

High Standards
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Alarm clock goes off. ASHLEY (30), Stylish and well-poised wearing pink silk pajamas, a pink silk eye mask on her face covering her eyes, with a matching silk bonnet on her head to match. She is perfectly groomed and her apartment is highly decorated and furnished to show her posh lifestyle. She hits her alarm clock, removes the eye mask, and rolls over to CHAD (35) a well-groomed, established, suit and tie type. She smiles and says:

ASHLEY

Good Morning, Handsome!

Chad immediately opens his eyes and goes into a frantic panic.

CHAD

I overslept! I overslept!

Chad Jumps up to put on his trousers, Ashley looks at him in amazement.

ASHLEY

(sarcastically
responds)

Wow, nice response to my good morning!

Chad slows down to button up his shirt.

CHAD

Let's not act like you don't know what this is, Ashley.

ASHLEY

(Taken aback)

Well I understand our arrangement, but I never expected you to respond like this the first night that you happen to "spend the night".

CHAD

(He pauses)

Ashley, lets be real, Me spending the night takes our situation-ship to the next level. (Sardonically) A level where I ain't trying to go.

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ASHLEY

Really Chad? I think you're getting besides yourself

CHAD

Look Ashley, I like you a lot and you're a nice girl. You're cool, I can shoot the shits with you, but I don't want you to get the wrong impression.

ASHLEY

(Comes back to herself)

Wait what? Why would I get the wrong impression? It is what it is, no strings attached, right? I mean it just, you know, surprised me thats all....

Chad is now fully dressed and walking towards the door with Ashley escorting him out.

CHAD

You know, what we have is good. We don't want to complicate things, right?

ASHLEY

Chad, I was legit making a point. Besides who said I'm looking for more? You are really feeling yourself right now. What makes you think anything different?

CHAD

(looks at his watch)

Can we talk about this later sweet heart? I gotta get home to shower and I have a meeting with one of the partners at nine. Talk during our session tonight? A beat. I knew you would understand.

Chad walks out and Ashley slams the door and pauses to take everything in. She realizes what time it is and frantically runs to her bathroom to wash her face, brush her teeth, take her shower, and then rushes to her closet of high-end attire. She then gets dressed and takes a look at herself in the mirror and nods for satisfaction.

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The VALET ATTENDANT from Ashley's apartment drive her 5 series BMW to the front of her building, she hops in and as she is driving we hear her talking about the night before on the phone

ASHLEY-V.O.

So yeah, ya boy was tripping this morning...He had the nerve to assume that I was looking for more...and just like... you know..

BEEP sounds off from Ashley's phone

ASHLEY-V.O.

Hold on girl.

VOICE OVER PHONE

Hi Ashley we are calling about the delinquent payments on you're vehicle.

ASHLEY-V.O.

Me no speak no english

Ashley clicks back over

ASHLEY-V.O.

Okay girl, nothing but a bill collector, as I was saying... You know what, I'm running late so I'm going to call you on my conference okay girl? Okay.

While the voice over is going on there is a visual of a nice city that quickly turns into a bad part of town where she pulls into the parking lot and drives to her spot marked Teacher of the year. She gets out with her briefcase and walks into the middle school building ending the conversation.

Ashley is standing in front of a classroom of 8th-grade students. She is reviewing the current chapter regarding X and Y chromosomes.

ASHLEY

So as a quick review of chapter 5,
who can explain to me the
different chromosomes that
determine the sex of a fetus?

A STUDENT raises their hand.

ASHLEY

Yes, Shara?

SHARA

A female fetus would have a
genetic make up of XX and the male
fetus would have a make up of XY
with the man being the ultimate
decision maker when determining
the sex of a fetus.

TEJON (14) a witty, hyperactive class clown with
testosterone on the brinks, interrupts.

TEJON

So how bout I get with you and
pass you a y and we go half on a
baby?

ASHLEY

Tejon! That was so inappropriate.
See me after class for your
detention slip.

TEJON

Dang Ms.Campbell, whats wrong with
you today? I was just engaging in
the lesson.

ASHLEY

I said What I said! Should I give
you more days?

TEJON

What? Man, Yo man Must've pissed
you off today.

ASHLEY

Tejon, GET OUT!

Tejon gets out and walks out of the classroom.

ASHLEY

As I was saying. Homework is
posted on the board.

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ASHLEY (CONT'D)

If you have any questions let me know. You are dismissed when the bell rings.

The bell rings on cue and the students get up to gather their things. Tejon is walked back into the class room by PRINCIPAL CHAMBERS with her holding him by his shirt.

CHAMBERS

I found this delinquent in the hallway during your class. Any chance he was skipping?

ASHLEY

Not at all principal Chambers, He got PUT OUT for an inappropriate comment that he made during my class today.

CHAMBERS

Ohhhh so we're making inappropriate comments during class huh? Let me go ahead and call Tamara- oh yeah I said Tamara! I told you me and ya mama were going to be on first name basis over time didn't I? Let me call Tamara and see if she's in the mood to consent to some act right in yo life for today. Is that what I need to do Tejon Davis?

ASHLEY

Or because You are one of my favorite students who always strives to be the best version of himself everyday you can write an essay of apology. Could that be one of the options Ms.Chambers?

CHAMBERS

It could be. You choose Tejon! I'm being burger king today and letting you choose to have it your way!

TEJON

I'll take the essay Principal Chambers! I'm sorry for my comment Ms.Campbell and I'll have your paper to you tomorrow. I swear!

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CHAMBERS

What that sound like to you
Ms.Campbell? You convinced? I mean
can we trust him not to do it
again.

TEJON

You can trust me....ohhh You can
trust me. Just no more licks
Ms.Chambers.

ASHLEY

I think he gets it. Thank you
Principal Chambers.

CHAMBERS

Oh anytime! Now hurry up and get
to class before I change my mind.

Tejon Scurries out of the classroom to get to class.
Ashley and Principal Chambers wait for the coast to be
clear and they dab.

ASHLEY

Thanks for looking out Chambers. I
love that boy to death but when
he's off his meds he's out of
control.

CHAMBERS

Of course! You know I got ya! I
done told his mama not to send him
up here like that. She got so
tired of me having to call that
she gave me corporal consent til
the end of the school year.

They laugh

CHAMBERS

Well I know this is your
conference period so I'll let you
enjoy your lil quite time. Let me
know if ya need me.

ASHLEY

Of course! You know I will ma'am!

Ashley then walks to her desk and immediately gets an
email notification with the subject " CASTING CALL FOR
REALITY DATING SHOW".

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She starts to read but is interrupted by the sound of clicking heels and she looks up from her computer to see TOPANGA WRIGHT (26) A cute yet promiscuous English teacher who is new this school year, walks in.

TOPANGA

Good Morning Campbell! You missed your duty this morning....I had your back though, Sis!

ASHLEY

I'm sure you did.

TOPANGA

Um hum... I just saw principal Chambers leave your classroom, everything okay?

ASHLEY

(Annoyed at this point)

Yes. Everything is kosher.

TOPANGA

Kosher dill, huh? I haven't heard that phrase in a while, must be an age thing?

ASHLEY

Yeah sure, being that I'm three years older than you and the fact that you knew the phrase, yep it may be an age thing, Sister!

Topanga tries to process what Ashley mean't by her last comment.

ASHLEY

So How can I help you today?

TOPANGA

I just came over to get a little bit of advice, you know? Like I'm having a hard time reaching the students being that its my first year, and I'm you know... "different" so I just want some pointers on how I can relate.

ASHLEY

Well, the key is just be genuine in your effort, these kids can smell the fake and can recognize the real.

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TOPANGA

I mean, it has to be more to it,
right? Let me know your secrets,
we're both on conference this
period so...

Interrupting Topanga mid-sentence COACH FRED (Mid 30's)
funny and charming, yet reserved walks in

COACH FRED

Hey! Just checking in to see if
the plans are a go for tonight?

Ashley nods and gives Fred a thumbs up and gives him a
save me signal, Fred totally ignores it.

COACH FRED

Great! See you tonight!

TOPANGA

So, You and Coach Fred huh?

ASHLEY

Uh no... He's family.

TOPANGA

Oh so that means he's a free
agent, huh? That man just does
something to me, I mean he just
speaks and keeps walking but I
know he's just playing hard to
get.

ASHLEY

Well he may actually be a smart
man, he's married to my cousin and
she's bat shit crazy so yep, very
smart man.

TOPANGA

Oh no! I'm so sorry about that, I,
I didn't know.

ASHLEY

Of course you didn't. But hey can
we schedule this pow wow for
another time, I was kind of in the
middle of something when you
walked in....

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TOPANGA

Oh well don't mind little ole' me,
I 'll just be leaving then to you
know, let you get back to your
thing...

ASHLEY

Um hum.... Could you close my door
behind you?

Topanga gives a nod and closes the door on the way out.
Ashley looks at the casting call email and sends it to
archives.

INT. KARAOKE BAR - NIGHT

Ashley is at the bar setting up the Birthday party and
Fred and Ashley's cousin ZURI (30) Candid, sophisticated
and Pregnant, walks in.

PARTY GUEST

Surprise!!

Zuri is surprised to see all of her friends and family
and she gives Ashley a warm embrace

ZURI

(emotionally)

Oh gosh! Did you? Who planned
this? All for me?

ASHLEY

This was all your man girl. He
told me what to do and I planned
it by his wishes and with his
checkbook.

ZURI

Awww baby! This is so special! You
always know just what to do for my
birthday every year!

COACH FRED

Of course baby, this is just the
pregame, you only turn 30 once. I
also have a part two planned for
you.

He gives her an envelope, She opens it.

ZURI

First class tickets to Maui? Is this a baby moon?? Awww shucks Fred you're going to make me cry!

ASHLEY

Oh Lord! Here she go again.

ZURI

Stop it Ashley! You know I'm a sucker for romance.

ASHLEY

Yeah we all know.

Everyone laughs.

Fred sees a couple of his frat brothers at the door.

COACH FRED

Ayyee What up, Frat? Baby Ima leave you ladies to talk and I'm gone go holla at my boy!

ZURI

Okay babe. Dont be gone too long, you know I'm lost without you...

COACH FRED

I know cant help ya self, can you!

They blow mushy kisses at each other and Coach Fred walks off.

ASHLEY

Aww yall cute or whateva!

ZURI

Yep thats bae!

Ashley smiles.

ZURI

So what happened with Chad?

ASHLEY

No, No, this is your birthday party and I refuse to ruin it with my drama.

ZURI

Girl please. I need to know! I though he was a good look for you and he pulls this type of bull?

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ZURI (CONT'D)

I knew that negro wasn't shit! I'm going to check his ass first thing Monday morning.

ASHLEY

Girl no, you are crazy. You cant do that at your job!

ZURI

Screw him and screw them. They'll let his ass go before me... being the smartest sista in the room has its perks...

ASHLEY

Trust me Z, I'm good

As Zuri is about to go all in their conversation is interrupted by the DJ calling Zuri to the stage for a karaoke number.

ZURI

We'll continue this convo once I finish my song!

Ashley goes to sit near the bar and unlocks her CELL PHONE. She opens the DATING APP "Swipe Left, Swipe right". She looks at a couple of men and swipes right and then reaches one photo of a man she finds attractive, she swipes up to read his BIO that reads: "single doctor, looking for love". She smiles and swipes left, looks at her phone with anticipation, and locks it. She sits and enjoys the rest of Zuri's karaoke number of Jennifer Holidays "And I am Telling You" and she stands in amusement of the show to give her a standing ovation. Zuri wobbles down the stage with Fred's help and she finds Ashley

ZURI

So what you want me to do? Cause I can call the goonies and they will be down to drive to Georgia in a heart beat since you worried about me loosing my job....

ASHLEY

Zuri! Trust, I'm fine! Besides I should be scheduling a date with the next contender in 5,4,3,2....

Ashley suddenly gets a notification on her phone.

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She reads a message from the guy she swiped left on in the app has proposed a date this Sunday, Ashley agrees by sending the thumbs up and shows Zuri

ZURI

Umm hmmm...

Fred walks over with his friend DERRICK (30's) Smooth, Playboy type, Fred's Frat Brother.

COACH FRED

Look who the wind drove in!

ZURI

OMG Derrick! When did you move back?

DERRICK

This past weekend, You know I had to hit up my frat, and he told me ya'll were having this party tonight. You know I had to show up to show my sister some love! Is that Ashley?

ASHLEY

Derrick! Its been so long!

They hug. Ashley admires Derrick's physique.

ZURI

(face lights up)

So shall we sit? Catch up?

They all walk to a the table, Fred pulls out a chair for Zuri and Derrick pulls one out for Ashley.

ASHLEY

Of course! What has been up Derrick? After college seems like you just disappeared.

DERRICK

(laughs)

Well, not exactly. I did what most people did, move back to my home town, got a job at a nice corporation, opened my own business, but home just didn't feel the same, so I figured it would make since to come back to the ATL.

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ASHLEY

Your own Business you say?

DERRICK

Yeah, I uh, own a barbershop. I moved back to open my second location. I figured I would give the brothers in my old college community an opportunity.

Ashley is suddenly uninterested in Derrick as a companion.

ASHLEY

(disappointed)

Oh, Nice!

ZURI

Well we are glad to have you back.

COACH FRED

Oh fa show! You know we gone have to call up the boys and have a shindig.

ZURI

Why wait? You know Aunt Stella is having a cookout this weekend.... Ashley I'm sure your mom would be happy to see Derrick after all these years, right? I'm sure she would be thrilled, you know she loved her some Derrick.

DERRICK

Oh Fa Sho... you know how I feel about your moms potato salad.

COACH FRED

Yep! Its the Bomb-B!

ASHLEY

(laughs)

I'm sure my mom and dad will be thrilled to see you.

ZURI

Well its a date!

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INT. ASHLEY'S APARTMENT- MORNING

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Ashley is brushing her teeth. She rinses, spits, and then starts her affirmations in the mirror

I AM SOPHISTICATED, I AM BEAUTIFUL, I AM SMART, I AM WORTHY OF LOVE!

She chants this in the mirror 7 times. In her pajamas and bonnet, she walks to her living room and flops on the couch to turn on her tv. Her show is interrupted by a call that reads :SPAM-Bill collector-don't answer. She ignores the call and continues to watch her show. She then gets another from her mom- MRS. STELLA CAMPBELL (Late 40's) down home, loving and straight forward.

MRS.CAMPBELL

Good morning Sunshine!

ASHLEY

Good Morning mother!

MRS.CAMPBELL

You care to fill me in on why your bill collectors are calling me about your whereabouts?

ASHLEY

(rolls eyes)

Because I maybe a few months behind....

MRS.CAMPBELL

Ashley Denise Campbell! These folks are threatening to repo your car, did you ever think that avoiding them may add fuel to the fire?

ASHLEY

I know... I know but Dad threaten me that he would sell it if I wasn't able to take on the note by myself so I decided to try to stick it out and take care of it on my own.

MRS.CAMPBELL

Chile, thats your daddy's credit, he co-signed for you to teach you some responsibility. How do you think he's going to react once he finds out that your delinquent?

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ASHLEY

I don't know. But I'm taking care of it mama, I promise. I just need to balance somethings out you know?

MRS.CAMPBELL

Oh don't I know! You have to take responsibility by living within your own means. Either find a higher paying job, start selling treats on the side, whatever you gotta do, do it cause we are tired of being responsible for your high maintenance lifestyle.

ASHLEY

Really mama? Where do you think I got it from? You just can't cut me off, I have a reputation to uphold.

MRS.CAMPBELL

Well unlike you, I can afford my lifestyle, so I suggest you put on your big girl drawls and figure it out!

ASHLEY

WellOkay...

MRS.CAMPBELL

Now the cookout starts at 12. You are already running late, I need you to pick up some ice.

ASHLEY

Really? You scold me and then ask for a favor?

MRS.CAMPBELL

Isn't that what you do? Ain't no fun when the rabbit got the gun.

ASHLEY

(Rolls eye)

MRS.CAMPBELL

Oh and Zuri called to let me know about our special guest, Derrick... You know I love me some Derrick!

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ASHLEY

Yes, I know mother, Okay I'm about to take my shower and I'll be over in a min. bye!

MRS.CAMPBELL

Un uh...

BEEP. Zuri hangs up the call.

5 I/E. ASHLEY'S PARENTS HOUSE-DAY

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Music is playing in the background and Ashley's DAD-Dr.TRAVIS CAMPBELL (Late 50's) with a chef hat and an apron tending the BBQ pit. Ashley, Zuri, and Mrs. Campbell are sitting in the kitchen.

ZURI

Auntie, I don't know what you put in this potato salad, but it hits every single time.

MRS.CAMPBELL

Umm humm. Can't wait for that baby to get here so we can introduce her to the potato salad.

ZURI

How do you know its a girl?

MRS.CAMPBELL

Well because of the way your stomach sitting hunni!

They all laugh.

ASHLEY

Oh gosh mama, you and your old wives tales.

MRS.CAMPBELL

Girl please. I'm a medical profession. Just because I'm a dentist doesn't mean I don't know the physique of a woman carrying a girl. (She winks)

Fred walks in with a BASKETBALL in hand with Zuri's son JADEN (7) and Derrick by his side.

MRS.CAMPBELL

Well look who the cat drove in!

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MRS.CAMPBELL (CONT'D)

If you don't get over here and
give me a hug!

Derrick goes in to give Mrs. Campbell a hug.

COACH FRED

Dang Aunt Stella, I can't lie and
say I that I'm not feeling some
type of way. Right Jaden?

JADEN

Right! You just skipped over us
Aunt Stella!

MRS.CAMPBELL

Oh I'm sorry! Can't forget my
boys! Hello Big nephew, Hello
little Nephew. Is that better
Jaden?

JADEN

Yep! Much better!

MRS.CAMPBELL

Its so nice to see you Derrick!
Ohhh let me take you outside for
Mr.Campbell to see you! Come on!

Mrs. Campbell and Derrick walk out of the back door into
the backyard.

COACH FRED

Get a load of that Ash... how much
your parents love Derrick! *Hint
Hint.

ASHLEY

What? Oh no, Derrick has always
been a friend of the family.

ASHTON CAMPBELL (20's) Ashley's annoying younger brother
walks in.

ASHTON

Whats up Cuzzin!
(He daps Fred and
Jaden up)
Did I hear something about
Derrick? That Boi D in the
building??

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ZURI

Yep! You did cuzzo! He's outside with your dad right now.

ASHTON

Aww shoot! Let me go holla at that boi! You know we gotta get a game in! Where's the ball, J?

JADEN

Right here!

ASHTON

Oh so that mean you knew what was up for today huh?

COACH FRED

Oh you know my boy stay ready!
(whispers to Jaden)
Wanna place a bet on the winner?

JADEN

This easy money! Lets go!

Fred walks over to give Zuri a kiss. All the guys walk out the back door to the backyard.

ASHLEY

You know, ya'll are gross but I absolutely admire yall's relationship.

ZURI

Girl. It took me some heartbreak, a lot of lessons from a lot of losers before I made it to my soul mate.

ASHLEY

I know. Lord knows I've been a witness to all the crazies in your life. But What do you think changed tho? How all of a sudden the right man just comes along and ends up being the one?

ZURI

Shoot, because I was specific this time. After everything I went through with Jaden's dad, I made a vow to myself that I wouldn't settle anymore. So I got real specific.

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ASHLEY

What? What do you mean about real specific?

ZURI

(PAUSE)

I got really specific with what I prayed for....

ASHLEY

Wait? You prayed for a man?

ZURI

Yes girl. I consult with God for everything- my career, my finances, My CHILD, Shoot and after so many failed relationships, I decided to write a list of everything I wanted in a mate. And once Fred came along, I was able to recognize those things that I asked for, In him.

ASHLEY

So it was that easy? You just wrote a list and Fred came along? Hell naw. Talk about how to build a better man!

ZURI

Haha. Its not that simple girl. Trust me there were some counterfeits that came along that had me under the impression that they were it. But not Fred, Fred was solid, great with my son, and the total package if you know what I mean.

ASHLEY

Un un... TMI. I'on wanna know fam like that! You know them women at my job be loving them some coach Fred girl. But Fred don't be playing that. He gone move around real quick.

ZURI

As he should. He knows what he has. And He knows I got crazy ass cousins that will come egg his shit in a milla second, huh?

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ASHLEY

Yep, Christian thugs is what they call us!

The both share a malicious laugh.

JADEN

Mom! Come quick, you gotta see this game.

Ashley and Zuri walk out the back door and there is a family game going on between Ashton and Mr.Campbell against Derrick and Fred. Ashley, Mrs.Campbell, And Zuri watch from the patio. Derrick trips over his ankle and Ashley runs over to check on him. Derrick and Ashton help to pick him up and sits him on the couch. Ashley goes to get an ice pack to ice his ankle.

DERRICK

You know, I thought it was cute, how you ran to my aid...

ASHLEY

Well thats the teacher in me, don't flatter yourself buddy!

DERRICK

You know you have always played hard to get with me, I mean you're the only one in your family who doesn't absolutely love me...

ASHLEY

Oh bull! You have always been a player... I wasn't going to become just one of your girls... so I friend zoned you. And that's where you'll stay! (she jokes)

DERRICK

Well I'm getting older and I've grown tired of playing games.

ASHLEY

Well I will believe it when I see it... (She dumps the ice back on his ankle)

While They are enjoying quality time, Ashley receives a "Where you at" text from Chad. Ashley tries to ignore the text but it is followed by another that states "I want to see you" she deletes both messages. Ashley then receives a text from Juan saying "Lets meet up tonight, Ruth Chris @ 7pm". She lights up.

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DERRICK

Everything okay?

ASHLEY

Yeah, everything is good. I forgot that I'm suppose to be meeting up with a friend tonight and I need to go home to wash up.

DERRICK

Oh okay. Well let me walk you out.

ASHLEY

No, no you can barely walk. Let my dad check on that ankle for you, I'll catch up with you later cool?

DERRICK

(Slightly
disappointed)

Okay, cool.

MR.CAMPBELL

Now Where is that injured Ankle???

6 INT. RESTARAUNT - EVENING

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ASHLEY CAMPBELL (late 20's) is sitting at the dinner table looking at her phone. JAVIER GONZALES (30's, suave, suite and tie type walks in. Ashley is interrupted by

JAVIER

Ashley?

ASHLEY

Javier?

JAVIER

Yes! (Javier takes a seat at the table) Your photos don't do you any justice, you're even more beautiful in person.

ASHLEY

Well aren't you the charmer? You don't look half bad yourself.

JAVIER

Thank you. I mean, I'm speechless. I've been waiting for this day since we first started chatting and... I just can't take my eyes off of you.

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ASHLEY

Aww shucks Javier, stop it! You are just too flattering, keep it going...

JAVIER

I mean it, I have never laid eyes on such a beautiful woman.

ASHLEY

Oh please! In your line of work? You're an obstetrician, You see beautiful women every day.

JAVIER

Yeah, beautiful pregnant women, who are usually spoken for by the time they cross my path.

ASHLEY

True. It must be a weird line of work you know? Checking multiple you know, whoo whoo's a day?

JAVIER

(Laughs) Well thats not exactly what I do all day, but yes, it is a very interesting line of work

Ashley and Javier continue with their conversation as time goes by.

ASHLEY

You know Javier, I really enjoyed this date with you tonight. Its getting kind of late and the restaurant is about to close. What do you say we continue this at my place

JAVIER

Oh wow, I would have to say that that sounds like a brilliant idea. Let me go grab our coats.

ASHLEY

(smiles) Sounds like a plan, Dr. Gonzales

Javier goes to the front of the restaurant to grab their coats from the coat check while Ashley sits at the table thinking about how she just hit the jackpot. All of a sudden Ashley sees cameras flashing and hears a lot of commotion up front.

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JAVIER

Oh Shit....

SASHA (30's) Big pregnant and feisty walks in with a Joey Greco from cheaters type and she is livid.

SASHA

So this is where you go when you're suppose to be at the hospital?

JAVIER

What? Naw baby you're delusional, I told you I had a business meeting with Dr. Dotson tonight!

SASHA

Bull shit Javier! Where is she? Which one of these hoes in here got you creep-in?

JAVIER

Um honey... you're making a scene!

SASHA

Scene my ass!

JOEY

Javier, we have been following you for several weeks now to this same location with multiple women. Do you have anything to say to Sasha about that?

As the commotion plays out, Ashley tries to find an emergency exit out of the restaurant. There are no exits. The commotion starts to escalate.

SASHA

I'm around here feet swollen, gaining weight to carry your baby and this is the thanks I get??

Ashley has no other choice she has to get out of there. She gets up and tries to sneak pass the commotion but is stopped by the waiter.

WAITER

Ms. Campbell, will you be getting the bill or will Dr. Gonzales be responsible.

ASHLEY

He got it fam!

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Sasha overhears the waiter and

SASHA

Oh there's the skank right there!

Ashley kicks into gear and runs to the parking lot ducking and dodging. She finally makes it to her car

7 INT. ASHLEY'S APARTMENT- NIGHT

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Still dressed Ashley is laying in her bed sobbing with mascara rolling down her face, listening to broken-hearted slow jams and she receives a REQUEST TO SUBMIT email from the SWIPE TO YOUR LOVE DATING SHOW. She immediately opens it, applies and after a little hesitation she hits "submit".

8 INT. ASHLEY'S APARTMENT- MORNING

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Ashley and Zuri are at their own homes having a conversation on VIDEO CHAT.

ZURI

So please, explain to me how this hell date transpired!

ASHLEY

Z, I thought my whole life was about to end. This guy seemed so perfect I just knew he was it, until his hormonal pregnant wife walks in and raids the place.

ZURI

NO! Pregnant?? Not the gynecologist!

ASHLEY

Yes! The dang gone gynecologist!

ZURI

See! I done told you! Why are you attracted to these type of men.

ASHLEY

Its not the type that I'm attracted to, I like successful men. All successful men are not the same.

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ZURI

True. But it comes a time where you have to sit back and look back over ya life to recognize ya patterns, you hear me?

ASHLEY

(annoyed)
Yes, I hear ya

ZURI

And if you keep attracting the same ain't shit niccas, it's you boo! It is you!

ASHLEY

What do you mean? What am I doing?

ZURI

You have a certain type right? What is the type Ash?

ASHLEY

Successful men, with great careers, and nice cars, and you know, money.

ZURI

Okay, well I'm just going to go ahead and ask... what's wrong with Derrick?

ASHLEY

Derrick is my friend!

ZURI

Um hmmm... and Fred is mine, your point?

ASHLEY

I'm just not into him like that.

ZURI

Pa-leeaassse. I saw the way you were slobbering over that man the first night we reunited at my party. You were all in until he mentioned that he was a barber.

ASHLEY

Not true, Why do you think you know me?

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ZURI

I mean I've only known you our whole life. How do I not know you?

ASHLEY

Okay... you win, but what's wrong with wanting a certain type of man?

ZURI

Nothing when you're referring to personality traits, but when you base your standards to materialistic things, that where the problem lies.

ASHLEY

Well, I'm just following suit hunny. My mom got pregnant by a guy who had big aspirations to "own" his own business. And you know what happened? My biological father decided to be a plumber. Once that dream didn't go as plan, He deserted us and my mom had to fend for me and herself on her own. She decided to go back to school which is where she met Travis, the doctor, the successful man who took me as his own and adopted me!

ZURI

Ashley I didn't mean to upset you. And I had no idea that this was the reason why your standards were so high.

Beat

ZURI

You can't base you're mom's story on your life. Hey, you know what I think you should do? I think you should write a list. Write everything you want in a husband and then pray over it, that way when he arrives, you know that its him.

ASHLEY

I don't know. You think that will work for me?

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ZURI

Yep! It worked for me. I say its
worth a try.

ASHLEY

Well I'll think about it, I'm not
making any promises.

ZURI

Well thats good enough for me.
We're cool?

ASHLEY

We're cool.