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'Carl'

→ NAOMI
Hello, Carl.

CARL
Hi. Just getting some tea.

NAOMI
(struggling)
So...we're all looking forward to the wedding.

CARL
Oh. Yes. Glad you can come.

NAOMI
Well. I hope you enjoy your time off.

CARL
(frightened)
Are you firing me?

NAOMI
No, I meant for your honeymoon.

CARL
Oh, thank you. We got a great deal on a cruise. I know, you're thinking, "Carl, it's hurricane season," but Denise says she's got a real good hunch about the Bermuda Empress.

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NAOMI
It's funny how those hunches work.

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CARL
(dunking his tea bag)
Yeah...

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Carl smiles at her. Naomi smiles back, trying not to jump out of her skin.

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INT. DR. SILVERMAN'S OFFICE - DAY (D-2)

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Jake enters a nicely appointed psychologist's office, followed by DR. SILVERMAN, late 50's, warm, bookish. Silverman closes the door.

JAKE
Thanks for seeing me, Dr. Silverman.

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He finally frees the watch, pulling some hair out with it. They both force a smile as she exits into the bathroom. On Jake's frozen smile..

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21 INT. WEDDING HALL - DAY (D-3) 21

Several rows of chairs face a flowered altar. GUESTS mill about. Naomi sips a glass of water, smiles uncomfortably at people. She looks at her watch as Carl approaches her.

CARL

→ Hi, Naomi. Thanks for our little talk yesterday. *

NAOMI

(stiffly)
Well, Carl...I enjoyed it too.

CARL

Good. Because I've got this little problem and I would really appreciate your advice.

NAOMI

All right...what is it?

CARL

(panicked)
I'm having second thoughts about getting married.

NAOMI

Oh. Well, um...

CARL

(clutching her arm)
I've never been that attracted to her and she can be a bit of a bully and I think her mother has that Munchausen thing --

NAOMI

(incredulous)
Oh you have got to be kidding! I'm not interested in this. Now you go up there, get married and leave me alone!

CARL

(a beat)
You're absolutely right. Buck up, Carl. Great advice. Thanks for being a friend.

Carl crosses away.

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CHLOE
(to Jake)
Would you mind if I grabbed a seat? I
want to go over my argument until the
ceremony starts.

JAKE
Sure, go ahead.

CHLOE
Thanks.
(to Naomi)
Nice meeting you.

She crosses off.

NAOMI
Chloe...the UBZ? Out in broad
daylight? What gives?

JAKE
We're dating. She's kind of my
girlfriend.
(grimacing)
Ow, I got that burn again.

NAOMI
Wow. That's not a jump I've ever made.
There's a reason I only have those
relationships in the middle of the
night.

JAKE
(uncomfortable)
Is the air conditioning broken or
something?

NAOMI
Take Ronnie Warner for instance,
definitely belonged in the dark --
sweaty, bald, big conspiracy nut...
(beat)
God, he was hot.

As Jake dabs his brow...

CUT TO:

22 INT. WEDDING HALL - DAY (D-3)

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Carl and his BRIDE stand at the altar, flanked by Jake, OTHER
GROOMSMEN and BRIDESMAIDS. A MINISTER stands in the middle.

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MINISTER

→ ...Entwined together for eternity. And now Carl and Denise have both written personal vows which they will read to each other.

Jake, sweating, spots Chloe sitting in the crowd. Oblivious, she silently mouths her closing argument to an imaginary jury.

CARL

I remember that day in accounts receivable when you first said you would be my girlfriend. And I knew right then that *this* day was inevitable.

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Jake looks at Chloe again; she is becoming more impassioned, sternly poking her finger in the air to make a point. Jake exhales, tries to breathe through the mounting anxiety.

CARL (cont'd)

From then on, our love was like an avalanche, unstoppable, from girlfriend to wife to life partner, bound now to each other forever...

Jake looks at Chloe -- her face is now contorted in anger as she sums up. Jake starts to hyperventilate.

CARL (cont'd)

...and EVER and EVER and EVER...

Jake undoes his tie, feels for his pulse on his neck.

CARL (cont'd)

...and it all started the day you said you'd be my girlf--

Jake grabs the Minister, pulling him down with him as we...

FADE TO BLACK.

23 INT. WEDDING HALL - DAY/LATER (D-3)

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People mill about as Jake and Chloe sit alone among the now empty chairs. Jake has a cold towel on his forehead.

JAKE

Well, that's a first. I've never actually ruined a wedding before.

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