay, that's a lot of nothing.

JOSEPH

I just can't believe how lucky  
I am.

SKYLAR  
Oh, that's not nothing  
(blushing)  
that's flattery. And flattery  
will get you everywhere.

The doors opened and before she got off she gave him a quick kiss.

SKYLAR  
Bye baby, see you after work.

JOSEPH  
Aww, no lunch?

He asked facetiously.

SKYLAR  
You don't even take a lunch.

It wasn't the response he expected but it made him think.

JOSEPH  
You're right, no food for the  
overworked.

She kept standing in the elevator doors preventing them from closing until the emergency bell started to sound.

SKYLAR  
Dinner, I'm all yours.

She stepped out and as the doors closed she heard him say...

JOSEPH  
Yeah buddy!!

They both laughed and as she turned around she saw she was being watched by the secretary that sits across from the elevator.

SKYLAR  
Good morning.

White 40ish Caucasian female.

SECRETARY  
Mornin', I thought I was gonna  
have to call the fire  
department to hose him down.

She said in a southern twang.

SKYLAR  
I know right.

She said smiling and walking to her office. She closed the door and sat down behind her desk. Turned her computer on and noticed her message button blinking on her phone. She listened to Stacey in 4 messages pour out her emotions of neglect. She dialed Stacey's office phone.

SPLIT SCREEN: Stacey sitting at a desk.

STACEY  
Hello  
    (she said in a sniffing  
    voice)  
this is Stacey, the single and  
unloved friend. How can I help  
you?

TAYLOR  
OMG, you're so extra.

STACEY  
Really. Is that how you treat  
me? By text message?

SKYLAR  
What? It was late when I got  
home. I didn't wanna wake you.

STACEY  
You texted me last night that  
you didn't need a ride.

SKYLAR  
Yeah, so you wouldn't stop by.

STACEY  
But you know that's my time.  
We have not, NOT ridden  
together in like 5-ever.

SKYLAR  
Awww, love I'm so sorry.

STACEY  
It's fine, cause I know you'll  
make it up to me at lunch.

She said in a matter of fact voice.

SKYLAR  
Oh, well uh,

STACEY

Sky! No!

SKYLAR

I'm kidding, love, yes lunch.  
I can't wait to...

Just then another call came through on another line.

SKYLAR (CONT'D)

Okay love I have a call coming  
through, we'll catch up later.

STACEY

Okay. Bye.

Stacey hung up, Skylar clicked over on her computer screen  
to answer the call.

SPLIT SCREEN: Taylor standing in front of a copier.

SKYLAR

Hello.

TAYLOR

So what you think about our  
pact now?

SKYLAR

HA, good morning to you too.

TAYLOR

Mmhmm. I'll bet it is a good  
morning.

SKYLAR

Oh my gosh, it's too early,  
get your mind out...

TAYLOR

What are you talking about,  
I'm talking about the pact.

SKYLAR

Mmhmm, you and this pact.

TAYLOR

You have to admit, it's doable  
now.

SKYLAR

Maybe. So you don't think we  
should talk about it first?

TAYLOR  
We are talking.

SKYLAR  
Not us. Joseph and me.

TAYLOR  
Do you think he'd care Sky?

SKYLAR  
Um yeah, why wouldn't he?

TAYLOR  
I was about to say after last night I don't think he'd have an issue with it honestly.

SKYLAR  
Excuse you!? How do you know what took place last night?

TAYLOR  
Sky? Seriously?

SKYLAR  
Whatev's, don't act like you know me.

TAYLOR  
Ha, that's the thing, we're twins. I do know you.

SKYLAR  
Oh yeah, sometimes I forget mom.

TAYLOR  
Anyway, lunch today?

SKYLAR  
Of course, bye love.

TAYLOR  
Bye, love you.

SKYLAR  
Love you more.

Phones disconnect.

HOURS LATER

Skylar had been so busy she didn't notice the time until her lunch alarm went off.



She finished the email she was working on, put her screen on lock, grabbed her purse and closed her office door. As soon as she got to the elevator she laughed. Standing there talking were Taylor and Stacey, she walked past them and pressed the down button.

SKYLAR  
Afternoon ladies.

She said fighting back her smile. They looked at her with smirks and raised eyebrows. When the doors opened she was glad to see others on it because her 2 interrogators wouldn't say anything until they were alone. As soon as the doors opened she rushed off and out the office building doors.

TAYLOR  
Okay, so what's the verdict?

SKYLAR  
What? Verdict? That sounds like I did something wrong.

STACEY  
Welp, after doing someone wrong, you're good now.

TAYLOR  
UGH, Stace.

Skylar stopped in her tracks and looked at Stacey in awe, then they all laughed. She started walking again but slightly slower than they were.

TAYLOR (CONT'D)  
You may as well come on up here because you're gonna have to tell us about last night, so start talking young lady.

SKYLAR  
Yes mother,  
    (she said walking a  
    little faster)  
last night was...  
    (she paused for dramatic  
    effect)  
an O.M.freakin'G night.

TAYLOR/STACEY  
Ayyeee.

They said together then they all laughed.

TAYLOR  
Sooo, it's official?

SKYLAR  
What is that?

TAYLOR  
Y'all back together?

STACEY  
Stop playing coy with us.

SKYLAR  
Who the heck is coy?

STACEY  
Sky?

SKYLAR  
Okay, fine  
(holding back her laugh)  
we talked about it briefly.  
Well, he talked about it and I  
listened. He said he wants to  
pick up where we left off.

TAYLOR  
So why don't you?

SKYLAR  
Cause maybe I'm on rebound  
mode?

STACEY  
Or maybe you're just trying to  
upset us. Don't upset your  
parents young lady.

They made it to the restaurant, the door was propped open  
with a sign: 'NO A/C, but still cool inside'. It made them  
pause. Taylor looked at them.

TAYLOR  
Y'all wanna stay?

SKYLAR  
Mmm, I'm tried of walking. I  
feel cool air coming from  
inside.

STACEY  
I'll bet you're tired.

SKYLAR

STOP IT!

She said and lightly punched her in the arm. Taylor stepped inside and was surprised at how cool it felt. She turned and motioned to them to come in as she turned to walk in. Light sound of 80's/90's hits were playing on the speaker.

GREETER

Hi ladies, come on in. We apologize for the inconvenience but as a thank you for your patronage today we are offering you half off your lunch menu meal.

They walked in, ordered at the counter then walked over to a table by the window and seated themselves.

SKYLAR

So when we got there last night  
(she started as if they were already in mid conversation)  
I didn't hear him at the door so he had left.

TAYLOR

What!?

SKYLAR

Wait a minute. So he went to his car and called me, I was like omg, why is he calling? I thought he was calling to cancel.

As she was giving them the run down of the previous night their food and drinks were being placed on the table.

SKYLAR (CONT'D)

So we're at the restaurant and we're talking and some stuff he was saying was making me a little heated.

STACEY

Okay but none of that mattered, so go on.

TAYLOR

Right.

They high-fived each other.

SKYLAR

Anyway, as I was saying, it's like we haven't really lost any time. Like we're right where we're supposed to be. But, you don't think I still need closure?

TAYLOR

Sis, are you serious?

STACEY

Here you go with this again.

SKYLAR

Anyway, forgive me for feeling the way that I do. We talked about that too and he's more understanding than you two.

STACEY

Welp, it's a good thing he is cause you trippin'

TAYLOR

Sis, don't mess this up again.

SKYLAR

What!? Again!?

TAYLOR

Yes, again. Do this right this time so we can stick to our pact.

STACEY

What pact?

SKYLAR

Oh lawd, not this again.

STACEY

There's a pact? Why don't I know about this pact? We've been best friends...

SKYLAR

It's nothing...

TAYLOR

Nothing!?

SKYLAR  
Yes, nothing.

STACEY  
Well tell me what it is so I  
can say nothing or not.

SKYLAR  
UGH.

Rolling her eyes.

STACEY  
I'll be the tie breaker, the  
one who says do it or not.

TAYLOR  
Okay, sounds fair.

SKYLAR  
What!? Are you kidding me?

Their lunch was almost over which meant they packed up their  
foods, paid and left.

While walking back Tay felt like if she explained their pact  
Stacey was more likely to side with her. So she talked as  
they walked and kept glancing at her twin for a disruption  
but, nothing. When she finished telling Stacey about the  
pact, she asked:

TAYLOR  
So, what you think? It's  
doable now right?

She asked excitedly while looking at Stacey.

STACEY  
Wow! You 2 had no lives as  
kids.

She laughed.

SKYLAR  
That's what I said, we were  
lame and I can't believe she  
expects me to talk with Joseph  
about getting married already.

STACEY  
Well, the married part I can  
see you waiting but...

SKYLAR

Yes!

TAYLOR

Really!?

STACEY

Well, hold up, the time frame  
is a lil off though.

SKYLAR

Right!?

TAYLOR

Why? We're both finally happy  
with the men we love, they  
love us and that's all that  
matters.

SKYLAR

The timing is off like she  
said.

TAYLOR

Whatever, there's no better  
time.

STACEY

Well, I mean, for you maybe  
but for Sky and Joe they need  
more time to reacquaint, last  
night not included,  
(she said with emphasis)  
themselves and their  
relationship.

SKYLAR

Whatever. I thought you were  
siding with me?

TAYLOR

Well, she's certainly not  
siding with me.

STACEY

Well, both of you have valid  
points.

SKYLAR

Seriously?

STACEY

Yes, and I would say let's discuss them after work but ion know? I maybe riding home alone now.

SKYLAR

Oh yeah, that reminds me.

STACEY

Sky, seriously? I'm so hurt.

SKYLAR

I mean, I'm not sure, he may have to work late.

TAYLOR

So, while you ladies ponder, it's time for me to go my separate way.

She said as she walked into her office building and walked across the street and went inside theirs.

When Sky got to her office she noticed the door was open. She glanced around but everything seemed normal, she walked in and immediately seen the flowers on her desk. She sat down and read the card. Blushing she picked up her desk phone, called his cell and left him a voicemail.

SKYLAR

Thank you so much, I love them and I love you.

She said before thinking, once she caught herself she hung up. She quickly snapped a picture and forwarded it in the group message with the words: 'this was on my desk'. Almost immediately she got texts back.

Sitting her cell phone down she signed in to her computer and got back to work.

Looking at this cell phone screen Joseph saw a voicemail message left from Sky.

SCREEN SWITCH - JOE'S WORKPLACE:

JOSEPH

Is there anyway we'll be able to wrap this project up by 5:00?

He asked aloud to no one in particular. No one answered but it prompted others to chime in also. Being 2nd in command on this particular project meant he should have some say on the time frame. He walked around from desk to desk checking with his team to see if they needed anything.

TODD  
My Gillium?

TODD, a tall slender built young man with a whisp of facial hair.

JOSEPH  
Call me Joe, what's up?

Todd began to explain to Joe what he had done on the computer and ask him about some technical issue he had encountered.

TODD  
Okay, so they just need to log in?

JOSEPH  
Yes, and they should be set.

TODD  
Cool beans.

They both stood and waited for the employee to log in; with no problems Todd headed back to the office.

Joe continued to walk and assist the rest of his team until all his people were completed and headed back to their office.

He took out his cell phone and sent Sky a message about riding together and smiled.

SKYLAR  
Up,  
(reading her text)  
Stacey's gonna kill me.

STACEY  
Thank you for calling, this is  
Ms. Cartwright how may I  
assist you?

SKYLAR  
Hey love.

STACEY  
Nooo! No! Sky no!



SKYLAR

Hun, I'm sorry but aren't you  
the one saying go for it?  
That's what...

STACEY

UGH, I knew my words would  
come back to bite me  
(she exhaled loudly)  
fine, only because I love you  
guys I'll let it go.

SKYLAR

Thanks love, I knew you'd  
understand.

STACEY

But don't take away my lunch  
hour, I'll scratch his eyes  
out.

SKYLAR

Thanks for understanding hun,  
love you.

STACEY

Mhmm, I guess so, bye love.

She heard Sky laughing as she hung the phone up, wanting to  
finish her assignment before 5 she put her cell back in her  
desk.

Knock, knock, knock.

SKYLAR

Hey baby,  
(looking up from her  
computer)  
come in.

JOSEPH

Hey beautiful, you ready to  
go?

SKYLAR

Yes, I didn't notice the time.

She glanced at her watch, shut down her computer, grabbed  
her things and they headed to the elevator.

SKYLAR

Hey hun.

She said as she and Joseph walked into the parking lot behind Stacey.

STACEY  
(turning to see the new  
couple)  
Hey guys.

JOSEPH  
Stacey.

SKYLAR  
So you're not mad at me  
anymore?

STACEY  
Who could be mad at this?

She was smiling so hard you would've thought she fixed them up together.

STACEY (CONT'D)  
UGH, you guys are so totes  
adorbs.

SKYLAR  
Ha, okay.

STACEY  
Why you say it like that?

SKYLAR  
Cause you say that like  
there's a baby around.

STACEY  
A baby,  
(she inhaled)  
you guys?

SKYLAR  
Ha, bye Stace.

They laughed, Joseph opened Skylar's door, she got in as he walked around to his door he said:

JOSEPH  
Bye Stace.

SKYLAR  
I apologize for Stacey.

JOSEPH

Why? That was cute, crazy but cute.

SKYLAR

Ha, Stacey will have us married if you don't watch her.

JOSEPH

Annddd what's wrong with that?

She looked at him in shock.

SKYLAR

Nothing. Nothing. Nothing.

She shook her head and closed her eyes. When she opened them they were parked in front of his apartment building. The car was still running and the air was still on, she didn't realize she had fallen asleep.

JOSEPH

Hey sleepyhead  
(getting back into the car)  
someone had a long day.

SKYLAR

I apologize, I didn't realize I had fallen asleep.

JOSEPH

You don't have to apologize.  
If you're sleepy go to sleep.  
Hope you don't mind I stopped by my place to pick up a few things.

SKYLAR

Mmhmm, like what? Clothes to leave at my place?

JOSEPH

Hahaha, babe you're cute why would you say it like that?

SKYLAR

Really, is that what you went to get?

JOSEPH

No, it isn't.

SKYLAR

Mmhmm, whatever you say.

He stopped the car put it in park, grabbed his duffle from the back seat, unzipped it and pulled out workout clothes. Threw them back in the bag and in the back seat then started to drive.

SKYLAR (CONT'D)

That was so extra.

She said trying to fight back tears. She closed her eyes again and this time pretended to fall asleep.

Parked outside Joseph kissed Skylar before she got out the car and he watched her walk into her door.

SOMETIME LATER - TRIPLE SPLIT SCREEN:

STACEY

So when is the big day?

SKYLAR

Stace please.

STACEY

Aww, hun you don't have to beg, I'll be your maid of honor.

SKYLAR

Ha, you're petty.

TAYLOR

Exactly, cause you'll be pulling double duty.

They all laughed.

SKYLAR

I don't know why I'm laughing with you 2 crazies, Joseph is not about to propose to me.

TAYLOR

How do you know Sky?

STACEY

Ask him.

SKYLAR

That's a negative.

STACEY

No, not propose to him, ask him if he's thinking about marriage. How he feels about it.

SKYLAR

I'm not gonna ask him that.

STACEY

What are you afraid of?

TAYLOR

Exactly, it's not like he hasn't asked before.

SKYLAR

So with that you think it's okay to ask him: hey, you plan on marrying me still?

She said in a deep voice mocking Joseph.

TAYLOR/STACEY

YES!

The 2 of them burst out laughing.

SKYLAR

I can't.

TAYLOR

Why not?

SKYLAR

I'm talking about deal with you two.

TAYLOR

Oh, girl if you're scared I can ask Jason to ask him since they're at the gym together working out.

SKYLAR

No Tay, that's fine. You guys make me seem like a desperate, lost, scared puppy.

STACEY

Well you're not a puppy.

SKYLAR

Are you kidding me?

TAYLOR  
Stacey watch it, she's not  
lost either.

The 2 laughed again.

SKYLAR  
You 2 are so not funny.

Just then her other lined clicked. she was getting another  
call.

SKYLAR (CONT'D)  
I'm getting another call.

TAYLOR  
It's probably bae.

STACEY  
Right onn.

SKYLAR  
Anyway, I'll talk to you  
comedians later.

She clicked over and that's when she saw it was Chance.

SKYLAR (CONT'D)  
Hello?

CHANCE  
Hey babe, what's up?

SKYLAR  
What do you want Chance?

Looking lost and bewildered she almost laughed thinking  
about her conversation with Taylor and Stacey.

CHANCE  
I'm just touching bases with  
you babe, I...

She cut him off.

SKYLAR  
Ha, are you kidding me right  
now?

CHANCE  
What chu' talkin' 'bout babe?

SKYLAR

Chance, you forget I just saw you. You now what, it doesn't matter.

CHANCE

Why you talking to me like this Sky?

SKYLAR

Are you kidding me right now?

CHANCE

Whaaa?

SKYLAR

You call me and trip about my Sunday brunches with my sister. Making like it was my fault.

She stopped herself from getting emotional.

SKYLAR (CONT'D)

And I don't hear from you in weeks. But see you sucking face with with some fake haired chick.

He tried to interrupt but she was on a roll and continued.

SKYLAR (CONT'D)

Now you're acting like nothing happened. Who ever you were with must have broken up with you?

CHANCE

I know baby, I messed up, but...

SKYLAR

No, no you didn't, I did and I thank you for correcting my mess up.

CHANCE

Wha' chu' talkin' 'bout Sky?

SKYLAR

What I'm talking about Chuck  
(she threw that in just  
to be facetious)  
is closure. So, whoever she  
was you called yourself  
dumping me for go back to her.

CHANCE

Is that what you thought, I  
dumped you? Nah, babe...

SKYLAR

So you thought the grass was  
greener? Whatever the case  
Chance, I'm done. You've moved  
on and I'm doing the same.

CHANCE

What you cheating on me  
(he asked in a joking  
manner)  
I was trippin' babe, I  
apologize but, I didn't dump  
you. I just needed time to  
think.

SKYLAR

Chance, delete my number,  
forget you ever met me, enjoy  
the rest of your life with  
whoever she is, bye Chance.

As she hung up, her doorbell rang. She went to answer it and  
was surprised to see Chance.

SKYLAR

What are you doing here  
Chance?

He was standing at the door with his backpack on his  
shoulder. She stepped out the door and closed it behind her.  
She glanced around to see if anyone was outside.

CHANCE

What are doing babe? You don't  
want me to go in?

SKYLAR

No, why are you here?



CHANCE

Why not,  
    (he tried to walk past  
    her)  
you have someone in there?

SKYLAR

What business is that of  
yours?

He kept trying to push past her to go inside but she wasn't having it.

SKYLAR (CONT'D)

Chance, just go.

She stepped back, quickly opened the door, stepped in backwards and closed it just as quickly.

SKYLAR (CONT'D)

Phew!

She locked the door, exhaled and picked up her cellphone. Before she could dial and conference with Taylor and Stacey her doorbell rang again.

SKYLAR (CONT'D)

Go away Chance!

She yelled; he started knocking. She walked closer to the door in case he didn't hear her.

SKYLAR (CONT'D)

Get away from my door Chance.

JOSEPH

Sky, it's me.

SKYLAR

Oh my gawd, baby,  
    (she opened the door)  
I'm sorry. I thought you were  
never mind. Hey baby.

She was relieved it was Joe and it almost made her want to cry again.

JOSEPH

What's going on? Are you okay?

He walked in, dropped his duffle bag and grabbed her in a hug that almost swallowed her whole petite body.

JOSEPH (CONT'D)  
Your ex was here?

He was looking around to see if anything was out of place.  
Holding her out at arms length checking to see if she was hurt.

SKYLAR  
I'm fine baby, he was here and  
I was,  
    (she was shaking and took  
    a deep breath)  
I was a lil flustered.

JOSEPH  
But you're okay?

He hugged her again, she didn't even care that he was sweaty and smelly.

SKYLAR  
I am baby, I'm fine.

Finally starting to calm down she took a step back, smiled and he kissed her forehead.

JOSEPH  
I'm sorry I grabbed you, I  
wasn't thinking about my  
sweaty shirt.

SKYLAR  
It's fine, I haven't showered  
yet, so you're good.

JOSEPH  
Oh you haven't huh?

He said with a sly look on his face.

SKYLAR  
No, I haven't.

JOSEPH  
I'm good huh?

SKYLAR  
Yep, you're good.

She headed toward her room smiling and he followed.

HOURS LATER

Sitting on her sofa eating Chinese take out.

JOSEPH  
So you still don't?

SKYLAR  
No, I still don't.

JOSEPH  
You and your lil quirks are so cute.

SKYLAR  
You can't make me believe I'm the only person that doesn't like eating in bed.

JOSEPH  
Yes babe, I believe you are.

SKYLAR  
I'm not. Whatever baby.

They laughed and ate.

JOSEPH  
So, are you gonna to tell me what happened earlier before I got here?

SKYLAR  
Nothing baby, I handled it.

JOSEPH  
No offense babe, you shouldn't have had to handle it.

SKYLAR  
What does that mean?

JOSEPH  
Sky, don't try to flip this and turn it into an argument.

SKYLAR  
I'm not, I'm just trying to figure out what you're trying to say.

JOSEPH  
Sky?

He put his chops sticks down.

SKYLAR

Baby,  
(she took a deep breath,  
put her sticks down,  
grabbed his hands and  
explained the whole  
incident.)  
and that was it.

JOSEPH

Mhmm.

He released her hands, stood up and started to clear the food and dishes away.

SKYLAR

Are you upset with me?

JOSEPH

No, I'm upset with me.

SKYLAR

Why? Don't be upset with him  
either.

She laughed but he didn't.

JOSEPH

I could've been here. I  
should've been here!

SKYLAR

Okay, again, why?

JOSEPH

If I hadn't been standing  
outside talking to Jason I  
would've been here.

SKYLAR

Okay, baby, I understand your  
thinking that but what I don't  
understand is why you think  
that.

JOSEPH

Do you know if I had gotten  
here and so much as a hair was  
messed up on your head I  
would've hunted 2 chains down.

They both laughed.

JOSEPH (CONT'D)  
It's not funny babe, I'm so  
serious right now.

SKYLAR  
You're right baby and thank  
you so much. I love you for  
that but, I handled it.

JOSEPH  
You handled it?

He said mocking her?

SKYLAR  
Yup, your girl handled her  
business.

They both laughed again, he picked her up and they kissed.

HOURS LATER

STACEY (OTP)  
I knew you didn't need a ride  
that's why I didn't come your  
way.

SKYLAR (OTP)  
Aww, love, don't act like  
that.

STACEY  
Whatev's just make sure tall,  
dark and handsome know that  
lunchtime is mine.

SKYLAR  
Hahaha, he know's.

STACEY  
No no tell'em. I wanna know  
what he has to say.

SKYLAR  
He'll probably just laugh at  
you.

JOSEPH  
Tell me what?

SKYLAR  
Stacey said

**EXT RESTAURANT - DAY**

Skylar and Taylor sitting at a table having Sunday brunch.

TAYLOR

He did! Eeee, I'm so excited.

SKYLAR

Ooookkkk.

TAYLOR

What's wrong now? You're not gonna overthink and analyze it to death or you?

SKYLAR

No, what are you talking about? I'm so sick...

TAYLOR

Because that's what you do Sky.

SKYLAR

...sick of people acting like they know me.

TAYLOR

Because in some instances we do Sky.

(she reached over to pat her sister's hand)

Answer me this, do you love him?

SKYLAR

Of course I do.

TAYLOR

And you believe he loves you?

SKYLAR

Of course.

TAYLOR

Then think about this, what would stop you from marrying him?

They looked at each other in silence.

SKYLAR

Is it crazy that I'm nervous?

TAYLOR  
No, not at all, just between  
us, I'm nervous too.

SKYLAR  
Really?

TAYLOR  
Yes.

SKYLAR  
Why are you nervous? You and  
Jason are like the perfect  
couple. Another mom and dad.

They both took deep breaths remembering their parents  
perfect marriage.

TAYLOR  
Yeah he is great, I think it's  
just the excitement of it all.

SKYLAR  
Okay.  
(still not convinced she  
just sat there picking at  
her food)  
I guess that's what it is for  
me too, nerves.

TAYLOR  
Yeah that's all. You wanna  
know what else?

SKYLAR  
Sure.

TAYLOR  
I still have our wedding  
planners too.

SKYLAR  
Oh wow. You're a pact rat. Get  
it?

Skylar laughed at her own joke.

TAYLOR  
Remember we wanted matching  
dresses.

SKYLAR  
Wow, really? What color were  
the dresses? White!?

She said facetiously.

TAYLOR

They were and you should come by so we can go through that box. What's wrong?

SKYLAR

7 months, if I were still with Chance...

TAYLOR

We would not be having this conversation.

SKYLAR

Tsk, tsk, tsk poor Chuck.

TAYLOR

Eat your food.

They laughed and ate.

CROSSFADE:

**INT - TAYLOR'S T/H**

TAYLOR

I think she's coming around.

JASON

Coming around?

TAYLOR

Yeah she was scared at first, saying she needed closure from Chance.

JASON

And what changed?

TAYLOR

Joe didn't tell you what happened?

JASON

Oh with Sky and Chance at her condo? Yeah, he punched around the old bag at the gym to release that anger.



TAYLOR  
Awww, no one can say this  
isn't perfect timing.

JASON  
Welllll...

TAYLOR  
Well what? She and Joe have  
history, what do you mean by  
well?

JASON  
Whoa, don't get upset with me  
I'm just saying...

TAYLOR  
I'm not upset. But, am I the  
only person that thinks this  
is perfect timing?

JASON  
No you're not, but babe...

TAYLOR  
But what?

JASON  
But nothing.

TAYLOR  
No baby, go on. Did Joe say  
something? He's not ready? Go  
ahead and speak your mind.  
BUT!?

JASON  
Nothing babe.  
(he kissed her forehead,  
wiped his hands and said  
as he left the kitchen)  
if you're like this now,  
you're gonna be bridezilla  
when the time comes.

They had already had the marriage conversation so Jason felt  
it was safe to that.

TAYLOR  
I apologize baby. I'm just  
excited and a lil nervous at  
the same time.

JASON

It's fine  
(from another room)  
we're good.

TAYLOR

Can you take the box from the  
top of the hall closet please?

JASON

It's already on the coffee  
table.

TAYLOR

How did you know  
(she smiled to herself)  
never mind. Thanks baby.

JASON

No problem.

HOURS LATER

Taylor, Jason, Skylar and Joseph at the table eating and  
talking with the faint sound of CHH in the background.

JASON

Ladies, Joe and I have  
prepared some entertainment  
for you.

TAYLOR

Mmmm, this sounds promising.

SKYLAR

Right.

They all laughed.

JOSEPH

Not that kind of  
entertainment.

JASON

This is why we wanted to have  
dinner with you both.

Both men got down on 1 knee in front of them.

JOSEPH

Sky will you make me the  
happiest man on earth by  
letting me make you the  
happiest woman on earth?

SKYLAR

Welll,  
    (trying not to smile but  
    look serious)  
of course I will.

He put a 14k white gold Chanel set princess cut diamond on her finger.

SKYLAR (CONT'D)

It's beautiful.

JASON

Well, I guess this means I  
have to ask you Tay.  
    (he said joking)  
Babe, will you do me the honor  
of being my wife?

TAYLOR

YES!  
    (with tears in her eyes)  
Yes, yes, yes.

He put a 14k white gold bow-tie Chanel set diamond ring on her finger. They all stood, hugged and kissed.

TAYLOR

I can't believe this is really  
happening.

SKYLAR

It feels surreal.

The men started to clear the table.

JASON

You two gonna be okay?

SKYLAR

Yes, and when did you guys  
plan this?

JOSEPH

At the gym, that's when I came  
over late.

SKYLAR

Welp, this has made it all  
better.

TAYLOR

So now we need to start the real planning. Ugh, I haven't even updated my budget page.

SKYLAR

So you had been updating things all this time?

TAYLOR

Oh course...

JASON

Wait! What about a budget?

Jason returned to the room.

JOSEPH

What did I miss?

Returning to the room after Jason.

JASON

Nothing. The brides to be were just saying they can work with their budgets.

Joseph typing on his cell phone and laid it on the table.

TAYLOR

We...

JASON

That's the amount my man Joe and I came up with and we feel...

TAYLOR

Oh yeah, that'll work.

As she got up to kiss Jason.

SKYLAR

Wow, guys, lemme find out you're rolling in money.

JOSEPH

Nah, nothing like that but, we knew this day would come.

TAYLOR

Aww, look at my baby all prepared and what-not.

SKYLAR  
Does this include the rings  
and what you guys have to do?

JASON  
Rings! You're wearing them.

JOSEPH  
And what do we have to do  
other than show up.

TAYLOR  
Don't play.

SKYLAR  
I know you're not partaking in  
this foolery.

TAYLOR  
You guys are cute, it's time  
to stop playing now. You, we  
all have plans to make.

TIME CUT: A few months later.

Stacey and Kelvin walking into Taylor and Jason's townhouse.

STACEY  
Hello brides to be.

TAYLOR  
Hey love, hi Kelvin.

SKYLAR  
Hey hun, hi Kelvin.

KELVIN  
Hey ladies, it was good seeing  
you two again but the guys are  
waiting for me outside.

TAYLOR  
You don't wanna stay and help  
us plan this triple wedding?

KELVIN  
Triple?

SKYLAR  
Yeah, Stace said it's gonna be  
a triple with you guys too.

KELVIN

Oh,  
     (beads of sweat formed on  
     his head)  
 she did?

STACEY

Now you know better than that  
     (she kissed him and said)  
 go on so they don't leave you.

He walked out the door.

SKYLAR

Did you see how hard he was  
 sweating?

TAYLOR

Yeah, did, you see how fast  
 she sent him outta here?

SKYLAR

Right.

STACEY

Bite your twin tongues. Let's  
 just finish these plans you  
 two mess pots.

JUMP CUT TO: Guys in the car with Jason driving.

JASON

So Kelvin, you and Stace huh?

KELVIN

Yeah. So you guys nervous?

JASON

Uh uh, we're asking the  
 questions here sir.

Looking at Joseph both trying not to laugh.

KELVIN

Oookkkkk.

JOSEPH

So,  
     (chiming in)  
 what are your intentions for  
 our Stace?

KELVIN

Are you guys serious?

JOSEPH  
What did he just tell you  
about the questions?

JASON  
Oh yeah,  
    (they were still fighting  
    back laughs)  
we're serious. You think you  
can stay just friends after  
accompanying her to a double  
wedding?

KELVIN  
Uh, well...

JOSEPH  
Come on Kelvin you should know  
the answers to these  
questions.

KELVIN  
Well, you know...  
    (just then Joseph and  
    Jason burst out laughing)  
pew, man you guys had me  
about to cut out this car.

JASON  
Nah, man you're good.

KELVIN  
Man you 2 had me sweating  
harder than the women did.

JOSEPH  
Oh the ladies got you too?

KELVIN  
Yeah, man I don't think I've  
sweated this hard in the gym.

They all laughed.

KELVIN  
Mind if I ask where we're  
going?

JASON  
But still questions Kel.

He glanced in the rear view mirror to see Kelvin was  
starting to sweat again.

KELVIN

Man you guys are wildin'.

JOSEPH

We're going to make wedding arrangements.

He looked at Jason and they smiled. A few moments later the guys were sitting at a table in a bar laughing.

JUMP CUT TO:

Valentine's day was here which meant the twins wedding and birthdays were here.

STACEY

Aww, you two look so beautiful.

TAYLOR/SKYLAR

Thank you.

STACEY

I'm gonna leave now so we can get started.

TAYLOR/SKYLAR

Okay.

TAYLOR

Are you ready to walk me down the aisle?

SKYLAR

Yes, are you ready to walk me down the aisle?

TAYLOR

Yes.

They grabbed each other by the hand and left the room headed toward the sanctuary.

JUMP CUT TO:

The church reception hall was filled with people dancing, eating, talking and mingling. The brides and grooms were in the center of the floor. Everywhere you looked there were heart shaped balloons and cherubs and cupids.

TAYLOR

So what are the honeymoon plans?



JASON  
It's still a surprise.

TAYLOR  
Sky, I tried, did you have any  
luck?

SKYLAR  
Nope, why so secretive  
husband?

JOSEPH  
Because I want you to be  
surprised wife.

They smiled at each other and kissed.

JASON  
So stop asking wives.

TAYLOR  
Ok husbands.

JASON  
Thank you wife. I like the  
sound of that.

TAYLOR  
Yes, me too.

As they kissed Stacey and Kelvin maneuvered to the center of  
the floor.

STACEY  
Hey if you guys don't leave  
soon you'll miss your flights.

SKYLAR  
To the mystery place we have  
no idea where.

TAYLOR  
Do you know  
(looking at Stacey and  
Kelvin)  
where we're going?

STACEY  
No they wouldn't tell me  
either.

JASON  
You just said you would stop  
asking.

TAYLOR

Yeah well, you didn't say  
anything about Stacey or  
Kelvin.

STACEY

Kelvin, do you know where  
they're going?

KELVIN

Yeah, I do.

STACEY

Where, tell me, I won't tell  
them.

KELVIN

Nope, you'll see when we get  
there next weekend.

STACEY

Wait, what?

TAYLOR/SKYLAR

Awww.

JASON

My man

(he high fived Kelvin)  
you decided to join us huh?

KELVIN

The way I see it  
(he fist bumped Joseph)  
we'll be together the weekend  
anyway. Right?

He asked Stacey. All the ladies smiled then Stacey and  
Kelvin kissed.

THE END