IT'S COMPLICATED

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1 EXT. BEACH HOUSE - MONTECITO, CALIFORNIA - DAY

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A late afternoon sky, a red tile roof and the Santa Barbara coast line frame this party of old friends. A trio plays Brazilian music as guests carry drinks and nibble on dessert.

2 CLOSE - ON A FOURSOME OF FRIENDS

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The Couple who live in this house, SALLY AND TED, drink champagne as they chat with their closest friends, JANE AND JAKE.

JANE is mid-fifties and has embraced that fact. She knows 50 is not the new 40 and because of that, she is still described by all who know her as beautiful. Everything about this woman's appearance screams "solid."

The years have been good to JAKE. He's never lost his looks, his killer smile, or his ability to charm. He lifts his glass of champagne.

JAKE

Happy happy happy...

**JANE** 

(reminding him)

-- Anniversary.

Jake pauses, wryly turns to Jane, making her smile.

**JAKE** 

Some things never change.

SALLY

Thank God.

JANE

I thought maybe you were drifting.

TED

He was pausing.

JAKE

Exactly....

(sighs, raising his glass)
Happy... Anniversary. You two have
led an extraordinarily blessed
life.

(MORE)

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JAKE (cont'd)

As long as I've known you both, you've always managed to somehow do everything entirely right.

**JANE** 

-- That's so true.

**JAKE** 

But, honestly, how can it be thirty years!?! When did we do that trip to Spain?

(looks to Jane)

It was for both of our what..?

JANE

-- Fifteenth anniversaries.

JAKE

God, that was a great trip...

The Two Women exchange a quick look when a tall, ADORABLE 21 YEAR OLD BOY joins the group, holding a bottle of beer. This is OLIVER, Sally and Ted's son. All four light up as Oliver puts his arm around his Mom.

**JANE** 

Ollie, how was graduation?

OLIVER

It was fantastic. I can't believe I'm not in school anymore. When's Luke's graduation?

JAKE

Next week.

**JANE** 

(correcting him)
It's in three days!

JAKE

Sorry! I mean this week.

TED

Are the girls going?

**JANE** 

They can't wait.

Jane glances across the party and sees AGNESS, A FREE SPIRITED PRETTY WOMAN in her thirties, wearing a sarong over a bathing suit and walking directly toward them. She carries a slice of cake. Jane becomes instantly distracted and uncomfortable.

OLIVER

How long is Luke home before he has to go back for work?

**JANE** 

-- Only a week...

SALLY

Aw, that's it?

JANE

I know, I hate it. Well...

(Agness joins the group,

standing next to Jake)

Congrats again...

(puts down her champagne)

Great party...

OLIVER

You're leaving?

JANE

Yeah, I have some

(Agness hands Jake a piece of cake. Jane works hard at not appearing

flustered)

-- stuff I have to get done tonight

for work...

(to Jake & Agness)

I'll see you two in New York.

**AGNESS** 

Absolutely. Lookin' forward to it.

JANE

Good. Well....

AGNESS

-- Jane, what are you wearing to the graduation?

JANE

Oh, a suit or dress, probably a suit.

**AGNESS** 

Fancy. Okay.

Jane smiles tightly, raises her eyebrows to Sally.

JAKE

See you there, Janey. Where are you staying again?

JANE

We're at The Park Regent. You said you were at The Four Seasons, right?

JAKE

I don't know.

(to Agness)

Where are we?

**AGNESS** 

We're at The Park Regent too.

**JANE** 

(hates this)

Oh. Good. That'll be convenient, actually. Okay, so, see you soon.. (waves awkwardly)

SALLY

-- I'll walk you out.

As they WALK AWAY, they HEAR:

**AGNESS** 

So, Ted, do you think you can help us get Pedro into El Montecito for kindergarten?

ANGLE - JANE AND SALLY - WALKING INTO HOUSE

SALLY

(laughs)

I thought it was sweet how well you and Jake were getting along. Felt like old times.

**JANE** 

Yeah, well, we know how to do this by now. It has been ten years.

SALLY

That's crazy.

Jane hugs Sally good bye, her eyes landing on Agness affectionately rubbing Jake's back.

ANGLE - THE FRONT DOOR

as it closes after Jane.

ON JAKE - AS HE TURNS BACK

and sees Jane is gone.

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## 3 TWENTY-THREE YEAR OLD GABBY

in jeans and a tank top CARRYING A CARTON OF BOOKS, A YOGA MAT AND A SMALL LAMP. Gabby is Jane and Jake's middle child. But unlike most middle children, this one has never suffered from being ignored. Not a possibility with Jane as your mother. We are:

EXT. JANE'S HOUSE - LATE DAY

The house is modest and charming and sits on a few acres in the lush green hills of Santa Barbara. Neat rows of vegetables dot the landscape.

Gabby arrives at her already packed Prius, where her OLDER SISTER, LAUREN, 26, is trying to fit everything into the trunk. Lauren is more conservatively dressed than Gabby and has an air of maturity about her.

#### LAUREN

Gabby, stop...you're never going to fit all this in... you can come back for the rest tomorrow.

**GABBY** 

I can't come back t---

Gabby looks up to see HARLEY, LAUREN'S FIANCE, in a T-shirt and over-the-knee gym shorts, lugging a huge suitcase down the front path, a duffel strapped across his chest.

GABBY

Oh, God...that's all my clothes.

HARLEY

(sets the suitcase down as
he sees an SUV heading to
the house)
 (MORE)

HARLEY(cont'd)

Okay, your Mom is home. She'll figure this out.

The SUV pulls to a stop, Jane gets out. Gabby starts pulling cartons out of her trunk to make room for her clothes.

**JANE** 

Gabby, you're leaving now? I thought you were going in the morning?

**GABBY** 

I know but my friends are all there and they wanted me to come tonight.

**JANE** 

But honey, it's gonna get dark soon. You can't see out the back window. It's Saturday night. People will be on the road drinking...

LAUREN

Mom, she'll be there in a couple of hours, she'll be fine.

**GABBY** 

Okay, I'm leaving this stuff here. I'll be back for it in a few days.

JANE

Want me to drive it down in the morning?

(Gabby's BLACKBERRY BUZZES, she laughs,

thumbs flying)

I could be there by lunch. We could go to that big Bed, Bath, and Beyond, buy kitchen stuff... Gabby, can you look up from that thing??

**GABBY** 

(looking up)

I got it covered, Ma.

(to Harley)

Hey gangsta, help me carry these...

HARLEY

(exhausted)

Yep....

Gabby and Harley CARRY THE BOXES back into the house. Jane seems worried as she watches them.

LAUREN Mom, are you afraid to sleep in the house alone?	•
JANE What are you? No!     (Lauren looks doubtful) I'm not! One of you is always moving out     (Gabby re-joins) But I am wondering who I'm gonna watch The Hills with?	3
GABBY (huge hug) Mamacita I'm gonna miss you.	,
her back, but is aware of not hugging too hard. ins the group.	•
GABBY Omigod. L.A.! Okay. I'm doing this.    (walks to her car) Mom, you don't happen to know where Dad is, do you? I tried calling him to say goodbye	7
JANE He was at Sally and Ted's.	
HARLEY He was? How was that? You and them at the same     (Jane turns to him) not that it's in any way, any of my was just	;
JANE It was   (notices both girls wait    for her answer) whatever. It was fine.	•
GABBY Was her lunatic child there?	•
JANE (laughs) Not this time. Gabby, call me when you get there. Do NOT forget. (MORE)	7

JANE (cont'd)

(Gabby texts, deep in convo)

Gabby!

GABBY \*

I will. I'll call you!

LAUREN

Knock 'em dead, little one.

HARLEY

And call <u>us</u> when you get there, too. And no texting and driving.

Jane loves that Harley said that. Gabby gets in her car and starts off.

HARLEY

(puts his arm around
 Jane's shoulder)

They grow up so friggin' fast. I hate it.

Gabby pulls out of the driveway and out of sight.

LAUREN

Maybe you should get a dog.

**JANE** 

Oh my God. Goodbye you two. Love you.

HARLEY

(heading for their car and getting into the passenger seat)

Love you boss!

As Lauren and Harley drive off, Jane turns and looks at her suddenly very empty nest.

4 INT. JANE'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

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A Woman's house. Books and art collected over years. Interesting, unexpected pieces of furniture. Jane kicks off her heels, now feeling *short* and alone. Deep breath!

5 INT. KITCHEN 5

Cramped, but clearly a cook's kitchen. The Kids have left a \*few glasses and plates on the island.

Jane gathers them and as she rinses them at the sink, she suddenly and surprisingly feels very alone. She pauses, allows herself the moment, then forces herself to snap out of it.

7 INT. THE BAKERY - MONTECITO - DAY

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This is Jane's other home. A large, bright, bustling BAKERY/RESTAURANT. The bakery counter could rival any in Paris. Last year, The New York Times rated Jane's pain au chocolat the best in the United States. A line waits to get in.

A very relaxed Jane is behind the busy counter, easily moving between her young staff. The atmosphere is efficient and friendly.

Jane adjusts a few signs on the counter, then reaches inside the display case, pulling out a tray of muffins topped with powdered sugar. She carries the tray to the open passthrough to the BUSY KITCHEN and calls to the head Baker.

**JANE** 

Reynaldo...

(nods to the muffins)

REYNALDO

Too much sugar.

**JANE** 

Little bit.

Reynaldo nods as Jane hands him the tray.

Jane notices a line waiting to get up to the bakery counter. Knowing what to do, Jane's staff has already set out cups of coffee with lids.

JANE

Who wants coffee while they're waiting?

Jane and the staff hand out the free coffee.

JANE WALKS THE COUNTER - MOMENTS LATER

refills a glass of water, checking on her customers.

JANE

(quietly to a Young Employee)

Check on table five, will you?

The Young Employee nods as Jane looks up and sees a MAN on the other side of the counter. They exchange polite hellos when Jane notices PETER, tan and confident, approaching her.

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**JANE** 

(all smiles)

Peter!

PETER joins ADAM, the man who stands across from Jane. Adam is handsome in a way that sneaks up on you. There's something reserved and refreshing about his demeanor. He holds rolled blueprints.

PETER

Jane, I can't remember, have you ever met Adam Schaeffer?

JANE

ADAM

No. Yes.

**ADAM** 

Well....

(shrugs awkwardly )

PETER

Look what we've got.

**ADAM** 

(raises the blueprints)

Your plans.

JANE

(to Peter)

So excited!

8 INT. JANE'S SMALL OFFICE - UPSTAIRS AT THE BAKERY

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A farmhouse table almost fills the room. On the walls, posters for Jane's two cookbooks, framed food photos and a few reviews.

Jane, Peter, and Adam sit around the table as Adam rolls out the blueprints in front of Jane.

JANE

(before she looks)
I've been thinking about this
addition for ten years.

Peter and Adam watch as Jane's eagle eye examines the plan.

JANE

Uh-huh, uh-huh. Oh, niiice....I like this wall of windows, Peter.

PETER

That was Adam actually.

JANE

Oh.

(still perusing, then to Peter)

<u>Love</u> where you put the stairs. That's so good!

PETER

Adam's idea...

Did she hear that?

**JANE** 

Oh my God, the kitchen! Finally - I have a real kitchen with four walls... It's...oh, wow...you actually understood what I wanted!

Jane looks to Peter with enormous appreciation. Peter looks to Adam.

PETER

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All Adam.

Jane turns to Adam.

**ADAM** 

I'm happy you like it.

JANE

(finally noticing him)

Okay. Hi.

(shakes his hand)

**ADAM** 

(laughs)

Hello.

JANE

You read all my e-mails.

ADAM

All 47 of them.

Jane smiles as her Office Manager sticks her head in the door.

OFFICE MANAGER

Jane, it's 10:15.

**JANE** 

It is?

(rises)

Oh, sorry, I have a 10:30... dentist. Can you leave these and I'll make a few notes? Well, actually, I have one tiny note now.

(to Adam, re: plan)
In my bathroom...um...no his and
her sinks.

**ADAM** 

Okay, sure. No his?

**JANE** 

Just hers.

ADAM

And you don't think in the future you might want a his?

JANE

Oh, God, we're talking code about my life, right?

ADAM

(laughs)

No, no, didn't mean to be.

JANE

The truth is, in my current bathroom, I have two sinks and sometimes the other sink makes me feel bad.

**ADAM** 

One sink. Not a problem. Can we schedule a meeting for next week? Does Tuesday work for you?

JANE

Tuesday's great. Eight-thirty too early? At the house?

**ADAM** 

I'll be there.

Way too chic for a dentist's office. Jane sits nervously in a chair in a well styled, well upholstered examination room. The door opens quickly and a handsome, crisp looking DOCTOR ENTERS.

**JANE** 

Hi.

DOCTOR

Hi. I'm Dr. Moss.

**JANE** 

(shaking his hand)
Hi. Jane Adler. So, I just wanted
to start with... and please don't
take this the wrong way but I'm the
type of person who kind of makes
fun of people who get plastic
surgery.

DR. MOSS

I understand.

**JANE** 

You do? Good, because, you know, some women can look a little fake and plasticky. And in my opinion --worse.

DR. MOSS

I agree.

**JANE** 

Oh, that's good, so, well, as against the whole thing as I am, I do have a problem that's been bugging me. My left eyelid is really saggy. I find I'm sometimes holding it up when I'm watching TV or reading and I was wondering if that's something you could fix.

DR. MOSS

(looking at her closely)
It's resting on your eye lashes.

**JANE** 

Is it?

DR. MOSS

(measures her lids with a very tiny ruler) Actually you have the same amount of excess skin on both sides.

**JANE** 

I do? Well, I'm only interested in fixing one eye.

DR. MOSS

Jane, what you need to fix this is a brow lift.

JANE

A brow lift? Wh-what is that exactly?

DR. MOSS

We surgically cut at your hair line. Incision goes right across here.

(demonstrates on himself
 by indicating a line
 drawn like a headband)
Then we just lift the skin up a

little tighter across the skull.

(Jane nods, already hating this)

We staple it back in place right above your ears. Recovery isn't all that bad but you could be fairly numb and you'll probably have a headache that lasts anywhere from say 3 to 6 months.

## 10 INT. ELEVATOR DOORS OPENING

Jane flies into the elevator, out of breath and a little nauseous. She taps on the Lobby button. The elevator moves down. PING. The DOORS OPEN and Jane looks into an empty hallway, facing a SIGN that reads, <u>Santa Barbara Fertility</u> Center. Helping Couples Become Parents.

Jane hears someone is about to get on the elevator, steps back toward the corner. A messy looking 5 YEAR OLD BOY dashes in. Jane recognizes him. She looks up and Jake and his wife, Agness, in oversized dark shades and a long black dress (very Angelina Jolie) get on the elevator, obviously mid-argument.

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Agness' mood seems very dark today. They instantly shut up when they realize Jane is in the elevator.

AGNESS

Jane!

JANE

-- Hey..

JAKE

Hiii.

**JANE** 

Hello.

AGNESS

(pushing the Lobby button, mumbles)

-- Perfect.

**PEDRO** 

Jake, Jake, Jake. Jake.

JAKE

Hold on Pedro, I'm talking to someone.

Pedro sits on the floor, crashing into the back wall of the elevator.

AGNESS

Pedro, up! Now!!
 (she snaps)

Jane unconsciously holds up her left eyebrow.

JAKE

What are you doing in this building?

**JANE** 

Dentist.

JAKE

You don't go to Sharon anymore?

JANE

Uh, no... changed.

Jane looks at the fertility literature in Jake's hand just as Jake slips it behind his back. An awful two seconds of silence, then Jane notices a tattoo of a tiger on Agness' back. It creeps her out.

Jake catches Jane's reaction, then thank God the doors open. Jake leans down and picks up Pedro who instantly climbs up his back.

JAKE

Honey, don't do that..

As they all EXIT THE ELEVATOR, Pedro has now made his way upl 11 to Jake's shoulders. Think chimpanzee. Agness' cell RINGS and as she answers it --

JANE

-- See you in the Big Apple.

Pedro is now resting on Jake's head.

JAKE

(trying to be nonchalant with a kid on his head, smiles)

See you there.

12 INT. JANE'S KITCHEN/DINING AREA - THAT NIGHT 12

Jane and THREE OF HER GIRLFRIENDS are mid-meal. The wine is flowing and the women are laughing. TRISHA has happily never been married. JOANNE is widowed and DIANE is divorced. are all Jane's age and have been friends forever.

TRISHA

That is beyond....

JANE

(laughing)

-- When the three of them got in the elevator... between that and the staples and the headache for six months... it was the most insane hour of my life.

DIANE

-- Jake has lost his mind.

JANE

Oh, I don't know...

DIANE

I know. First of all, he was a complete prick for cheating on you.

**JANE** 

Well, can't disagree with that.

DIANE

And then he marries her... a known lunatic.

JANE

She has a big job.

TRISHA

Why do you always say that?

JANE

Because she does. She runs the whole marketing department at KY, whatever that station's called so she's not that big of a lunatic.

DIANE

Janey, come on, he cheats on you with her, your 20 year marriage ends then six months later she leaves Jake for some random guy, has a baby, leaves that guy, marries Jake and she's not nuts?

**JANE** 

(groans)

Jo, you're so lucky Jerry's dead.

JOANNE

Oh, thanks.

**JANE** 

No, I mean, you never have to bump into him.

**JOANNE** 

That's true.

TRISHA

(rises to get more wine)
Janey, you want to meet a guy I met
on Match.com that I didn't like?

JANE

Gee, what a great offer. I don't think so.

TRISHA

He wasn't that awful.

JANE

Oooo. Sounding better every minute.

Trisha stops at Jane's seat, refilling Jane's wine glass.

TRISHA

You know it's not healthy not to have sex for...however long it's been...

**JANE** 

Trust me... I'm not not doing it on purpose.

DIANE

Okay. I don't know if this is true, but I read on line about this woman who hadn't done it in so long her vagina closed up.

**JANE** 

What!!! Get out of here.

All the Women SCREAM.

DIANE

I swear to God. It grew back together.

JOANNE

Wait. Was it ever one piece?

DIANE

All I know is, she had to have a vaginaplasty.

TRISHA

Ouch!!!!

**JANE** 

Oh my Goddddddd.

Jane flops over on the table, laughing, resting her head.

**JANE** 

(lifts her head, then
 talks as if she's in the
 doctor's office)

"Dr. Moss, Hi. I have a little situation that needs fixing...."

TRISHA

Bubbee, you want to fix your situation? Just date someone. Seriously. Anyone.

As Jane takes that in, we:

CUT TO:

16 EXT. THE PARK REGENT HOTEL - NYC - DAY

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CAMERA BOOMS DOWN ON Park Avenue to find Jane, the Girls and Harley, just out of a Cab. The Bellman is taking their luggage as the Girls spot their brother, LUKE, heading toward them.

Lauren and Gabby run to Luke, hug him, commenting on his hair, his shoes, his jeans, his tan. Jane lights up when she sees her son, hugs him incredibly hard, kisses his cheek, then another tight squeeze.

JANE

<u>Love</u> when we're all in the same time zone.

A17 INT. THE PARK REGENT LOBBY - MOMENTS LATER

A17

They all cross THROUGH THE LOBBY toward the RECEPTION DESK.

HARLEY

So, what's up Luke? Did you decide to have the party?

LUKE

Oh, yeah. Big time.

JANE

What party?

LUKE

Are you guys gonna sleep over?

LAUREN

If you give us your bed and change the sheets.

They arrive at THE RECEPTION DESK.

JANE

You're having a party? When?
(to Reception Clerk)
Hi. Adler. Two rooms...hopefully
next to each other.

## RECEPTION CLERK

I have an Adler, J. in a Superior Suite, Park Avenue view. Oh, I'm sorry, here it is. Adler J -- two Standard Doubles. Sorry about that.

## JANE

Yeah, we're not the ones in the Superior Suite. Have the other Adlers checked in yet? Just wondering.

## RECEPTION CLERK

No, they haven't, ma'am. Not yet. Now I just need a credit card and your signature.

As Jane takes out her credit card...

#### LUKE

-- Mom, is it okay if the girls come with me now and help me set up?

#### HARLEY

And by girls he means the three of us.

## JANE

Wait. Hold on. Set up what? I have reservations for all of us for dinner. That's not happening now?

#### LUKE

I don't know. Me and my friends are having this huge thing at our apartment and the girls said they'd help us set up..

(sees her disappointment) We're going to be together all day tomorrow.

## **GABBY**

-- Mom, it's his last night before graduation.

## JANE

Okay, okay. Do you want me to help or...

LUKE

(super sweetly)

-- Love your credit card....

## 17 INT. HOTEL ELEVATOR - MOMENTS LATER

17

Jane rides the elevator carrying both girls' jackets and carry ons as well as her own. Just as the doors are about to close, a Good Looking Couple in their early forties gets on. As they go up. The Guy has his hand around the woman's waist, his fingers fanning her butt. The Couple looks at each other, smiling privately. Jane looks away.

18 INT. JANE'S ROOM - 20 MINUTES LATER

18

Two double beds. Jane lies on top of one of the beds, fully dressed, shoes off, eyes wide open.

20 INT. HOTEL BAR AND RESTAURANT - TOP FLOOR - NIGHT

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Jane ENTERS the hotel's posh bar/restaurant.

**JANE** 

(to Host)

Hi. Adler. One.

HOST

Hi. Your table's almost ready Mrs. Adler. Would you like to wait at the bar?

**JANE** 

(trying to read upside
 down reservation list)
Sure. You don't happen to have
another Adler coming in, do you?
Adler for two?

HOST

(perusing)

No... You're our only Adler this evening.

JANE

(relieved)

Thanks.

ANGLE - THE BAR

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Jane takes a seat next to Two Hot Younger Women.

**JANE** 

(to Bartender)

Pinot Noir, please. No, you know what? I'll have a Tanqueray Martini very dry with a twist.

Jane strums the bar top, checks out the room. It's fun being in a big city. Her martini arrives, she takes a sip and HEARS something very familiar. Jake's laugh. She looks across the bar and sees Jake talking to the bartender. He seems to be alone. Jane waves. Jake notices her and smiles.

JANE

Where's your...??

Jake picks up his drink and carries it to the bar stool next to Jane.

JAKE

Pedro got the stomach flu so I'm flying solo.

**JANE** 

Really? Didn't know you knew how to be by yourself.

JAKE

Any chance you could just go easy on me? Just a one night free pass. (noticing her)
You look good, Janey.

JANE

Yeah....

JAKE

You do. You always do. Your hair's shorter.

JANE

Longer.

**JAKE** 

I like it.

The Host joins them.

HOST

Mrs. Adler, your table's ready.

**JAKE** 

Want some company, Mrs. Adler?

Jane gives Jake a doubtful look.

JAKE

-- We both have to eat. (sees Jane is hesitating)

When's the last time we ate a meal together?

**JANE** 

(thinks for a sec)

Just the two of us? Alone? 1999.

JAKE

So, come on. Once every ten years.

#### 21 A HALF HOUR LATER

21

New drinks arrive for Jane and Jake. Physically, they're sitting as close as they've been in a decade.

**JANE** 

So...how are things in the fertility world?

**JAKE** 

(checks watch)

I can't believe it took you this long to bring that up.

JANE

(trying not to laugh) Sperm issues?

**JAKE** 

Apparently. Yes.

JANE

A baby?! Really Jake? So...the next time you go to a graduation, you'll be what? Fifty-eight plus... (tries to do the math)

JAKE

-- I think the number you're looking for is 79.

Okay. So. Seriously, how is that good?

**JAKE** 

Why are we talking about this? I thought we were going to have fun.

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	JANE Where'd you get that idea?
22	A BOTTLE OF WINE IS OPENED 22
	and poured. The bar has filled up and Jane and Jake are sitting a little closer together.
	JAKE Just tell me, how long were you seeing him for?
	JANE Oh, please, it was five years ago.
	JAKE I know but I always wondered so
	JANE Little jealous?
	JAKE Yes.
	JANE The man's married now.
	JAKE I don't care. How long?
	JANE Eight months.
	JAKE (surprised) Long
	JANE Not long.
A23	LATER A23
	The bar is now crowded. Jane and Jake are finally eating but still drinking. Jake is telling Jane a long story and she can't stop laughing.

24 BRANDY TIME 24

A DJ spins for the after dinner crowd Couples dance on the

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A DJ spins for the after dinner crowd. Couples dance on the dance floor. Jane and Jake both react to the song.

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JAKE This song reminds me of your birthday party the one in our old house	t t t
JANE Oh, yeah. That was such a fun night.	† †
JAKE So fun. You wore that white halter dress	† †
JANE (remembering) Oh, yeahhhh (remembering it all, looks at Jake with a longing for her own past)	† † † †
JAKE Want to dance?	4
JANE No!	+

# 25 THE DANCE FLOOR - MOMENTS LATER

Jake and Jane are dancing...it's familiar yet with the blush of the new. Something's going on here. Jake starts singing. Jane joins in. This is by far, the loosest we've seen her. Of course, it helps that she's drunk. They dance around one another without inhibition. A mating dance....

JANE

(astonished, laughing)
You're married to someone else...!

JAKE

Tell me about it!

They both laugh then Jake pulls Jane close.

JANE

(sexy...)

Hey.... I know you.

JAKE

(looking deeply into her) And I know you....

CUT TO:

26 INT. JAKE'S SUITE - LATER

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They're in bed and they've done it. They're not even entirely undressed. They're spent, sweaty, breathing heavily. Jake cups his hand on Jane's vagina, gives it a solid pat and hold.

**JAKE** 

Home sweet home.

**JANE** 

Oh.....God.....

Jane covers her face.

JAKE

That was one crazy ride...thought we were going to break the bed.

**JANE** 

(not looking good)
-- I'm having an out of body
experience.

JAKE

Totally. You're so great, Janey. I forgot how great. Holy shit.

**JANE** 

Please shut up. I'm so dizzy.

JAKE

And the pilates are payin' off by the way.

Jane moans, OPENS THE NIGHT TABLE DRAWER, leans over and throws up into it.

JAKE

Oh no!

Jane woozily sits up on her side of the bed, her back to Jake. Jake looks over at her.

**JAKE** 

You okay?

**JANE** 

(starting to rise) Look the other way.

JAKE

Why?

JANE

'Cause I have to get up.

**JAKE** 

Jane...I know what you...

**JANE** 

Look the other way Jake!!!

As Jake turns away, Jane runs to the bathroom, carrying a pillow covering her bare ass. Jake hears her throw up again. He winces.

## 27 INT. BATHROOM

27

Jane sits on the floor, by the toilet, looking wiped out. Jake gingerly steps into the bathroom, hair a mess, wearing boxer shorts and his unbuttoned shirt.

**JANE** 

(looking up at him) WHAT is wrong with us?

JAKE

What do you mean? This was amazing. We just had a great time.

**JANE** 

A great time? This is the dumbest thing two people have ever done.

(giant moan....)

Jake sits on the edge of the tub. This is news to him.

JAKE

Really? I don't know.... I haven't thought it out, but off the top of my head I'd say it was smokin' hot so something about it wasn't so dumb.

(she stares up at him,

sick as a dog)

And, FYI, I like that you stopped getting bikini waxes. You've gone native. I was into it.

Horrified, Jane lets out a yelp on her way to throwing up again.

## 28 EXT. WASHINGTON SQUARE PARK - NYU GRADUATION DAY

28

The NYU Band plays Pomp and Circumstance as the Graduating Class of '09 ENTERS THE FIELD in caps and gowns. All the families in the bleachers are on their feet, applauding.

## 29 ANGLE - THE ADLERS

29

Jane, in sunglasses, is sobbing, taking photos. Next to her are Gabby, Harley and Lauren, hooting, clapping and screaming, "There he is!!!" And next in line is Jake manning the video camera, wiping away tears.

ON THE FIELD, Luke spots his gang in the bleachers and gives a broad bow.

The Adlers go crazy, especially Jane, who does a finger whistle. Jake looks over at Jane with puppy dog eyes. The girls notice, assuming their Dad is emotional over the ceremony. Jane feels Jake's glare but won't dare look over at him. Gabby nudges her Mom to look over at Dad. Jane turns his way, sees that look in his eyes and starts to bawl.

## 30 INT. RESTAURANT - DAY - NYC

30

The Family celebrates over lunch. Luke is telling a funny story about something that happened on stage at graduation. Jane is the only one not fully chiming in and laughing. She can't seem to move beyond what happened last night.

LAUREN

(sotto)

You okay?

JANE

Yeah. Totally.

#### UNDER THE TABLE

Jake slips off his shoe and rubs his foot up Jane's leg and under her skirt.

## BACK TO SCENE

Jane jumps, quickly turning it into a reaction to Luke's story. She gives Jake a private stare that says, "stop or I'll kill you."

JAKE

I would like to propose a toast to your Mother.

**JANE** 

(what???)

To me?

JAKE

I've done my part with you guys, but Jane... you -- very talented you...

**GABBY** 

Oh, God...

JAKE

Gabby, I'm serious. Jane, you did a magnificent job, as you always do...

The Kids look at one another...what's this about?

JAKE

When I look at the three of you beautiful kids...all grown up, I think of all the work your mother did, much of it without my help... (starts to well up)

LUKE

Dude...pull it together.

JAKE

-- Janey, I take my hat off to you.

**JANE** 

Okay, Jake. Thank you. Out of nowhere, sudden appreciation. But thank you. Really.

JAKE

Not totally out of nowhere, Jane...if you know what I mean.

JANE

(quickly)

Which I don't...but...

LAUREN

What's he...?

**JANE** 

-- Have no idea. Let's move on, shall we?

..

Jane holds up her droopy left eye.

**GABBY** 

I'd like to say something too. For real. No offense to the lovely Agness or her charming offspring... (the Kids stifle laughs)

JAKE

-- Not nice.

Harley stops laughing.

**GABBY** 

I know. I'm sorry. But I just want to say I really loved today, just being with the original five...

(Luke nods in agreement)
-- plus Harley, but he's like one
of us. I don't think we've ever
done this before... Had a meal
together. And hung out like
this...

LAUREN

You mean other than the first 13 years of your life.

LUKE

I know what's she saying. It's been awesome....just for a whole day to be just... us.

They all reflect on that one.

## 31 INT. THE PARK REGENT LOBBY - LATER

31

The Adlers are at the Reception Desk. Jane and Jake are next to each other, signing their credit card receipts, the Kids chat behind them.

JAKE

(to Jane)

Something feels right in the universe again, doesn't it?

Jane looks at him but doesn't answer. She turns to the Kids.

**JANE** 

So who's coming home when? No one's told me the details.

Jake's CELL RINGS. Jane half listens to his conversation.

JAKE

(into cell)

Hey.

(turns away)

How's Pedro feeling?

Distracted, Jane focuses on Lauren.

LAUREN

(responding to "Pedro")

Okay, we're gonna help pack Luke up, the three of us leave day after tomorrow and Luke's home the end of the week.

JAKE

(rejoins, finishing his

call)

-- I will. Call you when I land.

(slips cell away, not

missing a beat)

Janey, what flight are you on?

JANE

I'm on the uh, the four o'clock.

JAKE

Ah, too bad. I'm on the five o'clock.

LUKE

That's nuts, why don't you try to get on the same flight?

**JAKE** 

Yeah, I could try.

**JANE** 

It's been...great, but let's not
... push it.

LAUREN

He was just trying to be nice.

JANE

I know. Okay, I've got to hit the road, guys.

(MORE)

JANE(cont'd)

(kisses each kid as they
line up)

Thanks for staying. So proud of you. Be good. Call me if you need me.

(she arrives at Jake,
pauses, speechless)

JAKE

(kisses her cheek)
It was really fun.

JANE

(painfully)

It was.

CUT TO:

32 OMIT

33 OMIT

34 A TREE LINED MONTECITO LANE - MOVING SHOT - DAY

34

We are looking THROUGH A WINDSHIELD and listening to a SELF HELP BOOK ON TAPE.

MALE NARRATOR (V.O.)
-- Just follow a few basic rules to
make your divorce a less hurtful
one by breaking the cycle of
conflict.

ON ADAM - DRIVING

MALE NARRATOR (V.O.)

Accept your ex, for who she is.

ADAM

A very big ho.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

And try to remember when you fell in love and...

ADAM

(spotting something)

-- There she goes...

ADAM'S POV - JANE

jogging right past his car, listening to her iPod.

**ADAM** 

Jane!

She doesn't hear him. Adam backs up next to her. Jane slows down. Adam lowers the passenger window. She looks in, doesn't recognize him at first.

ADAM

It's Adam...

JANE

It's 8:30 Tuesday morning!

ADAM

Are we still okay?

**JANE** 

Yes! Totally forgot! I'm so sorry! Can you give me a lift back to the house?

ADAM

(quickly cleaning up the front seat) Sure...come on in.

Jane GETS INTO THE CAR just in time to hear:

MALE NARRATOR (V.O.)

-- But perhaps the most important lesson in going through your divorce is to learn to forgive. Forgiveness is the key to--

Adam hits the CD KNOB to turn the CD OFF, but instead he accidentally FAST FORWARDS.

MALE NARRATOR (V.O.)

In spite of your hurt feelings, prove to her that you can be a mature--

Adam HITS THE KNOB again and this time, turns it OFF, a bit mortified.

JANE

Just getting a divorce?

**ADAM** 

Yeah.

(then)

Two and a half years ago.

**JANE** 

Wooo.

**ADAM** 

(embarrassed)

It's been a process.

JANE

Here's the good news. In two more years you'll actually begin to feel normal again.

**ADAM** 

In two more years I'll begin to feel normal? Why am I having trouble seeing that as good news?

**JANE** 

Maybe that was just my experience.

**ADAM** 

Oh God, I hope so.

35 EXT. HOUSE - LATER

35

Blue prints are spread on a garden table. Adam is drawing as Jane watches.

ADAM

-- So if we move this wall back a bit, that can bring the arch forward, which is where you really want it, right?

**JANE** 

Yes, I'd love that.

**ADAM** 

(sketching)

Thought so.

JANE

I have an idea... what if we move my bedroom like six or eight feet so I can get more of the morning light?

(MORE)

JANE (cont'd)

(sees Adam hesitate)
Not possible?

ADAM

-- Yes, but you'll wake up in the morning, open your bedroom door and fall 12 feet into your kitchen.

**JANE** 

Ahhh! Forgot it was all open up there!

ADAM

But I get where you're headed. Let me see what I can do... This property is so great... Have you lived here a long time?

**JANE** 

About ten years. I bought this place right after my divorce but it's taken me until now to be able to finally do this....

Jane and Adam are distracted when a Porsche noisily pulls up and Jake gets out wearing a suit and a chipper attitude.

JAKE

Good morning!

(to Jane)

Am I interrupting...?

JANE

(thrown that he's here)
Hi. No, well, we were just about
done. Adam, this is my ex-husband,
Jake. Jake, this is Adam Schaeffer,
my architect.

JAKE

Hi.

**ADAM** 

(they shake hands) Good to meet you.

JAKE

(re: plans)

Can I take a look? Do you mind?

Adam looks to Jane for approval but too late, Jake's already looking.

**JANE** 

Everything's not 100% worked out yet...

JAKE

Wow. You're finally getting the kitchen you always wanted...

**JANE** 

Yeah...

JAKE

Huge bedroom.

**JANE** 

It's not huge.

(suddenly insecure)

Why don't I show these to you when we get a little closer.

Jane starts to roll up the blueprints, fumbles a little. Adam finishes for her. She thanks him with her eyes.

ADAM

So, I think next we should stake out the addition... see how it all feels - size wise...

**JANE** 

Sounds great.

ADAM

I'll e-mail you and we'll set it up. We did good work today. Jake, nice meeting you.

Jake smiles and waves as Adam exits, walking to his car.

JAKE

(turns to Jane)

Got time for a cup of coffee?

Adam can't help but sneak a look back at them. Jane waves, a 'bit embarrassed.

36 INT. JANE'S KITCHEN - MOMENTS LATER

36

Jane moves nervously around the kitchen, opening the fridge, taking out juice...

Why haven't you returned any of my calls or e-mails?

JANE

Jake, come on. This is just too weird. We have to just never do what we did - ever again. You're an adulterer and I'm an awful person, basically. I haven't slept in days. What we did was just so wrong on so many levels.

JAKE

And it was so right on a couple of levels too. Admit it.

**JANE** 

(finally settles)

No! It wasn't! On no levels was it right!

**JAKE** 

You can't say we didn't enjoy each other's company. Sitting at the bar, dancing...after dancing...

(she doesn't want to be reminded)

Come on, you and I haven't had fun like that in a hundred years.

**JANE** 

Yes! Because we're not supposed to have fun like that! We're divorced! Are you like, what? Unhappy at home? Does she not "understand" you? Did you just want to know what it would be like with someone my age? What is this?

**JAKE** 

I'd be lying if I said I never think about you, Janey. I think about you. A lot. And no, it's not perfect at home. Obviously. Look at me. I've got three grown kids and I'm going to kindergarten interviews. I'm a walking cliche.

Jane shrugs. She agrees.

And I can't, literally can't stop thinking about what happened in New York. Fate brought us together once, maybe it happened again.

(she pauses...)

And I know... you've moved on with your life, I get it, but you can't deny something real and honest happened that night. Can't we just go with it, see where it takes us. No one has to know.

(Jane shudders)

You were so great. So loose and sexy. How often do you get to be like that? You can run and open restaurants and build your perfect kitchen but what about having someone to hold you in the middle of the night...?

**JANE** 

Not high on my list these days.

**JAKE** 

But what if that someone is someone who's known you since you're 23 and loved you for most of your life.

**JANE** 

I forgot what a good lawyer you are.

**JAKE** 

Give this a shot, Janey.... Life is short and it's tough. Don't discount what we have with each other.

(he's getting to her)
You know what they say... people in
nursing homes who have plants live
longer than the people without
plants.

**JANE** 

Oh, so you're saying you think this is a healthy choice for me?

JAKE

Honey, I know it is.

37 EXT. JANE'S GARDEN - SPRINKLERS GOING OFF

37

And the plants get watered.

38 INT. JANE'S BEDROOM - A LITTLE LATER

38

Jane and Jake have done it again. In broad daylight and sober. They catch their breath.

**JANE** 

Oh, God, it's official. We're having an affair.

**JAKE** 

Why do you need to label everything?

**JANE** 

Because that's what this is.

JAKE

Yes, in its crassest form, maybe, if we were two other people.

**JANE** 

Just because we were married for 19 years does not *not* make this an affair.

JAKE

Okay, but since we were together for so long, it's not really that wrong.

**JANE** 

Really? You want to run that logic by your wife?

Jane fans herself.

JANE

Do me a favor, you're on my side. Can we switch? I feel disoriented.

JAKE

Since when is this your side?

JANE

Since ten years ago. Please...

They switch sides. In the middle of this maneuver Jake lands on top of Jane. He pauses.

JAKE

Could I interest you in a little...

**JANE** 

No!

They flop onto the opposite sides of the bed. Jane fans herself. So hot.

JAKE

(turns to her)

Why do you think the sex is so much sexier this time?

**JANE** 

I don't know.

Jane pulls the sheet up. They look at one another. He gets her to smile.

**JANE** 

I've gotta get to work.

JAKE

Me too. Okay...

(moans as he sits up, then
 rises)

Jake starts to get dressed. Jane watches him from bed, checking out his stomach. He notices.

JAKE

(indicating his belly)

See what happens when you're not looking out for me.

(pats it)

She lets me eat everything.. pasta, cream cheese...

**JANE** 

Can you hand me my robe?

Jake reaches for Jane's robe, hands it to her. She indicates Jake should turn around.

JAKE

Why do I have to..?

**JANE** 

-- Because the last time you saw me standing up naked I was in my forties.

(Jake can't believe this)
Things look different lying down.
Just...

Jake rolls his eyes, turning away from her.

JAKE

You've gotten a little nuts.

**JANE** 

(slipping into her robe)
Jake, I think it would be really
good for us to not talk for a few
days. Okay?

**JAKE** 

(turning back to her)
You know what I think -- just for
the record? I think we're doing
something kinda brilliant. All the
things that tore us apart aren't
issues anymore. I'd say our
problems actually went away.

**JANE** 

What..?

JAKE

Didn't you always say you felt you weren't being heard? Wasn't that our big issue -- both of us always feeling rejected and unappreciated. Look at us now. You're so much more together, you're not exhausted all the time, you're not catering every weekend and busy all day with the kids and I'm calmer, less obsessed about work. I'm a partner. I'm there. We grew into the people we wanted each other to be! And I don't know... I appreciate things about you I couldn't even see before.

JANE

(not wanting to get into
 it)

Really?

(MORE)

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JANE (cont'd)

Well, you know, I'm not as good as you at remembering all the details of our...

JAKE

(getting dressed)

-- Do you remember never having time for sex? Now look at us. We've already done it two times this week and it's only Tuesday. I swear to God, if half the couples who got divorced, could get back together 10 years later, their problems would be solved. I think we're on to something.

JANE

Not sure I agree and...also, we're not back together.

**JAKE** 

And I know other divorced people think about this...they wonder - what if....

(fixes his tie)

I think this is very French of us.

JANE

How is this French of us?

JAKE

I have a young wife but I'm having sex with my old wife. Not old, you know. Ex!

(Jane nods....)

I didn't mean old...

Jane tosses Jake his jacket. They EXIT the BEDROOM and head9 toward THE FRONT DOOR.

JAKE

You're doing that thing where you act like you're not listening... but think about what I'm saying, okay?

(then)

Do you have any of your homemade granola here? I haven't had it in so long.

**JANE** 

You miss it?

So much.

**JANE** 

We sell it for \$6.50 a bag at the store.

**JAKE** 

Yeah, why give it away when you can...

(Jane OPENS the front door and moves him outside)
Kiss good bye?

Jane kisses him on the cheek.

JAKE

She wants to be courted!

(as he heads for his car)
I can do that!

(turns back)
And honey, thanks for the....

(indicates sex with his

(indicates sex fingers)
-- Coffee....

Jane can't close the door fast enough.

40 INT. JANE'S HOUSE - NIGHT

40

Jane carries three beautiful homemade pies, arriving in THE LIVING ROOM where her Friends are gathered. Platters of food and open bottles of wine are on the coffee table.

TRISHA

Oh my God, now what? Three pies?! This is a feast!

JANE

I don't know what's going on, I have so much energy lately which I think is probably a result of... all the sex I'm having.

(the Ladies LAUGH)

Yeah. I'm actually not kidding. I'm having an affair.

(They stare at her) With a married man.

DIANE

What? When did this happen? Where'd you meet him?

**JANE** 

Well, it... started in New York.

DIANE

In New York??? Last week?

JANE

Yeah, we did it once there and once here. Maybe more than once there, I was drunk so...

TRISHA

You had drunken sex with a married man in New York when you went for Luke's graduation?

**JANE** 

(laughs, embarrassed)
Turns out I'm a bit of a slut.
 (re: pies)
Apple, Blueberry or Plum?

DIANE

Wait, wait, wait. Hold on.... You're not saying!!!!

**JOANNE** 

(clueless)

-- What?

TRISHA

(catching on)

No! You're not!

JANE

Oh, God, but I am. I'm having an affair with Agness Adler's husband.

The Women all SCREAM as Jane fans herself.

TRISHA

That. Is. Genius!

JOANNE

But also sort of wrong.

**JANE** 

I know.

DIANE

Oh, please. Not that wrong.

JANE

I know! I'm so happy to be able to tell someone. This is the most out of control thing I've ever done. Literally. You know me.

DIANE

Yes we do. You don't do anything wrong, or bad. Ever. So you're allowed this one. I'm sorry ... I kinda love it.

**JOANNE** 

He was yours first.

**JANE** 

True. Not that I want him back by the way.

TRISHA

Of course not. You can do better than Jake.

JANE

(a little insulted)
Thanks.

TRISHA

I mean you've outgrown him. You've blossomed, you feng shuied your whole life... Just please, don't let him talk you into saving him.

**JANE** 

I won't...

(wonders what that means)

DIANE

There is something kinda perfect about this. You don't have to cook for him or clean up after him or actually even sleep with him....

JANE

Yeah, I have an Ex with benefits...

JANE (CONT'D)

But, girls, what about the fact that I'm now the other woman? I'm the one we hate.

TRISHA

Oh, forget that. Agness is still the one we hate. Even in this scenario.

DIANE

Yeah, karma is the ultimate bitch on this one.

### 41 INT. BAKERY KITCHEN - DAY

41

Jane walks through the busy kitchen holding a sheet of paper. Her shirt is a little more fitted. Her make up, a little prettier. She crosses to the head Baker who's just taking a tray of cookies out of the oven.

**JANE** 

Reynaldo, I'm changing the breakfast menu, want to give it a little more life...

(shows it to him, he seems

distracted)
What do you think?

REYNALDO

(distracted)

-- What'd you do? Something to your hair?

**JANE** 

I don't think so.

REYNALDO

Something about you looks different. Little more "caliente."

**JANE** 

Caliente?

Another Chef in the kitchen nods in agreement.

REYNALDO

You see it Eddie?

EDDIE

Whatever it is, it's workin'.

He winks at Jane as he stirs cookie batter. Jane blushes as her cell phone rings.

**JANE** 

Hello.

(listens)

No! I didn't do this again!

### 42 EXT. JANE'S OPEN FIELD - LATE DAY

CAMERA MOVES IN on Adam, waiting by a ladder in the middle of the field. Jane's addition is staked out with orange tape.

REVERSE - ON JANE

Rushing toward Adam.

**JANE** 

Adam, I'm so sorry. My mind is just... Forgive me.

**ADAM** 

If I were your shrink I'd say maybe you don't really want to build this house.

**JANE** 

That's completely not true. I'm really sorry.

(looks at taped off

addition)

Oh! I like it already!

**ADAM** 

Yeah, it's feeling really good. So, this becomes your office. We come down your new hallway, the windows are all along here...

JANE

Great. Love it.

ADAM

And from here to there...wait, let me get the door for you...

(opens a piece of tape)

Your kitchen.

(they ENTER)

We're in the eating area. How's the size?

(pretends to sit)

We're at either end of the table.

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**JANE** 

(laughs at Adam)

Feels perfect.

ADAM

I thought so too.

**JANE** 

(taking it all in)

This is heaven!

ADAM

It's gonna be cool. Want to go

upstairs?

JANE AND ADAM ATOP SIDE BY SIDE LADDERS

43

**ADAM** 

So if you were lying in bed, this would be your view.

Jane breaks into a smile.

THEIR POV - IN THE DISTANCE -- THE OCEAN

Over this tranquil view -- A CELL RINGS. Jane takes her phone out of her pocket, sees it's Jake calling. She pauses, then pushes "IGNORE" and then promptly loses her balance. Adam immediately reaches over and steadies her.

**ADAM** 

You okay?

**JANE** 

(grabs her heart)

Yeah.

CUT TO:

WATER RUNNING OUT OF A FAUCET

INT. BATHROOM - JAKE'S HOUSE - SAME TIME

44

Water is running in the sink, even though no one's at the sink. Jake is in the shower stall, fully dressed, putting away his cell. He quietly pushes the shower door open and then carefully shuts it with a small snap. Jake fake coughs and then turns off the sink water. He checks his watch when he hears GLASS BREAKING in another room then hears Agness calling his name in anger. He leaps.

Coming!

Jake quietly UNLOCKS THE BATHROOM DOOR and EXITS to find his path is blocked by Pedro who sits on a tricycle staring up at him.

PEDRO

What were you doing in there?

JAKE

Going to the bathroom.

**PEDRO** 

The toilet didn't flush.

JAKE

Yes it did.

PEDRO

Why were you in the shower with your clothes on?

JAKE

(making sure Agness
doesn't hear)

What are you talking about?

PEDRO

I heard the shower door close.

JAKE

What do you have, x-ray ears?

Agness joins in briefs and a white tank, black bra peeking through. She holds a broom.

AGNESS

What's up Pedro?

PEDRO

Jake took a shower with his clothes on.

JAKE

Pedro! Darling...

AGNESS

What's he talking about?

**JAKE** 

I don't speak Pedro. That's your department.

**AGNESS** 

(to Pedro)

Don't go in the kitchen, P, I broke something.

(to Jake, annoyed)

Yo. Can you help?

Agness EXITS back to the kitchen as Pedro stares at Jake.

CUT TO:

TWO GORGEOUS CROQUE-MONSIEURS - COMING OUT OF AN OVEN 45

These open-faced fancy French Grilled Cheese Sandwiches are carried to Jane's counter. We're:

INT. JANE'S KITCHEN - EARLY EVENING

Jane very professionally places the Croque-Monsieurs onto two waiting plates, adds some salad on the side. Adam stands nearby with a glass of wine, jacket off.

**ADAM** 

That looks amazing.

**JANE** 

It's called a croque-monsieur. It's one of the first things I learned to make when I lived in Paris because the ingredients are really really cheap.

**ADAM** 

When did you live in Paris?

JANE

In my early twenties. I went there to take a six day pastry class and ended up staying a year working as an apprentice in a bakery.

Jane places the plates AT THE ISLAND as she and Adam SIT SIDE BY SIDE. Jane raises her wine glass.

JANE

Thank you for taking my 47 e-mails and turning them into something so beautiful.

**ADAM** 

You are rapidly becoming one of the most appreciative clients I've ever had...

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**JANE** 

Well, I'm not all that used to being able to count on anyone...

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ADAM

(surprised by that)

Really?

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46 JAKE DRIVING - SAME TIME

46

He squints, looking ahead, SEES:

JANE'S HOUSE - ALL LIT UP

And Adam's car parked out front. Jake turns OFF HIS HEADLIGHTS, slowly pulling around to the side of the house.

47 INT. JANE'S KITCHEN - MOMENTS LATER

47

JANE

I know it's none of my business but... I'm trying to figure out why someone like you is divorced.

ADAM

And what'd you come up with?

**JANE** 

Something in the you're too nice department..?

ADAM

Yes, that and my wife fell in love with my best friend. Ex-best friend.

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**JANE** 

Oh, no!

ADAM

We were all on a biking trip, he and his wife, me and my wife...through Tuscany and on the last day of the trip they announced they were in love.

**JANE** 

That's awful.

**ADAM** 

Yeah. Not a great plane ride home.

**JANE** 

I can imagine, sitting there for eleven hours with your wife who you know is -- oh, that's rough.

**ADAM** 

Actually they went on to Venice and I flew back with Carol, his wife. You can't imagine what it's like to sit next to someone who's been crying for ten straight hours.

JANE

I don't blame her.

**ADAM** 

I was talking about me. Anyway, they're married now and it's pretty much an ongoing awful thing. But, you and your ex... When I saw him stop by for a cup of coffee the other morning, I thought -- Wow! That's the way it's supposed to be. You two seem to have it all figured out.

JANE

We're not as figured out as you'd think.

48 EXT. HOUSE - SAME TIME

48

Jake, in work-out clothes, sprints across the front lawn, careful not to be seen.

49 BACK TO SCENE

49

Jane clears their dishes.

JANE

(laughs)

You know I hope you don't feel I've been interrogating you, but...
(MORE)

JANE (cont'd)

I know what it's like to have your ex remarried and to not have so much going on in that department. I mean, do you date ever or...

ADAM

Uh, constantly actually.

**JANE** 

Constantly?

**ADAM** 

Everyone I know or have ever known has fixed me up. And then, sometimes I just meet women, I don't know how that happens, but...

JANE

-- But no girlfriend?

**ADAM** 

Not yet.

Jane stands ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ISLAND and hands Adam another croque-monsieur. She stays on her side, like a waitress at a counter. She refills his water glass.

JANE

Just like to date...

ADAM

Actually, I find it really stressful. You know, the last time I was in the dating world was 1978. It's a little more complicated these days. I can't tell you how nice it is to have a conversation with a woman and have the pressure off. Not to mention, a home cooked meal that no one else I know could possibly cook.

Jane's not sure if she feels a little hurt by that. She smiles, wiping the counter.

ADAM

That was a compliment. So you don't have a guy in your life at the moment?

**JANE** 

No...

(starts to say something.)

No.

**ADAM** 

No?

EXT. JANE'S HOUSE - SAME TIME

Jake rises from the bushes outside of Jane's Kitchen Window. He PEEKS in the window, balancing himself precariously on a stack of loose bricks. He sees Jane telling Adam a story and both of them cracking up. Jake leans in further to try to hear what Jane's saying when the bricks slip under his feet, he loses his balance and drops OUT OF THE FRAME.

51 INT. JANE'S HOUSE - A BIT LATER

51

Jane walks Adam to the door. He holds rolled blueprints.

ADAM

This was so nice and relaxing and the lavender ice cream was actually the best dessert of any sort I've ever had... like, in my life.

**JANE** 

Aw, thank you. I always make ice cream when I can't sleep, so I'm glad someone was here to eat it. (opens door)

ADAM

(pauses...)

Great getting to know you a little.

**JANE** 

(nods)

It was really fun.

Adam waves, Jane waves. Definitely a little sweet/awkward. Jane closes her door, starts turning out lights, heading for the kitchen, when there's a QUICK KNOCK on the FRONT DOOR.

**JANE** 

Woops! Coming!

Jane quickly returns to the door and opens it to find:

JAKE

leaning in the door frame.

O.M.G. I thought he'd never leave.
 (entering)

Hello Jane, you look very beautiful tonight.

He takes her in his arms.

JAKE

Mmmmm. Love when you smell like butter.

**JANE** 

(easing away)

What are you doing here?

JAKE

Missed you.

**JANE** 

It's nine o'clock. Where does your wife think you are?

JAKE

At yoga. Shall we do some downward facing dog?

**JANE** 

Not tonight big guy.

They CROSS INTO THE KITCHEN. CAMERA TRACKS.

JAKE

Is it really necessary for you to always say no before you say yes? I won't think less of you, you know.

JANE

Really, Jake, I'm a little tired, I was just gonna take a bath.

**JAKE** 

Good. So, we'll just hang out.
(now IN THE KITCHEN, he
SEES the dinner dishes on
the counter)

Ooooo, is that Croque-Monsieur? Who's plate is this? Yours or his?

**JANE** 

Mine.

JANE

Don't you ever eat at your house?

JAKE

Pedro dictates all meals and he has a very limited palate.

(sees melted ice cream)
What kind of ice cream is that?

**JANE** 

Lavender Honey.

JAKE

(immediately)

Not sleeping?

JANE

Not at all. You?

JAKE

Never slept better. And my digestion is finally back on track. You've turned my world right side up, Jane. You know what this means, don't you?

**JANE** 

No...

JAKE

That I've never really known how to live without you.

## 52 INT. JANE'S BATHROOM

52

Jane takes a bubble bath. Jake lies on the floor, leaning against the tub, his back to her, eating a bowl of ice cream.

JAKE

Maybe we should be growing old together.

**JANE** 

Hate to tell you, big guy, but we already grew old apart.

What's with the 'big guy'? Is that because you think I'm fat or is it a term of endearment?

**JANE** 

I have no idea why I keep saying that. I'm sorry. I'll stop.

JAKE

Thank you.

(then)

I love how quiet it is in your house. I have no quiet in my life. Ever.

**JANE** 

Yeah, well, you live with a five year old.

**JAKE** 

Yes...and don't forget Pedro.

Jane splashes him.

**JANE** 

So what does that mean exactly...? What's going on over there at your place?

JAKE

My marriage is... not turning out as I hoped. That's obvious....

Agness started out really looking up to me... We never used to fight but now... with the kid....lately we're all about where he's gonna go to school and now she says we need a bigger house, more help. I was thinking of cutting back at work... now that's never gonna happen. And she wants another baby before Pedro gets too old which I get but since we're always fighting... oh, God, listen to me.

JANE

Isn't a baby part of the deal when you marry a woman that age?

I guess so. She's got me Is it? booked at the fertility center every other day and she's so amped up on hormone injections I may need to find an exorcist if she doesn't calm down.

(Jane laughs)

I wish it was funny.

(finishes his ice cream)

Incredible ice cream. I'm turning around...

> (as he turns, Jane shrinks in the tub)

Remember when we used to smoke pot and eat your ice cream in the hot tub?

**JANE** 

The "hot tub"... That feels like a billion years ago.

**JAKE** 

How long has it been since you... (indicates smoking a joint)

JANE

Since before Lauren was born.

JAKE

27 years?!!

**JANE** 

At least.

Jake slips a joint out of his shirt pocket, twirls it.

**JANE** 

Are you kidding me? Put that away! It's been too long...

**JAKE** 

Exactly.

**JANE** 

I'm not going to....

JAKE

Okay, why don't I leave this with you... (It's kind of amazing.) Maybe you'll take a few hits... (MORE)

JAKE (cont 'd)

get your sea legs, then we'll smoke the rest of it together.

**JANE** 

Maybe....

Jake places the joint in a drawer.

JAKE

So that nerdy architect likes you...you know that, right?

**JANE** 

He's not nerdy and he definitely doesn't. We're working together.

JAKE

I was watching when you bent down to open the oven, his eyes were glued to your ass.

**JANE** 

(changing the subject)
Hey, will you do me a favor?

53 INT. FOYER 53

Jake is on a small ladder, changing a light bulb in the chandelier. Jane, in a robe, stands beneath him.

JAKE

(looking down at her, smiles)

Tell the truth, Janey is this a great affair, or what?

JANE

I don't know. It's my first.

JAKE

(climbing down)

We don't even have to have sex and it's fun.

(arrives next to her)
I wish I could sleep over.

JANE

I gotta tell my shrink about this. This is a lot to handle. I guess you should go ... I'm sure yoga's probably closed by now.

(MORE)

JANE (cont'd)

Oh, you got a little ice cream on your shirt. Let me get that out.

**JAKE** 

It's okay...

Jake takes Jane in his arms and gives her a deep hug. He lingers, kissing her neck, smelling her skin. She kisses him on the cheek. He slides her robe off her shoulder. He softly caresses her shoulder, kissing it, then makes his way up her neck. Jane gives in and kisses Jake fully on the lips. He pulls her close, her robe falling.

JANE

Wow, wow, wow...what's happening, Jake?

The Phone RINGS. Jane pauses.

JAKE

Don't get it.

JANE

I always get it. I have three kids.

(Jake wishes she wouldn't. She hesitates, picks it up)

Hello. Hiii...

(makes an I told you so face)

You still on the plane? How was Luke when you left? Oh, that sounds like fun. Let me know what I can bring.... No! Don't have any idea where he is.

(points to Jake)

Okay, honey, talk to you tomorrow.

(hangs up)

Now I'm lying..... Lauren and Harley are giving Luke a graduation party this weekend. Sweet, huh?

Jake's CELL PHONE RINGS, sees it's Lauren calling.

JAKE

(into phone)

Hello stranger. Welcome back.

Jane OPENS THE DOOR and Jake darts over for a quick kiss and then EXITS toward his car. They wave to one another.

(into phone)

-- Just getting in my car. This weekend? Sounds great. Let me know what I can bring...

Jake looks to Jane. She shakes her head -- he's shameless. Jake shrugs. Jane watches as Jake drives off, talking on his cell.

# 54 EXT. SANTA BARBARA STREET - EARLY MORNING

54

Jane paces outside of a medical building, holding a box from her bakery. She's clearly waiting for someone.

She spots a comfortably dressed MAN IN HIS MID FORTIES holding the leash of an Airedale and approaching the building's entrance.

JANE

(approaching him)

Dr. Allen!

DR. ALLEN

(surprised to see her)
Jane. Hi. Am I seeing you today?

**JANE** 

No, I just need to talk...and I was wondering if there was any chance you could squeeze me in for an emergency session. I'm sort of desperate for some advice. I brought you some of that coffee cake you like. Not as a bribe or anything...

DR. ALLEN

(checks his watch)
I only have twenty minutes until my
first patient.

**JANE** 

That's fine. I'll talk fast.

55 INT. BUILDING CORRIDOR - UPSTAIRS - MOMENTS LATER

55

Jane, Dr. Allen and the Dog walk the corridor.

**JANE** 

(whispering)

So, at this point, I just need some sound, unbiased guidance. Is having an affair with you know who a good thing or a bad thing?

(they stop at Dr. Allen's
 office door)

It's a bad thing, right? How could it be good?

DR. ALLEN

(opening his door)

It's not good. It's not bad.

Oh, man. Not what she needs to hear.

56 INT. OFFICE 56

Jane sits in a chair across from an empty chair. Dr. Allen turns on a few lamps as his dog settles.

DR. ALLEN

You know, things happen in life and our job is to find out why. What we have to do is take a real look at this. Are you ready to do that?

JANE

I am. Definitely. I've made a list of what this can possibly be about...at my end. Can I read it to you?

DR. ALLEN

(taking his seat)

Of course.

JANE

(digging out her

Blackberry)

Thanks. I e-mailed it to myself.

(reads from Blackberry)

Okay. Am I still trying to figure out why the marriage failed? Do I want to get back together? Do we have unfinished business? Is this about revenge? Am I just... lonely? Or, is it my "caretaker" thing?

(MORE)

### JANE (cont 'd)

You know, the kids are finally gone and now all of a sudden Jake's back and I get to take care of him in some way...

Dr. Allen nods, impressed with the work she's done.

JANE

And, listen, I get how therapy works, I do... We look at things, we examine them, weeks turn into months, what...? we're going on eight years, right?... and I'm okay with that, I like it... but in this case, I need to know what you really think. Like, I'd like you to say... Don't do this, it's absolutely wrong or go ahead, you'll be fine. I actually want to be told what to do.

### DR. ALLEN

What's interesting is I'm already seeing you open up more than I have in some time. I'm thinking, through this affair, you may learn to view the world in a different way.

## **JANE**

I'm sorry. I need more concrete. Are you saying I should keep seeing him? Because, honestly, if the guilt and fear could go away, maybe I could let go a little and figure this out.

## DR. ALLEN

I wouldn't resist looking at this.

#### JANE

(mulls that over quickly)
Okay... and another way of saying
that is....?

## DR. ALLEN

Let go Jane. It can't hurt.

Jane fist pumps in the air.

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57 INT. SANTA BARBARA FERTILITY CENTER RECEPTION - DAY

57

Jake is in the Waiting Room with several other "Older" Men all with their much younger Wives. A Nurse ENTERS, holding a chart.

NURSE

Jacob Adler?

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Jake rises. One of the younger women whispers...

WOMAN

Have fun...

\*

58 INT. FERTILITY CENTER OFFICES

58

The Nurse shows Jake into a windowless room with a sink, a pleather barcalounger, a TV and a DVD player.

NURSE

Okay, you know the drill. You can hang your things in the closest, the remote is on top of the TV and the materials are in the drawers.

(cleaning the remote with an anti-bacterial wipe) Please deposit your specimen in the cup and I'll see you when you're done.

She dims the light before leaving.

Jake takes off his jacket, tosses it on the chair, slips off his shoes, takes off his pants, sits for a sec when his PHONE RINGS. He looks at the name of the caller. Smiles.

JAKE

Hi.

JANE WALKS QUICKLY THROUGH A FARMER'S MARKET ON HER CELL. 59

**JANE** 

(on her cell)

Hey, where are you?

JAKE

At the office.

**JANE** 

Want to grab some lunch?

Absolutely. When?

**JANE** 

Can you do it now? I have about an hour. Thought we could go to The Stanhope....get room service.

(she's nervous just saying it)

JAKE

(rising)

Be there in ten!

**JANE** 

See you there, Adler.

JAKE

(hangs up)

She's comin' back!

Jake rushes to put on his pants, catches his foot in the pant's hem, hops to safety. He reaches for his jacket then grabs an anti-bacterial wipe, using it to turn the door knob.

60 INT. THE STANHOPE LOBBY/CAFE - DAY

60

Harley and Lauren are having lunch in the CAFE connected to the Lobby. Harley has a clear view of the Lobby's Reception Desk. Lauren has her back to it.

LAUREN

-- Luke's so excited about his party. We can fit forty people in our place, can't we?

HARLEY

Sure, if nobody wants to sit down...

(notices JAKE ENTERING the hotel)

-- Hey, there's your...

Harley then realizes JAKE IS signing the Register and CHECKING IN and chokes on his French Fry.

LAUREN

My what...

(starts to turn)

Harley grabs Lauren's face in his hands and kisses her, even though he's choking. He coughs while kissing her.

LAUREN

Harley!!!

HARLEY

I'm sorry, I didn't mean to spit on you. I just needed to kiss you.

LAUREN

While you were choking?

HARLEY

It worked. I'm not choking anymore.

Harley swallows a cough, reaching for his water, HIS EYES ON JAKE as Jake is HANDED A ROOM KEY and POINTED TOWARD THE ELEVATOR. Harley drinks his entire glass of water as he watches.

LAUREN

(turning)

Who did you just see?

Luckily Jake is now gone.

HARLEY

No one. Thought it was your cousin...but...

Harley falls silent as he SEES JANE ENTER THE HOTEL AND CROSS TO THE RECEPTION DESK. After a sec, she's pointed toward the same elevator.

HARLEY

Ohhhh my sweet Lord....

LAUREN

(looks up from her salad)

Now what?

HARLEY

Honey, I totally forgot I have a conference call at 1:15, I gotta get back to the office. Waiter! Honey, stop eating, get the waiter. Call the one over there.

(pointing her away from Jane)

LAUREN

Harley, we can't leave, we're meeting with the Wedding Specialist.

HARLEY

(watches as Jake waits for
 Jane around the corner)
Yeah, you know what? Today's not a
good idea to do that.
 (Sees Jane join Jake, they
 step into the elevator
 and immediately fall into
 each other's arms and
 kiss)
Oh my God...!!!

61 INT. JAKE AND JANE'S HOTEL ROOM - UPSTAIRS - SAME TIME 61

The curtains are drawn, the lights are low. Jane, in a hotel robe, slips a cd in the cd player and we hear a mellow song, perfect for love in the afternoon. The Bathroom Door OPENS and Jake EXITS, also in a hotel robe.

Jane stands across the room from him. They smile at one another. From behind, we see Jane until her robe, letting it fall to the floor. Jake looks at her, from head to toe and back. They smile at one another, then something comes over Jake. His eyes roll back, his legs give out and he collapses against the wall.

**JANE** 

Jake!!!

62 INT. LOBBY CAFE - SAME TIME

62

The Hotel's Wedding Specialist has joined Lauren and Harley's table. She holds a binder filled with photos. Harley is a mess, knowing what's going on upstairs.

WEDDING SPECIALIST I adore October weddings. Let me show you what we did last October.

She opens her Book of Photos for Lauren. Lauren gasps.

HARLEY

(rising)

Honey, I'm gonna make that phone call from the...

Lauren and the Wedding Specialist don't look up and don't hear him. They keep talking to each other.

HARLEY

(nods)

-- Okay. Good. You just keep doing that and I'll...

They still don't look up. Harley nervously HEADS FOR THE LOBBY when he spots the HOTEL DOCTOR, bag in hand, arriving at the Reception Desk.

HOTEL DOC

What's the room number?

RECEPTION CLERK

408. Adler. His wife said he's conscious now...

HOTEL DOC

(taking off)

On my way.

Harley stops in his tracks, freaking. Adler???

int. Jane and Jake's Hotel Room - Moments Later

63

Jake is under the covers, in his robe, a blood pressure cuff around his arm. Jane, still in her robe, paces. The Hotel Doc sits on a chair next to Jake's side of the bed.

HOTEL DOC

Your blood pressure's good.

JANE

How's his heart?

HOTEL DOC

Do you have a heart condition, Mr. Adler?

JAKE

No. And I just had a check up.

**JANE** 

You did? Oh, that's good.

HOTEL DOC

(listening to his heart)
Deep breath. So, no chest pain?

JAKE

None.

HOTEL DOC

When you got dizzy, did you feel your heart was beating funny?

JAKE

Yes, but I was admiring my beautiful...

(indicates Jane)

Jane holds up her weak eyelid.

HOTEL DOC

-- Well that's nice to hear after all these years...

(winds up his stethoscope)
Did you forget to take any of your
medications today?

JAKE

Took 'em all.

HOTEL DOC

What all did you take?

JAKE

Uh....Lipitor, baby aspirin..

(whispers)

Flomax.

JANE

(sitting on the bed)

Flomax?

**JAKE** 

(embarrassed)

Yes, otherwise I pee 40 times a day.

HOTEL DOC

How long have you been taking the Flomax?

JAKE

Not that long. And I only take it sporadically. I have to sneak it actually.

(explains confidentially)
It reduces semen and that's not good for my wife right now.

(to Jane)

Sorry.

HOTEL DOC

(looks over at Jane)

Really..?

JANE

Yes, I prefer a lot of semen. Always have.

(rises)

Okay, well, thank you so much for coming. Looks like he's gonna live, so...

HOTEL DOC

(packing up)

Yeah, my guess is Flomax is probably the culprit here. It can definitely give you a sudden drop in blood pressure so I suggest you stay off it for a few weeks, which apparently your wife will appreciate.

(holds in a chuckle)

JANE

Yeah. Really good for me.

The Doctor snaps his bag shut, rises.

HOTEL DOC

And I suggest you rest quietly for the rest of the afternoon.

(to Jane)

No hanky panky, Mrs. Adler.

**JANE** 

No chance. I assure you.

64 INT. LOBBY

64

Harley sits on a bench with his head between his legs. Lauren arrives, joins him on the bench.

LAUREN

Are you acting like this because of the wedding? Tell me the truth?

HARLEY

(head down)

Not at all. Swear to God.

LAUREN

Because I don't want to be one of those couples where the guy goes into a coma the whole time we plan the wedding. It's not worth it to me.

Harley looks up, sees the Hotel Doc walk by the Reception Clerk. The Doc gives her a wink and a "thumbs up" and keeps on walking.

HARLEY

(deep sigh, rises)

Okay! We're back in business!

65 OPRAH - CLOSE - ON TV

65

In Jane and Jake's room.

REVERSE - JANE AND JAKE

Sitting up in bed, in their robes, watching Oprah and eating chicken soup on trays. Jake reaches for the salt. Jane eases it away from him. Jake looks over at Jane, oozing with love and appreciation.

JAKE

See. Just that move...you have no idea. Not everyone's like that...

JANE

(mutes Oprah, then:)

Jake, I have a confession to make. Back when we broke up... I knew it wasn't all your fault.

JAKE

You mean that? You've never said that to me before.

**JANE** 

I know. Because when you cheated, I didn't have to. But I think in some way, I gave up on us and I'm not sure you ever really did.

JAKE

I still haven't.

Jake takes Jane's hand. She looks down at his wedding ring, then turns her eyes back to Oprah. A beat, then:

Are you and Agness... still having sex?

Jake doesn't answer. Jane turns, looks right at him.

**JAKE** 

Only if she initiates it.

Jane GROANS.

JAKE

I'm trying not to rock the boat at home until you and I figure this out.

(sees her reaction)

This is a little trickier at my end than yours.

**JANE** 

Right. Yeah. Okay....

(rises...)

Now I know you're gonna think I'm leaving because of what you just said, but I'm not. I really have to get back to work.

**JAKE** 

(takes Jane's hand)
We got really close there for a
moment.

She knows he's right. Jane's Cell RINGS. She lets it ring again, then answers it.

**JANE** 

(into phone)

Hello?

66 ADAM - AT HIS OFFICE

66

**ADAM** 

(into phone)

Hi, hope I'm not interrupting anything.

INTERCUT JANE AND ADAM

JANE

Adam! Oh! Hi.

Jake is instantly jealous. He rises, crosses to the closet, starts dressing, his eyes glued to Jane who seems to be very engaged by Adam.

ADAM

I just found out there's a French Film Festival in town and that made me think of you so I was wondering if you'd like to go to the opening night tomorrow night.

(a little nervous... will
 she accept?)

**JANE** 

Oh, that sounds so fun...
(Jake rolls his eyes)
Let me think, tomorrow's what?

JAKE

(desperate, whispers)
-- Say you're busy. Agness has a
dinner thing tomorrow, I can come
over.

(Jane hesitates) Please.

JANE

Oh, um, you know, I'd really love to, but, my son is coming home from college the next day and I have a bunch of things I have to do to get ready...

(hates lying, Jake crosses
 to her, smiles)
I'm so sorry.

**ADAM** 

No, don't worry. No problem. Maybe we can see something another night.

**JANE** 

Absolutely. I would love that.

Jake smiles appreciatively, crosses to Jane, hugs her.

67 ADAM HANGS UP 67

We see he is holding Two Movie Tickets. He looks at them then crosses to the desk of a Female Worker.

**ADAM** 

Melanie, how would you and your husband like two tickets to the opening of the French Film Festival? Reserved seats...VIP parking...

FEMALE WORKER

Seriously?

# 68 INT. HOTEL ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

68

Jane and Jake are finishing getting dressed, moving about, putting on shoes, blouses, ties, jackets, belts...

JAKE

You'll make the whole thing? The roast chicken, the---

**JANE** 

-- mashed potatoes, sauteed string beans and double fudge chocolate cake. I know your favorite dinner, Jakey.

**JAKE** 

(touched)

You haven't called me Jakey in 10 years. This has been a great day for us. So, do we have a date?

JANE

(fixes Jake's hair)

We have a date.

Jake grabs his heart. Jane leans on him, a smile on her face as we begin to HEAR MUSIC.

69 EXT. JANE'S PATIO - LATE DAY - MUSIC OVER

69

Music plays from the outdoor speakers. Jane sets the table in her courtyard. She's singing along with the music.

70 A PERFECT CAKE - MUSIC OVER

70

sits on the Kitchen Counter. Jane finishes off icing the cake like the pro she is then peeks into the oven, looks at her perfect roast chicken.

71 OMIT 71

72 INT. JANE'S BEDROOM - MUSIC OVER

72

Jane clips the price tag off of a new dress and slips it off its hanger.

73 A CLOCK ON A NIGHT STAND

73

tells us it's 8:45.

ON JAKE

His eyes glued to the clock. We are IN JAKE AND AGNESS' BEDROOM. Jake and Agness lie on their bed, both doing paper work. Pedro is asleep between them. Jake gets up, slipping his cell into his hand.

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**AGNESS** 

(not looking at him)
Why are you taking your cell to the
bathroom?

JAKE

Oh. Didn't mean to.
(places it back on the night stand)

**AGNESS** 

Carry him to his bed, will you?

Jake carefully lifts Pedro off the bed.

**AGNESS** 

(while reading)

And hurry back. I'm ovulating.

JAKE

You are?

**AGNESS** 

Why do you think I cancelled my dinner?

Agness pulls her t-shirt over her head... she is gorgeous.

74 INT. PEDRO'S ROOM - CONTINUOUS

74

Jake gently lies Pedro in his bed, pulls up the covers. Pedro takes Jake's hand, holds it to his chest, looking up at him. Jake offers a comforting smile and Pedro closes his eyes.

	Jake sits on the bed and lets Pedro fall back asleep, holding onto his hand.	*
75	EXT. JANE'S PATIO - NIGHT 75	
	Candles are lit on the table, but are now low. The table is set with flowers from the garden. The wine has not been opened. CAMERA CRANES to FIND Jane INSIDE THE KITCHEN, still dressed for dinner and deep in thought. She then sighs very deeply and decisively as she turns out the lights and room by room, the house becomes dark.	*
76	EXT. JANE'S HOUSE - THE NEXT DAY - 6 P.M. 76	
	The Kids cars are in the driveway.	
77	INT. JANE'S KITCHEN - THE SAME TIME 77	
	Jane, Gabby, Lauren and Harley are in the kitchen, cooking, setting the table, opening wine, chatting.	*
	LAUREN Oh, Mom, I keep forgetting to tell you about our meeting at The Stanhope. We went there for lunch two days ago and met with their Wedding SpecialistI think that could be the place, Mom	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *
	JANE Two days ago you went to The Stanhopefor lunch?	*
	HARLEY Yes and guess what? We saw nothing.	* *
	Jane and Harley connect. He immediately looks away.	*
	LAUREN What is that supposed to mean?	*
	HARLEY Who wants wine? Anyone? (starts pouring)	* *
	GABBY (looking in the fridge) Mom, you have an insane amount of food in here, even for you.	*

(taking out last night's
roast chicken)

I knew you were all going to be here for the weekend so I made a bunch of stuff last night.

LAUREN

Looks like Jake Adler's favorite meal to me.

**JANE** 

(laughs)

Very funny.

HARLEY

Very.

Jane looks to Harley again when they all hear a car horn HONK. Jane LOOKS OUT THE WINDOW and sees JAKE'S PORSCHE PULL UP with Luke in the passenger seat. The Girls rush out the Kitchen door. Harley sees Jake getting out of the car and pours himself a larger glass of wine as Jane approaches him.

**JANE** 

Harley?

Just then, Luke enters and Jane lights up.

JANE

Yay!!!!

(hugs Luke)

LUKE

(surveying all the food) Mom, this looks amazing.

Harley and Luke hug, talk the talk. 'Sup? Yo...

JAKE

(sheepishly joins the group, eyes on Jane)

Hi.

**JANE** 

(briskly)

Hey.

Harley takes a huge gulp of his wine.

**JAKE** 

(holding Luke's backpack)
Where should I put this...?

(turns her back on him,
making herself busy)

Wherever.

Harley watches their interaction tennis match style. Jake looks at the table set for five, wishes he was joining them. He sees last night's dinner, now being served as left overs. Jane slices the roast chicken.

JAKE

That looks incredible.

Jane looks up at him, knife poised. Is he kidding?

**JANE** 

Thanks.

She goes at the chicken with the knife, slicing off a leg. Jake flinches.

HARLEY

Jake? Glass of wine?

JAKE

Uh, sure. Thanks.

HARLEY

Jane?

JANE

(not looking up)

No thank you.

Jake's cell RINGS. He turns his back to take it.

JAKE

(into cell)

Hi Ag... Just got here.

Jane has a hot flash. Starts fanning herself.

JAKE

(into cell)

Okay, I will. Yeah, no, I know.

(turns back to the family)

I'm sorry guys, I gotta hit it.

**JANE** 

Bye-bye.

The Girls look to Jane.

JAKE

I have to stop at the market. Agness is making some pasta thing and she ran out of olive oil.

**GABBY** 

Hey, at least she's finally cooking.

JAKE

So...see everybody at the party tomorrow...

LAUREN

Yeah. It's gonna be so fun.

**JANE** 

(to Lauren)

I told you I'm bringing someone,
right?

LAUREN

No. Who?

**JANE** 

Adam. My architect.

JAKE

You're bringing your architect?

JANE

Yes I am.

JAKE

Like as a date?

JANE

(looking right at him)
Yeah.

**GABBY** 

I like the idea.

**JANE** 

Me too.

HARLEY

Yeah, seems like it should round out everything really nicely.

(pouring another drink)
Nobody wants wine but me?

Luke opens a cupboard, takes out a bottle of olive oil, hands it to Jake.

LUKE

Here, now you can stay another five minutes.

(catches Jane's eye)
You have three bottles in there.

JAKE

Janey, can I talk to you privately? Just for a sec.

Jane heads out still holding the carving knife. Harley slips the knife out of her hand.

HARLEY

There you go....

(to Kids)

Somebody's talkin' graduation gift.

78 INT. COURTYARD

78

Jane and Jake stand in the courtyard off of the Living Room.

**JANE** 

What is it, Jake? What?

JAKE

I don't get not calling me back.

JANE

'Cause I don't care what your excuse is.

(shuts the door to the living )

JAKE

She didn't go out, Jane. She cancelled her plans and every time I tried to call or write, she caught me. I wanted to be here.

**JANE** 

You know what, Jake? You were worried about rocking the boat at home? Well now you're rocking my boat and I don't like it.

JAKE

(stopping her)

Honey, don't let one night...

You don't understand. I'm not even blaming you. I fully participated in this. But I don't want to do it anymore. The last thing in the world I should be right now is your mistress, sitting around at nine at night wearing heels and perfume and blowing out candles and wrapping everything in Saran Wrap because your wife cancelled her plans. It was cliche and humiliating.

JAKE

(wistfully)
You lit candles?

**JANE** 

Oh, shut up. Look, I've had a pretty good life these past 10 years. I figured it out and I moved on. I no longer feel alone or divorced. I just feel normal. You know how long that took, just to get my balance back?

JAKE

No.

JANE

The point is, I'm going in the wrong direction here. But the worst part is... It's feeling like it used to feel. All the little untruths that are hard to catch but add up...

JAKE

-- Janey, c'mon, it was one mistake...

HARLEY

(joining them)
-- Everything okay out here?
 (Jane and Jake turn)

The kids are gettin' hungry...

JANE

Yeah. We're done.

(walks away, pauses in front of Harley)

We were just...

HARLEY (as she passes) -- None of my beeswax, Jane. (once she's gone) And please never tell me. Lauren joins. LAUREN What's up? JAKE Nothin', punky. (rubs her arm) LAUREN (taking Jake back inside) Yeah? So, we're going to see you tomorrow night, for sure, right? Harley starts to follow them out when Jane grabs his shirt sleeve. JANE Okay...What did you see and what do you know? HARLEY Nothing. Really. Jane gives him a look that could get blood from a stone. HARLEY (confesses rapidly) Okay, he checked in, you arrived, you met in the elevator, possible kiss there, Doctor went up, Doctor came down, thumbs up. That's it. Have no idea what happened in between. **JANE** (dying...)

LUKE (joining them)
Mom. Dad's leaving...

HARLEY

Have you told Lauren?

No and I won't --

INT. HOUSE Jane and Harley ENTER from the courtyard just as Jake is about to leave. Jane immediately crosses to the table which now has dinner on it. Lauren kisses Jake good-bye on the cheek then joins the others who are about to sit down for dinner. LUKE (from the Dining Room) Thanks for picking me up, Dad... Jake pauses awkwardly at the door. He can't catch Jane's eye. He waves to the kids, who don't seem to notice then heads out. EXT. HOUSE Jake EXITS, turns back, looks INSIDE THE DINING ROOM, sees his family sitting around the table, talking, laughing. He heads toward his car as... **JANE** glances out the window at Jake as he drives off. One of the kids says something, distracting her, and she laughs... EXT. LAUREN AND HARLEY'S COTTAGE - THE NEXT NIGHT A80 Harley and Luke, on ladders, are stringing paper lanterns across a small patio. Lauren crosses under them, carrying a tray of food and joins Gabby who is setting out drinks. TIMO IN THE BATHROOM 81 Jane sits at her dressing table, dressed for the party. puts on hoop earrings -- likes the way she looks. She opens a drawer to take out a lipstick. INSERT - THE DRAWER

Sitting among her cosmetics is the joint Jake left for her. She looks at the joint, then looks at herself in the mirror.

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82 ADAM - WALKING UP THE PATH TO THE HOUSE - 15 MINUTES LATER 82

> He looks adorable and carries a gift the size of a book. knocks in a playful rhythm.

JANE ANSWERS THE DOOR

all smiles.

JANE

Hey....

REVERSE - ON ADAM

Very happy to see her.

ADAM

Hey. You look fantastic.

JANE

I'm feelin' a little fantastic.

She OPENS THE DOOR A LITTLE WIDER and we NOW SEE she's eating a gi-normous piece of cake.

**ADAM** 

(trying not to react to that, ENTERS, handing her the gift.)

This is for you.

**JANE** 

Really? Thank you! Come on in.

(takes a huge bite of cake)

Can you hold this for a sec?

(hands him the cake plate)

Oh my God...

(takes another bite)

-- this could be the best cake I ever made. You want a piece? It's

like... beyond...

**ADAM** 

I think I'm good.

**JANE** 

(focusing on the gift)

I can't believe you brought me a gift?! So nice!

Jane unwraps the gift, turns it around, looks at it.

**JANE** 

An appointment book?

**ADAM** 

I sort of assumed you didn't have one.

JANE

--Because I never remember our...
Awww....

ADAM

I took the liberty of filling in our next two meetings. And marked them with post-its and wrote them in red and then highlighted them in neon yellow.

JANE

Thank you!

Jane kisses Adam on the cheek just as he was moving and the kiss lands on his lips.

JANE

Sorry.

ADAM

I'm not.

(Did he really say that?
Then, he licks his lips)
Wow, that cake is good.

Jane laughs a little too hard.

83 INT. ADAM'S CAR - MOVING - NIGHT

83

JANE

So, let me ask you something and please don't think I'm weird or out of line or anything... but do you by any chance poke smot?

ADAM

Do I...??

JANE

I mean do you *smoke pot*?! I haven't asked anyone that question since I was twenty-two.

**ADAM** 

Uh. No, I don't. But I have. But I don't think I've had any since my kids were born...so not in like 27 years.

**JANE** 

Oh my God, we have kids the same age! And I haven't had any since my kids were born either!!! Except for tonight. I had one hit off of this.

Jane pulls the joint out of her purse, just as they pull up next to a Police Car.

ADAM

You might not want to hold that quite so...
(nods)

Hello Officer.

**JANE** 

(turns, SEES the Cop Car,
 GASPS and DROPS THE
 JOINT, then TURNS to Cop,
 waves, then:)

I actually know him! Blueberry scone and a latte.

(the Cop nods, pulls away)
Oh my God! That was horrifying. I
instantly saw myself in a mug shot.
My heart is leaping out of my...

(then distracted)
Wow... This is the most insane
dashboard I've ever seen. It's like
we're in a cockpit. It's
spectacular. Adam, what kind of
car is this?

**ADAM** 

Jane?

**JANE** 

(turns to him)

Hi.

ADAM

Did you get this high from one hit?

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Yes! I don't know what they've done to pot over the last 30 years but it rockkkkks!

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84 EXT. LAUREN AND HARLEY'S COTTAGE - NIGHT

84

From OUTSIDE, we can see lots of folks in the Living Room. Candles dot the path up to the cottage door. Several Couples and College Kids are walking toward the house.

85 ANGLE - BEHIND NEARBY BUSHES

85

Jane and Adam are sharing the joint. Jane takes a tiny, lady-like hit, passes it to Adam.

**JANE** 

(whispers)

Don't take too much, it's really strong.

She blows out the smoke. Adam, on the other hand, takes a huge hit.

**ADAM** 

(while holding in the

smoke)

I haven't had fun in almost three years, Jane.

(takes another huge hit)

Bring. It. On.

SOME COLLEGE KIDS

walk past the bushes.

KID

Who's got the reefer?

ADAM (O.S.)

(fake falsetto)

No one. Keep walking please.

The Kids laugh.

86 INT. LAUREN AND HARLEY'S COTTAGE - MOMENTS LATER

86

Jane and Adam, two very straight laced grown ups, ENTER the party, pausing as they peruse the crowd.

How you feeling?

**ADAM** 

Totally fine.

**JANE** 

Me too.

Adam starts to move to the music insanely well and then just insanely. Lauren and Harley greet them. Jane greets them back with a huge hug.

**JANE** 

Hi... love your dress. Hey Harls.

HARLEY

(that's weird...)

Harls...?

JANE

Adam, this is my oldest, Lauren and her fiance, Harley. (giggles to Kids) We're on a date.

Adam and Jane stifle laughs.

87 AT THE BAR - WIDE - MOMENTS LATER

87

Jane and Adam chat with all the Kids. Looks like it's going great -- Adam is a big hit.

ON JAKE - WATCHING FROM ACROSS THE ROOM

Jake nurses a drink and is not looking happy. He sees the Kids disperse, finishes off his vodka, ready to make his move.

ON JANE AND ADAM

Now alone. They haven't seen Jake yet.

**ADAM** 

### ADAM(cont'd)

Hey, there's your ex-husb-- Uh-Oh. He's headed right toward us. Not the time to be "feeling groovy" (dances again when he sees Jake in SLOW-MO getting closer and closer)
Oooo. Why so intense, big fella?

Adam slides a bit behind Jane as Jake arrives with Agness who looks inappropriately youthful.

JAKE

Hello Jane.... Adam.

ADAM

(all smiles)

Hey, good to see you again.

**JANE** 

Adam, this is Agness, Jake's wife...

(suddenly realizing)
Now that is an odd sentence for me
to say since that was me for most
of my life. Seriously. How weird
is that? Both of us married to the
same man!

**AGNESS** 

(dismissing the idea)
You know... it's... hey, what are you gonna do?

JAKE

Yeah, why go there.

At this point, Adam gets hit with a severe case of the giggles. As the rest continue, he can't keep a straight face.

JANE

Because there, is...fascinating. I mean, when you think about it, it sort of links us in some cosmic crazy way, doesn't it, Agness? Of all the men on the planet, we both said "I do" to this guy.

AGNESS

Yeah. Twenty-five years apart. I know you're having like an "Ah-Ha' moment, but I think I'm gonna get a refill. Adam, good meeting you.

**ADAM** 

(whispers to Jane as

Agness exits)

She's got a really scary tattoo.

JAKE

Janey, can I talk to you for a quick sec?

Jake nods his head toward the bathroom and heads for it. Jane looks to Adam.

JANE

He always needs me for a quick sec.

(starts to exit)

You okay?

ADAM

Oh, I'm very okay!

88 INT. TINY BATHROOM - SECONDS LATER

88

Jane and Jake are crammed into an extremely tight space.

JAKE

What's going on? You're acting insane.

JANE

(whispers giddily)

I'm stoned.

**JAKE** 

What?! You smoked the joint I gave you?

JANE

You told me to! It's a-mazing!!!

JAKE

**JANE** 

Somebody's jealous....

JAKE

Yes, of course. Why shouldn't I be... you're my...

-- What? What am I, Jake?

**JAKE** 

You're my ex-wife, lover, oldest friend and girlfriend.

Jane blurts out a laugh.

JANE

Okay. You're hilarious. And because of that, even though I kind of hate you/love you, I'm going to let you have some...

JAKE

You love me? I mean, I heard "hate" had top billing, but...

Jane takes the joint out of her purse, lights it up and hands it to Jake. Just as she does that, THE DOOR OPENS and HARLEY ENTERS, thinking the bathroom is free. Jake quickly yanks him in, shuts the door, locks it. Harley is now caught between Jane and Jake and a cloud of smoke.

HARLEY

Oh my God, you're smoking weed in the guest bathroom.

JAKE

Yes we are and we'd appreciate it if you didn't tell anyone about this.

HARLEY

No. Never. Adding it to the list.

JANE

Care for a toke?

HARLEY

I don't really smoke marijuana.

**JANE** 

(blowing out smoke)

Me either.

HARLEY

Okay, one hit.

**JANE** 

(looks at herself in the
mirror)

(MORE)

JANE (cont'd)

Oh, my God. Is that what I look like?

## 89 EXT. BACKYARD PATIO - MOMENTS LATER

89

A small group is dancing to a hip hop song on the patio. Adam and Agness are dancing together. They're totally into it. Jane makes her way to the dance floor as the song ends and The Beach Boys "Wouldn't It Be Nice" begins. Jake follows Jane dancing his way toward the crowd, spinning Gabby on his way. Jake takes Jane's hand...dances with her. Harley arrives next to Lauren and Gabby who watch their parents.

LAUREN

They must be hammered.

HARLEY

Or something like that.

Adam glances over and sees Jane and Jake.

ADAM

(to Agness)

Sweetest divorced couple in the world..!

Agness is surprised by how happy Jake looks with Jane.

JANE

(spotting Adam)

Hey..!

(to Jake)

Jake, I'm gonna....

Jane and Adam cross toward one another. Jake dies a little as Jane leaves him, her eyes on Adam. Jake doesn't notice Agness is watching him.. Jane, now dancing with Adam, looks from Adam to Jake then back to Adam and then doesn't look back at Jake again.

Jake is still as he watches the woman he loves slip away. Agness has her eyes firmly on Jake, not missing any of it.

## 90 INT. ADAM'S CAR - MOVING - NIGHT

90

Adam drives Jane home. Clearly the end of a great night.

JANE

Wow. Fun is not overrated, is it?

**ADAM** 

You know what's great?

JANE

What?

**ADAM** 

How much I like you.

**JANE** 

(really touched)

Thank you... I really like you a lot too.... even though...oh.. you didn't say, "a lot".

**ADAM** 

But I was thinking it.

**JANE** 

So... I'm not too old for you?

ADAM

How can you be too old for me when I'm older than you.

**JANE** 

I just figured all these women you get fixed up with are thirty-five.

ADAM

Your age is one of my favorite things about you.

(she appreciates that)

Do you think you have any more of that chocolate cake at your house?

**JANE** 

Hungry?

ADAM

Starved!

## 91 A BLACK SCREEN - LIGHTS POP ON

91

And we are IN THE BAKERY at ONE A.M. Jane turns on a few more lights, but keeps it a bit moody.

ADAM

Officially now the best date of my life. Pre or post divorce.

Get out... All right....so basically I can make you anything on the menu or even not on the menu. Just name it.

ADAM

No? Really? Okay. (scans the blackboard menu)

What about a... warm chocolate croissant?

JANE

My speciality!

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#### INT. BAKERY KITCHEN

JANE FLOURS AND ROLLS CROISSANT DOUGH as Adam, now in an apron, watches, chatting with her. Jane then places the dough in a machine called a Sheeter. The dough slides into the sheeter and then slides back out bigger and flatter.

ANGLE - JANE AND ADAM - TWO STONERS

watching the sheeter, mesmerized.

NEXT Jane folds the flattened dough, measures it with a yard stick, then cuts it into sections. She takes one of the sections, spreads it on a marble slab and very quickly cuts it into triangles. She's a whiz at this.

THEN, Jane shows Adam how to stretch the triangles of dough... Nervous at first, he gets the hang of it. Then, Jane teaches Adam how to place a bar of chocolate in each triangle and roll it into a croissant. Laughing as they work, they make a dozen croissants... NEXT...into the OVEN.

# 93 INT. RESTAURANT - LATER

Jane and Adam sit at a table in the corner, a stack of croissants piled high between them. Music plays as Adam takes the top croissant and Jane takes the next.

93

**ADAM** 

(bites into it)

Oh. Baby.

**JANE** 

(smelling hers)

Mmmmmmmm.

**ADAM** 

It's crazy how good this is.

**JANE** 

(biting into one, nods)
Yeah, and I'm not even stoned
anymore.

**ADAM** 

Neither am I.

**JANE** 

(happy about that)
Oh, then...merci, Monsieur.

**ADAM** 

Do you remember when I asked you the other night, if you were dating anyone and you said no... It sounded to me like you were maybe saying yes.

JANE

I was sort of seeing someone. But, it's over now.

(Adam nods)

Honestly.

**ADAM** 

'Cause I'm not strong enough to fall for someone who's with someone else. Wouldn't be able to take that again.

**JANE** 

I understand. I wouldn't say it was over if it wasn't.

Adam takes Jane's hand in his...relieved.

ADAM

Great.

Adam turns Jane's hand over and looks at it a bit quizzically.

(explains)

Cooking scar.... From a very hot batch of caramel...

ADAM

Ooooo. What about that one?

**JANE** 

That one's from boiling sugar...I wasn't very skilled in the beginning. And that one is from a large French...

Adam presses Jane's palm to his lips and kisses her scar.

**JANE** 

-- Saute pan.

Adam then kisses the burn on her forearm. Jane sighs, closes her eyes. This feeling is unexpected. She opens her eyes as Adam moves closer.

**ADAM** 

Would it be okay if I...?

Jane nods. He kisses her great.

**ADAM** 

I was going to say, kiss you.

**JANE** 

I figured.

ADAM

If you feel this is in any way wrong because we're working together...

JANE

... I don't ...

He smiles as she folds into him and they kiss and kiss and kiss again.

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TNT	TANE'S	KTTCHEN	– THE	MEXT	DAY

Quiet. Jane enters from the garden, humming, "Wouldn't It Be Nice." Luke ENTERS, still looking half asleep in his T Shirt and boxers.

**JANE** 

Hey sleepy! What time did you get in?

LUKE

Have no idea. Lauren and Harley drove me home.

LAUREN

(joining)

I'm surprised you remember that.

**JANE** 

(turns to see Lauren)

Hi. I didn't know you slept here.

Lauren, in an open robe over drawstrings and a tank top, takes out a box of cereal.

LAUREN

We were playing Scattagories with Gabby and Ollie then Harley fell asleep on the couch.

Harley meanders in wearing Victoria Secret Heart patterned PJ bottoms and a Girl's V-neck T-shirt.

LUKE

Sweet.

HARLEY

I got cold in the middle of the night.

Lauren and Jane laugh.

JANE

Okay, who wants what?

(noticing Gabby entering)

Hi baby...

**GABBY** 

(looks out the front

window)

What's Dad doing here?

Everyone LOOKS OUT THE WINDOW and SEES Jake sitting in his Porsche.

## 96 EXT. FRONT PORCH

96

Jane EXITS as Jake steps out of his car. He looks like he's had a rough night and has something on his mind. Jane cautiously looks back at the house. The kitchen windows are all open.

**JANE** 

(quietly)

Everything okay?

JAKE

I left Agness.

**JANE** 

No, don't say that.

JAKE

She saw it my eyes, Janey.

JANE

Saw what?

**JAKE** 

That I'm still in love with you. I admitted it, I told her about us and I've left her. For you.

JANE

No, no, no.... What do you mean??? Jake, this is crazy!

(worried the kids will

hear, whispers)

Are you telling me the truth?

JAKE

(nods)

This feels so right Jane.

As Jane is about to respond, Gabby EXITS the house in her PJ's, looking confused.

GABBY

(from the porch)

What's going on?

**JANE** 

Nothing. Honey, set the table, I'll be right in.

**GABBY** 

Mom, you're the only one who cares if the table's set.

JANE

Okay, then do it for me....just go in please.

Luke and Lauren join Gabby on the porch.

LUKE

What's up, Dad?

**JAKE** 

Having some problems on the home front, just wanted to talk to your Mom for a sec.

Jane shakes her head. Why did he have to say that? Harley joins the Kids.

LAUREN

Problems on the home front? Is one of you seeing someone else?

Hearing that, Harley does a swift about face and goes right back inside. Jane's eyes widen toward Jake.

JAKE

(off Jane's cue)

No, it's nothing like that. I just need to find a hotel or something for a few days 'til I get my head together.

**GABBY** 

It's that serious?

Jake nods.

LUKE

Mom, can Dad stay here for a few days? He can share my room.

**JANE** 

I don't think that's the best idea, Luke.

**GABBY** 

Daddy, are you crying?

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He turns away from the kids. The tears could be for dramatic effect, could be real.

**JAKE** 

I'm sorry.

All Three Kids immediately well up and look at Jane.

LUKE

(begging)

Mom.....

97 EXT. FRONT PORCH DINING AREA - A LITTLE LATER

97

Jane nervously nibbles on her fingernail as the family sits silently around the table watching a ravenous Jake eat French Toast, bacon, coffee, side of fruit. His mood has been lifted. His energy is in full bloom.

JAKE

Mommy's the best cook in the world!

98 EXT. VEGETABLE GARDEN - LATER THAT DAY

98

Jane is working in the garden. A shadow falls over her. She looks up, Jake stands before her, a cute smile breaking across his face.

**JAKE** 

Thank you for saving me Janey.

**JANE** 

Jake, you knew the kids were all here. Shouldn't we have talked about this? Agreed this was the right thing to do? This is so typical. Only thinking about works for you.

JAKE

I'm sorry, I guess I should've called before showing up.

JANE

-- And I'm not sure you even left Agness. Maybe she saw something last night and threw you out... JAKE

What's the difference? I was drowning over there. I'm not going to get that many more chances in my life to figure myself out. Janey, let's use these couple of days to see if we can make this work.

**JANE** 

We can't, Jake. I told you this the other night. Please listen.

**JAKE** 

But you were all pissy because you thought I stood you up. Things are different now. I'm a free man.

(then)

Can we just hug? I hate that you're being so distant. It's literally giving me a pain in my stomach.

**JANE** 

Oh, God...

Jane reluctantly hugs him. He tries to kiss her.

**JANE** 

See! Too much!

JAKE

Okay! Good note.

Jane can't help but smile.

**JAKE** 

Can I help with what you're doing? Hold your basket or...

JANE

I'm fine....

**JAKE** 

Okay... I'm going to go to the video store and get us all a dvd to watch tonight. We'll have movie night. Just like old times. How's that? I'll make the popcorn.

Just then Jane's Cell RINGS.

Fine.

(into phone)

Hello...

JAKE

(whispers)

I love knowing I'm coming back here.

**JANE** 

(nods, turning slightly)
Oh, hi... I slept great. How 'bout
you?

Jake waits, but realizes Jane's not going to turn back.

99 INT. FAMILY ROOM - JANE'S HOUSE - THAT NIGHT

99

The Adlers are watching The Graduate. The lights are low. Jake, shoes off, hands everyone bowls of popcorn. Jane sits in a club chair. Harley's on the floor and the Adler Kids are on one long sofa, all covered in a blanket. Jake hands them popcorn then squeezes back in, between the Girls.

ON THE FLAT SCREEN - BUCK HENRY AND DUSTIN HOFFMAN

BUCK HENERY

Are you here for an affair, sir?

DUSTIN

What?

BUCK HENRY

The Singleman party, sir?

Jane cringes as the Kids laugh. She looks over at Jake snuggling between the Kids, all eating popcorn and laughing. He catches Jane's eye and mouths.

**JAKE** 

I'M SO HAPPY!!!

100 EXT. JANE'S HOUSE - LATER THAT NIGHT - EST.

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101

Jake, bare legged and wearing a robe and slippers, crosses to the KITCHEN where he finds Luke and Gabby digging through the fridge.

JAKE

Any leftovers?

**GABBY** 

Are you kidding?

(takes out an armful of Tupperware)

JAKE

Any of that noodle thing left?
(Gabby hands it to him.)
Where's Mom? She disappeared so fast after the movie.

**GABBY** 

She's probably sleeping.

LUKE

I think she's on her computer.

They all nibble out of Tupperware, leaning against various counters.

LUKE

Tonight was weird.

**GABBY** 

So weird. Still is.

JAKE

I loved tonight.

GABBY

Yeah. That's why it was so weird. Just seeing you in your robe in our kitchen. Remember when you weren't even allowed in. Mom used to go out to the car to talk to you...

LUKE

(handing Gabby his Tupperware)

You know, I don't even really remember you and Mom as a couple.

JAKE

What do you mean... you were ten when we broke up.

LUKE

I was eight actually and I don't know...it's all foggy to me now.

**JAKE** 

You don't remember us in Hawaii or all sleeping in that tent in the backyard.

LUKE

Yeah, of course, but I don't remember like you and Mom hugging or waking up together...

Jake grabs his heart, moans.

LUKE

-- It's okay. I'm not damaged or anything. You've been good parents...

**GABBY** 

Speak for yourself dude. I'm definitely damaged from the divorce.

Harley and Lauren ENTER. Lauren turns the tea kettle on.

LAUREN

Hello troops.

JAKE

Why are you still here?

LAUREN

I don't know, you and Mom sleeping in the same house. Harley thought we should stay.

Jake turns his beams on Harley.

HARLEY

She exaggerates. I just thought perhaps you might want to talk later, or ... Is that the noodle thing?

JAKE

Oh. Sorry. I think I ate it all.

**GABBY** 

Dad!

JAKE

I didn't know anyone wanted any.

102 INT. JANE'S BEDROOM - A LITTLE LATER

102

Jane, sits on her bed, talking to Adam via iSight. On her LAPTOP SCREEN, we see Adam but he's a bit of a BLUR.

JANE

Wait, I can't see that one. Can you back up a little?

CLOSE ON JANE'S LAP TOP SCREEN - ADAM IN HIS BEDROOM

He back ups from the lens and models a rather ridiculous ski sweater.

**JANE** 

(hmmm)

Very festive...

**ADAM** 

O-kay. Thank you.

(into lens)

Gift from my ex-sister-in-law.

Have no idea why I kept it.

(pulls sweater off)

Into the pile. Hey, check out the pile, Jane.

Adam POINTS HIS LAPTOP to the floor to show a HUGE STACK OF OLD CLOTHES.

JANE

Nice!

(then)

Hey, the pile's moving....

**ADAM** 

Murphy, get out of there!

A small Mutt scurries out of the pile. Jane laughs.

ADAM

(re-enters in an odd

shirt)

What about this? I was in India and I had it made.

(MORE)

ADAM(cont'd)

The guy ran out of fabric so he didn't make me long sleeves.

(looks down)

Or short sleeves. It's weird.

**JANE** 

And kinda girly.

**ADAM** 

(taking it off)

Not what I'm going for.

(holds up a sweater)

Gray sweater. Very old.

**JANE** 

But cute.

**ADAM** 

(slips it on)

You sure? You don't have to say you like it just because you nixed the last 20 things.

Jane likes this man.

JANE

Keep it. It's cozy. Boy, you have a lot of clothes.

**ADAM** 

(looks at the floor)

Uh, not anymore. Okay, we're almost done. You are helping me so much by the way.

**JANE** 

-- Adam, I really have to pee.

ADAM

Oh good. Me too. Meet you back in

thirty....

(lifting the laptop)

Putting this on my desk....

ON JANE'S SIDE

Just a shot of Jane's Pillows on her bed.

JANE'S VOICE

I'm not in there...

ON ADAM'S SIDE - AN ISIGHT FRAME OF AN EMPTY DESK CHAIR.

ADAM'S VOICE

Can't hear you.

103 INT. JANE'S BEDROOM - WIDE - SAME TIME

103

Jake pokes his head in, looks around, sees no one in the room. He hears Jane in the bathroom and ENTERS quietly, quickly squirms out of his boxers and T-shirt, then, DROPS HIS ROBE, and lies on his side, on the bed, completely NUDE -- elbow up, palm supporting his head -- a smile on his face. He changes his smile to a smoulder.

Jake hears water running. Suddenly modest, he quickly drags over the open Laptop and places the open screen in front of his privates. He smiles, ready to be discovered.

JANE \*

A104 dries her hands at the bathroom sink.

A104

104 INT. ADAM'S BEDROOM - SAME TIME

104

Adam crosses through the room on his way to his laptop.

105 JANE ENTERS HER BEDROOM, SEES JAKE and lets out a SCREAM. 105

Simultaneously, ADAM PLOPS DOWN IN HIS DESK CHAIR, LOOKS AT HIS SCREEN and instantly YANKS HIMSELF AWAY in disgust.

ADAM

Mother of --(looks again) Ahhhhhhhhhhh!!!!

Jake LOOKS DOWN AT THE SCREEN, SEES ADAM'S SCREAMING FACE AND SCREAMS BACK.

JANE

What are you doing in here?!!!

ADAM

(covering the screen with
 his hands)
Get it off!!!

JAKE

(covering himself)
I wanted to see you.

Why are you naked!?!

**JAKE** 

(sits up straight, the lap top shooting even more directly at his groin) Why do you think?

ADAM

Okay, I'm gonna be sick.

Jake LEANS IN, covers Adam's eyes on the screen, which, of course, does nothing.

ADAM

Not working! Big close up!

Jake rises, now his ass gets the close up, he bends over to get his robe.

ADAM

Okay! Good night!

Jake SPINS THE LAPTOP and the ISIGHT LENS LANDS ON JANE. Jane and Adam look at one another. No time to say anything. She's desperate. He's lost.

The DOOR FLIES OPEN, the KIDS RUSH IN, just as Jake ties his robe.

**GABBY** 

Everybody okay?

No one says anything.

LAUREN

What's happening?

Adam listens, his eyes on Jane. Jake crosses to Jane, facing the Kids. He walks in and out of the iSight shot.

**JAKE** 

Okay. Let me explain. The reason I left Agness wasn't just because my marriage wasn't working.

(The Kids wait...)

I've also fallen in love...back in love... with your mother. Or maybe I never stopped loving her.

**GABBY** 

Is this a joke?

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**JAKE** 

I know this is shocking, but I think this is the best thing that's ever happened to me. Your Mom and I have been seeing each other, on the side... ever since New York.

LAUREN

Mom, is this true?

**JANE** 

(dying)

That part is, but..

**JAKE** 

I found my way back home. I just hope she'll take me back.

Gabby breaks down in tears. Lauren puts her arm around her.

Jane starts to cry, looks at her laptop, just as she HEARS A CLICK and THE LAPTOP SCREEN GOES BLACK.

JAKE

Why's everyone crying? Why isn't this good news?

LAUREN

Because we're still getting over the divorce.

LUKE

Mom, are you and Dad getting back together?

JANE

No... we're not.

Jane looks at the Kids with incredible sadness.

### 106 EXT. DRIVEWAY - LATER - THAT NIGHT

106

The Kids, in their cars, drive down the road, away from the house. Jane stands in the driveway, watching, never before feeling quite like this. Jake EXITS THE HOUSE, holding his bag. He stops, looks at Jane. She has nothing left to say. Jake gets in his car and pulls away as Jane walks back inside.

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108	EXT. POOL AREA/BACKYARD - MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT	108			
	Jane lies on a pool chaise, wrapped in a blanket, tissues hand. She stares up at the night sky and as her eyes flu shut, we drift off of her		*		
	DISSOLVE TO	):	*		
122	OMIT	122	*		
123	EXT. JANE'S POOL/BACKYARD - EARLY MORNING	123			
	CAMERA DRIFTS ACROSS THE POOL TO JANE, asleep on the pool chaise, still wrapped in a blanket. The sprinklers go of and wake Jane. She opens her eyes, looks around, realize she's spent the night outside.	f	* * *		
	Jane sits up too fast, a tad disoriented, then quickly realizes what she must do.		*		
124	A FRONT DOOR OPENS TO REVEAL HARLEY	124			
	bed-headed and still in his pj's. He approvingly looks at Jane, who stands across from him, ready to right it all.	:			
	HARLEY Glad you're here, boss.				
125	INT. COTTAGE - CONTINUOUS	125			
	Harley leads Jane down the narrow hall to the Bedroom.				
	HARLEY  Now I know you don't need my advice  Jane, but		* *		
	JANE I got this one		*		
	HARLEY I know you do.		*		
	Jane pauses, Harley nods for her to go inside.		*		
	JANE'S POV - INSIDE THE BEDROOM				
	Her Three Kids are under the covers. Lauren is between Ga and Luke. They look like they just woke up.	ıbby	*		

Jane stands in the doorway. The Kids don't say a word. Jane doesn't wait. She crosses to the bed, sits on it, looks at her children.

JANE

Knowing how to be divorced is next to impossible... and sometimes over the years, I've thought that your Dad and I weren't quite finished. And, as it turns out, we weren't. So I went out of my comfort zone, which, I found out, if you're really honest with yourself, isn't all that comforting. So, I experimented with a part of myself. I wanted to find out if, after all these years there was still something there between us.

LAUREN

And was there?

**JANE** 

There kinda was.

Lauren smiles with her eyes.

**GABBY** 

But Mom, you have to understand how bonkers this sounds to us. For two people who for years couldn't be in the same room together...to then have an affair??? You and Dad...!

**JANE** 

I know...it was hard for me and I was doing it. I hope you'll forgive me for confusing you or betraying your trust, but I did this for me and for him and I realized even though your Dad and I once had something extraordinary... we no longer really fit together. But he is a part of me and always will be.

LUKE

So it's over now? You guys are back to being divorced.

**JANE** 

For better or for worse.

Lauren takes her Mom's hand. Harley joins them, sitting on the other side of the bed, holding back tears.

HARLEY

Group hug?

And as they all move into hug, we:

CUT TO:

126 A MOVING POV - INT. ARCHITECTURE OFFICE - DAY 126

REVERSE ON JANE walking through Adam's firm. She arrives at:

127 ADAM'S OFFICE 127

Adam is on a phone call.

ADAM

(into phone)

Yeah no problem...we can definitely do that...

(notices Jane)

-- James, can I call you back, someone just... Thanks.

(rises)

Hi.

JANE

Hi. May I come in?

ADAM

-- Sure.

**JANE** 

I didn't call you last night because I wasn't sure you would take the call and then I thought that could go on for months and...

**ADAM** 

-- I would have taken the call.

**JANE** 

Oh. Well, anyway, it's better to say these things in person. Adam, the man I was seeing was...

ADAM

I think I'm up to speed on that part.

I want you to know it didn't last long and you're divorced, so maybe you understand, when marriages end, there's doubts and hurt, and you've got kids and sometimes you wonder if you did the right thing and when the moment presented itself...

ADAM

-- I get it. I could imagine it...I could...

JANE

I told him it wasn't going to work between us but I guess he didn't believe me and unbeknownst to me, he showed up at my house yesterday. He left Agness and...

**ADAM** 

-- Jane. I actually think I understand what happened but...uh...you know I'm not as macho as I appear and I think it's probably best for us not to get any more... involved because your relationship with Jake isn't really done and I know you're saying it is, but he's in love with you and for everyone's sake, that should probably get resolved.

**JANE** 

Wow. So that's how grown ups talk.

Adam smiles.

JANE

Please tell me you're not going to quit my job and ask Peter to take over because then I'll never get to see you and...

**ADAM** 

I was thinking of asking Peter to step back in.

JANE

Oh... I hope you don't...

**ADAM** 

Thanks.

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### 129 EXT. ROAD TO JANE'S HOUSE - LATE DAY

129

Jane drives home, when she notices Jake's Porsche in her driveway. She gets out of her car, finds Jake sitting on the bench swing hanging from a large oak in the front yard.

Jane crosses to Jake. He moves over. Jane sees the humor in this gesture and sits on the swing with him, letting out a sigh. Side by side, they swing in the late afternoon breeze.

**JAKE** 

I'm sorry.

Jane doesn't answer right away.

**JANE** 

How far back does that sorry go?

JAKE

How far back do you need it to go?

JANE

Way back.

JAKE

Consider it an all inclusive apology. From not being the husband you needed to showing up nude on your bed last night.

**JANE** 

Yeah, what were you thinking with that move?

JAKE

That you'd find me irresistible.

Jane turns to him, her eyes warming up to him.

**JAKE** 

Never considered the alternative.

JANE

Gotta love that about you.

They swing some more.

**JAKE** 

Oh, man, can't believe I got up to bat again and blew it.

JANE

You didn't blow it. We blew it. We blew it the first time around. This time... we just should've known better. Too much has happened. Too much time has passed.

**JAKE** 

And you don't think we could make it right?

**JANE** 

Does that mean you didn't feel it was totally right either?

JAKE

Being with you Jane is the best I'm gonna be.

JANE

But do you agree that it wasn't really...?

**JAKE** 

It was complicated.

JANE

Begging for an answer.

JAKE

I thought it was good. I wanted it to be good.

JANE

Guess that's as close as I'm gonna get.

**JAKE** 

Do you always have to be so hard on me?

JANE

No. I don't.

**JAKE** 

I don't regret giving it another shot.

Probably would've been better if you hadn't been married.

JAKE

It may never have happened if I wasn't married.

Jane looks at Jake, knowing how true that is. They sit, side by side, as they sway in the breeze.

**JANE** 

I don't regret it either.

They continue rocking, not much more to say. As CAMERA PULLS AWAY, we:

DISSOLVE TO:

130 EXT. JANE'S HOUSE - MANY MORNINGS LATER

130

It's raining. Trucks are pulling into the driveway as lumber is being taken off of a truck and covered in tarps.

Jane EXITS THE HOUSE in a parka and under an umbrella. A GROUP OF CONSTRUCTION GUYS ARE huddled under a make-shift tarp. Jane crosses toward them and as the group opens to face her she spots Adam, holding blue prints. Jane is stunned he's there.

ADAM

Good morning.

**JANE** 

Good morning.

ADAM

Did you know it's good luck to start building in the rain?

**JANE** 

Really?

**ADAM** 

(obviously lying)

Yes. It's a well known, very good, really lucky omen.

Thunder rattles the sky.

(looking up)

Good, I could use one.

(then)

Would you all like to have your meeting in the house...it's dry and I've got hot coffee...

The Group thanks her and heads for the house. Adam stays back and walks next to Jane. It's a long second before someone talks.

ADAM Jane, I need to ask you something... JANE Anything... **ADAM** You wouldn't happen to have any of those amazing chocolate croissants, would you? **JANE** Oh.... you like those, huh? ADAM I have incredibly fond memories of them. **JANE** I don't have any here, but we could go into town and get some... right out of the oven. They turn toward the house and on their backs we hear: ADAM You want to do that? **JANE** Yeah... love to. And as they walk away from Camera, we:

SLOWLY FADE OUT