

My Sister Is Marrying A Douchebag

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INT. LOS ANGELES CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

The camera pans down the row in the WOMEN'S WING.

These are some tough looking ladies behind bars.

A big tattooed biker chick who's crying like a baby.

A skinny little tweaker with a tattoo of a leprechaun stabbing a unicorn.

Three dicey-looking prostitutes in a single cell along with...

RUBY DUNCAN-COLFAX, a pretty 32 year old in a LIGHT PINK BRIDESMAID'S DRESS. HER HAIR IS WILD, AND HER FACE IS SMUDGED.

She stares straight forward with a glazed look.

TAMMI, a pretty black girl in a pink plastic dress, reaches out a long talon and pokes RUBY in the arm.

TAMMI

Hey, Carrie.

RUBY

It's Ruby.

TAMMI

Naw, I meant you looked like that movie Carrie. Where that crazy girl ruins the prom by dumping all that blood on everyone.

RUBY

Wow. Thanks?

TAMMI

You're welcome. Look, we're just trying to settle a bet. What are you in for? I think you stabbed somebody. Carla thinks you're one of those crazy pillhead shoplifters. And Cathy thinks you're a rapist.

RUBY

What? No! How would I even do that?

TAMMI

Don't mind Cathy, she's got an overactive imagination.

ANGLE ON CATHY, AN OLDER, ROTUND HOOKER. She smiles sheepishly.

CATHY

That is my cross to bear.

TAMMI

So, what is it?

RUBY

All right. You guys ready for this? Because I'm about to blow your mind. I'm in for transporting a fugitive across state lines, attempting to interfere with a bounty hunter...Oh! And false imprisonment.

TAMMI

Shit.

RUBY

And larceny.

TAMMI

Whoa.

RUBY

Yeah, turns out if you do a runner out of the Vera Wang bridesmaid boutique while still wearing the dress, they consider it stolen.

TAMMI

Uh-huh.

CARLA

(southern accent)

How did a nice girl like you get mixed up in all that shit?

CATHY

Did an international superspy seduce you and then get you to commit terrible crimes on his behalf?

RUBY

Good guess, Cathy. Very solid. But the truth is? I was trying to stop my sister's wedding. It's a really long story.

TAMMI

Oh, okay, We better not hear it then. I have a big meeting this afternoon with my investment club.

CARLA

Oh and I have to finish my thesis.

TAMMI

And I think Cathy was meeting with the Secretary of the Interior about her theories on Urban Planning, so--

RUBY

Okay, okay, I get it. I'll spill. See, it all started when my little sister came back from Nepal--

CATHY

With a small intestine full of heroin balloons and a heart full of regrets?

RUBY

Again, Cathy, very good guess, but no...

As she talks we

FADE TO:

INT. LAX AIRPORT -- FOUR MONTHS EARLIER

Ruby and her HUSBAND, JOSHUA COLFAX, 35, handsome and very laid-back, wait in international arrivals, both wearing giant FOAM FINGERS like people wear at sporting events.

RUBY (V.O.)

See, my little sister and I had always been really close. She's the only family I have, and she had been off on another one of her crazy hippie adventures, teaching English in Nepal for three months...

JOSHUA

So, explain the foam fingers again.

RUBY

Our parents always used to wear these to embarrass us when they picked us up at the airport.

JOSHUA

I know I'm embarrassed.

RUBY

I'm so excited that my favorite person's coming home.

JOSHUA

Still not me, huh?

RUBY

Oh, c'mon. You know the order.

JOSHUA

Right, Isabel, then me.

RUBY

Actually, now it's Isabel, Michelle Obama, Hurley from Lost, then you.

JOSHUA

(pumps his fist)

Yes. I'm still in the top five.

RUBY

(looking up)

Hey!

Appearing at the top of the escalator we see ISABEL DUNCAN, a younger, slightly frumpier version of Ruby in beat up jeans and a knapsack.

She's pretty, but slightly rounder than Ruby and sporting a pixie haircut, facial piercing and a sleeve tatoo.

ISABEL

(pointing at Ruby)

Oh my God! Oprah Winfrey!

Everyone turns and looks at Ruby. A BIG GUY shakes his head.

RUBY

What are you so disappointed about, fatty?

Isabel runs across the receiving area and launches herself onto Ruby and Joshua.

ISABEL
Hi! Oh my God, where did you find
the foam fingers?

RUBY
At the foam finger depot.

JOSHUA
(grimacing)
Phew. Did you fly home in a trash
can?

ISABEL
Yeah, there wasn't a lot of
showering in Nepal. Drink it in.
It's a fine musk.

Isabel thrusts her armpit into Ruby's face. Ruby laughs.

INT. MINI-COOPER CONVERTIBLE

Ruby drives down La Cienega with Isabel in the back seat
wearing two foam fingers and Joshua in the passenger seat.
Traffic is at a standstill.

RUBY
What in the heck? It's 2:30 on a
Monday. I timed this perfectly so
we wouldn't hit traffic.

JOSHUA
Hey, Isabel, do you want to tell
Ruby that she doesn't control the
universe or should I?

ISABEL
I thought we weren't telling her
that.

RUBY
You know what? I'm so glad you're
home that I'm not even going to get
mad at you guys for making fun of
me.

Ruby turns up the radio and sings along at the top of her
lungs in her TERRIBLE SINGING VOICE.

They all smile as the traffic breaks up and they drive off on
the perfect California afternoon.

RUBY (V.O.)
 So Isabel was back in Los Angeles
 and I was super happy about it. I
 hated it when she traveled. And she
 traveled a LOT.

INSERT A QUICK SERIES OF FLASHBACKS:

1. Isabel puts on a Chinese peasant hat.

ISABEL
 Guess who's going to go dig a well
 in China for six weeks?

2. Isabel dons an Anorak.

ISABEL
 Those Iditarod dogs aren't going to
 massage their own tired legs.

3. Isabel is totally invisible inside a Burkha.

ISABEL
 But I'll be in the SAFE part of
 Iraq.

BACK TO PRESENT

EXT. RUBY'S HOUSE - AFTERNOON

Close on Ruby as she thinks.

RUBY (V.O.)
 What I wanted more than anything
 was for Isabel to find a nice guy,
 marry him, and settle down here in
 L.A...

Widen to see that Ruby and Isabel stand in the backyard. Ruby
 holds out a trash can and motions it at Isabel.

RUBY (V.O.)
 ...maybe even right next door, and
 we could exchange recipes, and
 raise our babies together, and...

ISABEL
 (interrupting Ruby's
 thoughts)
 What is that trash can for?

RUBY
Off with the clothes.

ISABEL
You're ridiculous.

RUBY
Take it off, lady.

Joshua pokes his head out through the screen door.

JOSHUA
What's going on out here? Are you
guys having some sort of sexy
sister wet T-shirt contest?

RUBY
Inside, now.

JOSHUA
Come on. Let me into your weird
sexy girl world. It's okay. I can
handle it.

Isabel tosses her T-shirt and jeans into the trash bag. She's
wearing a ratty sports bra and boxers.

RUBY
So, I met the perfect guy for you.

ISABEL
Do not start.

RUBY
But-

ISABEL
I just got here.

RUBY
I know, but sooner or later Iz, you
are going to want to settle down
here--

ISABEL
And move in right next door and we
can have babies at the same time
and everything will be perfect
forever? And there will always be a
giant rainbow in the sky and no
more racism?

RUBY
It's like you are reading my mind!

ISABEL
Let me just grab a nap before you
plan my future.

RUBY
Okay, but make it fast, because
were having dinner with Evan and
Brad at 6:30. Let me just hose you
off.

Ruby picks up the hose.

ISABEL
You know your neighbor can see us,
right?

RUBY
(re: an elderly woman
peering into the yard)
You like what you see, Mrs. Chun?

The old lady ducks back down behind the fence.

RUBY
Yeah, you like her. I'll send her
over later.

She BLASTS Isabel with the hose.

INT. DON CUCO'S RESTAURANT- NIGHT

Crammed into a booth are Ruby, Joshua and Isabel, EVAN, 33, a
very-in-shape-guy and his boyfriend BRAD, 36, a tall, lanky
black guy.

RUBY (V.O.)
Next to Isabel. Our best friends
are Brad and Evan. Our little group
always gets along great. We like
the same music, the same TV shows
and the same restaurants. And now
that Iz was back, everything seemed
perfect again.

Joshua raises a glass.

JOSHUA

Here's to the return of the
prodigal sister, who taught the
entire nation of Nepal to speak
English.

ISABEL

And smoked a shitload of hash.

EVAN

She went away a young girl, and
came back a lady.

JOSHUA

Isabel, my prediction was that
you'd meet some crazy Maoist leader
and never come back.

RUBY

Ooh! Speaking of which, now can I
tell you that I met the perfect guy
for you?!

ISABEL

Um--

RUBY

His name is Hale. I met him at a
Zoo fund-raiser. He works for NPR.
And he plays the didgeridoo and the
pan flute in a rap-folk fusion
band. He's really interesting.

JOSHUA

He sounds like a douche.

Ruby elbows Joshua hard in the ribs.

RUBY

You're going out with him in two
weeks.

ISABEL

No I'm not.

RUBY

Sorry, can't take no for an answer.

ISABEL

You're gonna have to. Because I met
someone.

RUBY

What?

ISABEL

In Nepal. I met someone. He's American, but I met him over there.

EVAN

Uh oh.

ISABEL

What?

EVAN

Isabel, I love you, but you have got to admit that you have crazy taste in guys.

ISABEL

I do not!

BRAD

Isabel, you dated a street performer.

RUBY

He was always painted gold. That was nice.

JOSHUA

Did you date him before or after the meth addict?

ISABEL

Correction. Rufus was not a meth addict, he was a meth dealer.

EVAN

(laughing)

And there was turned-out-to-be-only-seventeen-years-old guy.

JOSHUA

Uh huh, I wrote him a college recommendation.

ISABEL

Suck it all of you. Suck a huge dick.

The group laughs.

ISABEL
 Seriously, this one is different.

EVAN
 Different like he's a plushie?

RUBY
 Or a pirate?

JOSHUA
 Oh! Maybe he's in jail. Is he in jail?

BRAD
 God, please let him be a hot teenage vampire.

RUBY
 Okay wait, is this guy normal?

ISABEL
 Yes.

RUBY
 Has a house or other suitable domicile?

ISABEL
 Yes.

RUBY
 Job?

ISABEL
 Yes.

BRAD
 For once and for all, is it the guy from *Twilight*?

ISABEL
 No.

RUBY
 Okay. Hmmm. This could be good.

ISABEL
 It IS good.

RUBY
 So when do we meet this Prince Charming?

INT. A.O.C. RESTAURANT - NIGHT

An elegant small restaurant where fashionable L.A. types wait at the wine bar.

Ruby checks her phone.

RUBY

Isabel's running late. She said she fell asleep by accident while she was watching *For The Love of Ray J*.

JOSHUA

Man, I hope that guy finds love.

RUBY

She said Cal should be here soon.
Oh!

Coming through the entrance is a tall blonde Ken-doll looking guy. Ruby starts to greet him, but he gives her a weird look, walks up to another girl and kisses her.

JOSHUA

Wow, you liked him!

RUBY

I thought that was Cal.

JOSHUA

Really? Cause my money's on Larry
The Cable Guy over there.

Joshua points to a guy in shorts and a fanny pack at the end of the bar. He's wearing a cotton T-shirt with a picture of a squirrel holding a royal flush that says "The Nuts". He has a cell phone and a pager clipped in separate holders on his belt.

He hails the bartender.

FANNY PACK GUY

Excuse me. I thought I ordered the
Zinfandel.

BARTENDER

Yes, sir. That's our Sutcliffe
1998.

FANNY PACK GUY

Um, I guess I thought it would be
white.

BARTENDER
White Zinfandel?

FANNY PACK GUY
Yeah, that's my favorite. So could
I switch this out?

BARTENDER
I'm really sorry, but we don't have
white zinfandel.

FANNY PACK GUY
Ooookay. That's weird. Um, I'll
have a Mike's Hard Lemonade.

BARTENDER
No, you won't...we have a selection
of Belgian Ales...

RUBY
We should send him over some
Jalapeno poppers.

JOSHUA
Oh geez. He's wearing shorts.

RUBY
I think you would call those
"jams."

JOSHUA
Correct.

Isabel comes in behind them.

ISABEL
Hey freaks.

JOSHUA
Hey.

ISABEL
Is our table ready?

RUBY
No Cal yet, but you should check
out this total toolbox down here--

Ruby looks alarmed as the Fanny Pack Guy stands up and moves
toward them...

JOSHUA
(warning)
Ruby.

...and puts his arm around Isabel.

ISABEL
Hi!

She turns and gives Fanny Pack Guy, AKA, CAL PERDEW, 38, a
BIG KISS.

RUBY
What? No. I mean, Hey!

Cal pulls Ruby into a big hug.

CAL
So this is the big sis, huh? The
good looks run in the family!

RUBY
Thanks. This is Joshua--

CAL
(fake Borat voice)
It's NIIIIICE to meet you. I come
all the way from Kazakhstan to have
sex with your sister!

He laughs at his own joke.

CAL
That's from Borat. Have you seen
it?

JOSHUA
Yes. Several years ago, actually.

CAL
I love that movie. Favorite movies.
Top five. Go.

JOSHUA
Me? Um. Let me think.

CAL
Austin Powers. The Grudge 2. Steel
Magnolias. Faces Of Death.
Charlie's Angels. Bang.

JOSHUA
Wow.

RUBY
Why don't I go tell the hostess
we're ready?

Isabel comes along with her.

ISABEL
Isn't he funny?

RUBY
He's different.

ISABEL
I just love how he doesn't give a
shit. Look at all these morons in
their *outfits*. Cal's like, so
normal.

INT. A.O.C.- LATER

Cal examines the menu.

RUBY
So what if we do the goat cheese,
the bruss--

CAL
Ugh, no. No goat cheese. You might
as well pick up a a goat and just
shove it in your mouth. These
chairs are really tiny. Excuse me--

He stops a passing waitress.

CAL
Do you have any bigger chairs?

WAITRESS
Sorry?

CAL
BIGGER CHAIRS.

RUBY
You know what? Cal? Why don't we
just switch out and you can sit
over here on the banquette and I'll
sit in the chair.

Ruby squeezes out to let Cal in so he's next to Joshua.

CAL
Hey look, we're gay!

ISABEL
You guys look great together.

Ruby and Joshua look down at their menus.

CAL
I wish I knew how to quit you
Joshua.

JOSHUA
Yes. Brokeback Mountain. Good.

CAL
So, what is the deal with this
place? This menu is not normal.

RUBY
It's French small plates.

CAL
What?

TAMMI (V.O.)
Wait, what?

INT. JAIL

Tammi stares at Ruby.

TAMMI
What's a French small plate?

RUBY
It's like tapas.

TAMMI
What?

RUBY
Like small portions of different
dishes and then you have to share.

TAMMI
So the portion is small AND you
have to share?

RUBY
Yes.

TAMMI
That sounds awful.

RUBY
The food is really good, I swear.

TAMMI
Sounds terrible.

RUBY
Okay, do you want me to keep going
or not?

TAMMI
Yeah, but I don't want any French
small plates.

RUBY
Fine, so we ordered dinner. Cal
didn't like anything--

INT. A.O.C.- LATER

We see Cal reject a series of dishes:

1. Cal turns to Isabel.

CAL
Pork cheeks? No thanks, I don't put
parts of other thing's mouths in my
mouth. That's like weird mouth
cannibalism.

2. Cal hands a plate of ceviche to a waitress.

CAL
This "ceviche" is not cooked, my
friend.

3. The waitress hands a plate to Cal. It's just plain pasta
with butter.

CAL
Thanks you so much, Miss. I really
appreciate it.

WAITRESS
It's no problem.
(giving Cal a big smile)
The chefs make that for kids all
the time.

CAL
You're a doll.

IZZY
I want a bite of that.

CAL
Oh, and can we get some ketchup for
the bread?

Ruby cringes.

INT. A.O.C.- LATER

The group linger over desserts and coffee.

JOSHUA
Are you sure you guys don't want
some of this cheese plate?

CAL
No thanks man. I don't eat cheese
for dessert. What is this,
Australia?

Joshua and Ruby share a confused look.

IZZY
I have a snickers bar in my bag,
hon. You want that?

RUBY
(pushing the snickers bar
back into Izzy's purse)
You can't eat that in here.

IZZY
What? Why not? We just spent like
three hundred dollars here. I doubt
they care.

Izzy splits the snickers in half and she and Cal chow down.

CAL
Always prepared. That's why I love
her. These coffee cups are tiny.
Look at me! I'm a giant!

RUBY
So, Cal, Izzy says you are new in
town?

CAL

(keeping Borat going)
 Yes, I come from Kazakhstan on
 donkey over ocean. Niiice!
 (dropping voice)
 Naw, I'm just playing. Yep,
 transferred here from the
 Indianapolis branch about a year
 ago when I got promoted. I lived in
 Indy my whole life up until then.

RUBY

Indianapolis branch of...?

CAL

T.G.I.Fridays's.

RUBY

So, that's your full-time gig?
 Managing a restaurant?

JOSHUA

(re: Ruby's tone)
 Easy there sweetheart.

CAL

Ruby, to answer your question, I am
 a co-manager and--

Cal reaches in his pocket and pulls out a card.

CAL (CONT'D)

--from now on when you eat at any
 T.G.I.Friday's, just present this
 friends and family card for fifteen
 percent off your entire bill
 excluding alcohol.

RUBY

Wow, I will never--

Joshua PINCHES her

JOSHUA

--she will never forget this kind
 gesture, Cal.

RUBY

And what were you doing in Nepal?

CAL
Christian missionary work. The lord
called me to Nepal just so I could
meet this hot little number.

He reaches over and squeezes Isabel's boob making a HONKING
SOUND.

Isabel laughs, then honks her other boob.

ISABEL
That one felt left out.

She and Cal high-five.

Ruby looks horrified.

RUBY
So, you're really religious, huh?

CAL
Ruby, I'd say I'm pretty live and
let live, but if you'd ever like to
hear my personal witness about our
lord, I'd be happy to share.

RUBY
Great.

CAL
You guys down with Jesus?

JOSHUA
I'm Jewish, so...

CAL
Sweet. I love Woody Allen.
Manhattan Murder Mystery is a
classic.

IZZY
Cal's writing a book, too.

JOSHUA
(bemused)
A writer, huh? That's cool, man.

CAL
It is cool.

JOSHUA
So what exactly do you write?

CAL

Well I try not to classify myself as any one type of writer. But for the sake of explanation you could call me a novelist. Just finished my first book. It's in the can, as they say.

RUBY

(In disbelief)

Wow. What's your book about?

CAL

It's a 9/11 conspiracy theory centered around a biracial love triangle in the most classified sector of the CIA. It's pretty bad-ass.

RUBY

I can't wait to read it.

CAL

That would be awesome Rube, I could really use some feedback. I'll get your email from Iz and send it off later. Do you have high speed internets? Because it is a pretty big file.

RUBY

Yes, I think our internets are pretty fast.

CAL

Niiiiiiiiiiiiiiiice.

Cal's CELL PHONE RINGS to the tune of THE SUPERBOWL SHUFFLE.

Cal eats as it keeps ringing.

JOSHUA

You can go ahead and get that.

CAL

No way, that's work calling. They know I'm off tonight.

It keeps ringing.

CAL

(singing along)

You're lookin' at the Fridge,

(MORE)

CAL (cont'd)
I'm the rookie.
I may be large, but I'm no dumb
cookie.

Isabel does the cabbage patch in her chair and joins in,
grinning.

ISABEL AND CAL
I can dance, you will see.
The others, they all learn from me.
I didn't come here lookin' for
trouble.
I just came here to do The Super
Bowl Shuffle.

Joshua and Ruby raise their eyebrows at each other.

EXT. CURB

The couples linger, saying their good-byes.

JOSHUA
Well, Cal, it was really nice
meeting you.

CAL
What? Don't you guys want to keep
going? My T.G.I.Friday's in Brea
stays open till two. We could get
mudslides.

RUBY
Oh, we can't, we have to...go home.

CAL
All right, next time? Hon, I'll see
you back at your place. I'm parked
around the corner. High fives!

He makes a move as if to high five them, then does the
"psych" move where he pretends to comb his hair.

CAL
Not!

He laughs, spins on his heel, and vanishes.

ISABEL
So, you like him?

RUBY
(plastered on smile)
Yeah.

ISABEL
Be honest.

JOSHUA
(forced)
He's fun.

ISABEL
(re: Joshua)
You sound like you're using your
lying voice.

JOSHUA
Why does she know about my lying
voice?

ISABEL
We're girls. We talk. Look, I know
he's a little bit much at first.
But once you get to know him, he's
such a great guy. I promise.

RUBY
(placing her hand on
Isabel's)
Listen, Iz. We just want you to be
happy. If you're happy we're happy.

Suddenly, Cal appears from around the corner on his SEGWAY,
wearing a tiny helmet and a reflector vest.

CAL
(calling out)
Lates, tools. I'm kidding. You guys
are the best. K.I.T. I'm serious.
Cal, out!

INT. JOSHUA AND RUBY'S CAR - MOMENTS LATER

RUBY
She can't be serious.

JOSHUA
Well, I loved him.

RUBY
Ha ha.

JOSHUA
He was a piece of work, man. But
he's not the absolute worst.

RUBY

What, no, he's the worst. The jams?
The pager? I mean, a pager,
seriously? What, he gets pages from
the past? Hi this is Biggie Smalls,
calling from the past when I was
still alive.

JOSHUA

Wow, take it easy on Biggie Smalls.
Look at the bright side. He *is*
really nice to Izzy. He pulled out
her chair. He paid for her dinner--

RUBY

I'm nice to Izzy. Do you want me to
date her?

JOSHUA

Hell yes. You guys can be my sister
wives. Can we bring Chloe Sevigny
into this mix?

Ruby shoots him a look.

JOSHUA

Don't worry. I mean, he's not the
greatest, but we're talking about
Isabel here. And if Isabel's
romantic history teaches us
anything it is that--

JOSHUA

We will never see that guy
again.

RUBY

We will never see that guy
again.

INT. VILLAGE IDIOT PUB - A FEW DAYS LATER

Joshua and Ruby sit miserably jammed into a booth in the
upscale pub with Cal and Isabel.

CAL

No, seriously--

Cal points at a black guy sitting at the counter.

CAL

That guy does look like Obama.

EXT. PAN-PACIFIC PARK - A FEW DAYS LATER

Joshua, Ruby and Izzy set up a picnic as Cal comes up on his Segway wearing overalls with one strap unhooked and a Jason Mraz T-shirt. He's carrying a huge deli shrimp tray.

CAL

What has two thumbs and a pound of shrimp?

PAUSE. Cal tries to gesture towards himself.

CAL

This guy!

INT. JOSHUA AND RUBY'S HOUSE

Cal freaks Isabel as he sings "YOU OUGHTTA KNOW" at the top of his lungs on Rock Band.

INT. JOSHUA AND RUBY'S BEDROOM- MORNING

Joshua lays in bed as Ruby gets dressed.

JOSHUA

Where are you off to?

RUBY

To see my lover.

JOSHUA

Pierre L'Infante?

RUBY

Yes, I just love his beret, and his tiny cigarettes and his crepes and his...other French cliches.

JOSHUA

For reals, where are you going?

RUBY

(with dread)

I'm grabbing brunch with Iz at the Farmer's Market.

JOSHUA

And that's bad because...?

Ruby sits on the edge of the bed.

RUBY

Ugh, it's just ever since Cal's been in the picture I feel so awkward around her. I hate pretending that I like him.

JOSHUA

Here's a radical idea: Why don't you just talk to her about it?

RUBY

Are you insane? I'd feel awkward.

JOSHUA

(confused)

But you already feel awkward.

RUBY

Right. But that would be even MORE awkward.

JOSHUA

Boy, I am glad I am not a lady.

RUBY

Right?

He grabs her hand and holds it for a moment.

JOSHUA

Talk to her.

RUBY

Can't I just keep quiet and secretly drive them apart?
(a BEAT. then, rolling her eyes)
Okay, okay.

EXT. FARMER'S MARKET

Ruby and Isabel shop for produce in the outdoor market.

RUBY

So, you and Cal are seeing a lot of each other.

ISABEL

Yeah, he's pretty much seen all of me. Zing!

RUBY

Good one.

ISABEL

You don't like him.

RUBY

What, no! I just- I just don't get it.

ISABEL

He's really nice to me. And he's fun and he doesn't judge me for not finishing college and he thinks I'm the prettiest person in the world and he's not a snob, and he's such an individual. I mean, yeah, our first official date was kind of a disaster. I thought he was kind of a weirdo.

RUBY

Right! I mean, really? What changed?

ISABEL

I dunno, each date got better and better. He likes to do things, and meet people, and explore new places. And -- and I can't emphasize the importance of this enough -- he is not a dick to me.

RUBY

(not convinced)

That's good. I just...you know we just have such a great group of friends, and I just want you to feel comfortable with whatever guy you choose.

ISABEL

I do. I guess I'm surprised that you're so concerned about me having a real relationship. I mean, you're the one who always wants me to get married.

RUBY

(alarmed)

Right. Wait? Are you and Cal getting married?

ISABEL
No. (BEAT) Why, you'd be mad?

RUBY
No, just...I want you to think
about it before you rush into
anything. I would hate for you to
make a mistake.

ISABEL
(avoiding)
Okay, sure.

They walk in silence, then Isabel picks up a huge cucumber
from a stand. It looks kind of like a penis.

ISABEL
(re: cucumber)
I am not going to make a joke about
this.

RUBY
I appreciate your self-control.

INT. JOSHUA AND RUBY'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - THAT WEEKEND

Joshua, Brad and Evan stand in the kitchen pouring drinks.

They are all secretly peering in on Ruby and HALE STRUNK 34.
He's in jeans, a "Red" shirt and corduroy blazer.

BRAD
(re: Hale)
So who is this guy again?

JOSHUA
He's some guy Ruby wanted to set
Izzy up with. Apparently he's in a
rap-folk fusion band.

BRAD
Who isn't? Wait, isn't Izzy
seriously dating that Cal guy?

JOSHUA
Yup.

EVAN
And aren't they coming over
tonight?

JOSHUA

Yup.

BRAD

But Ruby freaked out because Isabel mentioned marrying Cal at the Farmers Market and so she still invited this guy to try to get Izzy away from Cal?

JOSHUA

Yup.

EVAN

Wonderful. Dinner and a show!

ANGLE ON Hale who accidentally drops some dip onto the carpet, he scoops it up with a chip and eats it.

JOSHUA

I'm already in love.

INT. LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Joshua, Brad, Evan and Hale awkwardly eat dip.

JOSHUA

So, I hear you play the didgeridoo?

HALE

(chuckling)

I don't "play" it Joshua.
Didgeridoo is not an instrument, it's more of a mental state. It's a rhythm. It's all about breathing and meditation. Here try breathing with me.

Hale places his hand on Joshua's diaphragm. Brad gives Joshua a thumbs up.

JOSHUA

Oh it's okay. I, uh, I have asthma.

HALE

Don't be shy Joshua.
(Hale puts his hand on Joshua's cheeks)
Fill those cheeks up. Imagine yourself as a big beautiful balloon.

EXT. RUBY AND JOSHUA'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

Ruby pulls open the door revealing Isabel and Cal

CAL
For the lady.

Cal presents a bottle of ALIZE with a flourish.

RUBY
Wow, thanks. Alize. Awesome.
Isabel, thanks for dressing up.

Isabel is in a sweatshirt and cut-offs.

ISABEL
Yeah, sorry, my barrel with straps
was at the cleaners. Something
smells good.
(beat)
Why is the table set all fancy?

The guys enter the dining room with Hale.

RUBY
Isabel, This is Hale. Hale, Isabel.
Hale works for NPR.

Isabel shoots Ruby a look.

RUBY
Oh and everyone, this is Cal.

Cal gives the group a wave.

CAL
Cal Perdew, Esquire. Just kidding,
I'm not really a lawyer. But I play
one on TV! Just kidding.

ISABEL
Ruby, can I talk to you in the
kitchen for a second?

They exit, as Cal extends a hand to Brad.

CAL
Hey, I'm Cal.

BRAD
I'm Brad. This is my boyfriend
Evan.

CAL
I get it! And this is my boyfriend
Joshua. We love frenching each
other. Don't you guys?

He pretends to kiss Joshua.

Joshua goes BRIGHT RED.

EVAN
Hey, Cal, I realize you are
kidding, but we really are gay.

CAL
Yeah, me too. I wish I could quit
you guys.

JOSHUA
Cal--

Cal registers the truth.

CAL
Oh shit. Hey, guys, no offense. I
love gay guys. I cried like a baby
in Brokeback Mountain when he was
hugging that other guy's jean
jacket. I didn't know you were
really gay.

EVAN
Yep.

CAL
You don't look gay. I'm sorry.

BRAD
What do gay guys look like?

CAL
You know, like George Clooney, but
maybe in white pants? And maybe
like they have a mustache?

EVAN
(laughing)
That is one version.

BRAD
Hey, why don't we all go have some
more of that dip?

CAL
No way. I hate dip! Not! Get it?
Because who hates dip?

INT. KITCHEN -- CONTINUOUS

Izzy glares at Ruby in the kitchen.

ISABEL
What the fuck, Ruby? Why is that
guy you wanted to set me up with
here?

RUBY
(caught)
What? No! That was a different guy
who worked at NPR and played the
didgeridoo. That was, uh, Dale.

ISABEL
Ruby.

RUBY
Okay fine, you're right. But I
can't do anything about it now, so
let's just go in there and make the
best of it, okay?

ISABEL
Promise you won't do that thing
where you try to pimp me out by
telling the guy things you think
will make him like me?

RUBY
Promise.

INT. DINING ROOM

MOMENTS LATER - AT THE TABLE

RUBY
Hale, did you know that Isabel just
got back from teaching English to
kids in Nepal? And she loves NPR,
indigenous Australian instruments
and corduroy jackets? She can also
suppress the gag reflex. You know
what I mean?

JOSHUA
Ruby. Kitchen. Now.

CAL
Wow, y'all love going to the
kitchen with each other.

INT. KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

Joshua whispers to Ruby.

JOSHUA
You have got to chill out.

RUBY
I know. I know!

JOSHUA
Look, there is really no reason to
push Isabel together with Hale. He
makes Cal look like James Bond.

RUBY
(deep breath)
Yeah. It really would be a lateral
move, huh?

JOSHUA
Okay, tiger, now let's get back in
there and act normal. Try to stay
on neutral subjects.

RUBY
Okay. Okay. Got it.

INT. DINING ROOM

Ruby sits back down and smiles at the group. There is a long
awkward silence.

RUBY
So, did you guys hear about that
baby that fell down a well?

ISABEL
Baby Jessica?

BRAD
I think that happened like thirty
years ago.

RUBY
Huh. Time flies.

HALE
So, Cal, how do you know this crazy group of critters?

CAL
Well, Iz and I met out in Nepal. On an elephant ride through the jungles of Chitwan. Izzy fell off the elephant.

ISABEL
I was trying to take a picture of my own foot.

JOSHUA
Sure, why not?

CAL
And there was this huge-ass rhino right near by.

EVAN
Oh my god, you must have been terrified.

ISABEL
Fuck yeah. And the guide like freaked out and started to take the elephant the opposite way. Like, oops, lost another one. Gonna head back to camp.

CAL
And there I am, like, what the heck? And so I slide right down off the elephant, pick her up and carry her out of the jungle like some kind of crazy caveman.

ISABEL
And he saves me, and I'm so grateful, I just kiss him.

EVAN
That is so romantic.

Cal and Isabel lean into a KISS.

Ruby SLAPS the table startling everyone.

RUBY
Well that explains it!

ISABEL
What?

RUBY
They say that in dangerous
situations, our brains can confuse
adrenaline for romantic attraction.

ISABEL
Ruby, I'm not confused.

RUBY
Maybe we should talk about
it...in...the...kitchen.

ISABEL
No. No more kitchen. Cal and I
aren't confused, we're engaged.

RUBY
Come again?

BRAD
Holy shit, this is a good show.

EVAN
I am recommending this show to
friends.

ISABEL
We were going to wait until you got
to know Cal a little better to tell
you, but we are engaged.

CAL
Isn't it great? We are gonna be
family. Like the Mansons.

Cal GRINS around the table as Ruby and Joshua look shocked.

Brad and Evan suppress laughter.

Hale, lost in his own world picks up a bite of chicken with
his fork.

HALE
You know, Ruby, they make some
great processed wheat meat
substitutes these days.

RUBY
Shut up, Hale.

INT. JAIL CELL

Ruby turns to look at Sandra, who is crying.

SANDRA
I just love weddings so much. I've
been married eighteen times.

TAMMI
So this guy is a bad dude?

RUBY
Well-

TAMMI
A criminal?

RUBY
No.

TAMMI
He one of those guys who acts all
regular and then only wants to do
it in the butt?

RUBY
Jesus! I hope not.

TAMMI
Good, cause God only gives you one
butthole, and if you waste it, it's
on you.

RUBY
That is very wise. Have you ever
thought of writing a book?

TAMMI
So what exactly is wrong with this
dude?

RUBY
He was just...wrong.

TAMMI
Wrong how? You got to explain.

RUBY
I know. Sitaraam said the same thing.

TAMMI
Who's a Sitaraam? He's your pimp?

RUBY
No. Not everyone has a pimp.

TAMMI
If you say so.

RUBY
Sitaraam is my trainee at the Zoo.
I work at the L.A. Zoo part-time
giving wildlife tours to kids...

FADE TO:

INT. LOS ANGELES ZOO -- MORNING

Ruby and SITARAAM, 22, AN AFFABLE YOUNG INDIAN GUY WITH A SLIGHT ACCENT AND A HUGE "TRAINEE" NAME TAG, sit on a bench near a GIANT TORTOISE in an indoor pen with a school group looking on.

RUBY (V.O.)
I have a degree in zoology from UCLA, but my job is basically just showing cute animals to cute kids, and usually I love it...

Ruby, super-distracted, stares hollow-eyed into space.

SITARAAM
Now, who knows, do tortoises lay eggs like chickens or have babies like people?

A teacher raises his hand.

SITARAAM
Um, let's maybe hear from one of the kids. Okay, you! What do you think, eggs or babies?

Angle on a little BLONDE KID.

BLONDE KID
Purple.

SITARAAM

Great. That is a color. Um, but, a tortoise digs a burrow to lay her eggs. And after about four months, the hatchlings use their beaks to break the shells and then they dig their way up...

He mimes this and the kids laugh.

SITARAAM

Then they live with their mother for only two months before striking out on their own. Can you imagine if you had to live on your own at only two months old? How old are humans when they usually move out of the house?

Angle on the blonde kid again.

BLONDE KID

Grapes.

RUBY

(clearly not listening)
Okay, great. that's right. Now,
Let's form a single line to walk by
and touch the turtle.

The kids line up as Ruby and Sitaraam let them touch the turtle. Ruby goes back to being lost in thought.

SITARAAM

Ruby, what's going on? You're totally distracted.

RUBY

Oh, it's nothing. Just...my
sister's getting married.

SITARAAM

Hey, that's good news, right? Now she won't be a spinster who lives in a weird shed on the edge of town and tends snakes like my Aunt Sabita.

RUBY

Yippee.

SITARAAM

You don't seem happy. Geez, my sisters and mom were dancing in the streets whenever one of them lassoed a husband.

RUBY

Well, guess it depends on who the guy is, Sitaraam.

SITARAAM

Oh no, does he have a crazy mustache? I've watched a lot of Bollywood films, and if there's one thing I've learned, it's never let your sister marry the dude with the bushy mustache.

RUBY

He's not a villain, Sitaraam. I just don't think he's right for her.

SITARAAM

When a woman finds a love marriage, sometimes it is hard for the family to understand. But you should try to accept him and be happy for your sister.

RUBY

Yeah, everyone keeps saying that. But it's different for them. I mean, my sister's my best friend. I am going to have to live with this guy the rest of my life. Like, all the time. It's like I'm marrying him. And I have a terrible feeling that he is never going to change his ringtone.

SITARAAM

What is his ringtone?

RUBY

The Superbowl Shuffle.

SITARAAM

Oh dear.

RUBY

Right?

SITARAAM

Well, look on the bright side. At least Isabel will not have to wander the streets as a childless crone begging for rupees like my Cousin Puja.

RUBY

Wow, the chicks in your family have it rough.

SITARAAM

Yes, they all look a lot like Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson.

RUBY

Yikes.

SITARAAM

Indeed.

EXT. CAL AND ISABEL'S APARTMENT

Joshua and Ruby are outside the door. Ruby reaches out and straightens Josh's collar.

RUBY

Any chance that Isabel will open the door and tell us this is a joke?

JOSHUA

Ruby, this is their new place. Where they live together. As a couple. For real.

RUBY

So, no?

JOSHUA

Hey, maybe now that they are getting settled Cal will have calmed down a little.

Cal throws open the door in an apron with a naked lady's body printed on it.

CAL

Hey you sexual chocolates! Welcome to our new pad where We are living in SIN! Get in here!

Cal, pulls them inside and gives them an uncomfortably long embrace.

CAL
(whispers)
I love you guys.

RUBY
(pulling away)
Something smells great.

CAL
I'm making my famous casserole.
It's only got two more hours to go
'til it's done. Let me give you a
little tour.

JOSHUA
Where's Isabel?

CAL
Oh, she's taking a shower 'cuz we
just got done doing it right before
you got here.

JOSHUA
Wow. Wow.

CAL
All right, let's tour it up. Mi
casa es su casa as they say on *Full
House*. God I miss that show.
Stamos!

INT. CAL AND IZZY'S APARTMENT - MOMENTS LATER

Cal, Ruby and Joshua stand in the den.

CAL
So this is the den. Izzy let me
decorate it myself. This is where I
rock out with the cock out. Hang
out with my wang out. Chill out
with my dill out. You know what I
mean Joshua? I'm talking about my
big ol' dick.

JOSHUA
Right. Got it.

CAL
It's my man room. Every guy needs
one. It's sacred.

The room is a horrible cross between a hunting room and a
fraternity house.

There is a neon beer sign on the wall. The couch is red
plaid, and there is a framed "Spuds MacKenzie" poster above
the fireplace.

CAL
Spuds McKenzie signed that himself.
Holla! Oh, check this out. I bet
you've never seen one of these
babies.

Cal presses the button on one of those SINGING FISH and
boogies along as it bursts into song.

CAL (CONT'D)
Priceless. I never get sick of
that.

RUBY
Who could?

Cal opens a large oak cabinet revealing an ARRAY OF BEER
KOOZIES.

CAL
This is my koozie collection. One
for each year I've been alive on
God's green earth.

Joshua reaches out to grab one and Cal SLAPS his hand.

CAL (CONT'D)
Sorry, but the oils on your hand
can degrade the foam. And over here
are my babies.

Cal motions to a wall filled from ceiling to floor with a DVD
COLLECTION.

RUBY
(sotto)
Please don't be porn.

CAL
I arranged them by actor since they
all fit into the same genre. Bad-
ass action movies.
(MORE)

CAL (cont'd)
I started off with the classic, my
personal favorite: Chuck Norris.

JOSHUA
Of course.

CAL
And from there we go
alphabetically. Arnold
Schwarzenegger, Bruce Lee, Bruce
Willis, Charles Bronson, Jackie
Chan, Jean-Claude van Damme, Keanu
Reeves, Mel Gibson, Michael
Dudikoff, Roger Moore, Robots from
the future, Robots from the past,
Sean Connery, Steven Seagal,
Sylvester Stallone and Steel
Magnolias. I dare you to watch that
movie and not cry. Those girls were
warriors of the heart.

From the corner of the room there's a strange scuffling
sound.

CAL
Oh, and I almost forgot.

Cal pulls a blanket off of a large animal tank in the corner
of the room.

Inside, some kind of animal flails around and growls.

CAL (CONT'D)
This is my ferret, Gavin. He's
illegal. Got him in Mexico a few
years back. Wanna hold him, Ruby?

RUBY
Oh, no, I can't. I have unsteady
hands. Birth-defect.

CAL
Bummer. Joshua? You've had a rabies
shot within the past five years
right?

LATER

Cal, Joshua, and Ruby sit on the couch together surrounded by
yearbooks and photo-albums. Cal wears a SNUGGIE.

CAL (CONT'D)
Are you sure you don't want a
Snuggie? It's pretty cold in here.

JOSHUA

No thanks. I'm good. I got my sweatshirt.

CAL

Ruby?

RUBY

I only wear slankets.

Isabel walks in, her hair wrapped in a towel.

RUBY

Oh, thank God.

ISABEL

Hey guys, you look cozy.

She kisses Cal.

ISABEL

I'm gonna go whip up a salad while you all talk. Hon, did you remember to get bacon bits at Ralph's?

CAL

Hell to the yes. Because-

CAL

Bacon makes it better!

ISABEL

Bacon makes it better!

She exits again.

CAL

Ohbeekaybee. So that concludes my life up through eighth grade. But buckle up muchachos because my high school years were one wild ride.

CROSSFADE TO:

INT. DEN - LATER

Isabel reads a comic book as Joshua and Ruby still listen to Cal.

CAL

..and that is how I saved Mr. T.'s life for the second time.

Suddenly there's a DING from the kitchen.

CAL (CONT'D)
Casserole's done.

RUBY
Thank you Jesus. I mean, because
I'm starving.

CAL
Me too. Man those two hours just
flew by huh?

MOMENTS LATER

Cal, wearing bear-paw oven mitts, pulls out a dish from the oven. He sets it down lovingly on the table.

RUBY
So what exactly is in this
casserole, Cal?

CAL
What we got here's my momma's
specialty: hearty tuna casserole.
It's a very simple recipe really.
It's four cans of tuna, two cups of
Miracle Whip, one bag of frozen
peas, a chopped onion, garlic
paste, a dash of whiskey, potatoes,
potato skins, sour cream, chives,
potato chips, capers, whipping
cream, chilli powder, paprika, re-
fried beans, coconut, enchilada
sauce, velveeta, prawns, chocolate
chips...Oh, and shrimp. Dig in.

Ruby takes a bite, pretends to chew, picks up her napkin, and spits the bite of casserole in.

CAL
You like it, Rube.

RUBY
My tastebuds are literally jumping
up and down.

JOSHUA
Literally?

CAL
Okay, so I've been dying to know
something about you guys.

He looks back and forth between Joshua and Ruby.

JOSHUA
Sure, Cal. Shoot.

CAL
Who do you guys think killed JFK?

RUBY
Um. Lee Harvey Oswald.

Cal and Isabel laugh.

CAL
I thought you were going to say that. Well, settle in, because I'm going to tell you the real story. It all started with a secret base in Antarctica, a vial of plutonium, and a rogue penguin.

ISABEL
Honey, hold on. Let me add something.

CAL
Okay.

A pause and then Isabel BELCHES.

Cal cracks up and high fives her.

INT. JOSHUA AND RUBY'S HOUSE - LATER

Ruby climbs into bed next to Joshua.

RUBY
I'm exhausted.

JOSHUA
Hon, I was really proud of you tonight. You didn't say one mean thing. If I didn't know better, I'd think you were up to something.

RUBY
Who, me?

She smirks.

JOSHUA
Okay, spill it.

RUBY

I've hired a team to break into the
DNC headquarters at the Watergate
complex?

JOSHUA

Nope. Been done.

RUBY

Secret Afghan war funded by a rich
Texan woman played by Julia
Roberts?

JOSHUA

I saw that on pay-per-view.

RUBY

Okay, it all started with a secret
underground nuclear lab in
Antarctica and a little penguin
named Janet who stole a vial of
plutonium and swam across the ocean
with it tucked into her beak --

JOSHUA

I'm gonna tuck into your beak in
about a second.

He starts to tickle her.

RUBY

No, stop! You're killing me! Fine,
I'll talk.

JOSHUA

Okay, I let you live.

RUBY

I just figured out that Cal is
Isabel's way of rebelling.

JOSHUA

Rebelling?

RUBY

Yeah, all these years I tried to
set her up and get her to marry
these guys I liked. So she picks a
guy I won't like, knowing I'll
disapprove, and the more I object,
the more it's going to make her
want to follow through.

JOSHUA

So now you are going to drive them apart...

RUBY

By not driving them apart. I'm going to be Cal's number one cheerleader.

JOSHUA

I don't see how this could possibly backfire.

RUBY

Me neither.

We see a quick MONTAGE of Ruby being nice to Cal.

1. Ruby clicks on a WWE pay-per-view event on their Tivo. Cal, in a full wrestling get-up hoots and hollers. Ruby hollers too.

Joshua rolls his eyes.

Brad and Evan exchange a look.

2. Ruby holds the ferret. It gnaws her hand.

RUBY

(in serious pain)

That tickles.

3. At the Olive Garden with Brad and Evan there too. Ruby shoves a huge breadstick in her mouth.

RUBY

It's hard to say who loves this place more, me or Cal.

Brad gives her a look.

Finally...

INT. MINI-COOPER CONVERTIBLE

Cal is in the backseat next to Isabel. He's blindfolded.

CAL

Guys, where are you taking me?

RUBY

We're almost there!

CAL
(loud whisper)
Isabel, just whisper it to me.

ISABEL
Okay, one, you are terrible at
whispering, and two, I don't even
know. This was all Ruby's idea.

They pull up to the GREEK THEATER, swarming with parrot-heads
for...

CAL
Wait. I'd know that smell anywhere.
You are kidding me!

He rips off his blindfold. To see the huge marquee announcing
the JIMMY BUFFET CONCERT.

CAL
Jimmy fucking Buffet. Ruby, you
complete me! You had me at hello!

RUBY
Happy birthday!

He picks her up and swings her around.

CAL
Isabel, wedding's off. I'm marrying
Ruby.

Isabel shoots Ruby a weird look, which Ruby answers with a
PLACID SMILE.

INT. RUBY'S HOUSE

Isabel and Ruby sit with a bunch of wedding magazines.

ISABEL
It's really great of you to
volunteer to coordinate our
wedding, Ruby.

RUBY
(laying it on thick)
Are you kidding? I am so excited
about this. And listen, I hope this
won't offend you, but Joshua and I
want to pay for the wedding.

ISABEL

What? No. That's crazy.

RUBY

If dad was alive he'd want to do it, and Joshua is doing well at work now, and I just got a raise so...let me. Okay? I won't take no for an answer.

Hesitant, Isabel gives Ruby a weird look.

ISABEL

Ruby, you really don't have to do this.

RUBY

Don't be silly.

ISABEL

Ooooookay.

RUBY

What?

ISABEL

Just, one minute you seem like you hate Cal, then the next minute you want to pay for us to have some fairy-princess wedding on Unicorn Island. I'm having trouble keeping up, you know?

RUBY

I think I was just freaked out that my sister was getting married.

She reaches out and grabs Isabel's hands. She squeezes. A beat.

RUBY

But I'm over it. So let's get started, huh? So, I thought maybe you'd want to get married in June, like mom and dad, and that's only three months away, so let's talk colors--

Cal enters with a gallon of chocolate milk.

CAL

(kissing Iz)

Hey, babe. Sorry I'm late.

(MORE)

CAL (cont'd)
Who wants chocolate milk? It was on sale so we have to drink it all by tonight.

ISABEL
Me.

RUBY
I didn't know you were coming, Cal.

CAL
Oh yeah, Iz and I want to decide on things together. We're all liberated and stuff. Sometimes I let her be on top. Hey now!

He gives Isabel her chocolate milk with a crazy straw.

ISABEL
Aw, you got me crazy straws.

CAL
(terrible British accent)
If my lady would like her drink to take an outrageous journey on its way to her lips, who am I to deny her this favor?

ISABEL
(bad British accent)
Thank ye me lord.

CAL
We're going to the Ren Faire tomorrow. How do we sound?

RUBY
Very authentic.

He sits down and puts his feet up on the kitchen table.

CAL
Let's do this thing.

RUBY
Okay. Well, a lot of couples like to start by choosing their colors.

ISABEL
I don't know. I mean, I don't really have a good eye--

CAL

Well, I was thinking red, gold, black and green. You know, Rasta colors.

RUBY

Wow, that would be very bold. But maybe it would be better to start with your OWN roots.

CAL

Those ARE my roots. My dad's Jamaican. I'm half black.

RUBY

Uh huh.

CAL

Yeah, Isabel knows which half, right, Iz?

Isabel giggles.

CAL

I'm talking about my big dick, Ruby. That's what I'm talking about.

RUBY

Yes. Good. Okay, so maybe if we just went with a pale gold and a very light green. We'll save the red and black for the engagement party--

Writes this down in her planner.

CAL

Oh man, we've been having so many great ideas about the wedding. We had to start writing them all down in a journal.

Cal pulls out a Lisa Frank notebook with "DREAMS" written in sparkly puffy paint on the cover.

CAL (CONT'D)

Ok so here are just a few of the gems we've come up with so far for the wedding. One, a karaoke machine. Two, ball pit.

(MORE)

CAL (CONT'D)

I know people say they are full of germs but they are also freaking fun as hell.

ISABEL

Yeah, and maybe we could get those full size arcade games. I bet you can rent those. Ruby, remember how much we loved playing Ms. Pac Man?

CAL

Clutch idea, babe. Three, Italian ices. Four, lemurs. I know a guy. Five, beer pong tables. Six, a pumpkin carriage.

ISABEL

Oh yeah, we could dress the horses up like mice, like Cinderella. Or do I have that backwards?

CAL

Seven, wait what the heck does seven say? It looks like dyke pistols, but that can't be right. Can it? I guess it got smudged by my Vics Vapo-rub. I like to use it nightly. Helps with my sinus allergies. But I digress. Eight, Taco Truck. Nine, Jimmy Buffet sings live and in person--

RUBY

(interrupting)

Wow, these ideas are all really fun. Cal, why don't you give me that notebook so I can...process all these wonderful ideas.

He hands Ruby the dream journal. She sets it aside.

ISABEL

I had some other ideas too. I thought that like each table could have a different country theme from, like, places that I went to do nonprofit work, and that Cal was a missionary. And since Cal's Christian, and I'm not really religious, we thought that for the ceremony, we could have a priest, and also a psychic spiritual healer...

CAL

Oh, and I'd really like to get
Kanye West to sing "Golddigger"
too...

As they keep talking, Ruby's eyes glaze over, and we see
INSIDE HER MIND --

A DREAM SEQUENCE of the wedding they've planned.

In the middle of an OLIVE GARDEN, Kanye West and the Mormon
Tabernacle Choir give a low hum, then break into a solemn,
moving version of GOLDDIGGER.

At the back of the church, Isabel appears, dressed in a Rasta-
colors wedding gown. She has Cal's ferret, Gavin, on a leash.

Brad, Joshua and Evan stand near the groom's party dressed in
those T-shirts that have a tuxedo jacket and tie printed on
them.

Standing near a makeshift altar is Cal in a SLEEVELESS
TUXEDO.

At the front, a preacher and a psychic healer -- wearing just
a leotard and holding some incense -- smile beatifically at
the bride and groom as they join hands.

The bridesmaids are all dressed in various national costumes:

A sari, a burkha, a cheongsam, a snowsuit, and Ruby as a
white-face mime wearing a beret.

The groomsmen are all in jeans and T-shirts, mesh shirts,
tank tops, and one has a shirt saying "I'm With Stupid" with
an arrow pointing to his crotch.

As they say their vows, Cal slips a BEER KOOZIE onto Isabel's
wrist instead of a ring.

PSYCHIC HEALER

You may kiss the bride!

Cal starts dry-humping Isabel as the floor of the church
opens and Ruby -- the bridesmaid in MIME-FACE -- falls
through the floor into a huge ball-pit filled with balls,
lemurs, pagers, tacos and Kanye West.

She struggles to stay atop the balls, but keeps sinking and
finally SCREAMS herself awake--

INT. BEDROOM - CONTINUOUS

Ruby sits up with a SCREAM.

She was dreaming.

JOSHUA
(not really awake)
What is it?

RUBY
It was awful. There were lemurs and
a taco truck and I had to dress as
a mime.

Joshua goes back to snoring.

Ruby stays awake, TERRIFIED.

INT. BRAD'S OFFICE - THE NEXT DAY

Ruby's friend Brad is a lawyer, and his office is in a fancy
downtown high-rise.

Ruby slips an envelope across the desk to Brad.

RUBY
Okay, his Social Security number is
in there.

BRAD
And this is for...?

RUBY
I want a background check on Cal.

BRAD
What? Who do you think I am?

RUBY
A lawyer.

BRAD
Rube, I'm an entertainment lawyer.

RUBY
So you don't know how to do a
background check?

BRAD

No, I do, but Ruby...Does Isabel know you're doing this?

RUBY

No. And you can't tell her, okay? She's just too trusting, Brad. If she's going to marry this guy at least one of us should know everything about him. Just don't say anything. If nothing comes up, nothing comes up. But if it does, then I can stop the wedding.

A beat, Brad takes her in.

BRAD

What's this all about?

RUBY

I had a dream about Izzy's wedding and it was awful. Hmm. That sounds kind of dumb when I say it out loud.

BRAD

You know that Evan's family hated me at first, right?

RUBY

What? Why? You're awesome.

BRAD

Yeah, every mother wants their son to end up with a dude.

RUBY

If Izzy wound up with a guy like you, I'd be psyched.

BRAD

You want Izzy to marry a gay man?

RUBY

C'mon. You thought Cal was awful, right?

BRAD

He wasn't my favorite, but if Izzy likes him, that's the important thing.

RUBY

Why does everyone say that? People liked Ted Bundy. And they wound up getting decapitated.

BRAD

Good one.

RUBY

Thanks.

BRAD

Listen, I'll do this for you, but when it comes back that nothing's wrong with Cal, you have to drop it, okay?

He stands and gets his jacket.

RUBY

Where are you going?

BRAD

You're taking me to lunch. If you're going to make me your weird dirty confidante, the least you can do is buy me a burger.

INT. JAIL CELL

Tammi gives Ruby a look.

TAMMI

So you ran an illegal background check?

RUBY

It wasn't illegal. It was just...rude.

CARLA

I think that's smart. I wish I woulda run a background check on my husbands. Six of 'em turned out to be very close relatives. They say everyone has a type.

RUBY

So, Brad said he'd run the background check but it would take a while, and in the mean time, the wedding was getting closer and closer...

We FADE TO a MONTAGE of wedding preparations:

INT. HOLLYWOOD BAKERY

Ruby points Izzy toward a beautiful three-tiered white petal cake. Cal triumphantly slams a cake book down between them, with the page open on a large "Lobster" cake.

CAL

Found it. Lobster for dinner and dessert. Doesn't get much classier than that.

INT. SILVERLAKE WINE AND CHEESE

Cal, Izzy, Joshua and Ruby sit at the counter testing wines and eating cheese. A wine expert pours tastes of varied bottles for them.

WINE EXPERT

...And this is a California Merlot.

Cal cocks an eyebrow.

CAL

Hey, have you seen sideways.

The expert looks wary, Ruby puts her head in her hands -- she knows what's coming.

Then the Wine Expert suddenly bursts into a smile and...

CAL

I'm not drinking any fucking merlot!

WINE EXPERT

I'm not drinking any fucking merlot!

WINE EXPERT

I was an extra IN the movie.

CAL

Get out of town!

Cal pulls the Wine expert into a head lock and gives him a noogie.

CAL
This guy gets it!

INT. IZZY AND CAL'S HOUSE - DEN

Cal walks in with a large plate full of wedding cake tasting slices.

Izzy, Josh and Ruby are on the couch. Brad and Evan are looking at his DVDs

CAL
All right. Wedding cake tasting night is on like a prom dress!

BRAD
Cal, you have all our favorite movies!

CAL
You guys like action?

EVAN
Are you kidding. Action movies combine my two favorite loves: hot dudes with their shirts off and shit blowing up.

BRAD
You have Executive Decision? I love when Steven Seagal--

CAL
Gets killed out of nowhere? Well, you guys can come over anytime. I'll totally queer out with you.

BRAD
Sweet.

INT. FRIAR TUX SHOP

Izzy nudges Ruby.

ISABEL
I picked these out. They are awesome.

Cal and Joshua emerge wearing powder blue and bright orange tuxedos a la "Dumb and Dumber".

Izzy cracks up and gives Cal two big thumbs up.

Ruby gives Joshua her big fake smile.

Cal bends over and pretends his butt is talking, a la Ace Ventura, Pet Detective.

CAL'S BUTT

I love these. Get it, Rube? Ace Ventura?

RUBY

I got it.

CAL'S BUTT

Then why aren't you laughing? Is it because I make you horny baby? That was Austin Powers. NIIIIICE!

END MONTAGE.

INT. RUBY AND JOSHUA'S HOUSE

Ruby and Joshua stand in the entry way as Cal and Izzy put their coats on.

ISABEL

Thanks again for dinner.

RUBY

Of course. I'll mail the invitations tomorrow. Hard to believe it's just six weeks away.

CAL

Yup, then we can finally consummate this thing...for the one-thousandth time.

He chases Isabel out, pretending to grab her ass the whole way.

CAL

Niiiiiiiiice!

Ruby lets out a long sigh as Joshua closes the door.

JOSHUA

Good day?

RUBY

Ugh.

JOSHUA
Hey, listen, tomorrow is your
birthday, and somebody made a
reservation at Jar.

RUBY
That would be awesome. Just us?

JOSHUA
And Brad and Evan.

RUBY
You're the best.

INT. JAR RESTAURANT

Ruby raises her glass.

RUBY
To a lovely, civilized evening with
my very best friends. Thank you for
taking me out tonight.

They all clink glasses.

RUBY
It's so weird that no one has sent
their food back because it has too
many ingredients. And no one asked
for breadsticks.

JOSHUA
All right, take it easy.

BRAD
Yeah, Cal's a little crazy, but
he's also kinda fun to have around.

RUBY
If you say so.

EVAN
Speaking of Cal, we got our
invitations to the big engagement
party next week.

RUBY
It's a combination Bob Marley/Toy
Story theme. Were gonna have pot
brownies AND one of those little
claw machines where you try to get
a toy.

BRAD

Sweet.

RUBY

Okay, now can we talk about something, ANYTHING other than Isabel and Cal? It's my night off.

INT. JOSHUA AND RUBY'S HOUSE

They open the door to a DARKENED HOUSE and...

CROWD

SURPRISE!

A crowd bursts out of their hiding places, including, front and center, CAL, in a party hat.

CAL

Hey, sis! Happy birthday.

ISABEL

We got you good!

CAL

Hey! There's cake and there's wieners. Get a mouthful! NOT!

MOMENTS LATER

Cal brings in a GIANT BIRTHDAY CAKE with a picture of Ruby's head photo-shopped onto Pamela Anderson's circa Baywatch body.

It's aglow with candles.

CAL

We put your head on Pamela Anderson's body. Isn't that hilarious?

ISABEL

Make a wish.

Ruby looks from Izzy to Cal. Then takes a deep breath, and BLOWS.

INT. RUBY'S HOUSE- BEDROOM - MOMENTS LATER

Joshua intercepts her as she comes out of the bathroom, the party still raging outside.

JOSHUA

Listen, I'm sorry. This was Izzy and Cal's idea. They just wanted to say thanks for planning their wedding.

RUBY

It's fine--

Cal pushes the door open.

CAL

Put some clothes on and get out here, you two! We got another surprise.

INT. LIVING ROOM

All the party guests sit or stand near a giant PLASMA TV.

Cal stands in front of the crowd.

CAL

First of all, we really want to thank everyone for coming. We're here to smell-a-brate a pretty special lady. A lady who has taken me into her heart like a real sister, and who has been kind enough to help us two deadbeats plan our special day. She's sweet and kind and she's got a pretty good body even though I can't talk about that because we are about to be related. Anyway. We were trying to figure out what to get her for her birthday, and Iz and I decided that instead of buying her something, we ought to make her something instead. So without further Mountain a-Dew, let's go ahead and show Ruby the movie we made for her.

Ruby's face balls up in embarrassment as Cal kills the lights and Isabel presses play.

The video comes up, and we see some slow motion shots of the things Cal says as Cal's VOICEOVER STARTS.

CAL (V.O.)

There are many awesome things in this world. Monster trucks. The Pussycat Dolls. Carrot Top. Tato Skins. Spiders. The hot sister on Charles in Charge. My mom. Your mom-

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A picture of a GORILLA comes up.

CAL (V.O.)

Just kidding. But of all the awesome things in the world, including rainbows, sunsets, and different sexy ways of making love, the most awesome thing of all, is Ruby.

The tape switches tone as a HEAVY METAL BALLAD starts playing. And we see BABY PICTURES of Ruby.

CAL (V.O.)

Ruby Duncan was born in 1976. It was a big year for humanity. The Concorde took its first flight. Jimmy Carter was elected. Apple Computers was founded, and a bunch of Alien UFOs landed in the sea of Japan, but that story was silenced by the United Nations. But most importantly, Ruby came into the lives of her mom and dad, Robert and Rachel Duncan.

A picture of a young, hippie-looking couple.

Tears immediately spring into Ruby's eyes.

The movie flips through Ruby's elementary school years.

CAL (V.O.)

Ruby was good at almost everything. She won the spelling bee. And took second place in the science fair, losing out to Timmothy Hartmen and his stupid constellation diorama that his dad obviously did for him. And when Ruby was six, her little sister Isabel was born, and Ruby immediately took her under her wing.

Pictures of the little girls in matching Michael Jackson Halloween Costumes.

CAL

When Isabel was eight, she finally convinced Ruby that she was too big to be carried like a baby.

A picture of fourteen-year-old Ruby holding a giant Isabel.

CAL

Ruby was not a rebellious teenager.

Pictures of Ruby in Model U.N., thespians, Young Scholars, cheerleading, 4-H, M.A.D.D., Etc.

CAL

And when Ruby's mom and dad died while she was in college, Ruby moved right home to take care of Isabel.

Now Ruby is totally crying. Joshua gives her a look as the video goes into wedding photos of Joshua and Ruby with Isabel as bridesmaid, and right up through them playing Rock Band with Cal.

CAL (V.O.)

So thanks, Ruby. Happy Birthday and keep rocking. Your new brother Cal, out. Hey Isabel, shut off the tape recorder and let's do a 69.

The crowd APPLAUDS as the lights come back on.

Ruby looks across at Cal. He smiles at her. She smiles back.

LATER - AT THE DOOR

Ruby gives Cal and Isabel a hug.

RUBY

Thanks, guys. That was the nicest present anybody ever gave me.

ISABEL

It was all Cal's idea.

Ruby gives Cal another hug.

CAL

Well, happy birthday, Rube. Happy birthday.

They close the door.

INT. LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Brad and Evan straighten up the living room.

RUBY
You guys do NOT have to do that.

EVAN
Yes we do. We're gays.

RUBY
Right.

Evan takes some plates to the kitchen.

Brad takes a sealed manila envelope out and hands it to Ruby.

BRAD
So, do you still want this?

RUBY
What is...oh my god. I forgot.

A BEAT. It's the background check.

BRAD
That was awfully nice of Cal to
make that tape.

RUBY
Okay, I get it, I was wrong, you
were right.

JOSHUA
(entering)
About what?

Ruby sticks the envelope hastily into a drawer and CLOSES IT.

RUBY
Oh, I thought...um...that dogs and
cats could have babies together.

Joshua gives her a weird look.

INT. RUBY AND JOSHUA'S HOUSE - EARLY MORNING

Ruby yawns as she pours herself a cup of coffee.

JOSHUA

Wow, you're up early. What's up with that?

RUBY

I'm taking Cal on a behind-the-scenes tour of the zoo.

JOSHUA

Whoa. You guys gonna get those "Best Friend" necklaces too?

RUBY

Ha ha. You're so funny.

JOSHUA

I am pretty funny.

EXT. ZOO PICNIC AREA

Cal fastens half of a "BEST FRIENDS" NECKLACE around her neck.

CAL

You sure that's the half you want?

RUBY

Yeah, man. This is great.

CAL

All right, let's go on this tour. I wanna see the basement at the Alamo.

RUBY

(playing along)

There is no basement at the Alamo.

CAL

Whoa, you like that movie?

RUBY

(talking like Pee-Wee)

Are you kidding? "My bike! My bike!"

INT. SPIDER HOUSE

They are back behind the spider cages.

CAL
You sure this is safe?

RUBY
Just try not to move.

She places a big hairy tarantula on his arm.

CAL
You ever notice how tarantulas look
like pubes?

Ruby tilts her head and looks. He's kinda right.

RUBY
Huh I guess.

CAL
Which spiderman movie is your
favorite?

RUBY
First one.

CAL
What? Not three? You're nuts.

INT. AVIARY

Cal stands still, a bird perched on his head.

CAL
No, seriously, I feel like there's
something on me.

INT. AQUARIUM

Cal points to a weird little guy in a tank.

CAL
Who's this little weirdo fish?

RUBY
That is actually not a fish. It's
an Axolotl.

CAL
Axolotl.

RUBY

Axolotls are salamanders, which means he's a pennibrachiate.

CAL

A pebbibarnnnniayaaaah.

RUBY

That's right. That means they are amphibians, but unlike other creatures of that type, they never develop lungs or eyelids.

CAL

No lungs or eyelids. Buddy, what are you thinking?

RUBY

Yep, and so they have to stay underwater their whole lives.

CAL

Cool. Why don't you put a little friend in there or something. Nobody likes to be alone.

RUBY

We're trying to find a mate for him so he can reproduce, but it's tough because these little guys are endangered.

CAL

NO!

RUBY

Yeah, their natural habitat is only seven miles, and it's getting smaller all the time. They've only found a hundred Axolotls in the last three years.

CAL

(whispering to the fish)
Hey pal, don't you worry. We're gonna find you somebody. We're gonna get you a family.

Ruby, watching Cal, smiles.

INT. SNAKE CAGE

Cal stands with a python draped over his shoulders.

CAL
I look like Britney!

Ruby laughs.

Cal switches suddenly to being terrified.

CAL
Okay, now get this monster off of
me. I think I'm gonna puke.

INT. CAL'S CAR

Cal and Ruby drive along singing to "Margaritaville."

RUBY
I know you guys can't afford to buy
in our neighborhood now, but with
the market still dropping, maybe in
the next couple of years. Then we'd
be neighbors. How fun would that
be?

CAL
Superfun.

RUBY
Okay, where are you taking me?

CAL
It's a surprise.

RUBY
Okay, but you DON'T have to take me
anywhere.

CAL
Are you kidding? That zoo tour was
my fifth favorite thing I've ever
done, right above the time Steven
Seagal accidentally punched me in
the face at a Claire's Boutique.
Now I gotta take you to do my
favorite thing.

EXT. THE STRAND - NIGHT

On a strip of The Strand (the walkway near the beach) that is totally deserted, Ruby and Cal sit on a bench eating sandwiches.

It's dark and there's no one around.

RUBY

Okay, what are we doing out here?

CAL

Just eat your five dollar footlong and wait, woman.

RUBY

Okay, you're not gonna kill me are you?

CAL

I'm not ruling it out, but I don't think so.

RUBY

What are we--

CAL

Okay, here it comes.

There's a SUPER-LOUD WHOOSHING sound, and then a GIANT 747 comes swooping right over them on takeoff from LAX.

It's so close, they can see the writing on the bottom.

Cal whoops and hollers.

RUBY

Oh my god. That was terrifying!

CAL

I know.

RUBY

That's awesome.

EXT. RUBY AND JOSHUA'S HOUSE - FRONT PORCH

Cal walks Ruby to the door.

RUBY

Thanks, Cal. I had a great time.

CAL

Me too.

RUBY

You know, I never had a brother
before. This'll be fun.

CAL

(blushing)

Gee, thanks, Rube.

He goes in for a really awkward hug.

It's a totally sweet moment.

CAL

I apologize in advance.

RUBY

For wha--

Cal FARTS.

RUBY

And...there it is.

INT. NORDSTROM'S BRIDAL AT THE GROVE MALL

Ruby waits for Isabel to come out in a gown.

ISABEL

So I hear you and Cal had fun
yesterday.

RUBY

Yep. I gotta admit you were right
about him. He is pretty fun.

ISABEL

Told ya.

Isabel emerges in a wedding dress that's all wrong for her.

ISABEL

How does it look?

RUBY

Kind of like a sixteen year old
girl's wishes and dreams threw up
on you.

ISABEL
Awesome. I'll try another one.

Isabel heads back in.

Ruby calls through the door.

RUBY
You know, I asked the caterer. They
can't do jalapeno poppers because
they don't have a deep fryer.

ISABEL
Oh, Cal will be so sad.

RUBY
But I was thinking we could bring
our own frozen ones -- the kind you
can reheat in the microwave.

ISABEL
YOU are going to let me use a
microwave for wedding food? Who are
you and what have you done with my
sister?

RUBY
I know, I'm like Brad Pitt after he
started dating Angelina Jolie. I
like flying and orphans now.

ISABEL
Okay, here I come.

Isabel opens the door and steps out in the perfect WEDDING
GOWN.

It's a long, simple sheath that doesn't hide her tattoos.

She's BEAUTIFUL. Ruby stares.

ISABEL
Oh shoot, you don't like it.

RUBY
No, it's -- it's fantastic. You
look amazing.

ISABEL
Can you get the zipper in the back?
I need to make sure this bitch zips
all the way up.

Ruby zips her all the way in.

RUBY

There you go. No getting out of it now.

ISABEL

I think the wedding is going to be so fun. And then off to Viet Nam and Cambodia for three whole weeks! And then we'll have to come back and pack.

Ruby startles.

RUBY

Pack? For what?

ISABEL

Oh my gosh! I am so caught up in this whole wedding thing, I forgot to tell you. Cal got a promotion. They are going to make him a FULL manager at the T.G.I.Friday's in Honolulu.

RUBY

What?

ISABEL

Yeah, Cal found out about a week ago.

RUBY

Oh, so you've known for a whole week.

ISABEL

Yeah.

(then, taking Ruby's face
in her hands)

Hey, pumpkin. Don't freak out. Hawaii's just a few hours away. And we'll visit all the time. Okay? Smile?

Ruby forces a smile. Isabel drops her hands and turns away.

Angle on RUBY, clearly thrown.

INT. LOS ANGELES ZOO - AQUARIUM - LATER

Ruby and Sitaraam each hold microphones near a huge tank where a killer whale swims.

Ruby has that upset, far-away look again.

SITARAAM

And this whale here is our guest of honor. On loan to us from Sea World.

RUBY

On September 26, 1985 at Sea World Orlando, a killer whale gave birth to a female calf, the very first killer whale successfully born and raised in a zoological environment. And this is that whale's baby...

SITARAAM

Now, in the wild--

RUBY

And FOR THE RECORD both of these whales are fine. I mean, you might think, shouldn't that whale go swim out into the ocean and swim off to, I don't know, some tropical island and live with a different family? But why? The whale is perfectly happy right here. Look at that whale. That is a fucking happy whale.

Ruby glares at the kids.

SITARAAM

Ooookaay, now, let's talk about the different fins on the whale...

INT. RUBY AND JOSHUA'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Ruby still looks morose.

RUBY

I bet she doesn't really even want to go.

JOSHUA

Yeah, who'd want to go to a shit-hole like Hawaii?

RUBY

Right?

JOSHUA

I know you don't like change, but this is about what's best for Izzy.

RUBY

I just can't picture her not being around. I mean, before when Izzy left on one of her crazy trips, I always knew she was coming back. This time, she's not going to. Who am I going to watch Grey's Anatomy ironically with? Who is going to come with me to the mall and eat at Sbarro even though it's disgusting because that's where we ate ever since we were kids? Who's going to go with me to do all the stuff we've always done?

JOSHUA

I can do that stuff with you.

RUBY

Meh.

JOSHUA

Or maybe we can get Michelle Obama or Hurley from Lost.

RUBY

They're too busy.

Ruby runs out of gas and just...sits there.

JOSHUA

Okay, come on, come to bed my little lunatic. This will all seem better in the morning.

INT. RUBY AND JOSHUA'S BEDROOM - LATER

Ruby lays with her eyes wide open.

INT. LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Ruby creeps over to the drawer where she put the SEALED BACKGROUND REPORT.

INT. RUBY'S HOME OFFICE- LATER

Ruby flips through pages and pages of printed out information.

RUBY
Former addresses all in
Indianapolis, Indiana. Boring.

Ruby flips through more pages.

LATER

Ruby talks on the phone with her feet up on the desk.

She has Cal's credit report in front of her.

She's on the phone, IMITATING CAL'S VOICE AND MANNERISMS.

RUBY
Right so I see the charges here.
Water bill. Ferret feed. A water-
bed. Cable bill. Seven sham-wows.
Uh huh, two hundred dollars at
Jack's Bar-be-que, right. Martha
Stewart Living Magazine
subscription. Check. Another water-
bed? Of course. Now wait a minute
what's this? Who received this
money I wire-transferred to Las
Vegas?

EVEN LATER

As dawn breaks, Ruby sits on the phone drinking a large cup of coffee.

RUBY
(into phone)
Yes this is Sergeant, uh, Axel
Foley over at the Reno station. My
partner was recently, um, shot and
we need you to send over some
information on a former inmate of
yours.

(MORE)

RUBY (cont'd)
Yes, her first name is Mindy. Let
me spell the last name for you--

INT. VERA WANG BRIDAL - MORNING

Ruby tries on a pale pink bridesmaid dress.

Isabel looks on.

ISABEL
It's a little girlie for my taste,
to be honest.

Ruby's phone rings.

RUBY
(on phone)
Hello.
(deepens her voice)
Yes, this is Sergeant Foley.

Ruby covers the phone and mouths to Isabel that she needs to
take the call and heads back into the dressing room.

RUBY
(on phone)
Uh huh. I'm very interested in
hearing that. You say you got
something?

She listens, her eyes go WIDE.

EXT. VERA WANG BRIDAL - MOMENTS LATER

Ruby tears out of the front of the Vera Wang store, a clerk
and Isabel giving chase.

EXT. 15 HIGHWAY REST STOP

Ruby, in her bridesmaid's dress emerges from a bathroom. Her
phone rings.

JOSHUA
(on phone)
Ruby, where are you? Isabel said
you ran out of the store?

RUBY
Oh yeah, I...got my period. You
know how that is.

JOSHUA
Whoa, yeah, okay. Sure.

RUBY
Us girls and our periods. They make
us crazy!

JOSHUA
So...where are you?

RUBY
Oh. I just have to go pick
something up real quick.

JOSHUA
Okay. Are you going to be back in
time for the party?

Ruby gets in the car and rolls back onto the highway.

RUBY
Totally.

We widen and see she is in Primm, Nevada, headed to LAS
VEGAS.

INT. ENGAGEMENT PARTY

Cal stands with his mother, HELEN PERDEW, 64. and father JOE,
who is 70 and, yes, he's BLACK.

He introduces them to Joshua.

CAL
This is my awesome bro-in-law
Joshua. Joshua, these are my folks,
and these are my brothers: Montana,
Beau, LeRoy, and Biscuit.

The brothers all look like Cal, and are all wearing Tennessee
Tuxedos: denim shirt, denim pants.

LEROY
We've called him Biscuit ever since
he was a little baby.

BEAU
On account of he had an imaginary
friend who happened to be a
biscuit.

BISCUIT

That talking biscuit was not
imaginary!

BEAU

Agree to disagree.

CAL

Joshua, where's Ruby?

JOSHUA

She called and said she was running
late. I'm sure she'll be here any
second.

He smiles, but seriously, where is Ruby?

CAL

All right, I'm gonna go pick up
some ladies. Psych! But, y'all make
Joshua at home. I'm gonna find Iz.

An awkward moment as Cal's brothers take in Joshua.

MONTANA

You like shooting guns?

JOSHUA

Not really.

BEAU

You don't own a gun?

JOSHUA

Nope.

BISCUIT

What if someone breaks into your
house?

JOSHUA

I guess I'd call 911.

MONTANA

Good luck with that, friend. You
know that the government monitors
all those calls and only dispatches
the cops when the house is a place
where voters from their party live,
right?

JOSHUA

I don't think that's true.

MONTANA

It's called the internet man. You gotta read it.

JOSHUA

Okay.

BEAU

Hey, Josh.

JOSHUA

Yeah.

BEAU

Don't you think my dad looks like Barack Obama?

Joshua laughs.

JOSHUA

Sure.

LEROY

Uh-oh. Looks like a homeless lady got in here.

ANGLE on Ruby, looking totally nuts - sunburned and frazzled from her drive, and still in her bridesmaids dress.

JOSHUA

Oh boy.

Ruby pushes her way through the party guests.

She grabs a champagne flute from a passing waiter and downs it in one gulp, then throws the glass down with a loud shatter.

CAL

Party foul!

JOSHUA

(re: Ruby)

Well, this is not going to end well.

He makes his way towards her, but Izzy gets there first.

IZZY

Ruby. Oh my god. Where have you been? I was so worried about you. I thought you were kidnapped or murdered or hit by a car and sent back in time to solve mysteries.

RUBY

There was an emergency.

IZZY

Are you still in your bridesmaid's dress? Because they want that back. And I think there's a warrant out for your arrest.

CAL

Ruby, glad you made it.

Cal goes in for a hug and Ruby resists.

RUBY

Save it.

IZZY

Ruby!

CAL

(laughing)

Iz, Rubes was just messing with me. It's our bit. She pretends she hates me. Get it?

IZZY

Not really.

CAL

Come here, you little minx.

Cal once again goes for a hug and Ruby pushes him away.

RUBY

Stop it.

Cal stares at Ruby for a moment then breaks into laughter.

CAL

That's just part of the bit.

RUBY

No it isn't!

CAL
She never breaks. How do you do it?

IZZY
Ruby, what's going on?

RUBY
Oh I'll tell you what's going on. I
have a very special surprise for
Cal.

IZZY
Is this part of the bit?

RUBY
There is no bit! Isabel, there's
something you need to know about
Cal.

ISABEL
What? Ruby, you're scaring me.

Behind Ruby a CRAZY LOOKING WOMAN appears:

MINDY 35, in cut off shorts and a dirty bra smoking a
cigarette.

RUBY
Isabel, meet Mindy.

A moment. Clearly Cal knows this woman.

CAL
(shocked)
Mindy? Is that you?

Ruby smiles smugly.

RUBY
Oh, it's her all right.

MINDY
Hey Cal.
(to Ruby)
Hey Rudy. Look, I know you said to
wait in the car for you, but I ate
that whole bag of hot Cheetos you
gave me and I am wicked thirsty.

ISABEL
Cal, who is that woman?

The party guests quiet down at the commotion.

RUBY

Yes who is this woman, Cal? Maybe you could explain why you've been sending money to her every month? Or why you purchased her a hotel room in Reno on March sixteenth? And why you've visited her five times in the last six months? Or why she has your last name?

ISABEL

Cal is that all true?

CAL

(defeated)

No. I mean yes, part of it, but it's not what you think--

RUBY

Don't listen to him. He's a liar. He's a liar and I caught him. I got him.

CAL

Ruby, you don't know what you've done.

RUBY

Oh don't I? I'm saving my little sister from making the biggest mistake of her life. I'm saving her from getting married to a guy who wants a mudslide bar and a ball pit at his wedding, and who hates organic food and singer songwriters and wears mesh shirts and loves annoying people to death. I'm stopping my baby sister from marrying a guy who ALREADY HAS A WIFE!

The whole room is SILENT.

Then, from across the room, Cal's dad, Joe Perdew, spots Mindy.

JOE

Mindy?

MINDY

Hey daddy!

RUBY

Daddy?

JOE

What in holy hell are you doing here?

MINDY

This weird lady brought me here. And she bought me hot Cheetos and a shit-load of Meth. I had a great day!

JOE

Goddammit, Mindy. You know you are not supposed to cross state lines. (then, to Ruby)
Wait, you bought her drugs?

RUBY

Whoa. I did not buy her drugs.

MINDY

Well I stole a bunch of money out of your bag and bought some in the parking lot. So technically you did.

CAL

Ruby, you have made a huge mistake. (then, taking Izzy's hand)
Isabel, I am sorry I didn't tell you this before. Mindy here is my half sister. And as you can tell, she's a drug addict and a convicted felon.

MINDY

Totes. I should be in jail right now. I am a dangerous person.

CAL

I didn't tell you about her before because, well, I was ashamed I guess. I thought you wouldn't think I was respectable. But she's my family and I can't just turn my back on her. So I've been sending her money and trying to help her out when I can. I'm so sorry that I didn't tell you sooner.

Izzy and Cal embrace.

ISABEL

You are such a good guy.

Over Cal's shoulder, Izzy glares at Ruby.

Ruby's face falls as she realizes what she's done.

SUDDENLY- There is a LOUD SIREN NOISE and a team of policemen flood the party.

MINDY

(pointing at Ruby)

She brought me here! It was Rudy!

It was Rudy!

RUBY

Fuck.

A female cop approaches Rudy with handcuffs.

RUBY

(backing away)

Hello officer. I'm Detective Axel

Foley, Detroit P.D.

Ruby starts to run for the door, but the female cop TASERS HER.

INT. JAIL

Tammi shakes her head.

TAMMI

Man, I wish I had me a brother like that.

CATHY

Sounds like such a good guy.

CARLA

I knew Mindy Perdue when I lived in Vegas. I'm pretty sure she ate my cat.

RUBY

Sounds about right.

CARLA

So, what are you going to do now?

RUBY

I guess I'm going to have to
apologize to everybody. Provided
somebody shows up to bail me out.

We hear a DOOR OPEN in the distance, and a guard's footsteps.

GUARD

I'm looking for a Rudy Duncan-
Colfax.

RUBY

(calling out)
That's me. I'm Rudy.

INT. RUBY AND JOSHUA'S BEDROOM

Ruby steps out of her bridesmaid dress as the shower runs in
the background.

Joshua sits on the edge of the tub.

RUBY

So, how mad was Isabel?

JOSHUA

You know like in the end of Alien
when Ripley is trying to throw the
Alien out of the airlock?

RUBY

Yeah, that made the Alien really
mad.

JOSHUA

Yeah.

RUBY

And how mad are you?

JOSHUA

I was pretty mad.

RUBY

But now you're not?

JOSHUA

(calmly)

You know, I've kept pretty quiet about all this stuff that's going on with you, but I'm going to say my piece now and you are going to listen.

RUBY

Okay, I-

JOSHUA

Shhhh. I know you love your sister. But you can love someone without them being just like you. Isabel is her own person. And she's not like you. She's not. You know who she's a lot like? Cal.

RUBY

What? No--

JOSHUA

Shhhh. Ruby, do you remember what Izzy got us for our wedding?

SILENCE

JOSHUA

You can talk.

RUBY

A vase?

JOSHUA

A Chia Pet Bride and Groom.

RUBY

She did?

JOSHUA

Yes. She eats nachos for dinner, Rube. She likes Mork and Mindy. She buys all her clothes at Goodwill. She has a sleeve tattoo. She's never going to marry some boring guy. She has her own path. You have to accept that.

Ruby lets out a half-laugh, half-cry.

RUBY

But I hate accepting things.

JOSHUA
(hugging her)
I know honey. I know.

INT. RUBY'S HOME OFFICE -- LATER

Ruby tries to type out an apology to Isabel and Cal.

DEAR ISABEL AND CAL,

I AM SO SORRY--

She erases that.

I AM A TERRIBLE PERSON--

Erase.

I AM SORRY I TRIED TO SHOVE CAL OUT OF THE AIRLOCK.

EXT. CAL AND ISABEL'S HOUSE

Ruby rings the doorbell.

Isabel peers through the curtains, doesn't open the door.

Ruby rings again.

Finally, she opens it.

ISABEL
Yes?

RUBY
Hey. I just came to say I'm really
sorry.

ISABEL
Well, it's a little late for that.
Mindy's in jail here now, and her
parents are refusing to bail her
out.

RUBY
I'm sorry.

ISABEL
And now that I know how you really
feel about us getting married,
don't worry, you don't have to be
my maid of honor.

RUBY

What?

ISABEL

Yeah, Kimmie said she'd do it.

RUBY

Kimmie? But she only wears shorts.

ISABEL

Yeah, well, I'll work around it.

RUBY

Ugh, no, listen I know I screwed up but you can't let Kimmie--

ISABEL

Unbelievable. You come over here to apologize and now you're lecturing me again.

Ruby stops short. Isabel is totally right.

RUBY

I'm sorry--

ISABEL

We're just going to get married at City Hall. In three weeks. You can come if you want. But just don't object, okay?

RUBY

But I want to pay for--

ISABEL

I know you wanted to. But this is what we can afford, and this way we can just get it over with before you do something else to ruin it.

RUBY

But--

ISABEL

And by the way, Ruby, nobody gives a fuck about organic food. It's probably just regular food that they put stickers on. And nobody wants to listen to singer-songwriters. They're douchey. And ball-pits are fun. They just are.

(MORE)

ISABEL (cont'd)
And mudslides are delicious and
awesome and you...you suck.

She slams the door.

RUBY
Well, that went well.

She turns, and sees Cal Segway-ing towards her.

She walks down to meet him at the curb.

CAL
(polite nod)
Ruby.

RUBY
Cal.

She goes in for a hug, but he stiff-arms her.

RUBY
Okay, can't say I blame you.

CAL
Look, Ruby, I don't want to be mad
at you but I made a promise to
myself and to Oprah in my journal
that I would learn to take care of
me and not let people walk on me
anymore just 'cause I'm a nice guy.

RUBY
You ARE a nice guy. You're just --
sometimes you're weird around me.

CAL
Well, that might be true. Maybe I
tried too hard to make you like me.
I don't know if you know this, but
you can be kind of intimidating.

RUBY
Well. I'm sorry.

CAL
I know.

Cal looks away.

RUBY
Do you think you can forgive me?

CAL

I don't know, Ruby. You did a really bad thing. I'm just hurt. My sister, Jesus love her, was always difficult. I always had to take care of her. It was a one way street. I know I'm naive but I actually thought that this was like...destiny...like you were the sister I was meant to have, like Luke Skywalker and Leah but without the part where they kiss.

RUBY

Right.

CAL

But now I see that you were just humoring me for Isabel's sake. And I can live with that, but I don't think you and I can be close anymore. Call me old fashioned, but I'm just one of those guys who still takes "Best Friends" necklaces seriously.

Cal reaches up and unclasps his "Best Friends" half-necklace. He hands it to Ruby.

CAL

Goodbye Ruby.

Cal puts his helmet under his arm, and rides the Segway up the STEEP DRIVEWAY.

It's really, really slow and awkward.

INT. RUBY AND JOSHUA'S HOUSE

RUBY'S VOICE

(on Isabel's voicemail)

Hey guys, we were gonna play some Rock Band tonight, if you wanna come over-

All ALONE, Ruby sings Alanis Morissette's "YOU OUGHTTA KNOW." With no one there to freak her, it just isn't the same.

INT. KITCHEN

Ruby follows the recipe for Cal's mom's casserole.

RUBY
(on the phone)
Hey guys, I know it's last minute,
but I'm making Cal's casserole.
Thought you might wanna come over--

Strewn over the counters are tuna cans, a package of coconut,
hot sauce, shrimp, peanut butter, chocolate chips...

LATER

She and Jamie eat the casserole ALONE, taking tiny bites and
grimacing.

INT. OLIVE GARDEN

Ruby half-heartedly shoves a breadstick into her mouth and
gnaws on it.

She's at a three-top but she's all alone.

RUBY
(flagging a waiter)
Is the rest of my party here yet?

WAITER
No, miss.

She's surrounded by empty breadstick baskets.

WAITER
More breadsticks?

RUBY
Yeah, keep 'em coming.

INT. JOSHUA AND RUBY'S HOUSE

The clock reads 3 A.M.

Ruby huddles on the couch raptly turning the pages of Cal's
book *The Terrorist Heart*.

RUBY
(to herself)
No, Ahmed. Don't get on that plane.
She loves you.

INT. BAR

Ruby and Joshua sip wine.

JOSHUA

(to Ruby)

You are wrong. That guy does not
look like Obama.

RUBY

No, he kinda does.

JOSHUA

Not at all.

RUBY

A little bit.

INT. AQUARIUM

Ruby taps the glass on the Axolotl's tank. He's all alone in
there still.

RUBY

Hey buddy, c'mon. Cheer up. Swim
around.

EXT. LOS ANGELES ZOO - DAY

Ruby perches on the edge of the duck pond talking to a bunch
of kindergartners.

RUBY

(morose)

So, these are some ducks. And they
fly around and yada yada. Any of
you read *The Catcher in the Rye*
yet? No, of course not. You're like
five. You're all SO happy. Well, in
the book, Holden Caulfield wants to
know where the ducks go when the
pond in Central Park freezes over.
And you know what that is? That's a
metaphor, guys. Because he really
wants to know what happens to the
good part of people when they
encounter tragedy. Right? Because
Holden's brother died, and so he's
worried about his sister, because
what would happen if she died.

(MORE)

RUBY (cont'd)
Right? So these aren't ducks, guys,
these are metaphors for the good
part of your life, and it's slowly
freezing over every single day--

A little girl bursts into LOUD SOBS

RUBY
I know, man. It IS sad. Let it out.

Sitaraam grabs the mic away from Ruby.

SITARAAM
And you know what else guys?
Duckies like to swim! Yay duckies!

EXT. ZOO PICNIC AREA

Sitaraam sits next to Ruby.

SITARAAM
I see now, so you thought you were
protecting your sister from this
man, but as it turns out, you were
aiding and abetting a fugitive?

RUBY
Yeah.

SITARAAM
I can't say I've been there, but I
guess I understand. I myself have
seven sisters.

RUBY
Seven?

SITARAAM
Yes, Salita, Jumna, Prabha, Bishu,
Sadhana, Santi, and Carol.

RUBY
Does everyone in India have such a
big family?

SITARAAM
I am from Nepal.

RUBY
What? I thought you were from
India.

SITARAAM
I get that a lot.

RUBY
Oh, is that racist? Am I racist?

SITARAAM
A little bit, yes.

RUBY
So you have seven brothers in law?

SITARAAM
Well technically I have six...
(beat)
...and one sister in law, but you
didn't hear that from me. Wink.

Ruby looks surprised.

SITARAAM
Carol lives in Belgium where their
love can be free.

RUBY
Ah. And the six brothers in law,
you like them all?

SITARAAM
Oh no. They are all very strange.
Soorja wants to be a R&B artist,
Prakash is constantly challenging
everyone to an arm wrestling match,
Suman is short, Boubon is a close
talker, Mohan is narcoleptic, and
Lal, well Lal I just plain don't
like.

RUBY
Wow, so you pretty much hate family
functions huh?

SITARAAM
No. I don't let it get to me. My
sisters love them, and I'm sure
they all could say things they
don't like about me.

RUBY
Oh. I guess I never thought about
what Cal might not like about me.
What's something annoying about me?

SITARAAM

Oh no. This is a trap.

RUBY

I promise not to get mad.

Sitaraam hesitates.

SITARAAM

Okay...he probably finds it annoying that you have a terrible singing voice and yet you frequently sing loudly as if you are on stage.

RUBY

What? No.

SITARAAM

Oh yes. And you are always fixing people's collars, you think "Rescue Me" is a good show, you bite your nails...

RUBY

You can stop now.

SITARAAM

...you consider Taco Bell to be Mexican food, you're extremely nosy, and you constantly misuse the word literally. Do you know how confusing that is to a non-native English speaker?

RUBY

I see.

There is a long BEAT as Ruby takes this all in.

RUBY

Oh my god. I'm a douche too.

SITARAAM

Well, Ruby, we are all douches and yet, we are all not douches. We are just people.

RUBY

You are very wise.

SITARAAM

Yes, but more importantly I am very hungry. Let's go get some lunch. I am literally starving.

Ruby laughs.

RUBY

(as they walk away)

I still don't know how to make it up to Iz and Cal.

SITARAAM

I dunno. Maybe stop being such a douche.

INT. RUBY'S HOME OFFICE -- LATER

Ruby, with a renewed sense of purpose digs through some stuff on her desk until she finds what she's looking for:

CAL'S JOURNAL OF WEDDING IDEAS with the puffy paint on the outside reading: DREAMS.

She pulls out a new Notepad and writes across the top:

THE MAKE-UP PLAN.

INT. CRAZY CARNY RENTALS

Ruby stands with a creepy guy in a clown outfit in a large warehouse full of carnival supplies.

RUBY

How many adults would you say can fit in the pit at one time?

CLOWN

Adults?

RUBY

Yes.

CLOWN

Naked adults?

RUBY

Um no. But would that make a difference?

CLOWN
It would for me.

RUBY
Right. Are all the ball pits used?

CLOWN
I don't like that term "used".
It's so unsexy. Let's just say they
are all pre-loved.

The clown gives her a creepy wink.

INT. RUBY'S HOUSE - OFFICE

Angle on THE MAKE-UP PLAN

1. ~~Ball-Pit~~

EXT. ZOO PICNIC AREA

Ruby stands with Sitaraam handing out ITALIAN ICE to a group
of children.

RUBY
Now remember to tell me your three
favorite flavors guys. What flavors
seem wedding-y to you?

INT. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CARRIAGE RENTALS

A sweet old lady shows Ruby around a lot filled with
beautiful horse-drawn carriages of all types.

OLD LADY
You said you want a pumpkin shape?

RUBY
Yes. Like Cinderella.

OLD LADY
Precious. How old is your daughter
going to be?

RUBY
It's actually for a wedding.

OLD LADY
Oh how lovely. Mother of the bride.
You must be so proud.

RUBY
It's my sister's wedding.

OLD LADY
I see. Well, your time will come my
dear. Or you can always become a
nurse-maid.

RUBY
I'm already married.

OLD LADY
Of course you are. Why would you
lie?

INT. RUBY'S HOME OFFICE

Ruby is on the phone, completely surrounded by papers and
magazine clippings.

ANGLE on her NOTEPAD.

THE MAKE-UP PLAN

1. ~~Ball Pit.~~
2. ~~Pumpkin Carriage.~~
3. ~~Italian Ice.~~
4. Band -- ????

RUBY
(into phone)
I know it's asking a lot Brad, but
I really need this.

INT. BRAD'S OFFICE

Brad sits at his desk talking on the phone.

BRAD
He is really hard to get for
private appearances but I'll see
what I can do.

EXT. LOS ANGELES CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Ruby leans against her car outside of the jail. Mindy emerges, led by two officers, still dressed in cut-offs, and no shoes.

MINDY

Oh, hell no. I'm not going anywhere with that lady. She's crazy. Put me back in my cell. I want to go back to jail.

Mindy struggles to go back into the building as the officers push her forward.

RUBY

Mindy, relax. I'm taking you somewhere where you can get the help you need.

MINDY

Din-sneyland?

RUBY

Kind of.

EXT. PROMISES REHABILITATION FACILITY- MALIBU

Mindy and Ruby sit in Ruby's convertible as Mindy finishes a cigarette.

INT. RUBY'S CAR

Mindy glances out the window at Promises.

MINDY

This place sure is fancy. Why are you being so nice to me?

RUBY

Because, you're a part of my family now.

MINDY

I always wanted a sister.

RUBY

Well now you've got two. Go make us proud.

Mindy and Ruby hug.

RUBY

Mindy, I'm going to need that money
you took out of my bag on the way
here.

Mindy hands over a wad of cash.

RUBY

And my contact solution.

She hands her a big thing of Visine.

MINDY

I like to drink that.

RUBY

I know, sweetie.

INT. AQUARIUM

Ruby unpacks a very large crate.

Inside, a female Axolotl sits morosely at the bottom of a
tiny tank.

She holds the little tank up in front of the male's tank.

RUBY

What do you think, buddy? Pretty
hot, right? You two are gonna make
some pretty cute babies.

INT. RUBY AND JOSHUA'S HOUSE - MIDNIGHT

Ruby reads a list from Cal's Dream Journal as Joshua checks
to see if certain songs are plugged into his iPod play list.

RUBY

Who Let The Dogs Out?

JOSHUA

Check.

RUBY

Everybody Dance Now?

JOSHUA

Yep.

RUBY
 Mambo No. 5, The Macarena, How
 Bizarre, and I'm too Sexy?

JOSHUA
 Got 'em.

RUBY
 Mozart's Eine Kleine NachtMusik,
 the National Anthem and Mama's
 Gonna Knock You Out?

JOSHUA
 Yes, yes and kill me.

RUBY
 Monster Mash, Lady in Red, Father
 Figure, I Love College, Ice, Ice
 Baby, Can't Touch This, Paula
 Abdul's Opposites Attract, Ebony
 and Ivory, No Scrubs by TLC and the
 theme song from Scrubs?

JOSHUA
 All here.

INT. RUBY AND JOSHUA'S BEDROOM -- THE NEXT DAY

Ruby and Joshua both get dressed. Ruby in a nice dress,
 Joshua in a suit.

JOSHUA
 Are you sure you want to do this?

RUBY
 Yep.

JOSHUA
 I'm proud of you.

RUBY
 I'm proud of me too, actually.

INT. BEVERLY HILLS COURTHOUSE

A small group of people mill about inside a courtroom.

Izzy, wears a cute, but casual white dress.

Cal is in a Hawaiian shirt and jeans.

Kimmie is in formal dress shorts.

The Judge clears his throat.

JUDGE

All right, let's get started.

Isabel and Cal move to the center of the room.

Isabel looks around nervously. Where's Ruby?

JUDGE

Ladies and gentlemen, we are
gathered here today to join these
two citizens in marriage.

The back-door CREAKS open and Ruby and Joshua sneak into the back.

JUDGE

Isabel Duncan, do you take this man
to be your lawfully wedded husband.

ISABEL

I do.

ANGLE ON RUBY. She tears up. She can't help it.

JUDGE

And do you Cal, take this woman to
be your lawfully wedded wife.

CAL

You bet your buttcheeks I do.

JUDGE

And before I pronounce these two
man and wife, if there is anyone
here assembled who can present a
reason why these two should not be
wed--

RUBY

I can.

A general murmur, and Isabel rounds on Ruby.

ISABEL

Ruby! No! You promised.

JOSHUA

Wait, Isabel. Hear her out.

ISABEL

I don't want to hear her out. I love Cal, and I'm going to marry him. And we're going to Hawaii.

RUBY

And I don't object.

ISABEL

But you just said--

RUBY

I just object to you doing it here. Like this. This wasn't your dream. This was your dream.

She holds up Cal's puffy-paint journal.

RUBY

Look, I know I made terrible awful mistakes, and I said things that I can't take back about Cal. But, Cal, I want you to know that I think you're awesome. I know I said that you annoyed me, but I think anyone Isabel said she was marrying would annoy me, because I've always been her best friend, but now you are going to be her best friend. I was just afraid that you were taking my sister away from me. Our family is so small, so it terrified me. But now I see that our family isn't small at all anymore. It's really fucking big. And I have a brother named Biscuit. Which, frankly, kicks ass.

She looks around at all of Cal's brothers, his parents, and Isabel.

RUBY

So, I'm sorry, and if you'll let me make it up to you, just follow me outside.

She exits with Joshua.

Isabel hesitates, then takes Cal's hand and pulls him...

EXT. BEVERLY HILLS COURTHOUSE

A PUMPKIN CARRIAGE waits at the curb, followed by three bright white HUMVEE LIMOS

CAL
A pumpkin carriage!

BISCUIT
Humvee limos!

RUBY
Go on, get in.

ISABEL
Where's it taking us?

RUBY
To your wedding.

Cal hesitates.

CAL
This is the worst surprise ever,
Ruby.

A beat. Ruby looks worried.

CAL
NOT! It's the best.

EXT. RUBY AND JOSHUA'S HOUSE - BACKYARD - LATER

Under a gazebo hung with Rasta-colored streamers, a priest and a psychic healer in a leotard wait.

All of the friends and family are gathered on the lawn. It's a proper wedding.

A TABERNACLE CHOIR hums, then breaks into KANYE WEST'S song "TOUCH THE SKY"

The guy doing Kanye West's part isn't Kanye West - not even close.

Joshua nudges Cal.

JOSHUA
Sorry, we couldn't get the real
Kanye.

CAL
Are you kidding? He looks just like
him.

Isabel appears at the end of the aisle in the beautiful
wedding dress from Vera Wang.

Ruby walks behind her with Gavin the ferret on a ribbon
leash.

She reaches the front.

PSYCHIC HEALER
Who presents this extraordinary
being to be enmeshed into the folds
of matrimony?

RUBY
(tearful)
I do.

EXT. BACKYARD - LATER

Party guests jump around in the ball pit as waiters in tuxes
pass trays of jalepeno poppers and mini-mudslides.

The prostitutes from Ruby's jail cell flirt with Cal's
brothers.

A group gathers around a karaoke machine.

People wear rasta hats with attached dreads

Joshua shows off a pair of pistols to Montana.

JOSHUA
I shit you not, Melissa Etheridge
used to own these.

A CLINKING SOUND as we

MATCH TO:

EXT. RUBY'S HOUSE - BACKYARD -- LATER

Now inside the WEDDING TENT where all the tables are
different nationalities, just like Isabel wanted.

Isabel and Cal respond to the clinking on the glass with an
inappropriately long KISS.

Cal stands, raising a beer in a "JUST MARRIED" BEER KOOZIE.

There is a ton of clapping as Cal tries to quiet the room.

CAL

Well, gosh. We are just so touched
that you all made it out here for
this big night. Big ups to my
sister Mindy, who has been sober
ten whole days.

ANGLE ON MINDY, sitting with a nurse. She reaches for a glass
of wine. The nurse SLAPS her hand away.

CAL (CONT'D)

Shout out to my mom and dad, who is
black. My brothers. Let's see. My
ferret for keeping it real. And
that's about it.

He starts to sit...

CAL (CONT'D)

NOT! I was kidding. I gotta say a
big hearty thanks to our hosts,
Joshua and Ruby. I came all the way
across the ocean on a donkey to
have sex with your sister, and you
treated me NIIIIIIIIICEE!

Clapping and hugging ensue, followed by more clinking.

Ruby grabs the mic.

RUBY

Wait, wait. I think we have one
more speech. Yes, you sir. In the
back.

In the back, near the MAKESHIFT STAGE and dance floor, a man
in shorts and a Tommy Bahama shirt stands. For some reason,
he has his own CORDLESS MIC.

ISABEL

(to Cal)

Who's that?

CAL

I don't know him.

STRANGE GUY

You know, folks, there's nothing quite like a wedding to remind you of your own love life, and of the mistakes you've made along the way. Now, I know that most of you here don't know me very well...

As he talks, musicians begin to take the stage...

STRANGE GUY

...but I'm sort of known for telling the same sad story about my love life over and over again.

He starts to climb up to the stage.

STRANGE GUY

And it goes a little something like this...

HOLY SHIT! The strange guy is...

JIMMY BUFFET

(sings)

Nibblin' on sponge cake
Watchin' the sun bake
All of those tourists
Covered with oil
Strummin' my six-string
On my front porch swing
Smell those shrimp
They're beginnin' to boil

Cal's head explodes with happiness.

Ruby winks at Brad, who gives her a big thumbs up.

Cal picks Ruby up, spins her around and gives her a big kiss on the cheek.

Ruby reaches into her purse and pulls out Cal's half-heart "Best Friend" necklace.

RUBY

Cal, will you do me the honor of being my BFF?

CAL

Nothing would make me happier. Except seeing Jimmy Buffet live at my own wedding. Which, holy crap, is happening!

Everyone hits the dance floor as Jimmy takes it away. Ruby sings along in her terrible singing voice.

JIMMY BUFFET
Wastin' away again in
Margaritaville Searching for my
Lost shaker of salt
Some people claim
That there's a woman to blame
But I know it's nobody's fault

The song...

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The strains of Margaritaville on the ukulele are pumped in on the P.A.

Beneath an escalator, Isabel and Cal wait with the GIANT FOAM FINGERS.

CAL
Now, what's the deal with these
foam fingers again?

ISABEL
Well my mom and dad--

She's interrupted by Ruby calling out.

RUBY
Hey, everyone look! It's the
Octomom!

Everyone turns to look at Isabel.

Isabel runs and hugs Ruby and Joshua.

ISABEL
Yay! You're here.

She takes Ruby in, then pokes her in the belly.

ISABEL
Whoa, what's with the beer gut?

Ruby smiles.

CAL
No way.

ISABEL
What?

CAL
Congratulations!

ISABEL
Oh my god, you're knocked up?

RUBY
Yup.

ISABEL
Holy shit.

RUBY
(grinning)
I know, right?

CAL
Oh, I almost forgot.

Cal pulls out a bunch of Leis out of a shopping bag.

CAL
Hey, you don't mind if I lei your
wife, do you Joshua? Get it? LEI?

JOSHUA
I got it.

CAL
NIIIIIIICE!

Joshua and Cal go for the bags as the girls throw their arms
around each other and head out into the sun as we...

FADE OUT.