Daphne's Inferno

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FADE IN:

EXT. OPEN OCEAN - DAY

Thunder rolls from black storm clouds. Bolts of lightning strike the crests of waves.

EXT. SAILING SHIP - SAME

SUPER: THE STORM

The boat rocks back and forth. DAPHNE (23) wobbles on the deck. Her boyfriend, RICK (27) struggles with the sails.

Thunder booms heavily. Strong gusts of wind scream in a shrill whine.

Rick abandons the sails and runs over to Daphne.

RICK

Go get a life jacket.

DAPHNE

Is it that serious?

RICK

They're over there, in that compartment.

He motions to a compartment.

DAPHNE

Are we gonna be all right?

The wind picks up speed. It blares out Rick's words.

RICK

I thi...t's...ater...spout!

DAPHNE

What?

RICK

Water spout, a water spout!

DAPHNE

What's that?

Rick flings open the compartment. There is only one life jacket.

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RICK

A sea tornado.

He fastens the jacket around her. No sooner does he click the latches then a deep rumbling starts.

He pulls her close and kisses her neck. For the last time.

Above them, the sky opens up. The clouds swirl like they are circling a drain. A sea spout, like a black finger, presses down.

It touches down and rips Rick, Daphne, the boat, and the sea into a blur of motion.

The boat cracks and begins to splinter. It sounds quite like bones breaking.

INT. BOAT CABIN - DAY

SUPER: THE TRIP

Rick fishes around amongst clothes.

RICK

Where is it? Where is it?

DAPHNE(O.S.)

You ready for lunch?

RICK

Be there in a minute.

He finds a ring box.

RICK

Ah-ha!

He hurries up the stairs.

EXT. BOAT

Daphne lets her fingers dangle over the water. The green sea laps at the side of the boat.

A silver fish darts beneath the surface.

She yanks her fingers up.

Rick sits down next to her. He has two champagne glasses.

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RICK

Still scared.

DAPHNE

I'm not scared.

RICK

Nervous, right, sorry.

He hands her the glass.

RICK

This will make you feel better.

She takes it and smiles. She goes to drink it but Rick stops her.

RICK

Wait!

DAPHNE

What?

RICK

We have to make a toast.

DAPHNE

Oh. To what?

RICK

To...new beginnings.

He points at the ring in the bottom of the glass.

DAPHNE

Oh my god!

She throws her arms around him, nearly spilling the drink. He grabs it before it falls.

RICK

Don't want to lose this.

He puts it on her finger.

RICK

Cost more than this boat.

Thunder booms out over the ocean.

RICK

Better check the weather, can't have my baby getting lost at sea.

He goes below deck.

INT. BOAT CABIN

Rick flips on the c.b. A WEATHER MAN gives a report.

WEATHER MAN(O.S.)

...issued a small craft advisory -

EXT. BOAT

Rick rushes back up on deck. He hurries to the wheel and spins it quickly.

The boat tilts violently to the side.

DAPHNE

What?

RICK

Bad storm coming in.

A bolt of lightning strikes close by. A loud THUNDERCLAP follows.

DAPHNE

That was close.

RICK

I know.

EXT. OPEN SEA - NIGHT

SUPER: ADRIFT

Thunder and lightning illuminate distant clouds. The waves on the sea are covered with burning petrol.

Daphne opens her eyes. She bobs between mountains of fire. Pieces of the boat burn. They crackle and hiss.

A piece of the boat floats by. A large S is painted on the side. She grabs it and pulls herself on top of it.

RICK(O.S.)

(faintly)

Daphne.

It could be her imagination.

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DAPHNE

Rick!

She does not hear his voice again.

She tries kicking in the direction in which she heard the voice. She notices her right leg has been chopped off.

She lets her head fall back onto the wood. Blood leaks steadily from her leg.

The night sky is emerging. Pinpricks of stars begin to light up the night.

She watches as night opens.

One star begins to grow more vibrant than the rest. A large white star, becoming brighter, closer.

FADE OUT