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PhoebeLisa Kudrow
Joey
ChandlerMatthew Perry
RossDavid Schwimmer
JaniceMaggie Wheeler
EricJohn Lehr
WaitressChristy L. Medrano
BetsyMarissa Ribisi
KikiMichele Maika
Mr. HecklesLarry Hankin

<u>SETS</u>

INT. COFFEE HOUSE

INT. MONICA & PHOEBE'S APT.

INT. CHANDLER'S APT.

INT. HALLWAY

INT. BAR

INT. CHANDLER & JOEY'S APT.

INT. CAR

FRIENDS

"The One With The Flashback" FINAL DRAFT - 9/26/96 SHORT RUNDOWN

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SCENE A

TEASER

FADE IN:

INT. COFFEE HOUSE - NIGHT (NIGHT 1)
(Ross, Rachel, Chandler, Phoebe, Joey, Monica, Janice, Extras)

RACHEL HANDS OUT DRINKS TO THE GROUP (PLUS JANICE).

RACHEL

Here you go.

MONICA

Uh, honey, you're missing an earring.

RACHEL

Oh, shoot.

SHE STARTS SEARCHING. MEANWHILE, CHANDLER BEGINS TO MAKE CHOKING NOISES. CHANDLER SPITS OUT THE EARRING.

RACHEL (CONT'D)

Eeewww, Chandler, gross.

CHANDLER

I'm sorry. I thought it'd be fun to choke on a sharp piece of metal.

JANICE

Okay, if we're all done choking on things, Janice has a question. I have always wondered. Who of the six of you has slept with who of the six of you?

PHOEBE

Oooo, it's like a dirty math problem.

ROSS

(TO JANICE) Uh, the answer to that would be none of us.

RACHEL

Yeah, and if that doesn't change soon, I'm gonna dump you for someone who puts out.

JANICE

Come on, over the years? Nobody got drunk and stupid?

JOEY

That's really a different question.

JANICE

Come on. Give me the dirt. None of you ever? <u>Ever</u>?

JOEY

Well, there was that one time when Monica and Rachel...

RACHEL

What are you talking about? There was no "time".

JOEY

Okay, but let's say something did happen. How might that go?

FADE OUT.

ACT ONE

SCENE B

FADE IN:

INT. COFFEE HOUSE - CONTINUOUS (NIGHT 1)
(Chandler, Ross, Rachel, Phoebe, Joey, Monica, Janice, Extras)

JANICE

I'm sorry, I find it hard to believe that a group of people who spends as much time together as you guys do has never bumped uglies.

CHANDLER

Honey, I swear, it's never happened. We're all just friends.

THE OTHERS

Absolutely. It's true. Never.

JANICE

Okay, then, answer me this. Did any of you ever... almost?

BEAT. THE FRIENDS ALL EXCHANGE GUILTY LOOKS, THEN QUICKLY CHANGE THE SUBJECT:

THE OTHERS

Who wants more coffee? I'll have some. Are those new shoes?
There's a dog outside.

DISSOLVE TO:

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SCENE C

INT. MONICA & PHOEBE'S APT. - NIGHT (NIGHT 2)
(Phoebe, Monica, Ross, Chandler)

CHYRON: THREE YEARS AGO

MONICA IS IN THE KITCHEN CLEANING. ROSS IS ON THE COUCH. PHOEBE, WEARING A KIMONO, IS UP BY THE WINDOW.

PHOEBE

Oh, that is so unfortunate.

MONICA

What?

PHOEBE

Cute Naked Guy is really starting to put on weight.

MONICA

(PICKING UP LAUNDRY BASKET) Okay,
I'll be back in a bit. (TO PHOEBE)
Oh, and sorry about leaving
lipstick marks on the phone.

PHOEBE

You didn't leave lipstick on the phone.

MONICA

-Oh, then it must have been you.
Bye.

PHOEBE

(CHEERY SMILE) Bye bye.

(MORE)

MONICA EXITS.

PHOEBE (CONT'D)

And that is why I moved out.

ROSS

Hey, while we're on that, when are you planning on telling my sister you don't live here anymore?

PHOEBE

You know, I think on some level she already knows.

ROSS

She does not know! She doesn't know you sneak out every night! She doesn't know you sneak back every morning! She doesn't know that you've been living at your grandmother's for almost a week now!

PHOEBE

Okay, maybe not on those levels.

ROSS

You've got to tell her. The longer you wait, the worse it's going to be.

PHOEBE

You're right, you're right. I
wish I had a brother like you.
Anyway, tonight's bag is really
heavy. Can you carry some stuff
out under your jacket?

ROSS

No!

PHOEBE

C'mon, it's just a clock radio and some cemetery dirt.

SHE TAKES THESE ITEMS OUT OF HER LARGE SHOULDER BAG. ROSS DOESN'T TAKE THEM. CHANDLER ENTERS.

CHANDLER

I'm never going to find a roommate.

PHOEBE

Nobody good?

CHANDLER

Let's see. There was the guy with the ferrets. Plural. The spitter.

(MORE)

CHANDLER (CONT'D)

Oh! And the guy who enjoyed my name so much he felt the need to follow it with a little noise every time he said it. "Nice to meet you, Chandler Bing (BING! SOUND)."

"Great apartment, Chandler Bing (BING! SOUND)."

ROSS

Look, it's gonna be hard to find another Kip. But -- Yeah, it's gonna be hard. Any more interviews tomorrow?

CHANDLER

Two. This photographer who sounded incredibly dull on the phone. And this actor guy who I'm not too sure about, 'cause when I answered the phone "Chandler Bing", he said, "Whoa, short message."

MONICA RETURNS, HER LAUNDRY BASKET NOW FULL.

MONICA

Ross, you might want to put a coaster under that.

ROSS

Ocokay, I think it's time to go.
Carol should be home by now.

CHANDLER

How's it going with you guys?

ROSS

Better. I think I figured out why we've been having such a hard time lately.

PHOEBE

Really?

ROSS

Yeah, see, I have you guys, but Carol doesn't have any close friends that are just hers.

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ROSS (CONT'D)

But last week she met this woman at the gym -- Susan something -- and they hit it off, and I think it's really gonna make a difference.

THE OTHERS

That's great. I hope so.

CHANDLER

I'll walk out with you.

PHOEBE SEES THAT MONICA'S BACK IS TURNED AND QUICKLY SLIPS CHANDLER A BLOW DRYER FROM HER BAG. CHANDLER ROLLS HIS EYES AND TAKES IT. HE AND ROSS EXIT.

MONICA

I think I'm going to go to bed, too.

PHOEBE

Night night, roomie. Sleep tight.

THEY BOTH HEAD FOR THEIR ROOMS. HOWEVER, ONCE MONICA EXITS AND SHUTS HER DOOR, PHOEBE JUST RATTLES HER BEADS, THEN WHIPS OFF HER KIMONO. SHE IS FULLY DRESSED UNDERNEATH. SHE CHUCKS THE KIMONO INTO HER ROOM, GRABS HER BAG, AND SNEAKS OUT.

DISSOLVE TO:

SCENE D

INT. CHANDLER'S APT. - THE NEXT DAY (DAY 3) (Chandler, Eric)

CHANDLER IS INTERVIEWING ERIC, THE WORLD'S IDEAL ROOMMATE.

CHANDLER

So what kind of photography do you do?

ERIC

Mostly fashion. So there may be models here from time to time. I hope that's cool.

CHANDLER

No, that should work out well, 'cause I have models here never.

ERIC

What else... Well, during the summer I spend most weekends out at my sisters' beach house, which you're welcome to use, by the way.

Although I should probably tell you, she's a porn star. But she's really-nice and a-great cook.

CHANDLER

Wow. Well, um, I've still got one more person to meet. But unless it turns out to be... your sister, your chances are pretty good.

DISSOLVE TO:

SCENE J

INT. BAR - THAT NIGHT (NIGHT 3)
(Monica, Chandler, Rachel, Waitress, Betsy, Kiki, Extras)

MONICA IS HAVING A BEER. CHANDLER ENTERS.

MONICA

You want to hear something that sucks?

CHANDLER

Do I ever!

MONICA

(INDICATING BARTENDER) Chris says they're closing the bar.

CHANDLER

No way.

MONICA

Yeah, they're turning it into some kind of coffee place.

CHANDLER

Oh, great. Now the neighborhood's gonna be crawling with poets.

MONICA

So, did you pick a roommate?

CHANDLER

You betcha.

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MONICA

Is it the cute Italian guy?

CHANDLER

Yeah, right. That's exactly what

I want -- a roommate I can go to

bars with and be referred to as

"Jerry's funny friend".

MONICA

Ooh, the table's free. Rack 'em up, I'll be back in a minute. Get ready for me to whip your butt.

CHANDLER

All right, but then we're playing pool.

SHE EXITS TO THE BATHROOM. CHANDLER MOVES TO THE POOL TABLE. A WAITRESS DELIVERS DRINKS TO A NEARBY GROUP OF GIRLS. IT'S RACHEL AND TWO GIRLFRIENDS.

RACHEL

Excuse me. Hi. Hello. My friend asked for an onion not an olive, and I ordered a rum and diet Coke which I don't think this is.

WAITRESS

So sorry.

SHE TAKES THE DRINKS BACK AND MOVES OFF.

-RACHEL

(TO HER FRIENDS) How hard is it to get a couple of drinks right?

BETSY

Well, I would like to propose a toast. To the woman who, one year from today, will become Mrs. Dr. Barry Farber, DDS.

RACHEL

I think it's time to look at the ring again.

SHE HOLDS IT UP. ALL THREE SCREAM. THIS CATCHES CHANDLER'S ATTENTION. HE EAVESDROPS.

KIKI

Isn't it exciting? I mean, it's like having a boyfriend for <u>life</u>.

RACHEL

I know.

BETSY

(SENSING SOMETHING) What?

RACHEL

I dunno. There's just this tiny little part of me going "Really? This is <u>it</u>?" You know what I mean?

BETSY/KIKI

(BEAT) No.

RACHEL

Maybe it's just the idea of only Barry for the rest of my life.

(MORE)

RACHEL (CONT'D)

Maybe I need one last fling to get it out of my system.

BETSY/KIKI

Rachel! Stop. You are so bad.

RACHEL

No, seriously. Maybe I should just have meaningless sex with, like, the next guy I see.

CHANDLER CASUALLY ROLLS A POOL BALL IN HER DIRECTION.

CHANDLER

(TO RACHEL, MR. SEXY) Excuse me.

I seem to have dropped a ball.

RACHEL

Yeah? So?

CHANDLER

And now I'm picking it up again.

SHOT DOWN, HE RETREATS TO THE POOL TABLE. MONICA RETURNS. SHE SPOTS RACHEL.

MONICA

Oh my god. I went to high school with her. (TO RACHEL) Rachel!
Hi! (TO CHANDLER) Is she giving me the finger?

RACHEL IS IN FACT INDICATING HER ENGAGEMENT RING. THEY MEET HALF-WAY-WITH-HUGS-AND-SHRIEKS.

RACHEL

(SHOWING RING) So? What do you think?

MONICA

Oh my god. You can't even see where the Titanic hit it.

RACHEL

His name's Barry. A doctor, thank you very much.

MONICA

Just like you always wanted. Congratulations.

RACHEL

So how 'bout you? Are you seeing anybody?

MONICA

Uh, not right now.

RACHEL

That's okay.

MONICA

I know.

AWKWARD BEAT. THERE'S NOT MUCH TO SAY.

MONICA (CONT'D)

Well... I should really get back to my friend.

RACHEL

Oh, sure, sure, sure. Let's have lunch-next-time-I'm in the city.

MONICA

I'd love it. And yay for you.

RACHEL

Thank you, thank you. You'll definitely get an invitation.

MONICA

Great. Take care. (RETURNING TO CHANDLER; THROUGH A SMILE) Ten bucks says I will never see that woman again in my life.

DISSOLVE TO:

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SCENE K

INT. MONICA & PHOEBE'S APT. - NEXT DAY (DAY 4) (Ross, Phoebe, Monica, Mr. Heckles) PHOEBE IS CARRYING A FLOOR LAMP OUT OF HER ROOM. IS ON THE PHONE: ROSS That's fine, honey, really. With Susan. I think girls' night out is a great idea. ... Okay, bye. HE HANGS UP. PHOEBE What are they going to do? ROSS I don't know. Something girly. * MONICA ENTERS. * MONICA Hey, you guys. * PHOEBE (CAUGHT) Aren't you supposed to * be at work?

MONICA

It was slow. I got off early.

Where are you going with the lamp?

PHOEBE

To... get it rewired.

MONICA

Well, don't take it to the same place you took your stereo.

They've had that thing for a week.

PHOEBE

Good idea. You're so smart.

THERE'S A KNOCK AT THE DOOR. PHOEBE OPENS IT, REVEALING MR. HECKLES IN HIS BATHROBE.

PHOEBE (CONT'D)

No. No. Mr. Heckles... no. No one is making any noise up here.

MR. HECKLES

You're disturbing my oboe practice.

PHOEBE

You don't play the oboe.

MR. HECKLES

I could play the oboe.

PHOEBE

Then I'm going to have to ask you to keep it down.

SHE CLOSES THE DOOR.

RESET TO:

INT. HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS (Mr. Heckles, Eric)

BEFORE MR. HECKLES CAN START DOWNSTAIRS, CHANDLER'S NEW ROOMMATE, ERIC, COMES UP.

MR. HECKLES

(SUSPICIOUS) Who are you?

ERIC

Hi, I'm Eric. I'm going to be

Chandler's new roommate.

MR. HECKLES

I'm Chandler's new roommate.

ERIC

(CONFUSED) I -- I don't think so.

MR. HECKLES

I could be Chandler's new roommate.

ERIC

Oh. But he told me on the phone...

MR. HECKLES

Yeah, well, he told me in person.

ERIC

Huh. That's weird.

MR. HECKLES

I'm gonna go into my apartment now.

HE IS PLEASED TO DISCOVER THAT THE DOOR IS UNLOCKED.

MR. HECKLES (CONT'D)

(SMUG) Heh?

HE GOES INTO THE APARTMENT. ERIC EXITS, BEFUDDLED.

RESET TO:

INT. CHANDLER'S APARTMENT - CONTINUOUS (Chandler, Mr. Heckles)

CHANDLER COMES OUT OF HIS BEDROOM TO SEE MR. HECKLES STANDING IN-HIS LIVING ROOM.

CHANDLER

Bah!

DISSOLVE TO:

SCENE M

INT. HALLWAY - THE NEXT DAY (DAY 5)
(Monica, Joey, Chandler)

JOEY IS MOVING IN. MONICA OPENS HER DOOR TO GET HER PAPER AND SEES HIM. SHE'S A HAPPY GIRL.

MONICA

Hi again.

JOEY

Hey.

JOEY EXITS JUST AS CHANDLER IS COMING OUT.

MONICA

Thank you so much.

CHANDLER

Don't thank me, thank the jerk who never showed up. Well, I'm off to work. And it's not just for the money. Also 'cause every now and then someone comes out of the bathroom with toilet paper on their shoe.

HE EXITS. JOEY RE-ENTERS. HE BENDS DOWN AND PICKS UP ANOTHER BOX. IT'S VERY HEAVY.

MONICA

You want some help with that?

JOEY

No thanks, I got it. No, I don't.

HE STARTS TO TOTTER. MONICA STEADIES HIM.

MONICA

You okay?

JOEY

Whoa, yeah. Stood up too fast.

Got a little head rush.

MONICA

It's also the heat.

SHE REALIZES THAT HER HANDS ARE STILL ON HIM, AND RELUCTANTLY REMOVES THEM.

MONICA (CONT'D)

(THROAT CLEAR) And the humidity.

JOEY

That's a tough combination.

THEIR EYES MEET. THE AIR IS THICK WITH SEXUAL TENSION.

MONICA

Would you like to come in for some lemonade?

JOEY

Like you wouldn't believe. Just let me lock the door.

MONICA

Oh, you don't have to. Everyone's real friendly here in the building.

JOEY

I like that.

THEY EXIT INTO MONICA'S APARTMENT.

RESET TO:

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INT. MONICA & PHOEBE'S APT. - CONTINUOUS
(Joey, Monica)

MONICA GOES TO THE KITCHEN. JOEY LOOKS AROUND.

JOEY (CONT'D)

This is a great place.

MONICA

Thanks. Make yourself comfortable.

JOEY

(WITH A WINK) Gotcha.

AS MONICA PREPARES LEMONADE, SHE IS UNAWARE THAT JOEY IS COMPLETELY DISROBING.

MONICA

The apartment is actually my grandmother's. I got it when she moved to Florida. It's the only way I could afford something like this. So if the landlord ever asks, I'm an eighty-seven year old woman who's afraid of her VCR. Thirsty?

JOEY

You bet I am.

MONICA

(TURNING AROUND, OFFERING GLASS)
Okay, here's your naked!

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SCENE P

FADE IN:

INT. MONICA & PHOEBE'S APT. - CONTINUOUS (DAY 5)
(Monica, Joey)

JOEY IS STILL NAKED. MONICA'S FREAKING OUT.

MONICA

Oh my god! What are you doing?!

JOEY

What?? You said, "You wanna come in for some lemonade?"!

MONICA

So?!

JOEY

Y'know... (WITH LEWD INTENT) Come in for some <u>lemonade</u>? What, were you just gonna give me lemonade?!

MONICA

Yuh huh!

JOEY

Oh, man!

MONICA

Would you cover yourself up?!

JOEY

Oh, right! Sorry!

MONICA

I don't believe this. Someone asks you in for lemonade, and to you that means they want to have sex?!

JOEY

Um, usually. Well, not just lemonade. Iced tea. Sometimes juice. Mrs. Leonetti asked me in for jello every Thursday night for, like, a year.

MONICA

Yeah, well, I'm not Mrs. Leonetti.

JOEY

I'm sorry. I just thought, y'know, you liked me. I'm such a jerk...

MONICA

(SOFTENING) It's okay. I suppose it could have happened to anyone. Not anyone <u>I</u> know, but...

JOEY

So, uh, you think I pretty much spoiled my chances here?

MONICA

Of ever getting lemonade from me?

Oooh, yeah. (THEN) - Oh, and by the way, I can still see it.

JOEY QUICKLY ZIPS UP HIS FLY.

DISSOLVE TO:

SCENE R

INT. MONICA & PHOEBE'S APT. - LATER (DAY 5)
(Monica, Phoebe)

MONICA IS LOOKING INTO PHOEBE'S BEDROOM WHEN PHOEBE ENTERS FROM THE BATHROOM.

MONICA

Pheebs? Where's your bed?

PHOEBE

It's not in the apartment? Oh, no!

I can't believe this is happening

again!

MONICA

What?

PHOEBE

Okay, enough with the third degree!

Mon... I don't live here anymore.

MONICA

What are you talking about?

PHOEBE

I'm sorry! I moved out a week ago.

I didn't know how to tell you.

(UPBEAT) But everybody else knows.

MONICA

They do??

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PHOEBE

(CRINGING) That was supposed to be a good thing. I forget how.

MONICA

I don't believe this. I thought we were doing so much better lately.

PHOEBE

That's 'cause I don't live here anymore! Do you know, I couldn't sleep for, like, a month, just 'cause I got a dot of ink on one of the sofa cushions?

MONICA

Well -- well, you could've just turned the cushion over.

PHOEBE

I would've, except... I got a spaghetti stain on the other side.

MONICA

What?!

PHOEBE

See?! This is what I'm saying! I need to live in a land where people can spill!

-MONICA

(QUIET) You can spill in the sink.

PHOEBE

Aw, honey, it's not your fault.

This is just who you are. I love
you and I want us to stay friends,
and if I live here anymore I don't
see that happening.

MONICA

(HUGGING HER) I love you, too.

PAUSE. THEY STARE AT EACH OTHER.

PHOEBE

What?

MONICA

I'm just sad.

PHOEBE

No, you're not. You're just wondering which cushion it is.

MONICA

(CAUGHT) That's not true.

PHOEBE

It is so true.

MONICA

Well, why can't I think of both?!

I can think two things.

PHOEBE

Yeah, but you're not. Go ahead, go look. You know you want to.

MONICA RUNS TO THE COUCH AND LOOKS.

MONICA

Oh my god! Look at this! It's

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like a mob hit!

ON PHOEBE'S CRINGE.

DISSOLVE TO:

SCENE T

INT. CHANDLER & JOEY'S APT. - SAME TIME (DAY 5)
(Chandler, Joey)

JOEY IS WATCHING TELEVISION. CHANDLER ENTERS FROM HIS ROOM. HE SEARCHES FOR CONVERSATION.

CHANDLER

What, uh, whatcha looking at?

JOEY

It's this show, "Baywatch"?

CHANDLER

(SHRUGS) What's it about?

JOEY

Uh, lifeguards.

CHANDLER

That's it? Just lifeguards?

JOEY

Pretty much.

CHANDLER

Sounds kind of stupiii... (LOOKING

AT SET) Who's she?

JOEY

Nicole Eggert. We like her.

--CHANDLER

(INTEREST INCREASING) Huh. And it's just with the lifeguards.

JOEY

Yep.

CHANDLER

(SITTING) Wow. Look at 'em run.

JOEY

Yeah, they do that a lot.

THEY BOTH STARE AT THE SET FOR A BEAT. THEN:

JOEY (CONT'D)

Want a beer?

CHANDLER

Sure, I'll go get 'em.

JOEY

Wait, don't get up. I got a cooler right here.

CHANDLER SMILES. JOEY TAKES OUT TWO BEERS AND HANDS ONE TO CHANDLER. THEY DRINK AND WATCH, CONTENT.

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SCENE W

INT. MONICA & PHOEBE'S APT. - LATER (NIGHT 5)
(Chandler, Monica)

MONICA COMES OUT OF THE BATHROOM. SHE IS WRAPPED IN A TOWEL. CHANDLER ENTERS.

CHANDLER

You have any beers? We're out of beers.

MONICA

(DOWN) Help yourself.

CHANDLER

You okay?

MONICA

Phoebe's moving out.

CHANDLER

(WINCING) Right.

MONICA

I don't understand. Am I so hard to live with? Is this why I don't have a boyfriend?

CHANDLER

What? No! You don't have a -boyfriend 'cause...actually, I don't know why you don't have a boyfriend.

(MORE)

CHANDLER (CONT'D)

You should have a boyfriend. (OFF HER SNORT) You should!

MONICA

(WEEPY) Well, I think so.

CHANDLER

C'mere. Don't cry, lady. C'mere. SHE MELTS INTO HIS ARMS.

CHANDLER (CONT'D)

Come on, you're one of my favorite people. And the most beautiful woman I've ever known in real life.

SHE LOOKS UP AT HIM. HE HOLDS HER CLOSE.

CUT TO:

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SCENE X

INT. BAR - SAME TIME (NIGHT 5) (Phoebe, Ross)

THE PLACE IS EMPTY, EXCEPT FOR PHOEBE WHO SITS AT THE BAR. ROSS ENTERS. HE'S PALE AND NUMB.

ROSS

(THE WORST EVER) Hi.

PHOEBE

Oh, my. That was a bad one.

ROSS

Where is everybody?

PHOEBE

They're closed already. Chris gave me the keys to lock up. What's wrong?

ROSS

My, um, my marriage... I think it's kind of over.

PHOEBE

What?? Oh, no! Why?

ROSS

'Cause it turns out Carol's a

—lesbian and I'm not one, and

apparently it's not a mix and match

situation.

PHOEBE

(UPSET) Oh my god! I don't believe it! You poor bunny.

ROSS

I'm such an idiot. I should have seen it. Sometimes we'd be out and Carol'd spot a beautiful woman and go, "Look at her", and I'd think, "God, my wife is cool."

PHOEBE

(A NEW THOUGHT) Hey, you think that Susan person's her lover?

ROSS

Well, now I do. Oh, god!

PHOEBE

I'm sorry! Maybe they're not!
Maybe they're just friends!

ROSS

You think?

PHOEBE

No.

ROSS

Doesn't matter. Seven years. We've been together seven years. She's - the-only-woman-who's ever loved me. She's the only woman I ever...

PHOEBE JUST PUTS HER ARMS AROUND HIM AND HOLDS HIM.

CUT BACK TO:

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SCENE Y

INT. MONICA & PHOEBE'S APT. - MOMENTS LATER (NIGHT 5)
(Chandler, Monica)

CHANDLER IS STILL HOLDING MONICA IN HIS ARMS.

CHANDLER

(SOFTLY) Mmmmm... This is nice.

MONICA

It is, isn't it?

CHANDLER

I gotta tell you, this feels really good. (RE: HER TOWEL) Is it a hundred percent cotton?

MONICA

Oh, yeah. And they were on sale, too.

CHANDLER

(EXAMINING THE FABRIC) It looks nubby, but it's not.

MONICA

I know. They're really soft. You should get some.

CHANDLER

Maybe I will. Anyway, I should get back. When I left, this lifeguard was disarming a nuclear device.

MONICA

If you want, we can all get a drink later.

CHANDLER

That'd be great. (PAUSING AT DOOR)

Hey, it's gonna be...

MONICA

Yeah, I know. Thanks.

AND WITH THAT, <u>HE'S GONE</u>. SO MUCH FOR ROMANCE THERE. MEANWHILE, LESS THAN A HUNDRED STEPS AWAY...

CUT BACK TO:

SCENE Z

INT. BAR - LATER (NIGHT 5)
(Ross, Phoebe, Chandler, Monica, Joey)
PHOEBE IS STILL HOLDING ROSS.

ROSS

Maybe this wouldn't have happened if... if I'd been more nurturing... or I'd paid more attention or... or I'd... had a uterus. (THEN) I can't believe it. I just... can't believe it.

PHOEBE

Uch, you don't deserve this. You don't. You're, like, the best person.

SHE KISSES HIS FACE, DESPERATE TO COMFORT HIM.

PHOEBE (CONT'D)

You're sweet and you're good and you're kind and...

WITHOUT THINKING, SHE KISSES HIM ON THE LIPS. IT TURNS INTO A REAL KISS, FILLED WITH URGENCY AND DESPERATION. THEY STARE AT EACH OTHER. BEAT. SUDDENLY, PHOEBE GRABS HIM AND TEARS OFF HIS JACKET. AS SHE PULLS OFF HER SWEATER, ROSS MOVES TO THE POOL TABLE.

IN A PASSIONATE MOVE, HE SWEEPS ALL THE BALLS AWAY. UNFORTUNATELY, ALL THE BALLS COME BACK. HE AND PHOEBE BEGIN FEVERISHLY GETTING THE BALLS INTO THE POCKETS. FINALLY, THEY GIVE UP AND ROSS JUST THROWS PHOEBE ONTO THE TABLE. HE KISSES HER AGAIN. THEN DISCOVERS THAT HIS FOOT IS STUCK IN THE POCKET OF THE TABLE.

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ROSS

Wait. Wait. My foot's stuck in the pocket.

PHOEBE

What?

ROSS

I can't get it out.

PHOEBE

Well, that's not something a girl wants to hear.

SHE STARTS TO LAUGH.

ROSS

Don't start that.

PHOEBE

Sorry.

ROSS

Ow.

PHOEBE

What?

ROSS

(INDICATING POOL BALL) Stupid

balls are in the way.

PHOEBE CRACKS UP AGAIN. ROSS CAN'T HELP BUT LAUGH. BEAT. HE EXTRACTS HIS FOOT. THEY LOOK AT EACH OTHER. THE MOMENT'S OVER.

--ROSS-- (-CONT'D)

Oh, well. It probably wouldn't have been the most constructive solution.

PHOEBE

(SWEET SMILE) You've got chalk on your face.

SHE BRUSHES IT OFF. AFTER A MOMENT, MONICA, JOEY, AND CHANDLER APPEAR AT THE DOOR.

PHOEBE (CONT'D)

(QUICKLY COVERING, TOUCHING THE FELT) You're right, Ross. I don't know why I always thought this was real grass.

MONICA

(TO ROSS) Hey, you okay?

ROSS

(SAD SHRUG) My wife's a lesbian.

JOEY

Cool!

EVERYONE STARES AT HIM.

CHANDLER

(MAKING INTRODUCTIONS) Uh, Ross,

Joey. Joey, Ross.

AS ROSS WARILY SHAKES JOEY'S HAND, WE...

FADE OUT.

SCENE AA

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FADE IN:

INT. BAR - NIGHT (NIGHT 5) (Chandler, Rachel, Kiki (V.O.))

THE BAR IS EMPTY EXCEPT FOR CHANDLER. HE PUTS A QUARTER IN THE JUKE BOX. A SULTRY SONG STARTS TO PLAY. SUDDENLY, RACHEL APPEARS AT THE DOOR.

CHANDLER

You're back.

RACHEL

Don't say anything. I don't want to talk. I don't want to think. I just want you to take me and make love to me right here, right now.

WITH THAT, HE TAKES HER IN HIS ARMS AND KISSES HER.

KIKI (V.O.)

Rachel? Rachel?

CUT TO:

SCENE BB

INT. CAR - NIGHT (NIGHT 5) (Rachel, Kiki, Betsy)

RACHEL, BETSY, AND KIKI ARE DRIVING HOME. RACHEL IS AT THE WHEEL. SHE HAS BEEN DAYDREAMING THE PREVIOUS SCENE.

RACHEL

What?

KIKI

You missed the exit.

RACHEL

Oh, sorry.

BETSY

My god. What were you thinking

about?

RACHEL

Um, Barry.

BETSY/KIKI

Aww...

FADE OUT.

END OF SHOW