

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

Yessss, 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

Mmhmm, 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 my 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 than 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

Wellll,
(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 to 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 seen.

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

Mmhmm, 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'l 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 excitingly 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

Mmhmm, 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 doens'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 chop 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

Mmhmm.

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

Oooookkk.

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

Wellll...

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
Mmmmm, 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

Well,
(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)

phew, 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