

INT. SCHOOL HALLWAY - LATER

THERESA SITS ON A BENCH IN THE MAIN LOBBY OF THE SCHOOL OUTSIDE CARRIE'S CLASSROOM. SHE'S BREATHING HEAVILY WITH HER EYES CLOSED. TEDDY WALKS BACK FROM THE BATHROOM AND SEES HER.

TEDDY

Hey, T. You alright?

THERESA

(PULLS HERSELF TOGETHER) Me? Yeah. I'm fine. I'm... good. (BEAT) I'm blessed.

TEDDY

I didn't realize that "blessed" and "about to puke" looked so similar. (THEN) Seriously. What's going on?

THERESA

(SIGHS) I don't know if I can do this.

TEDDY

Yeah, I know what you mean. That assessment test kicked my ass.

THERESA

Not the test! My life. Being on my own. Not having Randy there to take care of everything. It's scary. You know he still comes to the house every day? He lets himself in with his key, eats my food, watches my TV!

TEDDY

Ooh, I bet you go *Real Housewives* on him, don't you?

THERESA

I made him brownies last night.

TEDDY

Well, tell him you want that key back!

THERESA

I should! But I can't. Because as much as I hate him being there, I don't think I can do this.

TEDDY

Let me tell you something. When I saw Lisa for the first time, sitting at the bar, Birkin Bag, Louboutins, finer than any woman I'd ever seen, I thought, "You can't talk to that girl. She's way out of your league!"

THERESA

I've seen her picture. She really is.

TEDDY

Then I remembered a famous quote I once read. Whether you think you can or you think you can't, you're right. I told myself, "I think I can." I walked up to her, made her laugh, got her digits and fell in love.

THERESA

Wow. Where did you read that quote?

TEDDY

Snapple cap. I also learned that the lollipop was invented in Connecticut and that a strawberry's not really a berry. But those didn't help me nab my soulmate. (BEAT) You got this, T. You just gotta think you can.

THERESA

(BEAT) Why don't you tell Lisa the truth? About coming to night school?

TEDDY

Lisa's not the type of girl to mess with a dummy who dropped out. No. She's got high standards. And she should. She deserves the best. And once I get this diploma and that new job, I'll be the man she deserves.

THERESA TAKES THIS IN AS MILA POPS HER HEAD OUT OF THE CLASS.

END SCENE

INT. TEDDY'S PLACE - LATER

A NICE APARTMENT. LISA (30'S, SOPHISTICATED, PRETTY AND, LET'S BE HONEST, A LITTLE OUT OF TEDDY'S LEAGUE) SITS ON THE SOFA WITH HER LAPTOP. TEDDY ENTERS, A BIT DOWN.

LISA

Hi, baby. Sales meeting got out early?

TEDDY

Yeah. Boss wasn't feeling it tonight.

LISA

Okay. So, I was thinking. I know it's a little more expensive, but what do you think about a house with a pool?

TEDDY

Pool? I don't know. When I was a kid everyone used kids who had pools. Pretended to be their friend on hot days and then threw rocks at them in the winter. No. No pool. I want to know my friends like me for me!

LISA

(LAUGHS) I had a pool all through high school. No one ever used me!

TEDDY

(TEASING) Are you sure? Hmm? What, you think they were all interested in your personality? Your looks? Hate to break it to you, but you were being played.

(MORE)

TEDDY (CONT'D)

Hell, I only asked you out because I was hoping you had a pool.

LISA

(LAUGHS) Well, I didn't care if you had a pool. I simply fell for you.

SHE KISSES HIM AND GOES BACK TO HER COMPUTER. SHE REALLY LOVES HIM. TEDDY STARES AT HER PENSIVELY FOR A BEAT.

TEDDY

It's funny you bring up high school. Did I ever tell you about my high school? (BEAT) It's actually something I've been wanting to talk to you about. You see, in my senior year I--

LISA

Look at this! Three-bed, two-bath, pool, hot tub, walk-in closet! I know it's a little out of our price range, but you're killing it at the store and next year you're due for another raise! We can grow old in a place like this, baby! What do you think?

SHE LOOKS AT HIM HOPEFULLY.

TEDDY

(BEAT) I think you deserve the best.

LISA SQUEALS AND HUGS HIM. TEDDY LOOKS BROKEN.

END SCENE