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Observer Pictures presents Margaritas and Donuts, written and directed by Faith McQuinn. This is the super cut. all six episodes back to back with no interruptions.

Lucy and Daphne:

(singing)

Katrina:

So what time is the date?

Josephine:

8:00 o'clock.

Katrina:

And he's picking you up?

Josephine:

Yes. He offered. So, I thought it was nice. I went with it.

Katrina:

You're going to meet him outside, aren't you? I doubt you let some strange man get comfy on your couch.

Josephine:

Exactly. Can I borrow your blue jacket?

Katrina:

(laughs). And here I am thinking my best friend just missed my face.

Josephine:

I did miss your face, but I needed the jacket too.

Katrina:

At least you waited a healthy amount of time to ask for the jacket. (laughs). So where did we meet Paul?

Josephine:

A dating app.

Katrina:

Really?

Josephine:

Yes. Didn't I tell you about this?

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Katrina:

I'm pretty sure I'd remember you finding dates through an app. Is it match.com?

Josephine:

No, it's a mobile app for mature professional singles.

Katrina:

Oh.

Josephine:

It's not like that. This will be my third date through it.

Katrina:

Wait, that magician dude was through the app?

Josephine:

Yes.

Katrina:

I recall that date not being amazing.

Josephine:

It was fine.

Katrina:

Have you seen him again?

Josephine:

No.

Katrina:

Then it wasn't amazing. So what does mature professional single Paul do for a living?

Josephine:

He owns a travel agency.

Katrina:

Definitely can milk that for all it's worth.

Josephine:

Maybe.

Katrina:

You going to La Terraza?

Josephine:

Yes. Just something casual so we can talk and get to know each other.

Katrina:

Casual's good. Girls, don't mess with that, please.

Josephine:

Oh, I should probably get going. I don't want to get stuck in traffic.

Katrina:

Girls, Auntie Jo is leaving. Come say good bye.

Lucy and Daphne:

Bye, Auntie Jo.

Josephine:

Bye.

Daphne:

Love you.

lucy:

Love you.

Josephine:

Love you more.

Katrina:

I'll run and get the jacket, and remember, if you need a rescue, just call me.

Josephine:

I won't.

Katrina:

But if you do, I got you.

Josephine:

I know.

Paul:

Simpson House Inn is a lovely bed and breakfast that's quiet and quaint.

Josephine:

Quaint is nice.

Paul:

Isn't it? Santa Barbra is the best vacation. Beautiful weather, good wine. You can't get great wine in Nashville, I don't think.

Josephine:

Maybe you haven't looked hard enough.

Paul:

I'm sorry, what?

Josephine:

Nothing. You were saying Santa Barbra's beautiful.

Paul:

Absolutely, I'll have to take you. I'll admit I only went because of that movie. What was it called. They drink a lot of wine? You know what I'm talking about.

Josephine:

I don't, actually.

Malik:

Sideways.

Josephine:

What?

Malik:

Sideways, the movie he was referring to.

Paul:

Yes, Sideways, thank you.

Josephine:

Were you listening to our conversation?

Malik:

No. I'm sorry, I'll go back to my table.

Paul:

So have you been to Santa Ynez Valley?

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Malik:

I really wanted to go after seeing the movie, but I never got around to it.

Paul:

You should go. It's gorgeous.

Malik:

I might. I might. Well, I'll let you guys get back to your dinner.

Josephine:

So-

Paul:

I'm sorry. Are you eating alone?

Malik:

Yeah.

Paul:

Join us. I always say the more the merrier.

Malik:

I don't want to intrude.

Paul:

It's not an intrusion if you're invited.

Malik:

Do you mind?

Paul:

Oh, come on, Josephine, can't let the man eat alone.

Josephine:

It's fine.

Paul:

Pull up a chair. Margarita? Have an entire pitcher.

Malik:

Oh no.

Paul:

Of course you do. I'm Paul, and this is my lovely date Josephine.

Malik:

I'm Malik.

Paul:

Malik. Wonderful to meet you.

Josephine:

I'll be right back. No need to stand, Malik. I'm just going to the bathroom.

Paul:

We'll be here. So, Malik, are you from Nashville?

Katrina:

Is this a good call or a bad call?

Josephine:

He invited someone to join us.

Katrina:

As in he brought another person with him?

Josephine:

Nope, a man who is sitting by himself at another table. He invited him to eat with us.

Katrina:

Well, that's kind of-

Josephine:

Katrina, don't you dare say that it's sweet.

Katrina:

I wasn't going to sweet. I was going to say nice.

Josephine:

It's only nice if we were friends, or I don't know. Married. It's not nice on a first date.

Katrina:

I see your point.

Josephine:

He's also been talking pretty much non-stop.

Katrina:

Is he at least interesting?

Josephine:

Mildly.

Katrina:

Interesting enough for a second date?

Josephine:

No. Yet it does seem he wants to take me on a trip.

Katrina:

Oh, I told you to milk that for all it's worth.

Josephine:

Mmh, no.

Katrina:

Maybe he's just nervous.

Josephine:

Maybe he's just full of himself.

Katrina:

Maybe you're not giving him a chance.

Josephine:

Maybe he's more interested in Malik.

Katrina:

You know you look crazy, peering out the bathroom.

Josephine:

I'm not... How did you know?

Katrina:

That restaurant isn't exactly quiet. Hang up, go out there, and enjoy the free meal.

Josephine:

Fine.

Katrina:

And maybe get some great vacation deals.

Josephine:

Good bye.

Paul:

Malik was just telling me that he's an ophthalmologist.

Josephine:

Oh, there's an ophthalmology practice across the hall from my practice.

Malik:

What's your specialty?

Josephine:

Pediatrics.

Paul:

Really, you're a doctor?

Josephine:

Yes, Paul. I'm a doctor.

Malik:

Wait. How long have you two known each other?

Josephine:

Roughly 90 minutes.

Malik:

Uh, this is a first date.

Josephine:

It was.

Malik:

Oh, um, I'm going back to my table now.

Paul:

You don't have to do that.

Malik:

No, I really-

Josephine:

No, it's fine. I'll go.

Paul:

Josephine.

Josephine:

I'm not feeling so great. Maybe the margarita went to my head, but please, you two enjoy yourselves. Paul, it's been nice.

Malik:

You need somebody to walk you out?

Josephine:

No, thank you. I'm just going to call an Uber.

Paul:

At least let me do it.

Josephine:

I'm fine. (laughs). I've got my phone.

Malik:

Well, it won't be here for a few minutes, right? Why don't you just sit here till it arrives?

Josephine:

I'd rather get some fresh air. Good night, gentlemen.

Katrina:

Well, at least he tried to call you an Uber.

Josephine:

It's literally the least he could do. And I should have let him. Honestly, I can't believe I let him drive in the first place. We should have just met at the restaurant.

Katrina:

Maybe it's the only way he can guarantee a date will last.

Josephine:

(laughs).

Katrina:

(laughs).

Josephine:

Oh, oh. I am deleting this app. If this stupid state of the app algorithm can't help me find someone, what am I supposed to do?

Katrina:

Girl, what you been doing. You've dated some very fine men. Why are you even using a dating app? You've never been hung up on the perfect man before.

Josephine:

I don't need the perfect man, I just, I want someone who's perfect for me. 20 years of casual relationships and constant nagging from my mother finally got to me, I guess. I just want a good person in my life.

Katrina:

Okay. Fuck the app. You're right. It's stupid. Apps work for people who've given up. Have you given up?

Josephine:

No.

Katrina:

No. Tell your bestie what makes your perfect man, and we'll get it done.

Josephine:

(laughs). Really? You're going to play matchmaker.

Katrina:

God willing, we'll find you someone. You've been successful in everything you've done in life.

Josephine:

Not this.

Katrina:

That's because you didn't have my help. Frankly, I'm surprised you never asked for my help. Anyway, have some wine, and tell me about your perfect man.

Josephine:

Wait, right now?

Katrina:

Yes, right now.

Josephine:

Okay. Um, he should be a gentleman. I do love good manners.

Katrina:

That goes without saying.

Josephine:

He, he needs to understand that my feelings are important.

Katrina:

Sure. Otherwise what's the point of being in a relationship? What else?

Josephine:

He should have, uh, a good job.

Katrina:

Jo. Your perfect man sounds kind of average.

Josephine:

Katrina, you've been married for 12 years. You have no idea what men are like now.

Katrina:

Fair. But I'm still not impressed. We are talking about the perfect man. If you can build him from scratch, who would you be?

Josephine:

Are you building me someone?

Katrina:

Maybe.

Josephine:

(laughs).

Katrina:

(laughs).

Josephine:

He needs to be doing something he loves. I can't be with someone who works just to make a paycheck.

Katrina:

Okay. Someone who's passionate. What else?

Josephine:

Oh, I don't know.

Katrina:

And this is why you haven't found anyone yet?

Josephine:

Excuse me?

Katrina:

If you can't figure out what you want, then you'll never find it. You're not trying to fill a job position. This is a companion. Someone you can see yourself spending the rest of your life. Someone who's just as amazing as me. (laughs). I truly believe that there is someone for everyone out there. You just have to know what you're looking for. So what do you want, Jo?

Josephine:

Okay. Um, I- I want someone who pays attention. Someone who picks up on tiny details. Like my favorite flower or a pastry I like.

Katrina:

Keep going.

Josephine:

I want someone who makes me smile with a look. I want someone who makes my heart skip a beat when he talks to me.

Katrina:

And now we're moving into fairytale land. (laughs).

Josephine:

Okay. I'm done.

Katrina:

I didn't mean to hurt your feelings. It's just, your heart skip a beat? Come on.

Josephine:

You asked for my perfect man. This is it.

Katrina:

I'm sorry. You're right, you're right. I have to get home. But we're not done. We'll find you someone. I promise.

Malik:

Oh, hi.

Josephine:

Hello. What floor?

Malik:

10, and it's already pressed. Looks like, uh, we're going to the same floor.

Josephine:

Looks like.

Malik:

Do you work there?

Josephine:

Yes.

Malik:

Pediatrician. I remember. And I'm an ophthalmologist. I'm Malik, if you forgot.

Josephine:

I remember.

Malik:

This is my first full day. At this office, not ever. I- I've been a doctor for 16 years.

Josephine:

That's nice.

Malik:

I'm surprised we haven't seen each other before now. So, what's your poison?

Josephine:

Sorry.

Malik:

The coffee. Well, what do you drink?

Josephine:

Caramel latte.

Malik:

I'm more of a chai tea... Uh, listen, I- I apologize for butting in on your date. I- I- it was rude, and I shouldn't have done that. While you were in the bathroom, I told Paul that I should go back to my seat.

Josephine:

How considerate of you.

Malik:

Well...

Josephine:

What are you doing?

Malik:

Offering my hand. A truce.

Josephine:

I need to get to work.

Malik:

Okay. Guess I'll just go to work too. Yep.

Katrina:

What's wrong?

Josephine:

What? Nothing.

Katrina:

You never call me this early. I just figured something bad happened.

Josephine:

Well, something happened.

Katrina:

What? Are you all right?

Josephine:

I saw that guy Malik again.

Katrina:

Remind me who Malik is.

Josephine:

That idiot who crashed my date with Paul.

Katrina:

Ooh, Malik. Yes. Where'd you see him?

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Josephine:

On the elevator. He's the new ophthalmologist across the hall.

Katrina:

Oh, a doctor.

Josephine:

Stop it. Doctors aren't as intriguing when you've been around them for 15 years.

Katrina:

Is he cute?

Josephine:

I don't see how-

Katrina:

Oh, he's cute.

Josephine:

What am I supposed to do?

Katrina:

About what?

Josephine:

I'm going to see him every morning now.

Katrina:

Then just say hello and go about your day. Unless you want to do something else.

Josephine:

It's awkward.

Katrina:

Only if you make it awkward.

Josephine:

You aren't helping.

Katrina:

If you don't want to talk to him, then don't. But you obviously do or you wouldn't be calling me. Does he seem like a good guy?

Josephine:

I have no idea.

Katrina:

Go with your gut, Jo. Does he?

Josephine:

Maybe. He did apologize for the date thing.

Katrina:

Okay, okay, good start. Then just smile and chit chat or whatever. You'll be fine.

Josephine:

But wha-

Ellen:

Dr. Pierce, there's a call for you on line one.

Josephine:

Yeah, thanks, Ellen. I need to go.

Katrina:

Sure. Just talk to him.

Josephine:

Bye, Katrina.

Malik:

Good morning, Josephine.

Josephine:

Hello.

Maddie's Mom:

Hold that please. Thank you.

Madeline:

Hello, Dr. Jo.

Josephine:

Good morning, Madeline.

Madeline:

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Mommy and me are coming to see you right now. Look at my arm. It's all gross.

Maddie's Mom:

But aren't you happy it's not in the cast anymore?

Madeline:

No.

Maddie's Mom:

Why not?

Madeline:

'Cause now I have to go back to piano practice.

Josephine:

You don't like playing the piano?

Maddie's Mom:

It's the practice she doesn't like.

Josephine:

Ah.

Madeline:

It's dumb.

Josephine:

If you practice, you'll become a great piano player and people from all over the world will want to hear you play. You get to wear pretty dresses, and- and play in big, fancy halls.

Madeline:

Awesome.

Josephine:

But you have to practice, okay?

Madeline:

Will you come hear me play?

Josephine:

Of course I will.

Madeline:

Come on mommy, we have to beat Dr. Jo.

Maddie's Mom:

Wait, Maddie.

Malik:

Your patients love you, don't they?

Josephine:

Not all of them, I assure you.

Malik:

Well, Madeline loves you. You're good with her.

Josephine:

Years of practice.

Malik:

Have a good day, Josephine.

Josephine:

You too. Dammit! Oh, of course I'm already running late.

Malik:

Good morning.

Josephine:

Morning.

Malik:

Someone woke up on the wrong side of the bed?

Josephine:

I don't want to talk.

Malik:

Fine, I can just-

Josephine:

Uh uh.

Malik:

Okay.

Josephine:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Malik:

Have a good, good day.

Ellen:

May I help you?

Malik:

I'm looking for Dr. Pierce.

Ellen:

Are you a parent? Do you have an appointment?

Malik:

I work in the ophthalmology office across the hall. I just wanted to bring her-

Josephine:

Ellen, can you give the Anderson's a call. Tell them that Felicity's prescription has been filled.

Malik:

Hey.

Josephine:

Hello. What's this?

Malik:

Caramel latte.

Josephine:

Okay.

Malik:

That's what you, uh, said yesterday, right? Caramel latte. I went non-fat because I wasn't sure. I didn't see you with it in the elevator this morning, so I presumed that's why you were so grumpy.

Josephine:

I wasn't grumpy.

Ellen:

(laughs). Sorry.

Malik:
(laughs).

Ellen:
I'll just go back to my work.

Malik:
There's a great coffee shop in the building. Locally owned. I just grabbed you one. It's not Starbucks, but I've overstepped.

Josephine:
No, it's... Thank you.

Malik:
Well, catch you lovely ladies later. Bye.

Ellen:
That was very sweet.

Josephine:
Or creepy.

Ellen:
Are you going to drink the coffee?

Josephine:
Oh, hell, yes.

Ellen:
Then it was sweet.

Katrina:
So he brought you coffee. How is that creepy, exactly?

Josephine:
He knew what I wanted.

Katrina:
Because you told him.

Josephine:
But he remembered.

Katrina:

Jo, are you actually listening to yourself?

Josephine:

I've never had anybody remember my coffee order.

Katrina:

And somehow that's creepy to you?

Josephine:

It isn't to you?

Katrina:

No. Oh, dear God. You really should have asked me for help on this whole romance thing before now. Hon, a man who listens to you is the opposite of creepy. A man that listens to you that you are not sleeping with, related to you, or is representing you in court is a damn unicorn.

Josephine:

I don't know.

Katrina:

Okay. At some point in time, you have to realize that just because there are crap men in the world, they aren't all crap man.

Josephine:

(laughs).

Katrina:

Eddie was an asshole. But we will not let him destroy every potentially good relationship you could have.

Josephine:

I can't go through that again.

Katrina:

I know. I haven't met this Malik guy, but he doesn't sound like asshole Eddie. What are you worried about?

Josephine:

That he isn't as wonderful as he seems.

Katrina:

But how will you know if you don't even give him a chance?

Josephine:

The coffee was really good.

Katrina:

Maybe you should stop by that coffee shop in the morning.

Josephine:

Maybe.

Malik:

You liked the coffee, I take it.

Josephine:

I did.

Cal:

Hey, what can I get you?

Josephine:

I'll have a large, caramel latte. Non-fat milk.

Cal:

That'll be 5.25.

Malik:

(laughs). So I was right.

Josephine:

I usually get whole milk, but I liked what you brought me, so.

Malik:

Why not try something different?

Josephine:

(laughs). Yes. Are you going to order?

Cal:

Here you are, Dr. Miller.

Malik:

Thanks, Cal.

Josephine:

They know your order already?

Malik:

Yep.

Josephine:

Didn't you say your first day was Monday.

Malik:

I worked, uh, across the street before. I always come here for coffee. It's the best in town.

Josephine:

It is delicious.

Malik:

So I've converted you. Are you gonna leave Starbucks behind?

Josephine:

Possibly. You have good taste, doctor.

Malik:

I like to think so.

Cal:

Caramel latte.

Josephine:

That's me. Are you headed up?

Malik:

Yeah. Here, let me get that for you.

Josephine:

Oh. Thanks.

Malik:

Uh, Friday is, uh, donut day at the coffee shop.

Josephine:

That's nice.

Malik:

Would you be interested in having a fresh donut with me Friday morning? [crosstalk 00:20:26].

Malik:

So donuts on Friday?

Josephine:

You really like donuts.

Malik:

(laughs). I really [crosstalk 00:20:34] like a lot of things.

Josephine:

(laughs). Oh, sorry, sorry.

Malik:

(laughs). So Friday morning? Let's say 7:00.

Josephine:

Dr. Miller, you're very sure of yourself.

Malik:

Thank you. I should be saying thank you to that, right?

Josephine:

And why would I have breakfast with a man I barely know who also happened to ruin my date?

Malik:

(laughs) I didn't ruin that date. Paul ruined that date.

Josephine:

I will give you that.

Malik:

Where did you meet him, anyway? He doesn't seem like your type.

Josephine:

You don't know my type.

Malik:

I know he wasn't it.

Josephine:

We're getting off topic. We don't even know each other.

Malik:

It's good reason we should have donuts Friday morning.

Josephine:

I need a better reason.

Malik:

Why?

Josephine:

Indulge me. Why should I have donuts with you?

Malik:

Okay. I'm 40 years old, and I've spent a good bit of my life not doing things because of this or that. But now I think I'm too old not to act on something good.

Josephine:

And you think I'm good.

Malik:

I- I do.

Josephine:

Okay. I'll see you Friday. He asked me to have breakfast with him.

Katrina:

I assume we're talking about the optometrist.

Josephine:

Ophthalmologist.

Katrina:

Whatever.

Josephine:

He has an MD. There's a difference.

Katrina:

Is it pertinent to the conversation we're currently having?

Josephine:

(laughs). I guess not.

Katrina:

Then whatever. So-

Daphne:

Mommy, can you help me?

Katrina:

I'm talking to Aunt Jo. Give me a minute.

Josephine:

Do you need to go?

Katrina:

No, they can hold on a moment. So breakfast.

Josephine:

The coffee shop in our office building does fresh donuts on Friday. He asked if I wanted to meet him there.

Katrina:

Okay. So he didn't ask you to breakfast.

Josephine:

That's breakfast.

Katrina:

No. Breakfast is a nice, sit down restaurant that you meet at over the weekend. Not a coffee shop in your building 30 minutes before work. What'd you say?

Josephine:

I said yes.

Katrina:

Girl, good for you.

Daphne:

Mom, are you done yet?

Katrina:

Hold please. What do you need, hon?

Daphne:

I just need you to get me a cup. Can we watch the TV?

Katrina:

Yeah, just an hour though.

Josephine:

You're confusing me.

Katrina:

Sorry. I was talking to Lucy.

Josephine:

No, about the breakfast thing. Are you saying it's bad?

Katrina:

I didn't say that.

Josephine:

But you had a tone.

Katrina:

That was no tone. Tell me more about, what's his name?

Josephine:

Malik.

Katrina:

Yes. More about Malik who wants you to have fresh donuts on Friday? Does this one work?

Daphne:

Yeah, thanks mom.

Josephine:

There it is again. Are you making fun of him?

Katrina:

No. It's actually kind of cute.

Josephine:

Is it though?

Katrina:

Yes.

Josephine:

Why wouldn't he ask me to a proper breakfast?

Katrina:

Jo.

Josephine:

Does he work too hard and can't think about scheduling something, or does he not think that I would go to breakfast with him?

Katrina:

Look, I shouldn't have said anything. Please don't go far into it, Jo.

Josephine:

Okay.

Katrina:

Would you go to breakfast with him?

Josephine:

I don't know.

Katrina:

Good thing he asked you just to have donuts then, right? So, spill. What else do you know about him?

Josephine:

He likes chai tea.

Katrina:

Wow. You've learned so much.

Josephine:

We've talked in the elevator, and in line at a coffee shop.

Katrina:

You can learn a lot about a person on the elevator.

Josephine:

He said I was... He said I was good.

Katrina:

He said what?

Josephine:

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When I asked him why I should have donuts with him, he said I was a good thing.

Katrina:

Yep, definitely a unicorn.

Josephine:

It was probably just a line.

Katrina:

It worked, didn't it?

Josephine:

Yes.

Katrina:

So are you nervous?

Josephine:

A little.

Katrina:

Are you gonna overthink all of this tomorrow?

Josephine:

No, I just... I haven't had a good date in a while.

Katrina:

Okay. Then don't think of it as a date. It's just donuts with a colleague.

Cal:

Good morning.

Josephine:

Morning.

Cal:

Oh, he's over there.

Josephine:

Oh, thank you. You did say 7:00, right?

Malik:

Yep.

Josephine:

It's 6:55. How long have you been here?

Malik:

Not too long.

Josephine:

But you already have donuts.

Malik:

It doesn't take that long to order. I hope you don't mind ordering for you.

Josephine:

No, it's fine.

Malik:

I also got you coffee.

Josephine:

Thank you.

Malik:

Are you going to sit down?

Josephine:

Yes.

Malik:

So we've got glazed, uh, chocolate, and my favorite, sour cream.

Josephine:

I don't believe I've ever had a sour cream donut.

Malik:

Oh, they're so good. We'll split it. Do you want the chocolate or the glazed?

Josephine:

Chocolate.

Malik:

Coming right up.

Josephine:

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Thanks mmh.

Malik:

Right? Right? It's the perfect balance of sweet and tangy. So Josephine, tell me about yourself.

Josephine:

Um, um, you already know I'm a pediatrician. Um, I've had this practice for five years. Before that, I was in Brentwood.

Malik:

How long have you, uh, been in Nashville?

Josephine:

I grew up here. I did undergraduate at Duke, and then got my MD at Meharry.

Malik:

Wow.

Josephine:

What?

Malik:

You're actually from Nashville. That never happens anymore.

Josephine:

And you?

Malik:

Uh, I grew up in Clarksville. Both of my parents were in the army. I went to Austin P. And got my MD at UCLA.

Josephine:

What made you go all the way to LA?

Malik:

It's about as far away from Tennessee as I could get.

Josephine:

And what made you come back?

Malik:

I needed to get as far away from LA as I could get.

Josephine:

(laughs). Hate to break it to you, but, uh, you could have gone farther.

Malik:

Well, yeah. But the price of living in New York is atrocious.

Josephine:

(laughs). True, true.

Malik:

I've been back about two years now. I was working at the Vanderbilt, but I wanted a smaller practice.

Josephine:

And now you're here.

Malik:

And now I'm here. Um, what are you doing when you're not being Dr. Pierce?

Josephine:

What?

Malik:

What do, what do you do when you're off the clock?

Josephine:

Oh, um, I read a lot. I enjoy the theater, and I like to cook.

Malik:

I didn't figure you for a cook.

Josephine:

Why not?

Malik:

Most doctors I know don't cook.

Josephine:

Well, I cook.

Malik:

What's your signature dish?

Josephine:

Grilled salmon with roasted cauliflower au gratin.

Malik:

That sounds amazing.

Josephine:

I've been told it is.

Malik:

You'll have to make it for me some time.

Josephine:

I need to get upstairs.

Malik:

I'm sorry, did I-

Josephine:

No, no. I, my first patient is at 8:00.

Malik:

That's almost an hour.

Josephine:

I need to do some paperwork before then.

Malik:

Jo- Josephine, I'm sorry if I was too forward. I was just making conversation.

Josephine:

No, it's fine. It's fine. I really do need to get some work done.

Malik:

I'll go with you.

Josephine:

You don't have to do that.

Malik:

But I want to.

Josephine:

You haven't even finished your donut.

Malik:

I'll grab a box.

Josephine:

Malik, I just want to go upstairs by myself. I'm sorry.

Malik:

Okay.

Ellen:

Dr. Pierce, you're early. Was there a patient emergency?

Josephine:

No, I was just at the coffee shop downstairs.

Ellen:

Are you all right?

Josephine:

I'm fine. I'm fine. I just finished up earlier than expected.

Ellen:

Finished up?

Josephine:

Breakfast. They have fresh donuts on Fridays.

Ellen:

Oh, yeah. I haven't been in a while. But I remember them being good.

Josephine:

You should try the sour cream ones.

Ellen:

Are you sure you're all right?

Josephine:

Yes, Ellen, I'm fine. I'll be in my office. Um, if that doctor from across the hall-

Ellen:

The cute one?

Josephine:

Sure. If he comes up, please tell him I'm busy.

Ellen:

Were you having breakfast with him? He wasn't a jerk, was he?

Josephine:

No.

Ellen:

I'll march over there and tell him a thing or two.

Josephine:

Ellen.

Ellen:

You are too good for him.

Josephine:

Ellen, nothing, nothing like that. Thank you but I've just got work to do before the day starts.

Ellen:

Okay.

Josephine:

Ellen, he is not a jerk. I promise.

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Ellen:

Dr. Miller is here to see you. I can tell him you're busy, if you need me to.

Josephine:

Send him back.

Josephine:

Come in. What are you doing here?

Malik:

It's my lunch break. Ellen said I could come back, as long as I wasn't a jerk, and I promised I'd be on my best behavior. I didn't realize your receptionist was also your bouncer.

Josephine:

(laughs).

Malik:

Yeah. You have a few minutes?

Josephine:

I- I guess so.

Malik:

I- I can come back.

Josephine:

It's fine. I don't have any patients on Friday afternoons.

Malik:

I'm really sorry about this morning. If I made you uncomfortable, I- I never intended to do that. I just... Honestly, that meal sounds really great, and I'd love to have it. But I didn't mean to insinuate that you had to cook for me. You- you don't have to cook for me. I would never just go out and ask you to do that. We can go out to dinner, unless you don't really go to dinner. I could cook, but I really only make pancakes. Okay.

Josephine:

(laughs).

Malik:

That's now how I heard this going in my head. I swear to God, I'm more eloquent than this. Let's- let's start again. I'm really sorry about making you uncomfortable.

Josephine:

I accept your apology.

Malik:

Good. Now, will you go to dinner with me?

Josephine:

Why did you ask to have donuts with me this morning?

Malik:

Because I wanted to get to know you, and I like donuts.

Josephine:

Why not breakfast this weekend? Or dinner, like you're asking now?

Malik:

I don't know. We were in the coffee shop, and I remembered the donuts.

Josephine:

So just spur of the moment?

Malik:

Something like that. Did I do something wrong?

Josephine:

No. It's... Look, you work across the hall.

Malik:

I know that.

Josephine:

I thought maybe since you were wanting to get donuts, it was because you wanted a friend.

Malik:

A friend?

Josephine:

Yeah, because friends have donuts.

Malik:

That's true. I've had donuts with friends before.

Josephine:

Friends also go to dinner.

Malik:

Do you want to be friends, Josephine?

Josephine:

Do you want to be friends?

Malik:

Honestly, no. I mean, I want to be friendly, but I want to date you.

Josephine:

Yes. But we work across the hall from each other.

Malik:

You already mentioned that, and I don't understand why that's a problem.

Josephine:

What if we don't work out?

Malik:

Then we don't work out. I'll be sad, but I'm sure it'll eventually be okay.

Josephine:

But we'll see each other all the time.

Malik:

Do you plan on trying to kill me, if we break up?

Josephine:

What? (laughs). No.

Malik:

Then I think I can handle seeing you, if we're not dating anymore. Can you handle seeing me?

Josephine:

Uh, I think so.

Malik:

Then dinner? We can do something else. Maybe a movie instead?

Josephine:

No. Dinner's fine. When?

Malik:

Tomorrow night?

Josephine:

Really?

Malik:

Is that too soon? Are you busy?

Josephine:

Actually, I am free.

Malik:

Wonderful! What time should I pick you up?

Josephine:

No.

Malik:

Now what?

Josephine:

I'll meet you.

Malik:

(laughs). I'm not Paul. You know?

Josephine:

Just the same, I'd rather meet you there, or no dinner.

Malik:

Fine.

Josephine:

And I pick.

Malik:

Also, fine.

Josephine:

Great.

Malik:

What are you doing?

Josephine:

Making the reservation.

Malik:

Right now?

Josephine:

Fork and Feather at 8:30.

Malik:

I've never been there, but I've heard it's good.

Josephine:

I'll see you tomorrow night then. What?

Malik:

Can I at least give you my number?

Josephine:

I guess.

Malik:

Can I have yours?

Josephine:

I guess.

Malik:

You're messing with me. (laughs).

Josephine:

Maybe a little.

Malik:

It's, uh, 323-555-2347.

Josephine:

I'll text you, and you'll have mine.

Malik:

Okay! You're actually going to do it. Right?

Josephine:

Yes.

Malik:

You made the reservation so fast, I just assumed you'd text me right away.

Josephine:

Fine. Doing it right now. Are you usually this demanding?

Malik:

I'm- I'm not. I'm- (laughs). I'm just gonna... I'm just gonna to head back to my office. I have a chicken salad sandwich with my name on it. I'll see you tomorrow. Right?

Josephine:

See you tomorrow.

Malik:

Bye, Josephine.

Josephine:

Bye, Malik.

Katrina:

So, how was the not breakfast?

Josephine:

Not great.

Katrina:

Oh, no. What happened? He wasn't an asshole, was he? Oh, shit! He was an asshole.

Josephine:

No. I was.

Katrina:

You've never been asshole a day in your life.

Josephine:

Excuse me.

Katrina:

You've rarely been an asshole a day in your life. What happened?

Josephine:

He said he'd like for me to cook for him, and I panicked. I basically ran to my office.

Katrina:

You ran to your office?

Josephine:

Basically.

Katrina:

Well, how did he say it, exactly? Was it all creepy, like he was inviting himself over? Or was it all smooth, like this is the start of a beautiful relationship?

Josephine:

I don't know.

Katrina:

Okay. So you ran away. Are we done we Malik, then?

Josephine:

No. We're going to dinner tomorrow.

Katrina:

What the hell, Jo. Why didn't you lead with that?

Josephine:

(laughs). You asked about donuts.

Katrina:

Yeah. And you said it went badly. How does it go badly, and you still end up going to dinner?

Josephine:

I don't know.

Katrina:

Where are you going, by the way?

Josephine:

Fork and Feather.

Katrina:

Oh. That's an interesting choice.

Josephine:

I chose.

Katrina:

Oh.

Josephine:

What?

Katrina:

You should have let him.

Josephine:

Why?

Katrina:

Then you get a little bit of a read on him. You can tell a lot about a person by the restaurant they choose to take someone to.

Josephine:

Okay.

Katrina:

Remember that guy you dated who would only go theme restaurants? Could you handle going to the Rainforest Café again?

Josephine:

Ohhh. (laughs).

Katrina:

(laughs).

Josephine:

Okay. So, uh, tell me what you know about me, since I chose the Fork and Feather.

Katrina:

Well, it's small, local and high-end. People who take imports to high-end local places are showing off a bit.

Josephine:

He's actually a local. He grew up in Clarksville.

Katrina:

But not Nashville. So still a little showy. Sorry.

Josephine:

Uhh!

Katrina:

The communal tables means you can't really have a very intimate dinner there, so.

Josephine:

I'm stuck up, and avoiding intimacy?

Katrina:

I would have said pretentious, but same diff.

Josephine:

(laughs).

Katrina:

You don't want the truth, then you shouldn't ask.

Josephine:

That's- that's not what's happening. I just really love the food.

Katrina:

As do I, but you don't take a first date there.

Josephine:

Should we go somewhere else?

Katrina:

Do you want to go someplace else?

Josephine:

You are supposed to be helping me.

Katrina:

What do you want me to tell you? Yes. It seems like you're playing this a little too comfortably. I think you like him. I mean, you wouldn't have said yes to dinner otherwise. But you're obviously a little scared, so you don't want to necessarily move too fast. Granted, just having a nice quiet dinner isn't moving fast at all. Remember, he's not Asshole Eddie.

Josephine:

You don't have to keep calling him that.

Katrina:

Actually, I do.

Josephine:

So, what should I do?

Katrina:

He agreed to Fork and Feather. Right? Just go and have a great dinner, and then who knows what will happen after that. Right?

Josephine:

Right.

Katrina:

So, are we done with your problems? Because I came over here to get away from my family for a couple of hours, and I'd like to do something interesting.

Josephine:

This is not a problem.

Katrina:

Not anymore, because I fixed it, like any amazing best friend would.

Josephine:

That's why I keep you around.

Katrina:

And for my kids. You love my kids.

Josephine:

I do love your kids. Sometimes more than I love you.

Katrina:

I can accept that. So what are we doing?

Josephine:

I hope you didn't want to go out?

Katrina:

God, no.

Josephine:

Good. I already ordered us a pizza.

Katrina:

Perfect. Murder She Wrote, or cheesy Hallmark movie?

Josephine:

No contest. Hallmark movie.

Daphne:

Nice of you t join us? Where's Dale?

Daphne:

She is out playing with goats, so.

Daphne:

Well, you know...

Josephine:

Kat?

Katrina:

You'll be fine, Jo. He sounds like a good guy, like a genuinely good human. Just stay out of your own way.

Josephine:

Ohh!

Malik:

I hope you're right about the steak tartare. I had that once, and it wasn't my favorite thing.

Josephine:

Believe me, it's delicious.

Malik:

So what made you, uh, pick this place?

Josephine:

Oh. I love the food. There's not one thing on this menu that isn't worth having.

Malik:

I think I finally understand why you agreed to go out with me.

Josephine:

Sorry?

Malik:

I mean, when Paul invited me to sit at your table, you seemed really put out but then I guess you remembered you're very comfortable eating with strangers?

Josephine:

It's not the same. Paul and I were obviously having an intimate dinner. It was a bit big-headed to him even-

Malik:

I'm kidding.

Josephine:

Um, sorry.

Malik:

Don't be. Paul was an ass.

Josephine:

(laughs). That, he was.

Malik:

You said you, uh, grew up here?

Josephine:

Yeah. My parents are still in the same house.

Malik:

That must be nice. Do you see them often?

Josephine:

We talk on the phone a lot, but I don't see them all the time. You said your parents were in the army. Right?

Malik:

Yeah. That's where they met. My father, he loves to tell the story of their whirlwind romance.

Josephine:

Oh, that's really sweet.

Malik:

Yeah. When I was a kid, I- I didn't think so. But now it's really wonderful to hear. He gets this look and it's, it's undeniably love. Like I really hope I can a story like that one day.

Josephine:

Oh.

Malik:

I've made you uncomfortable, again.

Josephine:

No, no. I'm fine. Did you move a lot as a kid?

Malik:

Not so much. I lived in Germany, and California, and Texas, before we moved here.

Josephine:

Wow! And that's not as much? How was Germany?

Malik:

I was a baby. I have no idea.

Josephine:

Were you born there?

Malik:

Yeah.

Josephine:

Well, that must be a nice conversation-starter.

Malik:

I never really thought to use it.

Josephine:

Was it, was it hard?

Malik:

I'm really good at making friends, so it was a blessing and a curse.

Josephine:

Are either of-

Malik:

Do you like to travel?

Josephine:

... your parents doctors?

Malik:

Sorry. You go ahead.

Josephine:

Sorry. I asked if either of your parents are doctors?

Malik:

Uh, my mom is a nurse. Dad's a pilot. Both are, uh, retired now.

Josephine:

Oh, my mother's a nurse as well.

Malik:

Oh, is that why you-

Server:

Roasted hen?

Josephine:

That's me.

Server:

And steak tartare, for you sir.

Malik:

Thank you.

Server:

Can I get you anything else?

Josephine:

No. Thank you.

Malik:

No. No, we're good.

Server:

Enjoy!

Malik:

This looks amazing.

Josephine:

And it tastes even better.

Malik:

Oh! Hmm, this is, so good.

Josephine:

Uh, told you. Now, (laughs), don't talk with your mouth full.

Malik:

Sorry.

Josephine:

(laughs).

Malik:

Wanna stop for a nightcap?

Josephine:

It's getting a little late.

Malik:

All right. I'll-

Josephine:

Maybe ice cream instead.

Malik:

(laughs).

Josephine:

There's a place right around the corner.

Malik:

Sure. I'm going to guess your favorite flavor.

Josephine:

(laughs). You are? All right. This should be interesting.

Malik:

Not vanilla.

Josephine:

Why? Because I'm not boring?

Malik:

Most people think vanilla's boring, but it's not a boring flavor. It lacks depth though, and that's not you.

Josephine:

Thank you.

Malik:

Any excuse to throw you a compliment.

Josephine:

(laughs).

Malik:

Is it butter pecan?

Josephine:

Holy shit!

Malik:

Am I right?

Josephine:

(laughs). No.

Malik:

(laughs). Okay. I was proud of myself there, for a moment.

Josephine:

(laughs). I mean, I do like butter pecan, but my favorite is moca nut.

Malik:

I knew there had to be nuts in it.

Josephine:

Oh. All right. Why?

Malik:

Because you're sweet, but also a little salty.

Josephine:

(laughs). I'm- I'm not sure what to say to that.

Malik:

I swear it was a compliment.

Josephine:

And what's your favorite?

Malik:

You're not going to guess?

Josephine:

No.

Malik:

Raspberry.

Josephine:

Really? Not at all what I would have guessed.

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Malik:

What would you have guessed?

Josephine:

Um, I don't know. Something a little more old school.

Malik:

I'm old school?

Josephine:

I swear it was a compliment.

Malik:

(laughs). All right. All right. Is it fine if I ask to hold your hand, while we walk?

Josephine:

It's fine to ask.

Malik:

I'm just going to take your hand then.

Josephine:

Huh! And I'm just going to let you.

Katrina:

What's wrong? What happened?

Josephine:

Nothing. Why do you keep doing that?

Katrina:

It's 1:00 A.M. Why else would you be calling me?

Ron:

Did somebody die?

Katrina:

No, hon. It's Jo.

Ron:

Is she all right?

Katrina:

Are you all right?

Josephine:

I'm fine.

Katrina:

She's fine. Go back to sleep. Let me go downstairs.

Katrina:

Okay. You're not hurt or dying. What's up?

Josephine:

I just got home.

Katrina:

From your date.

Josephine:

Yes.

Katrina:

Do tell.

Josephine:

We went to dinner, and we went for ice cream.

Katrina:

And then?

Josephine:

That was it.

Katrina:

Girl, it's 1:00 A.M. Unless there's some new late night ice cream place, I don't know about, and I'm pretty sure I know every damn ice cream place in Nashville. What the hell did you do between 11:00 P.M. and now? Huh! Did you sleep with him?

Josephine:

I didn't sleep with him.

Katrina:

It's okay if you did. I won't judge you. I totally support you owning your sexuality.

Josephine:

Hey, I own the hell out of my sexuality, but I still didn't sleep with him. We just talked.

Katrina:

You talked to him for... What time did you meet for dinner?

Josephine:

8:30.

Katrina:

You talked to this man for four hours?

Josephine:

Oh, I guess so.

Katrina:

You like him.

Josephine:

Yeah. Why do you think I called you.

Katrina:

Aww. When are you seeing him again?

Josephine:

We didn't talk about that.

Katrina:

You talked for four fucking hours, and didn't figure out a second date?

Josephine:

(laughs). Sorry.

Katrina:

Whatever. What'd you talk about?

Josephine:

(laughs). I don't know. Everything. Parents, work, our favorite foods.

Katrina:

Anything interesting?

Josephine:

It was all interesting.

Katrina:

If you say so. Does he have kids?

Josephine:

He didn't talk about any.

Katrina:

Did you ask?

Josephine:

I didn't. I didn't think about asking.

Katrina:

It's usually the question out of your mouth. "Hi, I'm Josephine. What's your name? Do you have kids?"

Josephine:

Shut up!

Katrina:

Would it matter if he had kids?

Josephine:

Uh! I- I don't know.

Katrina:

Holy shit! You do like him.

Josephine:

I thought I already said that.

Katrina:

Yeah. But now I believe it.

Josephine:

Gee, you're such an amazing friend.

Katrina:

Shut up. You're the one calling me at 1:00 A.M., scaring the shit out of me.

Josephine:

(laughs). Well, I'll let you go back to sleep then.

Katrina:

I'm happy that it was such a good date.

Josephine:

Thanks.

Katrina:

When do I get to meet him?

Josephine:

Bye, Kat.

Katrina:

Fine. Love you.

Josephine:

Love you more.

Katrina:

Bye.

Ellen:

Good morning, Dr. Pierce.

Josephine:

Good morning, Ellen. Did you have a good weekend?

Ellen:

I did. I took my kids to the zoo.

Josephine:

I bet they loved that. I know how much Micah loves giraffes.

Ellen:

She loved it. I noticed you have a coffee from downstairs again. Did you run into Dr. Miller?

Josephine:

Actually, no.

Ellen:

Oh, and you're disappointed. Aren't you?

Josephine:

Yes. I'm- I'm a little disappointed. Maybe he's... I don't know.

Ellen:

What about you? What did you do this weekend?

Josephine:

Not much.

Ellen:

Wait. Was a certain ophthalmologist involved in your "not much"?

Josephine:

Possibly.

Ellen:

Huh! I knew it.

Josephine:

Really? I seem to remember you acting as my bouncer last week?

Ellen:

But that was before I talked to him. He's quite charming.

Josephine:

He is.

Ellen:

So what did you do?

Josephine:

Just dinner.

Ellen:

Dinner is a great place to start. Where'd you go?

Josephine:

Fork and Feather.

Ellen:

That's an interesting choice for a first date.

Josephine:

Look, the food is very good there. I'm going to my office.

Ellen:

I'm so happy for you. You deserve it.

Josephine:

(laughs). Hmm. Oh. (laughs).

Ellen:

Yes?

Josephine:

What time is my first patient?

Ellen:

30 minutes.

Josephine:

Okay, thanks. I'll be back.

Ellen:

Are you going to the ophthalmology office?

Josephine:

I said I'll be back.

Ellen:

Fine. I'll hold down the fort.

Malik:

Yeah. I know. Just- just make sure to get that over as soon as possible. Yep. Hey. Lovely, I gotta go. Yeah. I promise, as soon as I can. Bye. Bye.

Malik:

What are you doing here?

Josephine:

You texted, good morning.

Malik:

Yeah. I just didn't realize that translated to, come on over.

Josephine:

I'm sorry. I didn't mean to interrupt your call.

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Malik:

No. I- I apologize. That came out wrong. I- I just didn't expect you to come over.

Josephine:

I can go.

Malik:

No. I'm happy you're here. Let's start again. Hi.

Josephine:

Hello. I missed you on the elevator.

Malik:

I was running late, but you're definitely good motivation for being on time.

Josephine:

(laughs). I can't stay long, but I just wanted to say, "Good morning," in person.

Malik:

Good morning.

Josephine:

Hmm. Who was on the phone?

Malik:

No one. Just, um, stuff I'm trying to deal with.

Josephine:

You sounded a little upset. Is everything all right?

Malik:

Yeah. Yeah. It was, uh... It was a little early to be dealing with it.

Josephine:

Oh.

Malik:

Do you have time free this week?

Josephine:

Um, not really until Friday, maybe.

Malik:

Then Friday. Dinner and a movie, maybe?

Josephine:

Yeah. I could do that.

Malik:

Where do you want to go?

Josephine:

You pick the place this time.

Malik:

Oh, really?

Josephine:

(laughs). Don't make fun of me.

Malik:

I'm- I'm not. I swear. I have to think about it though. Text you later?

Josephine:

That's fine. Have a good day.

Malik:

You, too. Huhhhh.

Daphne:

Mommy, Auntie Jo's here.

Katrina:

Don't open it till I get there.

Josephine:

Hi.

Katrina:

Hey.

lucy:

Hi, Auntie Jo.

Josephine:

Hey, girls. Did you miss me?

Daphne:

It's been a week.

Josephine:

Well, excuse me.

Katrina:

Sassy Pants is on full display this evening.

Daphne:

That's mean.

Katrina:

But true.

Lucy:

Can I show you my painting?

Katrina:

Of course you can, Lucy.

Daphne:

And I can show you the tower I built. Come on Auntie Jo.

Katrina:

Dinner's in 10 minutes.

Ron:

Hey, Jo.

Josephine:

Hello, Ron. I'd talk but... (laughs).

Daphne:

Daddy, I'm showing Auntie Jo the tower.

Lucy:

And my painting.

Ron:

Sounds like a plan.

Daphne:

Let's go, let's go, let's go.

Ron:

Did you ask her yet?

Katrina:

She just walked in the door. I'll ask her after dinner.

Katrina:

Okay. The adults will clear the table. The children will head up and get ready for bed.

Lucy:

Auntie Jo, will you come up and say good night?

Josephine:

When haven't I done that?

Daphne:

Yea!

Ron:

Okay. Go. Go.

Josephine:

So what did Ron want you to ask me?

Katrina:

Huh! Eavesdropper.

Josephine:

It's not like you were whispering.

Katrina:

He wants you to invite Malik for dinner next week.

Josephine:

Hell, no!

Katrina:

That's what I thought.

Ron:

Please. Why not?

Josephine:

I've been on two dates with him.

Katrina:

One.

Josephine:

Hey, donuts count.

Ron:

One or two, whatever. I want to meet him. Make sure he's good for you.

Josephine:

That's really sweet, Ron. But no.

Ron:

Are you embarrassed by us?

Josephine:

Oh, constantly.

Katrina:

(laughs).

Josephine:

But that's not the reason.

Ron:

Then bring him next week.

Josephine:

Is he being serious?

Katrina:

He's being serious.

Josephine:

Malik isn't coming to dinner next week, or any dinner soon. I want to make sure he's worthy of Monday dinner.

Ron:

I don't even know what that means.

Katrina:

I get it. You don't want a repeat of Asshole Eddie.

Josephine:

You don't have to keep-

Ron:

If the name fits.

Katrina:

Exactly.

Josephine:

Oh!!

Ron:

Okay, fine. No Monday dinner. I still want to meet him.

Josephine:

Hmm!

Katrina:

When are you seeing him again?

Josephine:

I think we're going out Friday.

Ron:

You think?

Josephine:

Yeah.

Katrina:

Ron, go make sure the girls are getting ready for bed.

Ron:

Fine. I know when I'm not wanted anymore.

Katrina:

Love you.

Ron:

Yeah. Yeah.

Katrina:

Are you going out Friday or not?

Josephine:

He asked. I said, yes. But he hasn't texted me about where we're going.

Katrina:

Dinner again?

Josephine:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Katrina:

And more talking?

Josephine:

Ha-ha. So tell me about your weekend.

Katrina:

I see what you're doing.

Josephine:

(laughs).

Katrina:

I had a session with this adorable couple at the Downtown Library. The first time I've shot there, and now I don't want to do sessions anywhere else. Do you need professional head shots? We can do them there.

Josephine:

What do I need head shots for?

Katrina:

Because you love me, and want to give me business.

Josephine:

You get plenty of kids from me.

Katrina:

That is true, and I thank you all the time for that.

Josephine:

You do?

Katrina:

I cook you dinner every Monday night. Don't I?

Josephine:

(laughs). True.

Katrina:

Anyway, they really liked the digital proof I sent, and they asked me to shoot the wedding, too.

Josephine:

That's wonderful.

Katrina:

Yeah! I haven't done a wedding in a while. It should be a nice change of pace. And that's enough about me. Back to you.

Josephine:

Shit!

Katrina:

Why aren't you seeing Dr. Malik until Friday?

Josephine:

Because I have other things to do this week.

Katrina:

Bullshit! You'll be sitting on your couch after work, watching television or reading a book, or both. Something's up. Isn't it?

Josephine:

This morning Malik was running late, so we didn't get to see each other on the elevator. He texted me, "Good morning," so I decided to walk over to his office and see him for a few minutes.

Katrina:

As you do.

Josephine:

When I got to his office, he was on the phone. He sounded a bit upset with someone he called, "Lovely."

Katrina:

Did you ask him about it?

Josephine:

Yes.

Katrina:

And?

Josephine:

He said it was nothing, and that it was just a little early in the morning to be dealing with it.

Katrina:

And you don't believe him?

Josephine:

I don't know. I mean, he changed the subject, so I didn't push it.

Katrina:

And you also decided you were busy all week. Just ask him who was on the phone.

Josephine:

That's not weird?

Katrina:

No. If it was something or someone really important, I'm sure he would have said so. He doesn't seem like a liar.

Josephine:

Kat, you don't even know him.

Katrina:

It doesn't matter. I've already deemed him an honest guy. I'm sticking to it.

Josephine:

(laughs). We should go say goodnight to your children.

Katrina:

Fine! Don't think that this is the end of this.

Josephine:

I know it isn't.

Katrina:

As long as we're on the same page.

Malik:

It's Friday.

Josephine:

What are you doing here?

Malik:

I work here.

Josephine:

I- I meant at my car, smart ass.

Malik:

Ellen said you were in with a last-minute patient, so I just decided to wait down here.

Josephine:

Oh, that's a little stalkery.

Malik:

Is it though?

Josephine:

A little.

Malik:

I missed you.

Josephine:

Aww.

Malik:

I had surgery today and didn't get to see you in the elevator this morning. Honestly, I haven't seen you much this week at all.

Josephine:

It's been crazy. I had a couple of emergencies and had to spend some time at the hospital.

Malik:

Sorry to hear that. Is everybody all right.

Josephine:

They will be. One kid did have to be admitted, but he's doing better.

Malik:

Good. We're still on for tonight. Right?

Josephine:

Yes.

Malik:

Good. Can I, uh, pick you up?

Josephine:

Hmm, let me think about it.

Malik:

Progress!

Josephine:

(laughs). Right now though, I need to go home.

Malik:

Of course. Sorry. I'll call you in an hour.

Josephine:

An hour and a half.

Malik:

And you'll give me your address. Right?

Josephine:

Don't push your luck.

Malik:

(laughs).

Josephine:

(laughs).

Josephine:

Hi.

Malik:

Hi. Are you ready to go?

Josephine:

Yes. Why do you sound surprised?

Malik:

I'm not used to my dates being ready when I show up. I just thought I might get to see your place.

Josephine:

Oh. I, ah, um...

Malik:

It's cool. Let's go. You look beautiful, by the way.

Josephine:

Thank you. So what are we seeing?

Malik:

What are you in the mood for?

Josephine:

You haven't decided on a movie?

Malik:

I don't know what you'd like, so we'll decide on the way. The reservation is not until 9:00. We've got time. Watch your step.

Josephine:

Thank you. So why movie, and then dinner?

Malik:

Well, I like popcorn, and I never get it after a full meal. Plus, I think watching a movie and then talking afterwards over dinner is the best way to do. If you go to dinner first, and then you get into this really great conversation, but then you have to stop because you're watching the movie, but you're distracted and can't get into the movie as much.

Josephine:

That feels very specific.

Malik:

This is something I worked on perfecting.

Josephine:

Then why do the movie at all?

Malik:

Do you want to skip it? Our reservations aren't till 9:00 though.

Josephine:

No. It's fine. I love movies. It's just that you seem to love good conversation, and you can't do that in a movie.

Malik:

Yes. But sitting close to a certain beautiful someone has its merits, too.

Josephine:

(laughs). Oh, you're good.

Malik:

I know.

Josephine:

To make a long story slightly shorter, (laughs), we're putting together a fundraising event. I know I could go the grant route, but that's not nearly as fun. I have no idea when I'll have the time to plan it, but it's happening. We don't have enough programs introducing teenagers to medicine.

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Malik:

If you, uh, need a ophthalmologist, I'd love to help out.

Josephine:

That would be amazing. Thank you.

Malik:

Is this your, uh, first fundraiser?

Josephine:

First one I've been solely in charge of, but far from my first. My mother was convinced I was going to give up medicine to go into non-profits, much to her dismay.

Malik:

Is she not a fan of non-profits?

Josephine:

More not a fan of my not practicing medicine. She's been whispering, "You'll be a doctor," in my ear since birth, I swear.

Malik:

And you still became one.

Josephine:

I'm not one to disappoint my mother.

Malik:

But you do like what you do.

Josephine:

Oh, I, I love it. I loved it almost immediately. But don't think I didn't try to stop loving it just to spite her. My mother was a nurse practitioner (laughs), was. Is, my mother is a nurse practitioner. She's 73 and still works.

Malik:

Wow.

Josephine:

I know. She loves her patients more than anything. She's supposedly retiring next year, but, uh, I'll believe it when I see it. I've never known someone who works as much as she does.

Malik:

Says the woman with a private practice who's planning a large fundraising event to start an after school program for teenagers.

Josephine:

Oh, and don't forget that I cook, too.

Malik:

Can't forget cooking. I'm surprised you have time for me.

Josephine:

(laughs).

Malik:

(laughs). Good meal, great conversation, are you ready to head home?

Josephine:

I don't know.

Malik:

Well, I can make a couple of suggestions if you're open to that.

Josephine:

I might be.

Malik:

Could head to a bar.

Josephine:

On a Friday night? (laughs). No, thank you.

Malik:

Okay. We could get ice cream again.

Josephine:

Nah, not feeling that.

Malik:

Well, I'm out of ideas.

Josephine:

(laughs). Oh, I doubt that.

Malik:

We could go to my place, if you're fine with that.

Josephine:

I'm fine with that.

Malik:

Then let's go to my place.

Josephine:

Let's go to your place.

Malik:

Want the dime tour?

Josephine:

Sure.

Malik:

Uh, this is the living room, den, wh- whatever you call it.

Josephine:

(laughs).

Malik:

Through there is the kitchen and back patio. Upstairs are the bedrooms. Would you like something to drink?

Josephine:

I need you to tell me something.

Malik:

Anything.

Josephine:

You know when I came to see you in your office Monday, who were you talking to?

Malik:

Uh, Monday, uh, oh, I snapped at you. I'm, I'm so sorry about that.

Josephine:

Who was on the phone?

Malik:

It was, uh, my old assistant. She works for my business partner now. He seems to think that I owe money, which I don't, so I need to send financial records proving that don't. It's a fucking mess that I've been trying to avoid, you just caught me at the wrong time.

Josephine:

And you call her lovely?

Malik:

(laughs). No, yeah, it's, uh, it's her name.

Josephine:

Oh, well, now I feel stupid (laughs).

Malik:

No, no, it- it's a unique name.

Josephine:

I really thought that maybe you were, or we were just o-

Malik:

Josephine, I, I'm with you, o- only you. Uh, you want that drink now? I have-

Josephine:

Drinks can wait.

Malik:

Mm. Holy shit. I was not expecting that.

Josephine:

You're not disappointed are you?

Malik:

Hell no.

Josephine:

Good. Mm. Oh.

Malik:

(laughs).

Josephine:

(laughs).

Malik:

There's a couch here (laughs).

Josephine:

I noticed (laughs). Wait.

Malik:

What is it?

Josephine:

Before I lose anymore clothes, I think you should me your bedroom now.

Malik:

Not a fan of sex on the couch?

Josephine:

Not a fan of sex in front of your giant bay window.

Malik:

(laughs). Noted.

Josephine:

(laughs).

Malik:

Good morning.

Josephine:

Morning. You're working?

Malik:

Prepping for a conference. My typing didn't wake you, did it?

Josephine:

No. What time is it?

Malik:

8:00.

Josephine:

Really?

Malik:

What's wrong?

Josephine:

Nothing. I, uh (laughs), I'm usually up by 6:00.

Malik:

I think you needed your rest.

Josephine:

Yeah (laughs).

Malik:

(laughs).

Josephine:

Oh, I'm not even sure where half my clothes landed.

Malik:

Speaking of, come here.

Josephine:

Don't you have work to do?

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Malik:

You're more interesting. Damn, that shirt looks much better on you than me.

Josephine:

Stop.

Malik:

Never.

Josephine:

(laughs).

Malik:

I was just making coffee. A- Are you hungry?

Josephine:

Hm, sure. You've got a great backyard.

Malik:

Thanks. I'd planned on showing it to you last night, but you obviously had other plans.

Josephine:

(laughs).

Malik:

I've, uh, frozen waffles and eggs. Does that work?

Josephine:

You're not going to make me pancakes?

Malik:

You remembered.

Josephine:

(laughs).

Malik:

I could do that. Pancakes and eggs it is.

Josephine:

Who's this is in the picture with you?

Malik:

That's Chris, uh, my nephew, my brother's kid.

Josephine:

You didn't tell me you had a brother.

Malik:

Yeah. Uh, they live in Tokyo. I, I don't see them often.

Josephine:

How old is he?

Malik:

Just turned, uh, 15.

Josephine:

What does your brother do in Tokyo?

Malik:

He works for a bank.

Josephine:

Are you close?

Malik:

As close as you can be when you live so far apart. I, I miss having them around all the time.

Josephine:

Aw, I'm sorry.

Malik:

It's all good. I can see them twice a year and we talk a lot. Uh, do you want some coffee?

Josephine:

I'll get it. You're supposed to be cooking. Where are your mugs?

Malik:

In that cabinet. Are you on call?

Josephine:

No, not until next weekend.

Malik:

Does that mean you're free today?

Josephine:

Did you wanna do something?

Malik:

You.

Josephine:

(laughs). I meant outside of the house.

Malik:

If you're into that.

Josephine:

Stop being a smart ass.

Malik:

Oh, you think I'm joking. I can get freaky wherever.

Josephine:

(laughs). You're going to make me spill my coffee.

Malik:

I can buy you another coffee.

Josephine:

(laughs). Yes, but if you have to buy me another coffee, that's more time away from each other.

Malik:

You don't have to get that.

Josephine:

Mm, you're supposed to be making me pancakes.

Malik:

(laughs). Fine.

Josephine:

Give me a second.

Katrina:

Sure.

Josephine:

It's Katrina, I'll be right back.

Malik:

Yep.

Katrina:

Was that Malik? Are you havin' breakfast with him? Girl, is he at your house?

Josephine:

Yes (laughs), yes, no.

Katrina:

Oh, that face.

Josephine:

I'm at his house.

Katrina:

Oo, girl, yes.

Josephine:

(laughs).

Katrina:

Oo, you did have sex, right? You weren't up all night talkin' again, were you?

Josephine:

Uh, there was barely any talking.

Katrina:

Yes (laughs). Why are you even on the phone with me?

Josephine:

He's making breakfast. I have a moment.

Katrina:

He's making you breakfast?

Josephine:

Yes.

Katrina:

Like, an actual breakfast?

Josephine:

Yes.

Katrina:

Shit, girl. You have definitely found a unicorn.

Josephine:

Stop calling him a unicorn.

Katrina:

He clearly is. Get off the phone and go back in there.

Josephine:

(laughs). Okay. I'll talk-

Katrina:

Wait, invite him to dinner. We should have a double date.

Josephine:

When?

Katrina:

Tonight. The girls are staying with Ron's parents.

Josephine:

Shouldn't you ask Ron first?

Katrina:

Why? (laughs).

Josephine:

(laughs). I don't know if tonight is good.

Katrina:

Go ask him.

Josephine:

Fine, I'll call you back.

Katrina:

Actually, text me. I will not be responsible for any lost sex time (laughs).

Josephine:

(laughs). Bye, Katrina.

Katrina:

Love you, bye.

Malik:

How many pancakes would you like?

Josephine:

Two, well, to start.

Malik:

Anything urgent with Katrina?

Josephine:

(laughs). No, she just called to talk.

Malik:

Ah, I'd love to meet her sometime.

Josephine:

She said the same about you.

Malik:

Well, we should get together then.

Josephine:

Funny you say that. She, uh, she wanted me to ask you to dinner tonight with her and Ron.

Malik:

Ron?

Josephine:

Her husband.

Malik:

Sure.

Josephine:

Really?

Malik:

Absolutely.

Josephine:

You don't have to. Katrina and Ron can be, um, a bit much.

Malik:

Josephine, I wanna meet your best friend. The real question is if, if you want me to meet her.

Josephine:

Of course I do.

Malik:

Then let's do it. Plus, I could ask her why I'm a unicorn.

Josephine:

Oh, you heard that.

Malik:

It's a little hard not to.

Josephine:

Oh, god, that's embarrassing.

Malik:

Are you gonna tell me?

Josephine:

Sorry, mouth full, I'm eatin' pancakes now.

Malik:

Is it because I'm majestic?

Josephine:

(laughs).

Malik:

(laughs). Or maybe I'm all you wished for.

Josephine:

Please, stop (laughs). Hello.

Katrina:

Hey.

Josephine:

Why did you choose this place?

Katrina:

Because it's fucking hilarious.

Josephine:

(laughs). Kat, Ron, this is Malik.

Ron:

Nice to meet you.

Katrina:

It is so good to finally meet you.

Malik:

Likewise. Uh, Josephine has told me, well, she hasn't told me much.

Katrina:

I can't say the same (laughs).

Malik:

(laughs).

Katrina:

We already ordered a pitcher of margaritas. I hear you like margaritas, Malik.

Josephine:

Oh, this is going to be so fun.

Malik:

I love the margaritas here. It's right around the corner from my house.

Katrina:

It is? We're not far from here either.

Josephine:

She's lying. They live in Franklin.

Katrina:

It's only 30 minutes. Plus, I like this place.

Josephine:

You've been here once.

Katrina:

And I liked it (laughs).

Malik:

Josephine told you, uh, we met here, I assume.

Katrina:

She did. Oh, I need to know, did you think Paul was a nice guy?

Malik:

Oh, yeah, absolutely. We meet here for lunch once a week.

Katrina:

Excuse me?

Josephine:

What?

Malik:

I'm, I'm, I'm kidding. He was an asshole.

Ron:

(laughs). I like you already. Okay, okay, so-

Katrina:

Let me tell it, I tell it better.

Ron:

I've got this, woman. You've been talking all night.

Katrina:

Excuse me?

Ron:

Love you.

Josephine:

Maybe neither of you should tell the story.

Katrina:

(laughs). Not happening.

Ron:

(laughs).

Katrina:

Go ahead, babe.

Ron:

So, this was maybe six years ago, I think.

Katrina:

At least.

Ron:

Yeah, definitely because Ed-

Josephine:

Get to the story, Ron.

Ron:

Yeah. Well, Jo was coming over for dinner. We have dinner together every Monday.

Malik:

Really?

Katrina:

For years now.

Malik:

That's cool.

Ron:

So, Jo was coming over for dinner and one of the girls, Lucy, wasn't feeling so well. Kat thought she needed to go to the doctor, but we decided to wait since the doctor was coming to us (laughs). Jo gets to our house, she's had a long day, I can just tell, I don't want to ask her to play doctor anymore.

Josephine:

Play?

Ron:

You know what I mean. So, we-

Katrina:

Stupidly didn't tell her that Lucy was sick. We just said she was tired and resting upstairs.

Ron:

Jo immediately knew something was up because Lucy never goes to bed early. So, she goes upstairs to check on her.

Katrina:

That girl was burnin' up.

Malik:

Oh, no.

Ron:

Yeah (laughs), and Jo immediately tore into both of us. "Why didn't you bring her in earlier? Has she been tired all day?"

Josephine:

Typical questions any doctor would ask.

Katrina:

Sure, but they're usually not yelled at the parent.

Malik:

(laughs).

Ron:

Exactly. So, after tearing into us, Jo tells Lucy she needs to give her a checkup. Jo gets her bag out of the car.

Malik:

You keep a bag in your car?

Josephine:

I do home visits sometimes.

Malik:

Really?

Ron:

Jo gets her bag-

Katrina:

And her coat. That's important.

Ron:

Yeah (laughs).

Malik:

(laughs).

Ron:

She gets her white coat on. So, she's Dr. Jo and her bag and starts checking-

Katrina:

(laughs).

Ron:

... Lucy.

Katrina:

Turns out Lucy has strep, so she calls in meds, goes to pick them up and comes back to give them to Lucy.

Ron:

One problem. She didn't get the bubblegum flavor. She got grape. The bubblegum flavor is the secret. Jo didn't know the secret.

Josephine:

I should have been told the secret.

Malik:

(laughs).

Ron:

Jo brings the medicine in, Lucy asked if it has a yummy flavor, Jo says yeah. So ...

Katrina:

Jo shouldn't have said yes.

Malik:

(laughs).

Josephine:

Again, parents should share.

Katrina:

(laughs).

Ron:

(laughs). Lucy sits up to happily take the medicine and immediately makes this horrible gag face. She looks Jo dead in the eyes and says, "You lied to me, Dr. Jo, you lied."

Malik:

(laughs).

Ron:

(laughs).

Josephine:

I have never seen a three year old so serious.

Katrina:

(laughs).

Ron:

She gets better. All is well, until they're well checked.

Malik:

(laughs).

Ron:

We bring both girls in. They're fine with the nurse. But then Jo comes in. Lucy starts crying. "Dr. Jo is a liar."

Katrina:

Yeah.

Ron:

(laughs).

Katrina:

So, we had to change doctors.

Malik:

What? (laughs).

Josephine:

She also couldn't see me in a doctors coat until she was about five.

Malik:

(laughs).

Ron:

Auntie Jo was cool, Dr. Jo was a liar (laughs).

Katrina:

We call it the great mistake.

Malik:

(laughs).

Ron:

(laughs).

Josephine:

I avoid anything grape related with those girls to this day.

Katrina:

(laughs).

Malik:

(laughs).

Josephine:

(laughs).

Malik:

I have a question, Katrina.

Katrina:

Yes.

Malik:

Why do you think I'm a unicorn?

Josephine:

He- Don't answer that.

Ron:

What's this?

Katrina:

(laughs). Oh, I'm answering it. Malik, hon, you're smart, kind and obviously good looking.

Josephine:

(laughs).

Katrina:

You're single and have a good job. There are not many of you.

Malik:

(laughs).

Katrina:

Hints, unicorn.

Ron:

Am I a unicorn?

Katrina:

Sure, babe.

Josephine:

You're a unicorn, Ron (laughs).

Ron:

At least Jo appreciates me.

Katrina:

Why don't you have a little coffee?

Ron:

(laughs).

Malik:

Well, thank you.

Katrina:

You're welcome, and we like you.

Ron:

Yeah.

Katrina:

A lot. So, please don't make me take back your unicorn status.

Malik:

I won't, I promise.

Josephine:

Good morning.

Katrina:

I'm not interrupting anything, am I?

Josephine:

No, I'm just pottering around the house.

Katrina:

Alone?

Josephine:

Alone, yes.

Katrina:

Uh, that's too bad. I called to tell you I approve.

Josephine:

Good.

Katrina:

Ron does too.

Josephine:

Yeah, I figured that out.

Katrina:

(laughs). I could already tell he's good for you, and you deserve that.

Josephine:

Kat.

Katrina:

I mean it, Jo. You deserve him. Don't fuck it up.

Josephine:

I'll try not to.

Josephine:

Good morning.

Malik:

Morning. How long have you been up?

Josephine:

Sunrise.

Malik:

Really?

Josephine:

It's so beautiful out here. I wanted to watch it at least one morning.

Malik:

Did you have a good week?

Josephine:

A great one. It's been a while since I've been on vacation.

Malik:

I'm glad. You look so relaxed and, and beautiful.

Josephine:

(laughs).

Malik:

Especially when you smile like that.

Josephine:

You're not looking to bad yourself.

Malik:

I'm, I'm pretty it's, it's because I love you.

Josephine:

What?

Malik:

Uh, I'm pretty sure that wasn't right. I, I, I meant, I love you. I don't know why it took me so long to say it. These, these past two months have been amazing. I love talking to you, I love spending time with you. I, I, I love you, Josephine.

Josephine:

Thank you.

Malik:

Uh, are you hungry? We should, uh, get breakfast.

Josephine:

Malik.

Malik:

I'm, I'm gonna take a quick shower. Uh, do, do you wanna go back to the place we went yesterday or try something new? I mean, I really like the eggs Benedict there, but maybe trying something new is worth it.

Josephine:

Something new is fine.

Malik:

Great. Just give me 10 minutes.

Josephine:

Well, shit.

Malik:

Do you know the, uh, Smoky Mountains are around 200 million years old and some of the trees are over 100 years old? It's also the most visited national park in the US.

Josephine:

Are we seriously not going to talk about this?

Malik:

About what?

Josephine:

Don't act dumb.

Malik:

Yeah, fine, talk if you wanna talk.

Josephine:

I appreciate you telling me you love me, I really do.

Malik:

That's good.

Josephine:

I'm-

Malik:

Okay, here's the deal. I, I love you, I know that I love you, so I wanted to tell you and I did. You're not ready to tell me, and that's fine. Did you know that the national park is over 800 square miles?

Josephine:

We're really not going to talk about this?

Malik:

There's nothing to talk about.

Josephine:

Tell me more about the Smoky Mountain National Park.

Malik:

Uh, like I said, it's over 800 square miles. It's, uh, not even close to the biggest though. Uh, most of those are in Alaska.

Josephine:

Did you study for this trip?

Malik:

I love interesting facts about places.

Josephine:

(laughs). I like this nerdy side of you. It's cute.

Malik:

Oh, well, I do know calculus, if that'll get me lucky.

Josephine:

(laughs).

Katrina:

Hi.

Josephine:

I'm in the living room.

Katrina:

Girl, I just saw the best thing on the way over here. Some dude has his car fully decked out like Steve McNair's jersey. It's like an 80's Lincoln Continental and baby blue with a giant nine on the door and McNair's face painted on the trunk. It was glorious (laughs).

Josephine:

(laughs). Oh, picture or it didn't happen.

Katrina:

You think I'd make up the McNair Mobile?

Josephine:

Honestly, yes.

Katrina:

I swear I didn't. I'll get a picture next time because there definitely will be a next time. Here's your mail. Mostly junk of course, but I kept it all. How was Gatlinburg?

Josephine:

It was great.

Katrina:

Oh, shit. What happened? Did you break up? I'll kill him if you broke up.

Josephine:

He told me he loved me.

Katrina:

Oo, yes (laughs). Oo, girl, tell me everything.

Josephine:

Well, he told me he loved me and then I said thank you. Then he-

Katrina:

Hold up, go back. You said what?

Josephine:

Thank you.

Katrina:

And then you said, "I love you too, Malik."

Josephine:

No.

Katrina:

What the fuck?

Josephine:

Kat.

Katrina:

No, seriously. What the fuck? This man, who is easily the best man you've ever dated, takes you for a romantic getaway, professes his love to you and you say, "Thank you."

Josephine:

We've only been dating for two months.

Katrina:

So?

Josephine:

When did Ron tell you he loved you?

Katrina:

God, that was forever ago. I don't-

Josephine:

You know exactly when.

Katrina:

Okay, three months. But there isn't some deadline. He loves you now, and he told you, and you thanked him.

Josephine:

I'm not going to lie to him.

Katrina:

You don't love him?

Josephine:

Look, I don't, I don't know, okay?

Katrina:

I love him.

Josephine:

Then why don't you tell him? Ugh, I need, I need a drink.

Katrina:

Shit, tequila.

Josephine:

You want some?

Katrina:

Of course. I can't let you drink alone. This is asshole Eddie's fault. I hate that man. He screwed you up so bad that you can't even see the amazingly good thing you have.

Josephine:

I see it. Look, I love being with Malik, I love that he can only cook pancakes (laughs), I love that he likes guessing my favorite things, I love that he learned fun facts about the Smokey Mountains.

Katrina:

He did? That's weird.

Josephine:

Yes, it is. But I love it. And I love the way that he looks at me when I laugh too loudly. I love the way that he looks at me, period.

Katrina:

Jo, you obviously love him.

Josephine:

I don't ... I don't know. And if I don't know, I can't tell him that I do.

Katrina:

Have you told him all of this?

Josephine:

No. I mean, I te- I tell him when he's cute and I like when he does certain things.

Katrina:

Okay. What happened after you thanked him?

Josephine:

We went to breakfast?

Katrina:

And then what?

Josephine:

I told him I wanted to talk about it.

Katrina:

And?

Josephine:

He said it was fine if I didn't say it back.

Katrina:

That's all he said, that it was fine, and you believe him?

Josephine:

Yes.

Katrina:

Girl, he's lying.

Josephine:

I don't think he was.

Katrina:

Why?

Josephine:

He's not big on conflict. Plus, um, we had sex after breakfast, so.

Katrina:

Oh, was it good, hot, passionate sex or was it all needy and weird?

Josephine:

Yeah, we're not having that conversation.

Katrina:

Sad face.

Josephine:

Poor baby.

Katrina:

Anyway. He said it was fine, and we believe him. But what about you? Are you fine?

Josephine:

I just had two shots of tequila at 11:00 in the morning.

Katrina:

Okay, what's next then?

Josephine:

Probably food so I won't get shit faced.

Katrina:

You should go talk to him, like, actually have a conversation about this love thing. Does he know about asshole Eddie?

Josephine:

No.

Katrina:

Josephine, why the fuck not?

Josephine:

It never came up.

Katrina:

It needs to.

Josephine:

It, it doesn't.

Katrina:

It does. Because even if you don't love Malik, he does love you which means he deserves to know that dark stuff.

Malik:

Hey.

Josephine:

Hi.

Malik:

Couldn't get enough of me this week, I guess.

Josephine:

(laughs). We need to talk.

Malik:

Is everything all right?

Josephine:
Yes, and no.

Malik:
Should we sit down?

Josephine:
Sure. We need to talk about the love thing.

Malik:
I, I already said it was fine.

Josephine:
It's not fine for me.

Malik:
All right.

Josephine:
I didn't mean to hurt you.

Malik:
I don't want you to apologize for what you said.

Josephine:
Don't worry, I'm not.

Malik:
(laughs).

Josephine:
(laughs). That, that came out wrong.

Malik:
Oh, mm.

Josephine:
I mean, I'm not, I'm not sorry for what I said, I'm very thankful that you love me.

Malik:
And I love that.

Josephine:

You love everything, don't you?

Malik:

About you, so far.

Josephine:

I'm a little jealous that it's so easy for you. It takes me a while to work up to, it, it takes a while to love someone.

Malik:

Okay.

Josephine:

And it's not because you're not wonderful. You are very, very wonderful. Okay, um, I'm going to tell you something that I probably should have told you a while ago. About six years ago I started dating this guy named Eddie and he was high school basketball coach that I met at a fundraiser. Um, him and I hit it off immediately. We were spending as much time as possible together. Katrina and Ron liked him, the girls liked him. I loved him and he, we moved in together about a year and a half in and then on our second anniversary, he proposed. I immediately said yes, of course.

Josephine:

We didn't set a date right away which was fine. We were both busy. But then nearly a year had passed, I asked him about different dates and he kept coming up with reasons why they didn't work. Finally, I just sat him down and asked if he really wanted to marry me.

Josephine:

Eddie, what are we doing?

Eddie:

What do you mean?

Josephine:

We haven't set a date. We haven't even looked at venues. What's going on?

Eddie:

Nothin', baby. We both have busy schedules. We'll figure it out.

Josephine:

Do you, do you even wanna marry me?

Eddie:

I love you.

Josephine:

I love you, too.

Eddie:

And because we love each other, I feel horrible for keeping this from you. Understand that I still love you very much and I know you're the type of person who will understand.

Josephine:

What is it?

Eddie:

I found out recently that I have a daughter. She just turned one.

Josephine:

I thought maybe a one night stand, and that, I could get over that. But n- no, he'd been with Thea pretty much since we'd moved in together. He broke it off before he proposed to me. So noble of him, right? And Thea told him about the baby and then Eddie didn't know what to do. He felt terrible for hiding it from me. And stupid me believed him.

Eddie:

Baby, the last thing I wanna do is hurt you. I understand if you hate me, I hate myself for keeping this from you.

Josephine:

I don't hate you. We'll get through it.

Eddie:

Okay.

Josephine:

She's your daughter. You should be in her life.

Eddie:

Jo Jo, I knew you'd understand. That's why I love you, baby.

Josephine:

I love you, too.

Eddie:

Okay. No more waiting.

Josephine:

What?

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Eddie:

We should set a date this summer. Maybe Duchess could be a flower girl, you'd be fine with that, right? She'd be so cute.

Josephine:

We set a date. I started planning. Then a couple of weeks later, I came home from work and all of his stuff was gone. He left a voicemail saying his feelings for his daughter and Thea were too strong.

Eddie:

I have to be with my daughter Jo Jo. She needs her father. Thea needs me too.

Josephine:

I've been burned before, Malik, and I can't go through that again.

Malik:

I would never do that to you.

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Josephine:

I really want to believe that.

Malik:

Be- Because it's true.

Josephine:

But I don't know that, and you're just to have to accept that about me.

Malik:

All right.

Josephine:

What?

Malik:

All right. You've been through some shit. I would never imagine doin' that to you. I'm, I'm here for however long it takes for you to figure that out. Can I get you anything? D- Do you want something to drink?

Josephine:

Oh, stop doing that.

Malik:

Doing what?

Josephine:

I just poured out my heart to you and you're offering me a fucking drink.

Malik:

I figured you didn't wanna talk about it anymore.

Josephine:

You don't have anything to say?

Malik:

I already said what I needed to say.

Josephine:

So, you'll, you'll be there for me. That's it?

Malik:

I, that's a lot from when I'm standing. What, what else do you want me to do?

Josephine:

I don't know. You're just being so, don't be so nice about it.

Malik:

Why not?

Josephine:

Aren't you just a little upset that I didn't say I loved you?

Malik:

Yeah.

Josephine:

Then act like it.

Malik:

What, what's that gonna do for me?

Josephine:

I don't know. I j- it's like it doesn't matter that I don't love you.

Malik:

It matters. You're easily the, the best thing that's ever happened to me. D- Damn woman, do you know how good you are? I think you're perfect.

Josephine:

I'm not.

Malik:

You're damn close. And I, I want you to love me, but you just told me, well, you don't yet. I'm holding on very strong to that yet by the way.

Josephine:

(laughs).

Malik:

I, I know you need to get past your fears, and I'll be here when you do.

Josephine:

You think I'm afraid.

Malik:

Yeah, I do. I have for a while. Knowing about that asshole, Eddie-

Josephine:

(laughs).

Malik:

... helps to explain a lot of it.

Josephine:

When I love someone, I'm all in with everything I have. So, excuse me for being cautious, not afraid.

Malik:

Okay. You're not afraid.

Josephine:

I know you think you're avoiding conflict by agreeing with me, but that sounded condescending, which is easily worse than just arguing with me.

Malik:

I'm, I'm sorry. I, I don't wanna argue with you. There's nothing to argue about.

Josephine:

You just told me that I'm afraid to love you.

Malik:

I've seen you with Katrina and Ron. I've seen you with your parents. You're so open and loving and you're, you're just not that with me. I want you to be that with me. I want you to stop being afraid to be that with me.

Josephine:

Well, I'm waiting for the other shoe to drop.

Malik:

What does that mean?

Josephine:

You're perfect. You have an excellent career, a great home, a solid relationship with your family, a body that, holy fucking shit, I can not stop looking at, and you're the kindest man I've ever known.

Malik:

These are bad things?

Josephine:

No. But where the hell are your flaws? You don't have any.

Malik:

I have flaws.

Josephine:

One, you have one. You're too agreeable, and that drives me nuts.

Malik:

Th- There.

Josephine:

But come on, there's gotta be more.

Malik:

I can't cook.

Josephine:

Yep. That seals it. Your inability to make a decent scrambled egg has blown away all of my insecurities. No one is as perfect as you are, Malik, and I'm just waiting to find out why you're this perfect.

Malik:

You think I'm compensating for something bad.

Josephine:

What else could it be?

Malik:

I'm not.

Josephine:

Maybe you don't know it's bad.

Malik:

Josephine, this is who I am, and I love you.

Josephine:

I know.

Malik:

But you don't believe me.

Josephine:

I need to go home.

Malik:

Okay.

Josephine:

There you go being all agreeable again.

Malik:

Sorry. I, I'll see you on the elevator tomorrow.

Josephine:

Bye. Why are you still here?

Katrina:

Figured if you came back, you'd need me. Do you need me?

Josephine:

I fucked up.

Katrina:

Oh, sweetie. Tell me what happened.

Josephine:

I told him about Eddie and he was so understanding and then he said it was fine that I didn't love him yet, and then I yelled at him.

Katrina:

About what?

Josephine:

He was being too nice.

Katrina:

Okay.

Josephine:

Kat, he should have been mad at me or upset at least. He should care that I don't love him.

Katrina:

I'm sure he does.

Josephine:

He did say he wanted me to stop being afraid of loving him, and that pissed me off even more.

Katrina:

Okay, go back. You yelled at him because he was too kind and then you stay pissed off because he said you were afraid to love him. But aren't you?

Josephine:

I told you, I fucked up.

Katrina:

Jo, do you want to love him?

Josephine:

Yes.

Katrina:

Then love him.

Josephine:

It's not that easy. I can't, what if he, he's such a good person and I think he really loves me. But like you said, he's a damn unicorn. Who the hell is as good as he is?

Katrina:

You think he's hiding something?

Josephine:

Maybe.

Katrina:

And what if he's not? What if he's just a great person?

Josephine:

But what-

Katrina:

It pains me so much to see you like this. I want to blame it on asshole Eddie because he did do a number on you. But I think you're also stuck on the idea that what he did was your fault. It wasn't your fault. All you did was love him. And I know that he took that love for granted and that's why he's forever asshole Eddie.

Josephine:

(laughs).

Katrina:

But Jo, don't let him take love away from you completely. You are Dr. Josephine Pierce, the woman who put herself through medical school and came out on the other with a private practice and a wall full of awards. You're a great, a decent dancer-

Josephine:

(laughs).

Katrina:

... and such a generous person. How much volunteering have you done this year? Don't answer that, I'm a roll. Your fabulous best friend loves you.

Josephine:

(laughs).

Katrina:

You know, like, 80% of the people who live in Nashville. You have patients who come back and see you after they've gone to college because they just wanna say hello. You damn house is paid for. You are a unicorn too.

Josephine:

Thank you for that.

Katrina:

You're welcome. I love you.

Josephine:

I love you too.

Katrina:

See how easy that is? It just flows right out. I love you.

Josephine:

(laughs).

Katrina:

I love you. There are so many ways to do it.

Josephine:

Is this the moment I'm supposed to run out of the house and go profess my love to Malik?

Katrina:

Only if you want to.

Josephine:

Still not there yet.

Katrina:

Can I run out and profess my love to him? (laughs).

Josephine:

(laughs). Be my guest.

Katrina:

(laughs). I'm sure Ron wouldn't mind.

Josephine:

(laughs).

Katrina:

Maybe he'd join me (laughs).

Josephine:

(laughs).

Ellen:

Pierce Pediatrics, how may I help you? I'll connect you with the nurse, please hold.

Malik:

Hey, Ellen.

Ellen:

Hi, Dr. Miller. She's busy.

Malik:

But it's lunch.

Ellen:

She's busy.

Malik:

Didn't see her on the elevator this morning, so ...

Ellen:

Do you wanna leave a message or something?

Malik:

Can I, uh, wait in her office?

Ellen:

Sorry, but no. She said no visitors.

Malik:

Uh, all right then. Have a good day, Ellen.

Ellen:

You too, Dr. Miller.

Josephine:

What are you doing here?

Malik:

You weren't on the elevator this morning.

Josephine:

I took the stairs.

Malik:

10 flights? Now, now who's avoiding conflict?

Josephine:

I have a meeting to get to.

Malik:

I, I, I won't keep you, I just wanted to see you. After your meeting, do you wanna grab a bite?

Josephine:

Not tonight. I need a little time.

Malik:

Okay. I, I'll be here when you're ready. Well, not right here because that does seem a little stalkery for me to be waiting by your car like this when you think about it. But-

Josephine:

(laughs). I knew what you meant, Malik.

Malik:

Good. Good. Just, just let me know. Have a good night, Josephine.

Josephine:

You too.

Katrina:

Are you thinking a recent graduate, or what?

Josephine:

I'm open right now.

Katrina:

Hey, babe.

Ron:

Girls are tucked in. Not sure if they're sleeping, but at least they're quiet.

Katrina:

Quiet is good enough. Wine?

Ron:

No, I'm good. What are we talking about?

Josephine:

I'm thinking about bringing on another doctor.

Ron:

What? Really?

Josephine:

Yeah. Between Donna and I-

Katrina:

The nurse practitioner.

Ron:

I know who Donna is, thank you.

Josephine:

(laughs). The two of us are fully loaded and can't accept new patients. I'd also really like to not be on call every other weekend.

Ron:

Wow. This is like Wonder Woman admitting defeat.

Katrina:

Defeat? Please.

Josephine:

Smart business keeps you sane, Ron.

Ron:

Hey, maybe that means we could bring Daphne and Lucy back.

Josephine:

Oh (laughs), no, no, no. I love them, don't get me wrong. But I prefer being cool Aunt Jo.

Ron:

(laughs). Okay. Well, there's a book calling my name upstairs and I know the two of you are going to be up half the night.

Katrina:

Goodnight.

Josephine:

Night, Ron.

Ron:

Goodnight, ladies.

Josephine:

Do you still talk to that staffing agency manager in Brentwood?

Katrina:

Veronica? Yeah. You wanna use a staffin' agency to find a new doctor?

Josephine:

She helped you get a new assistant.

Katrina:

Yeah, but that's a photography assistant (laughs). You're looking for someone to care for the wellbeing of other people's children. Shouldn't that be a decision made by, I don't know, another doctor?

Josephine:

Of course I'm not going to let her do the hiring. I just need someone to comb through the candidates.

Katrina:

I'll get her number for you.

Josephine:

Thank you.

Katrina:

More wine?

Josephine:

Mm, no, I'm good.

Katrina:

Suit yourself (laughs). The girls gave me their Christmas list today.

Josephine:

Wow. It's nearly December. They're running a little behind.

Katrina:

(laughs). Yeah. But it's such a sweet list. They both asked for the usual toys and movies and what not, but then they also want Santa to give coats to all the kids who don't have them.

Josephine:

Aw. Parenting win, Kat.

Katrina:

I teared up a little. It was the sweetest thing. So, we're gonna do some Angel Tree families this year. I'll just let them know that Santa asked me to help them out.

Josephine:

I can't believe they still believe in Santa.

Katrina:

Well, they ask me all the time.

Josephine:

And?

Katrina:

I tell them that as long as they believe in Santa, Santa's real. My mother destroyed the idea of Santa for me way too young. I'm holdin' on to this for as long as I can.

Josephine:

Oh, you're such a good mom.

Katrina:

Thank you.

Josephine:

(laughs).

Katrina:

So, when's the last time you talked to Malik?

Josephine:

This morning on the elevator.

Katrina:

Oh, okay, never mind.

Josephine:

What?

Katrina:

Let me be more clear. When's the last time you sat down and looked him in the eyes and had one of those crazy long talks you two like to have?

Josephine:

Not since I told him about Eddie.

Katrina:

Have you talked at all?

Josephine:

I just told you, on the elevator this morning.

Katrina:

What did you talk about?

Josephine:

The weather.

Katrina:

The weather?

Josephine:

Yes.

Katrina:

That sucks.

Josephine:

I don't know if I can do it anymore.

Katrina:

You still care for him, right?

Josephine:

Yes.

Katrina:

And he loves you.

Josephine:

Yes, we've definitely established that.

Katrina:

You two need to talk.

Josephine:

Already tried that. Poured my heart out and he just told me that I was afraid to love him.

Katrina:

Because you are.

Josephine:

Go to hell.

Katrina:

I've got the hand basket waitin'. Jump in.

Josephine:

(laughs).

Katrina:

(laughs).

Josephine:

I don't know, I just, I just need to know why he's perfect.

Katrina:

He's not perfect. You're just blinded.

Josephine:

No, he's perfect. The only thing that I've found is that, I don't know, he's too nice. And is that really a bad thing? Oh, that Malik is just too nice. How awful for him. Please, there's, there's nothing wrong with him and that's just, that's just wrong.

Katrina:

Look, I'm tryna be all supportive, but I'm having trouble gettin' on this train with you. Plus, as your best friend, I can't stand here and watch you throw away a good, I'm sorry, a fucking great relationship because the dude is quote, unquote, perfect.

Josephine:

We haven't broken up.

Katrina:

Yeah, but it feels like you're riding the line right now. Just have lunch with him in his office or something. Nothing fancy.

Josephine:

I need to, I should get home.

Katrina:

So you can get to work early and avoid seeing him on the elevator?

Josephine:

No.

Katrina:

Sure.

Josephine:

And don't forget to get me Veronica's number. I really wanna hire someone before spring break.

Katrina:

I won't. I'm so proud of you for expanding. This is so exciting.

Josephine:

I hope so (laughs). Veronica can look out of town too, right?

Katrina:

Please, do not be responsible for more people moving to Nashville.

Josephine:

(laughs). Come on, the best candidate is the best candidate.

Katrina:

That's unacceptable. Get out of my house.

Josephine:

(laughs).

Katrina:

Love you, hon.

Josephine:

Love you more.

Malik:

Hi.

Josephine:

You park on level two.

Malik:

You're an hour early.

Josephine:

I had work to do.

Malik:

You work too much.

Josephine:

You barely stop to eat lunch.

Malik:

We both work too much. Do you really have to work?

Josephine:

Yes.

Malik:

Okay.

Josephine:

Have you just been riding up and down in the elevator?

Malik:

No.

Josephine:

That's definitely a little stalker-ish.

Malik:

I, uh, I didn't mean ... Sorry.

Josephine:

We should have lunch today.

Malik:

Yes, yes, we should.

Josephine:

12:15, your office?

Malik:

Yeah. Yeah, I'll, uh, order from Max's.

Josephine:

Good. I'll see you then.

Malik:

All right.

Josephine:

I've decided to start looking for another doctor.

Malik:

Really? That's, that's wonderful. Uh, should help give you and Donna a little relief.

Josephine:

Yeah.

Malik:

Do you want a resident?

Josephine:

Still trying to figure that out.

Malik:

What about a second receptionist?

Josephine:

What? (laughs). Ellen would kill me.

Malik:

(laughs). I did my residency in private practice.

Josephine:

I didn't know that.

Malik:

I have a lot of things I could tell you. Maybe it would help you find my flaws (laughs).

Josephine:

I need to get back to work.

Malik:

I'm, I'm just joking around.

Josephine:

I know, and that's the problem.

Malik:

I- I'm sorry. I, I didn't mean to upset you. P- Please. We, we have another 20 minutes.

Josephine:

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I thought this would help me get past the awkwardness, but it's still there and I don't know, I don't, I don't know what to do about my feelings. I care about you, I really do. But right now, it's just weird.

Malik:

Are we, are we done then?

Josephine:

No, I didn't say that.

Malik:

Then what are you saying?

Josephine:

You said I could have space. You said you'd be here when I'm ready. I'm not ready yet and I thought I was, but I'm not.

Malik:

You're right. I, I did, I- I'm sorry.

Josephine:

I'll see you tomorrow.

Malik:

Actually, no, I- I'll be out of town the rest of the week. I, I have a conference in Dayton.

Josephine:

Oh. Well, I'll, um, I'll see you when you get back.

Malik:

On the, uh, elevator, right?

Josephine:

Bye, Malik.

Katrina:

I feel like a movie. You wanna go to the movies?

Josephine:

Right now?

Katrina:

Around 9:00.

Josephine:

I, I can't. I'm tired.

Katrina:

Fine. I'll just go alone. What's up? Why are you so tired?

Josephine:

I worked all day.

Katrina:

You work everyday. Did you have an emergency? Do you need me to come over?

Josephine:

No, and no. I'm just tired. I've been tired for, like, two weeks.

Katrina:

Oh. I see.

Josephine:

What?

Katrina:

You still haven't talked to Malik, have you?

Josephine:

Actually, yes. I took your stupid advice even.

Katrina:

Well, shit.

Josephine:

We had lunch in his office. It was not awkward.

Katrina:

Until it was.

Josephine:

Until it was.

Katrina:

Did you break up?

Josephine:

No, but, mm, maybe, maybe we should. Say something.

Katrina:

No.

Josephine:

Stop being the good friend and be the hard ass friend I know you are.

Katrina:

First of all, being the hard ass friend makes me the good friend. Second of all, I've already given you the speech. I don't need to do it again.

Josephine:

Fine, I-

Katrina:

Okay. Here's the deal. I've never seen you happier than you've been with Malik, well, up until these last couple of weeks. But you know what I mean. You're perfect together, fucking perfect. I haven't seen a more perfect couple since I looked at a picture of me and Ron.

Josephine:

(laughs).

Katrina:

Why do you think you should break up?

Josephine:

Because I, I can't give him what he wants.

Katrina:

What do you think he wants?

Josephine:

For me to love him.

Katrina:

And you can't do that?

Josephine:

Not yet.

Katrina:

Okay. Why not?

Josephine:

I already told you.

Katrina:

Refresh my memory.

Josephine:

I'm waiting for the other shoe to drop.

Katrina:

Because he's too perfect.

Josephine:

He really is.

Katrina:

This is gettin' old real quick.

Josephine:

I can't have my heart torn out again, Kat. I just, I just can't.

Katrina:

I'm sorry, hon. I know.

Josephine:

I need to, I need to know if he's worth it.

Katrina:

Worth you.

Josephine:

Worth everything.

Katrina:

Well, tell me this. How can you figure any of that out, the imperfections, the worthiness if you're avoiding him?

Malik:

You've reached Malik Miller. I can't answer the phone right now. Just leave a message after the beep and I'll call you soon. Texting is also a great option.

Josephine:

Hi, Malik, it's Josephine, which you, you know. I, um, I hope the conference is going well. I know it's close to Thanksgiving, but I was thinking we could meet for drinks or ice cream. Some place with raspberry (laughs). Sometime after the holidays would be great. Talk soon. Bye.

Ron:

All right. The ham has another hour. Mom and dad will be here just as I'm taking it out probably. It's your turn to do stuff.

Katrina:

The girls can set the table in a few minutes. Jo, they'll probably listen to you. Would you mind convincing them to do it? Jo?

Josephine:

Hm? What?

Katrina:

You keep checking your phone. Stop it, it's driving me nuts.

Josephine:

Sorry.

Daphne:

Daddy, daddy.

Lucy:

Daddy, daddy.

Daphne:

Someone pulled into the driveway.

Ron:

Oh, he's here.

Josephine:

Who's here?

Katrina:

No one.

Josephine:

What did you do?

Katrina:

I didn't do a thing. I swear. He called me.

Ron:

Us.

Katrina:

He called us.

Malik:

Happy Thanksgiving.

Josephine:

Hello.

Malik:

I brought you donuts. They're, uh, sour cream.

Josephine:

The perfect balance of tangy and sweet.

Malik:

Yeah.

Josephine:

Don't you have family?

Malik:

Don't you.

Josephine:

(laughs). My parents are on a cruise.

Malik:

I'm drivin' up to Clarkesville later.

Ron:

Invite the man in already.

Josephine:

Sorry (laughs), come, come in.

Malik:

Thanks. I apologize for bargin' in.

Josephine:

It's not my house, and supposedly people knew you were coming.

Ron:

He asked.

Josephine:

Thanks, Ron, you can close the door now. How was your, um, your conference?

Malik:

It was good.

Josephine:

Did you get my message?

Malik:

Yes. Sorry, I, I didn't call back. I, I didn't get in till late and then I'd already talked to Ron and Kat actually. I'm, I'm not gonna stay long. I, I gotta get to Clarkesville and all, but I, I really didn't wanna wait.

Josephine:

Okay.

Malik:

So, you said I was perfect, that I had no flaws.

Josephine:

One flaw, you're too nice.

Malik:

Yeah (laughs), that, that one. That's actually what I wanted to, to talk about.

Josephine:

Great. You're actually an asshole, aren't you?

Malik:

Well-

Josephine:

Malik (laughs), I was kidding.

Malik:

I, I d- I don't like conflict.

Josephine:

I know.

Malik:

I want everyone to be happy. I really need people around me to be happy.

Josephine:

Which is wonderful, but not always what someone wants.

Malik:

I know. I, uh, lied to you.

Josephine:

What?

Malik:

I, my nephew, Chris, he'll be in Clarkesville when I get there. He comes home at Thanksgiving and in the summer. I see him twice a year, like I said, but not my brother. I haven't seen my brother in two years. I only talk to him via email when it's necessary, so, so I didn't completely lie to you, but I did withhold some information.

Josephine:

Wh- Why?

Malik:

I got angry about him movin' to Tokyo. It was, it was stupid. My nephew was very upset about the move and I told my brother that he shouldn't be so selfish. I said some other things I wish I hadn't and, and now we don't talk.

Josephine:

Malik, I'm so sorry.

Malik:

Yeah, it took me too long to realize that, uh, he was doin' the best thing for his family, but I don't know how to tell him because I really, really hate conflict. And he is one of those people that I need to be happy. He's happier without me.

Josephine:

That can't be true.

Malik:

Well, I th- I overcompensate for that extremely shitty thing I did by being-

Josephine:

Overly nice to everyone else.

Malik:

Yeah. I guess I look at it as my penance or something. I sh- shouldn't have lied to you, especially after you told me about Eddie. I, I don't know why I didn't tell you right then. I, I don't know why I didn't tell you when you asked about the picture. But, o- okay, well, I promise to give you space, which is not what I'm doin' right now. I should get going.

Josephine:

You really can only cook pancakes?

Malik:

Sorry?

Josephine:

Pancakes, you can only cook pancakes. I mean, you can't even make decent scrambled eggs, it's impressive.

Malik:

Uh-huh.

Josephine:

You've tried to make conversation with everyone on the elevator, most people don't want to talk to anyone else on the elevator. You also cut all your meat up before you eat it like you're a five year old or something.

Malik:

Um-

Josephine:

You always make the bed right before you get in it. Wh- Why don't you just make it up in the morning when you get up?

Malik:

What- What's happening?

Josephine:

You're not perfect.

Malik:

Okay.

Josephine:

And I'm all in.

Malik:

Does that mean what I think it means?

Josephine:

If you think it means I love you, then yeah, you'd be right.

Malik:

Just so we're clear, could you-

Josephine:

I love you.

Katrina:

Ah, yes.

Josephine:

Kat.

Malik:

(laughs).

Katrina:

Sorry. Sorry, I was just getting something from the kitchen. I'm gone, I'm gone (laughs).

Malik:

(laughs).

Josephine:

(laughs).

Malik:

(laughs). Well, I just made your Thanksgiving dinner more interesting.

Josephine:

(laughs). Come here.

Malik:

(laughs). I love you.

Josephine:

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I love you, too.

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