## UNTITLED

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#### TEASER

INT. BEDROOM - EARLY MORNING

TIGHT ON AMANDA MARSHALL, 23, beautiful in an accessible way (code for: girls don't hate her), as she comes to consciousness. Her face is a hot mess of chocolate fudge stickiness, binge drinking and ugly crying. Through her blurred POV she pulls a familiar duvet cover into frame.

AMANDA

Yes! (relief) I'm in my bed.

Horror washes across her face. She pulls down the sheet revealing: BEDAZZLED PASTIES on each nipple.

AMANDA (CONT'D) What the--I gotta lay off the hooch. (then, sighing) Thank god I'm alone.

Then, a HAIRY, MASCULINE ARM SWINGS OVER HER, ready to spoon.

AMANDA (CONT'D)

Shit.

#### FORTY=EIGHT HOURS EARLIER

INT. JFK AIRPORT - LATE MORNING

Amanda- disheveled in a hung over way- RUNS through JFK in a gaudy <u>purple bridesmaids dress</u> with a duffle bag. She dashes into a bathroom with bed-head and a day old face. Moments later: she reemerges, slightly more kempt and with a clean face, in an ill-fitting BLUE bridesmaid's dress, this one more hideous than the last. She looks at the purple dress in her hands. Then, without hesitation, throws it in the trash.

INT. PLANE, ON TARMAC - DAY

PILOT (0.S.)
 (over intercom)
Folks, we're going to be delayed
another half hour. Sit tight.

In her seat, Amanda's slightly distressed. She picks rice out of her bra while she nurses her hangover by pouring a beer into tomato juice. The GAWKY TEENAGE BOY beside her gives an amused once-over. TEENAGE BOY Going to a wedding?

AMANDA

No.
 (then,)
Second of the weekend. I know,
sounds ridiculous and probably
leaves you wondering why I didn't
just bag out of one of them.
 (the kid doesn't care)
I was obligated to go to the first
wedding. The bride is my cousin.
But this next one's for a friend.
AND my ex-boyfriend's going to be
there. So while it's not an
obligation, I have to go.

He doesn't get it. Amanda steadies herself, gets serious.

AMANDA (CONT'D) You see, when you're older and a monumental relationship ends -- not because they don't love you, but rather because they're "not ready" for a serious commitment -- at that point, no matter how inconvenient it is for you to casually see them again- you will see them. You will see them so they can see that you look amazing and that your life is carrying on without them- possibly even better without them. And, in that moment when they see how great you look and how happy you are, you will graciously allow them to relinguish their guilt over dumping you and replace that guilt with the gift of ... remorse.

Satisfied, Amanda looks to the kid who is now solely focused playing a game on his iphone.

AMANDA (CONT'D) Did you buy that? (he shakes his head) Me neither. (she slides her beer in front of him) It's not good to drink alone.

#### ACT ONE

INT. PLANE - MID-FLIGHT - LATER

The teen is mid-story as he sips the beer.

## AMANDA

She didn't!

#### TEENAGE BOY

She did! And now I'm screwed cuz I lied to my parents, flew across the country and bitch lost her nerve.

#### AMANDA

Woah. Easy on the "B" word. You're in the presence of a lady...across the aisle. Get it? I'm not a lady but she is 'cause...

(she taps the beer) The more you drink, the funnier I get.

## TEENAGE BOY She's actually not a bitch. She's perfect. Which is why I used my savings to see her. And I didn't really care that we didn't do it. I just wanted to spend the night in the same bed.

#### AMANDA

That is so romantic. And sweet. I think I might love you.

TEENAGE BOY That's what she said.

# AMANDA

So what's the problem?

#### TEENAGE BOY

How am I supposed to tell my friends that I couldn't close?!

#### AMANDA

First off, you <u>never</u> should've told your friends. Want my advice? (the boy nods) Lie. Tell them you did it every which way- for hours- until she couldn't walk. TEENAGE BOY No one's gonna believe that.

AMANDA Then tell them a partial truth. It would have been awkward, messy and over quickly. You really didn't miss much.

TEENAGE BOY What if they have follow up questions?

The kid's a mess. Amanda thinks a beat. Has an idea.

AMANDA Ever seen "Sixteen Candles"? (he shakes his head) Then, I'm about to do you the favor of a lifetime.

EXT. LAX/INT. CAR - EVENING

Amanda gets in to the car, rushed. CLOSE ON A TIGHT SHOT OF the driver: VIVIAN ADAMS(aka Vivi) (22), small and energetic like the living incarnation of a can of Red Bull.

### VIVI

(speeding off) We only have thirty minutes.

#### AMANDA

Viv, please explain to me why Shane feels the need to get married at twenty-three? We just graduated college. We've barely...

VIVI

Had good sex.

#### AMANDA

It's okay to marry a guy that's
twenty-three but you should be
thirty when you do it.
 (biting her nails)
I'm nervous.

VIVI Hand out of mouth. (Amanda complies) "Operation Closure" is in effect.

#### AMANDA

Tonight, I'm not going to let Ben make me feel insecure. It's been six months and I'm not going to fall apart when I see him cuz I've moved on.

VIVI

He's gonna eat his heart out when he sees you. Because you're beautiful...

AMANDA I'm at least two notches above Khloe Kardashian.

VIVI Three. And you're like a thousand times smarter...

AMANDA Which is why I don't have to share a cubicle at work.

VIVI And who else knows how to give a professional blow-out...

AMANDA To myself. Hollah!

VIVI Plus you're a total diva in the sack.

AMANDA Even though I don't bone smuggle in the rear?

VIVI You don't need to. You're THAT good. But...

AMANDA

But?

VIVI You're in the <u>wrong dress</u>.

SHOCK PULL BACK TO REVEAL:

Vivi is in a PINK dress next to Amanda in her blue one.

MORTIFIED WOMAN (O.C.) My wedding is ruined!

SMASH CUT TO:

#### A MORTIFIED BRIDE. We're in:

INT. CHURCH, BRIDAL CHAMBERS - EVENING

The bride, SHANE, is totally freaking out. Snorting, sniveling and utterly devastated.

AMANDA

The tailor must've given me the wrong dress. But look at the bright side, now you got both "borrowed" and "blue" covered.

SHANE

I don't know how you didn't notice it was the wrong dress. I would never pick that dress. That dress is awful.

ANGLE ON THE OTHER BRIDESMAIDS, horrified in their <u>ugly</u> pink dresses. They look at Shane like she's insane.

AMANDA Take me out of the wedding.

SHANE

(sputtering)
I can't. The attendants will be
uneven.
 (she bites her lip)
Go. Please. If I keep looking at
you I'll ruin my make-up.

Too late. She already has. As Shane heads to the consoling arms of her MOTHER, Amanda exits, pulling Vivi with her.

INT. CHURCH, ENTRY WAY - MOMENTS LATER

AMANDA I feel like crap.

VIVI Shane was devastated.

AMANDA Thanks. I don't think this day could suck harder.

## MAN (O.C.)

## Amanda?

She spoke too soon. Amanda spins around to find a tall, blonde and gorgeous guy, Ben, 24. They make eye contact and trade sympathetic smiles- an old connection. Amanda sucks in her stomach.

#### AMANDA

BEN

Нi

Hi.

Amanda manages to put on a winning face UNTIL A STUNNING, BRUNETTE approaches and wraps herself around Ben. Amanda's face goes white. The wind knocked out of her.

> BEN Savannah. Amanda. Amanda. Savannah.

> > AMANDA

Pretty dress.

SAVANNAH

You too.

AMANDA

Not really.

SAVANNAH I was trying to be polite.

Savannah smiles obnoxiously as she and Ben head into the chapel. Once out of sight, Amanda loses her balance. Vivi steadies her and PULLS HER BACK into the bridal chambers.

INT. CHURCH, BRIDAL CHAMBERS - CONTINUOUS

VIVI

He totally misses you. Did you see how he said "hi". It was like... "Hi, I'm a mess". And you were totally cool. Yours was like "Hi, I don't care".

AMANDA

(hyperventilating) Do you think they're dating? Or in love? No, they're probably hanging out. He can do that without feelings. Right?

VIVI

Absolutely. (Amanda relaxes) He's totally just humping her. (MORE) VIVI (CONT'D)
It's all about slapping skin on
skin. Skin on skin. No feelings.
He's just slapping her ass, over
and over and over...
 (Amanda starts to tear up,
 her lip quivering)
Oh. Oh no. Don't do it.
 (to a passing BRIDESMAID)
Meltdown in progress. I need
something!

The bridesmaid hands Amanda TWO PILLS from her bra.

BRIDESMAID Here. Should do the trick.

Amanda throws them back, appreciative.

INT. CHURCH, CHAPEL - EVENING

As family and friend find their seats...we narrow in ON TWO GUYS in the pews: NICK JONES(23), baby-faced cute next to an uptight misfit, Todd MICHAELS(23). Todd's in shock.

TODD There's no way.

They are staring at a SMOKING HOT CHICK two rows ahead.

NICK Rebecca. Delta Gamma bathroom. Spring Formal 2010.

TODD

Ye-ah, right.

At that moment ANOTHER CHICK yells to the hot one.

## CHICK

Rebecca!

The hot chick, Rebecca, turns and waves at the other gal. She then sees Nick <u>and winks</u>. Nick smiles at Todd.

TODD

Please tell me, how can I be you?

NICK Graduate and move out of your parent's house.

TODD And leave my mom without a purpose in life? Believe me, she NEEDS to do my laundry. Nick's attention is averted as Ben walks in with Savannah. NICK Problem. See what I see? TODD Is Ben with that sweet treat? NTCK Soon to be <u>on</u> and <u>in</u> her. Name's Savannah. TODD Do you know her, know her? (Nick nods) You whore. NICK This is not good for Amanda. And definitely not good for her plan to get closure. TODD I'm not gonna be the one Fuck me. to hold Amanda's hair back this time when she has a meltdown. NICK Amanda's not going to meltdown. She's over him. INT. CHURCH, BRIDAL CHAMBERS - EVENING AMANDA I'm not over him. Amanda, while still reeling, is visually more relaxed and oddly transfixed with her bracelet.

VIVI

Yes, you are. Focus on the plan.

AMANDA Is he trying to make me jealous?

VIVI Yes! That's exactly what he's doing. And two can play that game. Change of plan. Make <u>him</u> jealous! This is all so stressful, yet oddly, I'm feeling very relaxed. (to Bridesmaid with pills) Thanks for the Advil.

BRIDESMAID It was Percocet.

AMANDA It's nice. I wonder if it will have any reaction to the alcohol I was drinking on the plane.

Somewhere a needle scratches across a record as ALL THE BRIDESMAIDS TURN IN HORROR to Amanda.

CUT TO:

Amanda, FUCKED UP. We're in:

INT. CHURCH, CORRIDOR - MINUTES LATER

Amanda takes her place to walk down the aisle beside an attractive groomsman, JONATHAN. She takes a pink decorative ribbon off a flower display and ties it in her hair.

JONATHAN It definitely ties it all together.

AMANDA

Sweeeet.

INT. CHURCH, AISLE - CONTINUOUS

Amanda enters the procession. As she weaves down the aisle in the wrong gown, accidentally making eye contact with Ben, she loses her balance a bit. She almost eats it but Jonathan catches her. ANGLE ON Nick and Todd in the pews, their eyes go wide as they suddenly catch a glimpse of Amanda.

TODD

Is Amanda rolling commando?

ANGLE ON Amanda, now from behind, continuing to weave down the aisle and sure enough- the light in the church is making her dress transparent. <u>Her ass appearing clear as day</u>!

#### ACT TWO

INT. HOTEL BALLROOM - EVENING

We're at the wedding reception. Amanda is at one of the many bars in the room and has a CUP OF COFFEE in her hand instead of champagne. Trying to sober up. Inevitably, she sees Ben across the room. He smiles. Nick sees Amanda looking at Ben and as she starts to head in his direction, Nick stops her.

> NICK Do NOT talk to Ben.

AMANDA I'm not gonna talk to him. (then, vulnerable) Why can't I talk to him?

NICK

Because he dicked you over to sleep with other girls. And you've moved on. Right? (Amanda thinks) Right?! (Amanda nods) Now, show him what he's missing...from across the room. Remember: you're the prize. You are the prize.

Nick walks way as Amanda chants to herself:

AMANDA I'm the prize... I'm the prize...

Suddenly, it dawns on her that she's all alone talking to herself. Panicked, she looks around. Spots Todd. Heads to him. Todd's at a table in the middle of the ballroom and is attentively eyeing Rebecca, the hot chick from the church. Amanda sits next to him.

> TODD Amanda, if you were a girl... AMANDA I am a girl. TODD But if you were a girl like that.

AMANDA Nice, Todd. And your question is? TODD What kind of tactic do you think I should use in my approach?

AMANDA I would suggest not using a tactic. Be you. Have confidence. Confidence is what makes someone sexy.

TODD Confidence. Yes. Be confident.

Todd looks at Amanda, earnest.

TODD (CONT'D) Think I can pull that off?

Amanda gives Todd a vote of confidence with a pat on the back. He heads to Rebecca, leaving Amanda alone again. Amanda gets up and looks around, desperately trying not to look desperate when Jonathan appears in front of her.

JONATHAN Hey! You having a good time?

Amanda locks eyes with Ben. She pretends to laugh.

## AMANDA

I'm having...

She cozies up to Jonathan, while covertly gauging Ben's reaction. But he's no longer looking at her, he's at a bar.

AMANDA (CONT'D) Frustration. (she drops her act) I'm sorry, excuse me.

Jonathan tries to say something but Amanda is off. She reaches Vivi who is a mere ten feet from Ben. She plays it cool as she talks to Vivi.

> AMANDA (CONT'D) I'm not sure I can show Ben how awesome I am unless I tell him. I think I should go talk to him. Explain why I'm fine without him.

VIVI That is...a GREAT idea. Absolutely go talk to him. Ab-solutely.

Ben is alone. As Amanda enters his sphere, he smiles.

BEN If it isn't the beautiful Amanda Marshall.

Amanda is caught off guard by the greeting. She develops diarrhea of the mouth.

AMANDA Exactly. I am beautiful and... brilliant. I rock my own cubicle at work and I'm...

BEN (laughing) Adorable. You're still adorable. (serious) Listen, I've been thinking...

Amanda is rapt but before he can finish, Savannah interrupts.

SAVANNAH Benny, they're starting a contest. Dance with me.

Savannah pulls Ben onto the dance floor, leaving Amanda alone. Vivi immediately heads over.

VIVI What happened?

blocked.

AMANDA Benny was about to say something meaningful and then I got bitch

Vivi turns Amanda to her. Looks into her eyes.

VIVI It's a <u>dance</u> contest. Dancing is...

AMANDA

Ben's weakness.

VIVI Smell what I'm cookin'?

AMANDA I <u>am</u> Peninsula High's "Miss Drill Team" 2006. I need a partner.

ANGLE ON Todd still trying to get Rebecca's attention. Todd's about to make his move when Vivi and Amanda pull him away.

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VIVI We need you.

TODD I'm busy. I was just about--

VIVI To do nothing.

AMANDA You have to be my dance partner.

TODD What?! No. Way.

INT. HOTEL BALLROOM, DANCE FLOOR

Amanda AND Todd are on the dance floor. Amanda's getting focused as Todd looks like he's in his own personal hell.

DJ Our bride has requested a dance contest... for the ladies.

Todd's relieved as the disco classic "Bad Girls" is looped.

DJ (CONT'D) Where are the bad girls? I need all the bad girls on the dance floor.

As the reception's adventurous ladies hit the floor, Amanda and Savannah square off. It's on.

DJ (CONT'D) L-adies... show us what'cha got.

As the "Toot-toot, hey, beep-beep" begins, Savannah throws down with a solid, sexy kick then quickly hits the ground in a seductive sway. As she makes her way up, her look to Amanda suggests "take that". ANGLE ON Amanda who is not intimidated <u>in the least</u>. Immediately, she takes the bait and does a coordinated spin/floor touch that transitions into solid hiphop grooves.

And as she rounds out her flow, she further trumps Savannah by lifting her fingers into pistols, blowing the smoke off 'em and then placing them into her invisible "hot stuff" holsters. As Savannah takes off into another move we...

DISSOLVE TO:

The competition is now an all out "dance off" between Amanda and Savannah. The other ladies have cleared the floor.

As the song nears a close, Amanda surprisingly catches Ben cheering for her. She steps up her game, does "the sit and spin" on the floor and then jumps up into a "pop and lock". She's about to go in for her big final move when--

EVERYTHING BECOMES SLOW MOTION... Amanda's got a huge "shiteating" grin on her face, suggesting she's got this in the bag <u>UNTIL Savannah's elbow "accidentally" lands in her face</u>, sending her backpedaling and falling to the floor. Slowly, her dress flies up, covering her passed-out face and exposing her nether region. BACK TO REGULAR SPEED as the guests GASP.

> TODD I KNEW she wasn't wearing underwear!

INT. HOTEL, BACK ROOM - LATER

Vivi, Todd and Nick are arguing over Amanda, still passed out, and now laying on a carpeted floor in a quiet room.

> NICK Viv, you are not helping Amanda by enabling her dumb behavior. I don't know how she'll ever recover from this.

VIVI She had to make Ben jealous.

NICK What?! The plan was closure.

VIVI There's been an addendum.

TODD Great. Now she needs a plan "C".

Suddenly they see Amanda twitch, she's coming to.

Amanda'S POV: She focuses on Vivi, supportive--

VIVI You were *barely* exposed.

CAMERA PANS TO Nick, encouraging--

NICK

And if anyone saw anything, I bet it was beautifully manicured.

CAMERA PANS TO Todd, mortified--

TODD What were you thinking? This is not Scotland.

Amanda lifts herself up. A BLACK EYE is in the nascent stages of forming.

AMANDA Everyone saw my pink taco?

Amanda's lip starts to quiver. Vivi looks to Nick who looks to Todd who looks to Vivi. Shit. She has to take action.

VIVI No, No. Not at all. It was the most spectacular finish to the best dance-off I've ever seen.

NICK Hands down you were the crowd favorite.

#### AMANDA

I was?

TODD Am I the only responsible person here? Where are your panties?!

#### SMASH CUT TO:

THE TEENAGE BOY from the plane - a la "16 Candles" - proudly displaying the trophy underwear to his friends.

CUT BACK TO:

AMANDA A gave them to a kid.

Amanda's friends look at her in silence. If they weren't worried about her before now... well, they're still not.

AMANDA (CONT'D) I can't go back out there.

NICK You have to. Show Ben that flashing an <u>enormous</u>, <u>ballroom</u>, <u>full of people</u>, is no big deal.

TODD Confidence is sexy. Amanda rolls her eyes and looks to Vivi who doesn't seem to agree. Todd prods her to tow the line.

VIVI Fake it til you make it.

AMANDA Okay. I just need a few minutes.

NICK You're not going to sneak out the back?

#### AMANDA

I'm not a pussy.

INT. HOTEL BALLROOM - LATER

The reception is dying down as Amanda slinks out of the room, attempting to sneak out the back. She runs into Jonathan.

JONATHAN

There you are.

AMANDA Yep. Here I am.

#### JONATHAN

Sooo, looks like things are dying down. How 'bout a victory drink off the premises?

#### AMANDA

I don't know. I'm a bit of a hot mess.

JONATHAN

Not true. You're the hottest mess. Was that bad? It was bad. (she laughs and nods) You make me nervous. Which is why I need a drink. So...a drink? It would really be doing you a favor because I can't make bad jokes and drink at the same time.

Before she can respond-- Ben slides beside her, catching her off guard. Ben turns to Jonathan.

BEN Mind if I steal her for sec? Jonathan gestures that it's cool. Ben takes her to a private corner. It's the moment she's been waiting for. The tension mounts as she waits for him to speak... Then, finally...

BEN (CONT'D) I know tonight has been a strange night and it's probably hard to see me here with Savannah. But I think there are some things you need to know. The thing is... I miss you. Can we grab a table? Talk?

She nods then, looks over her shoulder. Jonathan makes a face at her. She laughs. Ben looks behind him as Jonathan stops and he turns back to Amanda.

BEN (CONT'D)

So?

She looks back at Jonathan. He makes another face. She laughs again. She tries to get serious as something clicks.

AMANDA Ya know, I can't. Sorry. (pointing to Jonathan) We're on our way out.

Ben nods, genuinely disappointed. Amanda heads to Jonathan.

AMANDA (CONT'D) Let's get out of here.

JONATHAN I thought you'd never ask.

EXT. HOTEL ENTRANCE - NIGHT

Amanda, head held high and calm as a cucumber exits the wedding with Jonathan then...goes ape shit with exhilaration, pumping her fist and high-kicking in the air.

AMANDA Hell-o!! I'm the prize! I am the prize!

She runs to the PARKING VALETS and makes a high-five round.

AMANDA (CONT'D) Up top, fellas. Up top.

After her "Rocky" round with valets she turns to a stunned and silent Jonathan. She talks eighty miles a minute.

AMANDA (CONT'D) Damn. Did you see that? That quy back there- that I left high and dry- that was my ex. I thought he was "the one" until he dumped me to sleep with a Freshman Barbie. Anyhoo...he wanted me to stay and talk and don't tell my friends, but like five hours ago, I totally would've. And then, in the moment, I was like "wham bam, no thank you, ma'am". And it felt so good. He looked like he was gonna cry. Right? I mean, I saw him getting teary-eyed. Which normally breaks my heart but this time it's his heart that's breaking! Suck-ah! I just got hand!

(Jonathan's still silent) So where to? Where we celebratin'?

JONATHAN

Home.

AMANDA (flirty) Isn't that a little presumptuous? (then,) Okay.

JONATHAN Actually, I think it's best if I go to my house and you go to yours.

#### AMANDA

Why?

JONATHAN Because you're not over your ex. But when you are, you should give me a call. And definitely do it before your next dance-off.

He pulls out his wallet, hands her a BUSINESS CARD. CLOSE ON HIS CARD- JONATHAN CINQUEMANI, M.D.

JONATHAN (CONT'D) Because a beautiful woman should never go without prompt medical attention.

He touches her swollen face before walking away. As her face falls it says it all....fuck me.

#### ACT THREE

INT. SASSY BRUNETTE REAL ESTATE- CUBICLE- DAY

Juggling a call, her computer and a printer, we meet a completely different Amanda in her office cubicle. Gone are the bad dresses and hair-dos and in their place is a sharp suit and confident smile. Her black eye still noticeable.

ANGLE ON HER COMPUTER as we see <u>Ben's IM icon log on</u>. Amanda's smile fades. She picks up the phone. Dials.

INT. VIVI'S OFFICE - INTERCUT - CONFERENCE

VIVI

Word.

AMANDA Hold. Connecting Todd. (she dials) Vivi? Todd? I think I screwed up.

INT. TODD'S BEDROOM - INTERCUT - CONFERENCE

TODD What else is new.

VIVI I know. You blew it with Jonathan.

TODD Who's Jonathan?

AMANDA I'm talking about Ben.

TODD

BORED. I thought you were about to give us the 'ho down. Where's the sex in this story?

#### AMANDA

There's no sex. But maybe there should've been. Do you think I made a mistake? Should I have gone home with Ben?

VIVI

Not unless you wanna catch the herps. He's been sleeping with that skank.

TODD Her name's Savannah. And there's nothing wrong with a woman who unlocks the back door. VIVI Shut it, Todd. Another phone line RINGS. It's Nick. She conferences it in. AMANDA Nick? EXT. COFFEE CAFE- INTERCUT - CONFERENCE NICK What's goin' awwwon? So, Jonathan. I saw you guys leave together. What's the haps? TODD I'm confused. Who's Jonathan?! VIVI He's the groomsman Amanda left with. NICK Am I on conference? AMANDA/VIVI/TODD Yes. NICK What's goin' awwwon? VIVI Amanda regrets leaving Ben hanging. AMANDA He was really sweet at the wedding. I think he's changed. I think I should email him. NICK I can't believe we're having this conversation. Be strong. AMANDA Right. Be strong. Am I strong? VIVI/TODD NICK No. Yes.

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AMANDA (CONT'D) Okay, okay. Nick's right. Under no circumstance will I do anything. I will NOT contact Ben.

As Amanda talks on the phone we PULL BACK TO REVEAL she's ALREADY writing him. Typing the subject: "I MADE A MISTAKE".

NICK

Amanda...

#### AMANDA

Yes?

NICK Don't send it.

AMANDA I won't-- I mean...gotta go.

Amanda dumps the call and looks back at the e-mail, reconsiders it as her co-worker, MARLEY (22) pops over her cubicle, laughing.

MARLEY

Oh my god, I just forwarded you the funniest e-mail. It's genius!

AMANDA

I could use a good laugh right now.

#### MARLEY

Wait, how were the weddings?! Did you see Ben? What happened? Phleeze tell me you guys aren't talking again.

#### AMANDA

Why can't we be talking again?

#### MARLEY

Do you really need me to remind you of the chocolate warehouse that your cubicle became after the breakup, or the record-breaking length you went without washing your hair? Which was impressive, by the way. I have no idea how you were able to make it look so good for so long.

AMANDA

Dry shampoo.

Amanda minimizes her e-mail to Ben, hiding it.

## AMANDA Nothing happened.

Marley high-fives her and disappears. Amanda re-opens her email to Ben, then opens her "Inbox" and reads the e-mail from Marley. Leans forward, scrutinizing something.

Suddenly, she turns white. O.M.G. We don't see what she sees, but in that moment, instead of "deleting" the e-mail to Ben she accidentally hits the "send" button. Shit.

#### NICK (PRE-LAP) I think this calls for a toast.

#### INT. AMANDA/VIVI/NICK'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM- NIGHT

Nick, Todd and Vivi are sitting around a coffee table with Amanda. Nick's glass of wine is raised. Everyone but Todd joins in, he's too busy rubbing something out of his pants.

NICK To Amanda. A strong...

VIVI ...fierce dancer...

Vivi nudges Todd to lift his glass for a moment.

TODD ...hours of entertainment...

AMANDA And a brilliant self-saboteur.

#### NICK

Here's to a new beginning. Let there be a new gaggle of dudes for you to spiral over and waste our time with!

The friends clink their glasses. Cheers!

AMANDA So, at the wedding... When I had my embarrassing moment...

TODD

Which one?

AMANDA You guys really got me up in three seconds, right?

VIVI More like two. One-Mississippi, Two-Mississippi. It was about two.

NICK Yeah, we were in there so fast.

TODD No one even had time to realize what had just happened.

AMANDA So, no one saw anything?

TODD Highly doubt it.

VIVI Would have been nearly impossible.

NICK You have nothing to worry about.

AMANDA Well then, how do you explain THIS!

She throws down a PICTURE.

CLOSE ON THE PHOTO -- It's one of those "Priceless" satire emails. And in the picture, laying on a dance floor with a dress covering her face and a black "X" marking out her exposed privates, is Amanda. With Todd, Vivi and Nick standing behind her <u>HYSTERICALLY laughing</u>.

Her friends are stunned into silence.

AMANDA (CONT'D) Two seconds, right?

VIVI Well, we umm, it was...

TODD Traumatic. We were stunned.

AMANDA

I can see how stunned you were.

ECU ON Todd in the picture, laughing so hard he's crying.

## NICK

I'm sorry.

#### AMANDA

No. I am. I've been a self-absorbed lame-o. Maybe this is a wake-up call. Maybe it's better to be alone than with someone and lonely. Maybe I need to be alone to figure out what I really want.

They all lean in for a hug then immediately get up.

AMANDA (CONT'D) Where are you going?

VIVI/TODD

NICK

Movies.

AMANDA (CONT'D) I didn't say I wanted to be alone right now.

While the others leave, Nick stops and sits beside her. He puts his arm around her and pats his chest to put her head.

Date.

NICK Put her there.

AMANDA (tearing up) Why doesn't Ben want me?

NICK The real question is why you want a guy who doesn't want you?

AMANDA Because I don't want to die by myself.

NICK Are you dying?

AMANDA Maybe. I drink a lot of Diet Coke.

NICK You're never going to be by yourself. I'm always going to be here.

AMANDA While a girl waits in your bed. NICK

Hopefully. But that's what makes us work. We can both sleep around and then come home to each other.

AMANDA But I want the whole package.

NICK

It doesn't exist.

AMANDA

Said with a smile. Go. I'm gonna wallow in my own self-pity and light a candle for unicorns and soul mates. I still believe.

Nick kisses her forehead.

NICK

And that's why I love you.

As Nick leaves the house, Amanda slumps on the couch alone, sad. Then she something catches her eye.

SMASH CUT TO:

An Ipod being cued up to Toni Braxton's "He Wasn't Man Enough". As the music starts we see a rapid series of cuts between tight shots of Amanda lip syncing and the action:

--THE DRAWSTRINGS OF SOFT PANTS BEING PULLED TIGHT

AMANDA (SYNCING) Dark Child.

--A BOTTLE OF WINE BEING UNCORKED

AMANDA (SYNCING) (CONT'D) Toni Braxton.

--A PICTURE OF BEN AND AMANDA IS TORN IN HALF

As the song continues we PULL BACK from the torn picture to see that Amanda is now standing over a make-shift fire pit/trash can full of Ben's things and tokens of their relationship: sweat shirts, stuffed animals, Speed Stick and photographs.

Amanda's laughing, dancing and singing along to her anthem, enjoying herself.

AMANDA (SYNCING) (CONT'D) What you thinkin'? Stop playing me. He wasn't man enough for me.

She lights up her CREME BRULEE TORCH about to scorch the pile until TWO BEDAZZLED PASTIES catch her eye. CUT TO:

CRYING. Amanda holds the pasties crying and drinking a glass of wine in between verses of the song. CUT TO:

LAUGHING. Amanda dances dressed only in her sweatpants and the pasties as she scoops out cake frosting from a tube with her fingers having the time of her life. CUT TO:

CRYING. Now with a chocolate frosted face, she continues singing and swigs directly from the bottle as she looks at the torn half picture of Ben. CUT TO:

Amanda hitting repeat on the song. CUT TO:

SLO MO. A TIGHT SHOT of Amanda's face, with a shit-eating grin. We PULL BACK to reveal that her pasties are still on and the torch is lit in hand, as she slides across the floor in front of the sliding glass door to her back yard (a la Risky Business). Suddenly her face falls.

ANGLE ON the SLIDING BACK DOOR- Ben stands behind it.

BACK ON AMANDA as we RESUME NORMAL SPEED and from Ben's POV, she slides out of frame. A look of horror on her face.

#### ACT FOUR

INT. AMANDA'S HOUSE - SAME

DIRECT PICK UP in NORMAL SPEED as Amanda walks slowly into frame, torch still in hand and slides open the door.

BEN I guess you liked those pasties after all.

AMANDA What are you doing here?

BEN

I got your e-mail.

INT. AMANDA'S HOUSE, LIVING ROOM, KITCHEN, HALLWAY

Amanda and Ben in the passionate throes of making out...

CUT TO:

#### Where we started forty-eight hours before:

INT. AMANDA'S BEDROOM - EARLY, EARLY MORNING

Amanda is waking up in her bedazzled pasties and realizing that Ben's arm is around her. She tries to crawl out of bed but he pulls her back in.

> BEN Do you wanna grab some grub before heading to work?

AMANDA Sure. Lemme get dressed.

Amanda goes to her closet, looks through the rack.

BEN You been working out?

AMANDA

I have. Thanks.

BEN No, thank you. Now we can have sex with the lights on.

AMANDA Actually, on second thought, I'm not hungry. BEN You're gonna make me eat by myself?

AMANDA Yeah. By yourself. Alone.

BEN Call you later?

AMANDA Whatever. You can let yourself out.

Amanda grabs her purse and leaves the room as Ben looks after her, confused.

INT. VIVI'S ROOM - MORNING - MOMENTS LATER

Amanda runs into Vivi's room and jumps into her bed. Vivi startles awake. Amanda dumps out her purse and grabs her cell and Jonathan's BUSINESS CARD.

> AMANDA I think I'm ready to call Jonathan.

She starts dialing. Vivi takes the phone out of her hand.

VIVI Think that's a good idea?

Amanda takes it back.

AMANDA

It's not?

VIVI What do you think?

AMANDA I'm asking you.

VIVI It seems a little soon. He said to call when you were over Ben.

AMANDA

But I am. I'm ready for a healthy relationship because I've been down. I've been out. And I've been alone.

O.S. the FRONT DOOR SLAMS. Vivi looks suspect at Amanda.

AMANDA (CONT'D) For about two minutes. But it's been a solid two minutes because this time Ben didn't screw me. I screwed him. And it's over. I swear.

VIVI Really.... (Amanda nods) Ok! Call him.

<u>Suddenly a muffled voice crackles thru the phone saying "She already has."</u> Amanda sees that she dialed Jonathan. She puts it on speakerphone.

## AMANDA

Jonathan?

JONATHAN (O.C.) It's still too soon.

She spastically hangs up and gives a fucked look to Vivi. Hearts racing, they silently stare at the phone, then:

> AMANDA Should I call him back and explain?

VIVI I dunno. Should you?

As the inane debate continues we FADE TO BLACK.