

Our Love Is True

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INT. WEDDING RECEPTION ROOM - NIGHT

The room is buzzing with chatter, laughter, dancing and music. Everyone in the room is just profoundly happy, in the center of the room stands the newly weds wrapped up in each other arms and enjoying the music.

Every inch of the room are happy people. The waitresses and waiters move through the crowd carrying different drinks and appetizers.

At the upstairs of the dance floor is a balcony that overlooks the whole room and that is where HE is standing and leaning against the railing.

LEANDRO BROOKS, LATE 40S, BLACK, AVERAGE BUILT, LONG DREADLOCK, and HANDSOME.

He is dressed nicely in a navy blue suit and a pink dress shirt with a baby blue bow tie.

From his point of view he can see the happy people enjoying this day that he'll never forget. His smile too was bright and he is happy.

A woman dressed in a long navy blue dress that has a slit to the side that stops right above her knee and pink pumps, comes up to him and leans on the railing too.

KAEDEN BLACK, EARLY 40S, BLACK, CURVY, SHOULDER LENGHT DREADLOCK, and BEAUTIFUL.

She too had the contagious smile that everyone is wearing.

KAEDEN
Father of the groom.

LEANDRO
(blush and nods his head
a little)
Mother of the groom.

Kaeden in return blush and they both look at each other for a split second and blush even more if that's possible.

Leandro move in so their shoulders are touching and Kaeden smile widens.

LEANDRO (CONT'D)
You look good tonight.

KAEDEN
Don't I always?

LEANDRO

Yes but I don't always compliment you.

KAEDEN

That is true, and before I compliment you and your good looks let me first compliment you on the job well done with this, our son's wedding.

LEANDRO

Oh so I look good?

KAEDEN

Brooks..

LEANDRO

Okay we'll get back there soon enough.

(sober up to
seriousness)

But yeah thank you this is our son and he's the son of a Queen s-

KAEDEN

And a King.

LEANDRO

And a King so he had to get nothing but the best and he loves it his wife now loves it you love it and that's the most important part.

KAEDEN

Uh-huh.

LEANDRO

It's beautiful.

KAEDEN

I agree.

They fall in a comfortable silence as they enjoy their child's wedding and after a minute or two Leandro breaks it.

LEANDRO

(excited; turns Kaeden
to face him)

Hey stay right here! I'll be back before you know it.

KAEDEN

Brooks-

LEANDRO

Just don't move.

Before she could formulate a sentence Leandro was already running away from her. She looks at her watch then to the direction that he had just ran off in.

KAEDEN

Really B?

INT. KITCHEN - NIGHT

Leandro comes in the kitchen just as one of the waiters is about to head out.

LEANDRO

Hey excuse me.

The waiter stops and look at him, knowing who he is the waiter didn't bother to tell him that only employees are allowed in the kitchen.

WAITER

How may I be of any assistance
Sir?

LEANDRO

Yes I'd like a bottle of your
finest wine, not too strong but
also not too weak, sweet but not
too sweet, the perfect bottle and
wine opener please. Just charge it
to me.

WAITER

Okay Sir one perfect bottle of
wine coming right up.

LEANDRO

Thank you.

The waiter rest his tray down and heads in the direction of the wine cellar.

Leandro stands there impatiently and topping his right foot as he waits. Other waiters and waitresses passes him and a few that recognized him greeted him.

At last the waiter shows back up and hands the wine and the opener to Leandro.

WAITER
Here you go Sir, this is a Re-

LEANDRO
Not important, thanks again.

WAITER
No glass?

LEANDRO
No we good.

With that he bolts out the kitchen and heads back up to the balcony.

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Kaeden is standing by the balcony when Leandro came back. He hurries up to her with the contents in his hands.

LEANDRO
Okay good you're still here let's go.

KAEDEN
Go where? What are you up to now?

LEANDRO
K let's go quick.

He puts both the bottle and the opener in one hand and then take Kaeden's hand in his.

LEANDRO (CONT'D)
Let's go.

INT. ELEVATOR - NIGHT

By now Kaeden is full blown laughing as Leandro pulls her in the elevator.

KAEDEN
Oh lord what are we? High schoolers?

LEANDRO
(laughs)
I mean I do look the age.

KAEDEN
Oh please.

Leandro presses the button for the roof top, the elevator door was almost closed.

LEANO
Dad?!

KAEDEN
(whispering)
Oh shit, hide me.

LEANDRO
(whispering)
Dammit! hide behind me.

Kaeden step behind Leandro and just as Leano reaches the door and stop the elevator door from closing.

She fits perfectly behind him so Leano couldn't see her.

LEANO BROOKS, 15 YEARS OLD, BLACK, LOW CUT HAIR and LOOKS LIKE HIS MOTHER WITH A BIT OF HIS FATHER.

LEANO
Hey Daddy have you seen Mammy?

LEANDRO
(plays dumb; confuse)
Whaaaat?

LEANO
Yeah I know but still.

LEANDRO
Leano-

LEANO
Never mind, never mind.

LEANDRO
Okay great now can you step away from the elevator so the door can close so I can get going.

LEANO
Where are you even going in such a haste?

LEANDRO
Leano go look for your mother and let me be please.

LEANO
Daddy is it me you're really doing so? Your baby? your last hit?
(MORE)

LEANO (CONT'D)
 Me Leano Anthwone Brooks? Okay
 alright cool.

LEANDRO
 Ey Leano-

Leano step back and the elevator starts closing.

LEANO
 No it's cool.

The elevator closes and Kaeden comes from behind Leandro
 and she constantly clears her throat to refrain from
 laughing at Leandro.

KAEDEN
 Him Leano Anthwone Brooks you're
 doing like that?

LEANDRO
 K this is all your fault?

KAEDEN
 (decides not to
 refrained from laughing
 anymore)
 How?

LEANDRO
 Aren't you the one that wanted to
 hide?

KAEDEN
 And weren't you the one that hid
 me?

LEANDRO
 That's besides the point. It was
 still your idea.

KAEDEN
 First of all if he had seen me, I
 would've gotten a few solid months
 of pure teasing from him, Leonardo
 AND Leandro.

It is now Leandro's turn to laugh.

LEANDRO
 I should've let him see you so he
 could've gone and tell his
 brothers so they could tease you
 for real because here I am with my
 last boy upset with me.

KAEDEN
Whatever he'll get over it.

EXT. ROOFTOP - NIGHT

The rooftop is equipped for people, they are chairs all over the roof. Surprisingly nobody is up there except Kaeden and Leandro.

Kaeden looks up at the sky in awe, and she spins around and giggles a bit.

KAEDEN
Wow... it's beautiful up here.

LEANDRO
I'm glad you liked it, come on.

He leads her to one of the four corners of the roof, where two long lounge chairs are and a table in between them.

He gives her the wine and opener to hold and then remove the table from in between the two chairs and joint the chairs together.

He put the table beside one of the chair sides and then take back the things he gave Kaeden to hold.

LEANDRO (CONT'D)
Ladies first.

Kaeden blush and then lay down on her back on the lounge chair.

Leandro sits upward on the chair, place the bottle and it's opener on the table and removes his jacket.

LEANDRO (CONT'D)
Come, sit up.

Kaeden obeys and Leandro moves in with his jacket and she puts her hands through it and it cause them to get very close.

LEANDRO (CONT'D)
It is bit chilly up here, I can't have you catching a cold.

Kaeden smiles, upon noticing this they both blush and Leandro moves back and take up the wine and starts opening it.

Kaeden fixes the jacket around her.

KAEDEN

Woeee, this smells like you a lot.
I am definitely going to need a
long shower when I get home.

LEANDRO

Oh so I stink?

KAEDEN

(lays back down on her
side and face Leandro)
No not like that, like seriously
Brooks.

LEANDRO

You said it not me.

KAEDEN

Before you gave me this jacket I
could've gone home and just crash.
But now that you gave me your
jacket when I take it off I'll
smell like you and then when I
reach home I'll be restless. I
won't be able to stop thinking
about you.

LEANDRO

Oh yeah? Well confession is good
for the soul.

Kaeden blushes and punch Leandro on his arm playfully.

KAEDEN

(still blushing)
I hate you.

LEANDRO

No you don't and let me remind you
that legally
(points at the wedding
band on her finger)
I am your husband.

KAEDEN

Whatever I don't plan for your
scent to affect me it just does.

LEANDRO

(blush)
And if I am being completely
honest with you sometimes your
scent affects me too.

KAEDEN

How? I mean in all honesty this is really the first time since we separated, what-

LEANDRO

Over a decade ago.

KAEDEN

Yes over a decade now since we broke up and this is the first time we actually sat and talk just the two of us and it wasn't sons talk or anything this comfortable, wine and stuff.

LEANDRO

Uh-huh this is the first time we had real alone time since we separated but we've met and we hugged and you can agree that sometimes we hug longer than we should.

KAEDEN

That is true.

LEANDRO

And when I pull away I usually smell like you.

KAEDEN

Visa versa and that's how I figured out that your scent drive me insane when it's left unattended.

They both laugh and Leandro stretches the now open wine bottle to her.

LEANDRO

Ladies first, bless it.

KAEDEN

No man that's okay you drink first.

LEANDRO

(laugh)

Oh because I am of Royal Priesthood you want me to drink first.

KAEDEN
(sucks teeth)
So I'm I.. drink the damn thing
Brooks.

Leandro smiles and put the bottle to his head.

LEANDRO
Mmmm this is good.

KAEDEN
Oh yeah?

LEANDRO
Uh-huh have some.

Leandro tries to feed her the wine and she turns her head.

KAEDEN
No I can help myself.

LEANDRO
K for the love of God drink the
thing and stop playing.

KAEDEN
(blushing)
But-

LEANDRO
(smile)
You're so beautiful when you
blush.

KAEDEN
(blushes even harder)
Oh lord have mercy! Brooks cut it
out!

LEANDRO
I am just being honest, now come
on drink up.

Leandro put the bottle to Kaeden's lips and she drinks it.

KAEDEN
Yeah this is really nice.

LEANDRO
You like it?

KAEDEN
Yes I do.

LEANDRO
(bites his lip and
smirk)
I'm glad you do.

KAEDEN
(blushes)
Stop doing that.

Leandro smiles a proud smile because he feels good that he did good. They fall in a comfortable silence and they both enjoy the view until Kaeden breaks.

KAEDEN (CONT'D)
Brooks was it me?

Leandro didn't answer right away.

LEANDRO
Was what you?

KAEDEN
You know what.

LEANDRO
No I don't.

KAEDEN
(unamused)
Come on Brooks.

Leandro again didn't answer right away.

LEANDRO
(drinks some wine)
No it wasn't.

KAEDEN
No be more specific.

LEANDRO
No it wasn't just you, it was me
too. Was us.

KAEDEN
Are you just saying that to make
me feel good?

LEANDRO
(feeds kaeden some wine)
Absolutely not, you didn't just
wake up and did what you did.
(MORE)

LEANDRO (CONT'D)

It was things that I was doing it was the both of us that are to be blamed. I just didn't expect you to be that serious and severe with me of all people but you were and it is what it is and you gave people that shouldn't have had a voice in our marriage a voice.

KAEDEN

I did do that and it wasn't right I am sorry and over the years it didn't feel that way, it felt like it was just me that ruined it.

LEANDRO

(feeds kaeden some more wine then drinks some)
My people?

KAEDEN

And mines too because the people of your circle were more and also more influential than mines so even my people started believing yours and I was blame for our marriage going up in flames and there I was left in the cold ugly storm and everyone that I gave voices too just left me to endure it by myself and in the end I felt like I just had to take the blame because only then will I feel somewhat accepted again.

LEANDRO

(drinks wine)
I am sorry that you had to take all the heat alone and I am also sorry that I watched this all happen and didn't come to your rescue.

KAEDEN

Uh-huh.

LEANDRO

And for the record our marriage didn't go up in flames.. The foundation that we first started out on is still there and look at us we haven't even had a divorce.

(MORE)

LEANDRO (CONT'D)

We are legally husband and wife
still. If we went up in flames
that wouldn't be.

She takes the wine bottle from Leandro and drink some then
feeds him some.

KAEDEN

Yes you did watch them crucify me.

LEANDRO

Yes but I was so hurt and angry I
just didn't care.

KAEDEN

(drinks wine)

I was hurt and angry too. You
started to get caught up in the
fame and glory. You stopped being
Myyy Brooks and started to become
the people's Leandro Anthony
Brooks and he was everybody's man
and I didn't want everyone's man I
wanted my man, Brooks and that's
where it all started to go wrong.

LEANDRO

Right and that's why it goes to
say that it wasn't all your fault
that I played a role in it too.

KAEDEN

(feeds leandro wine)

I miss us Brooks.

LEANDRO

I miss us too and we might have
messed up our marriage but we sure
as hell did great with those three
boys.

KAEDEN

(smile)

And believe me that wasn't easy at
first.

LEANDRO

Yes it wasn't but as soon as we
put away husband and wife and put
on mother and father that was it.

KAEDEN

(drinks wine)

Oh yeahhhhh Leandro, Leonardo and Leano had it goood. They felt some heat in the beginning but we sure made up for it.

LEANDRO

Damn right! Congrats Mama we raised our children right.

KAEDEN

Who knew that we had it in us to create, shape and maintain three strong will boys like we have?

LEANDRO

(takes the wine bottle from kaeden and drink)

Let me just correct you right there we have men now we don't have boys no more.

KAEDEN

(laughs)

Right right my apologies and just for the record and to remind you... You do owe me a daughter.

Leandro laughs out loud and Kaeden takes the wine bottle from him and sip. Leandro continues laughing and claps his hand.

LEANDRO

(smiling brightly)

I can't believe you remembered that.

KAEDEN

Why wouldn't I?

(hands back the wine to Leandro and he takes a sip)

If I'm being completely honest I think about having a daughter everyday.

LEANDRO

(sobers up)

Oh yeah?

KAEDEN

YES, I think maybe three or two years ago I called you for that baby.

LEANDRO
(sits up and put the
wine bottle on the table
beside him)
Call me?
(points at himself)
Me Leandro Brooks senior?

KAEDEN
Yeah I called your phone.

LEANDRO
May I remind you that our first
born and I share the same name so
you might have mistakenly called
the other Leandro.

KAEDEN
No I called you.

LEANDRO
If you had call me that child
would've been down there in that
room dancing with her brothers. I
can tell you that.

KAEDEN
When I called you were half asleep
and then your armor bearer took
the phone away from you and that
just did it for me, it was like a
cup of cold water was thrown in my
face and I snapped out of it.

Kaeden reaches over for the wine bottle and Leandro gets up
and paces a little then sits back down.

KAEDEN (CONT'D)
(drinks wine)
You alright?

LEANDRO
Then why didn't you call back or
send a text so I could've seen it
when I woke up?

KAEDEN
Because I came back to my senses.

LEANDRO
(lay down on his back)
Well you never lost them to begin
with.

KAEDEN
Wanting you to get me pregnant
makes sense?

LEANDRO
Hell yeahhhhh!

Kaeden laugh and reaches over him and place the wine bottle on the table beside him. Upon realizing there closeness they both blush but it didn't stop Kaeden from bringing her body closer to his and half her body on him.

KAEDEN
You seem to have forgotten what
and who we are.

LEANDRO
No I think you've forgotten, I am
your husband remember.

KAEDEN
Yes Brooks but we are married and
separated.

LEANDRO
If we should go for another baby
right now and succeed who will
feel the pain for it?

KAEDEN
I will.

LEANDRO
Who will be responsible for it?

KAEDEN
We will.

LEANDRO
When the whole world turns it's
back against it who will have to
be there for it?

KAEDEN
We will.

LEANDRO
Then why you keep telling me about
people.

KAEDEN

Fair points but okay let's put away the people's opinion about it and focus and the three of us, let's say we really get a girl so it's all about her, you and I.

LEANDRO

Yeah Leandra.

KAEDEN

(cuddles up to him and gets comfortable)

Yeah we are not naming her that (looks at the astonished Leandro)

So it's the three of us how would we raise her? I get her on weekdays and you get her on weekends?

(humorless laugh)

When she's born I'm going to have to endure the pain of recovery plus tiresome nights by myself?

LEANDRO

I see your points but we gon do this different. First thing we going to do different is your pregnancy, I know it doesn't matter what I say you're always going to be worrying about what people say so when you start showing I'm going to send you away and a week or so before your due date I'll come. We'll stay until she's a few weeks and then we come back.

KAEDEN

I hear you.

LEANDRO

When we come back you'll stay at my house until she starts sleeping through the nights. Of course I'll be maintaining my child and I'll come and see my baby everyday after you go back home. When she comes of age where she can talk then we'll have it easy nothing to worry about.

KAEDEN

Easy?

LEANDRO

Yes easy because then she'll say what she wants. It won't be you on weekdays and me on weekends it'll be where ever she wants to go.

Kaeden laugh at Leandro's last remark and sit's up.

KAEDEN

You do know that is no proper way to raise a child right?

LEANDRO

She'll turn out perfectly fine remember that.

KAEDEN

Yes Mr. Brooks I hear you yet another time. We'll see how you feel about that in the next month or so.

LEANDRO

(feeds kaeden some wine then drink after her)
I'll still feel the same way I do now.

KAEDEN

We'll see about that in the next month.

LEANDRO

You better not be getting my hopes up just to and I quote "get back to your senses" I am going to be very angry if you do that.

She takes the wine bottle from his hand and put it back on the table

KAEDEN

(laughs)
Okay.

Kaeden lay her head on Leandro's chest and put her arms around his waist and Leandro in return cuddles up to her and wraps one of his arm around her waist and use his other hand to move one of her hands to his heart.

INT. WEDDING RECEPTION ROOM - NIGHT

Three look alike boys including Leano are standing upstairs at the balcony that overlooks the dance floor where Kaeden and Leandro were a few hours ago.

The bride is still on the dance floor dancing even though her groom is else where.

The other two boys are the groom Leandro Jr. and Leanardo Brooks.

LEANDRO BROOKS JR., 24, BLACK, LOOKS LIKE A YOUNGER VERSION OF LEANDRO SR., SHORT DREADS and SPORTS KAEDEN'S SMILE.

LEANARDO BROOKS, 19, BLACK, HANDSOME, MOHAWK WITH LONG DREADS, NICELY BUILT and LOOKS LIKE LEANDRO SR.

LEANO

Fellas I can't find Mammy.

LEANARDO

(laughs)

You're 15 years old too old to be wanting Mom's breast.

LEANO

Shut up monkey. You don't care about Mom so you wouldn't understand what I am feeling now.

Leanardo body language and facial expression quickly change from jokey to serious.

LEANARDO

Now you've crossed the line. Listen don't get me upset up in this place I'll knock you out Leano don't play that bull with me.

LEANO

Knock out who? Nigga you tripping!

LEANARDO

That's it you gon get it now.

Leanardo grabs off of Leano and Leano runs behind Leandro Jr.

LEANO

Leandro!

Leandro Jr. reaches out and put his hands out to stop Leanardo.

LEANDRO JR.

Alright! Alright! Cut it out!

Leanardo still tries to grab Leano.

LEANDRO JR. (CONT'D)
I said cut it out Ardo.

LEANARDO
(points at Leano)
You don't have no respect.

LEANDRO JR.
I'm pretty sure neither does you
but that's besides the point. Now
on a serious note where is Mom?
This is not like-

LEANARDO
And Dad.

LEANDRO JR.
And Dad?

LEANARDO
Yeah he's missing too.

LEANO
(steps from behind his
brother)
Oh I saw him in the elevator a
while back he was in a bit of a
hurry but I don't know where he is
now.

The two big brothers look at each other with a sneaky look
on their faces then turn back to the small brother and
smirks.

LEANDRO JR.
What did he look like when you see
him?

LEANO
(frowns)
He was looking like Dad.

LEANARDO
No fool like he was excited? he
was smiling? He looked-

LEANO
Oh he looked impatient and a
little anxious.

LEANARDO
(shake his head)
That's the same things Ano.

LEANDRO JR.
Was he like checking his watch?

LEANO
Nah he was just standing there
with a wine bottle and a opener in
his hand and-

LEANARDO
(smiles brightly)
A wine bottle you say.

LEANO
Yep.

LEANDRO JR.
So Mom and Dad is missing and the
last time Dad was seen was with a
wine bottle and that doesn't seem
a little too suspicious to you
guys?

The three boys stop and thought about it for a minute then they erupts in cheer and laughter and start hugging each other and doing happy dances. Some of the people from downstairs looks up to see the excitement that is going with the boys.

The boys all had happier looks on their faces.

LEANARDO
(looks at Leandro Jr.)
You're wedding is the best!

LEANO
Wait! stop wait.

The boys sobers up and watch their little brother but still wears exciting looks.

LEANO (CONT'D)
What if it ain't her? We can be
here happy and stuff and be just
assuming that somewhere right now
our parents are making back up but
actually Daddy is with some other
female and Mammy just left because
she's tired.

LEANARDO LEANDRO JR.
Oh..

The three brothers stops again and thought for a minute then Leandro Jr. takes out his phone.

LEANDRO JR.
 (holds up his phone)
 Let's track Mom's phone.

The two other brothers watches their big brother like 'why do you have a tracker on Mom's phone?'

LEANDRO JR. (CONT'D)
 Don't look at me like that Fam,
 she's a lonely individual I needs
 to keep tabs on her whereabouts. I
 feel better when I know where she
 is, I worry a lot about the woman.

LEANARDO
 Fair enough but you didn't think
 to connect us
 (points on Leano then
 himself)
 To the tracker thing so we can
 know about her whereabouts too?

LEANO
 Exactly! It would've helped me
 find her tonight when I just
 started looking for her.

LEANDRO JR.
 Yeah whatever. Now come let's do
 this.

The Brooks brothers all surrounds the phone and Leandro Jr. did what he has to do.

LEANARDO
 It says she's in the building.

LEANDRO JR.
 So much for her being tired and
 left.

LEANO
 Where exactly in the building is
 she?

Leandro Jr. press some more on his phone.

LEANDRO JR. LEANARDO LEANO
 On the roof.

LEANARDO
 What is she doing on the roof?

LEANO
 Let's go up there and see.

LEANDRO JR.

What if they're up there still?

LEANO

So?

LEANARDO

We'll ruined the moment.

LEANO

We are not even sure if she's up there with someone much less Daddy and I think there's only one way to find out and it's for us to go up there and see.

LEANDRO JR.

If we go up there they gon stop doing

(smirk)

Whatever it is they're up there doing.

LEANARDO

And that's exactly why we not going up there.

LEANO

We should go because it could be that she's up there with someone else and we don't want someone else remember? Fellas we want our father.

The other two brothers thought about it.

LEANDRO JR.

Well we are going to have to gamble on it. It can be that the prayer we've been praying for so many years that our parents will get back together is being answered or the prayer that we've been praying to not come to pass that they move on from each other is happening right now. We just have to hope it's the one that we want is happening now.

LEANO

True that.

LEANARDO

I've got and idea to know who Mom is up there with.

LEANO
We are not going up there.

LEANARDO
And they can't stay up there.

LEANDRO JR.
And you're not ruined it because
it could be our Dad.

LEANARDO
I didn't say I was going to ruined
it. In fact the idea mostly
includes waiting.

EXT. ROOFTOP - NIGHT

The couple is still laying down in each other arms. Leandro has the wine bottle drinking from. Every time he would drink some he put the bottle at her head and she drinks some too.

LEANDRO
(smiling)
K are we really going to sit here
and drink off this whole bottle of
wine?

KAEDEN
No we are going to lay down here
and do it.

Kaeden and Leandro laughs at what she said.

KAEDEN (CONT'D)
I'm just kidding we should really
stop drinking it now.

Leandro puts the bottle back on the table.

LEANDRO
We can't risk you getting drunk
seen as you can't really handle-

Kaeden eases of him a little and playfully punch him.

KAEDEN
Brooks! a matter of fact speak for
yourself can you handle your
alcohol?

LEANDRO
You could really ask me that?

KAEDEN
Cannnnn youuuu? It's a yes or no
question.

LEANDRO
Well-

KAEDEN
Yes or no?

LEANDRO
Maybe so.

Kaeden laugh and shakes her head, and lay back down on him.
She brings her face closer to his and starts playing with
his beard.

He's smiling and she's smiling.

KAEDEN
This is nice.

LEANDRO
Yeah this real nice. We should do
this more often.

KAEDEN
Or not..

They both laugh and by now their faces are almost touching.

LEANDRO
(husky voice)
Why not?

KAEDEN
Tell me why should we.

LEANDRO
I don't see why we shouldn't.

KAEDEN
That's because you've had too much
to drink and I'm practically
laying on you so you're not
thinking rationally.

Leandro pulls her on him completely, she lets out a small
squeal and he place his arms around her to trap her on top
of him.

LEANDRO
You were saying?

Kaeden blushes and smile.

KAEDEN

Brooks what are you doing?

LEANDRO

I'm enjoying my wife's company.

Kaeden exhales loudly. She keeps playing with his beard and then she lays back down on his chest. Leandro push his hands under his jacket that Kaeden is wearing and squeeze her in his arms.

LEANDRO (CONT'D)

(he closes his eyes and
gently rubs her back)

This is where you belong.

KAEDEN

In your arms?

LEANDRO

Yes.

KAEDEN

I wonder what you'll say when I
find a new man and marry him next
month.

He stops rubbing her back and his eye's shoots open immediately.

LEANDRO

Say that again.. I didn't quite
get it.

KAEDEN

I said-

LEANDRO

You know what don't bother I
remembered perfectly fine what you
said and because God made us to
talk I can't blame you.

(serious)

And all the same when you do that
it'll work perfect for the girl
that I'm to marry. You'll make it
easier for us.

KAEDEN

(lifts her head off his
chest)

I'd like to see you try.

LEANDRO
 (watches her seriously)
 So you honestly thought that I
 would just stay single and alone
 until I die? Man shall not live by
 bread alone nor by just the word
 but a little ehm ehm too.

KAEDEN
 Whatever.

Kaeden rolls of him and starts getting up when Leandro starts laughing.

LEANDRO
 I'm just joking come K.

KAEDEN
 Whatever.

Kaeden gets up and starts walking to the elevator.

LEANDRO
 (gets up and goes after
 her)
 Hey! K?

He catches up to her and wrap his arms around her and kisses the back of her neck.

LEANDRO (CONT'D)
 Come on I was just joking.

KAEDEN
 Only you found that funny.

LEANDRO
 I promise not another unfunny joke
 but please don't go yet.

Leandro turn her around so they are facing each other. Kaeden folds her arms in front of her and refuses to make eye contact with him.

LEANDRO (CONT'D)
 You won't look at me?

KAEDEN
 Nope.

LEANDRO

I won't ever remarry, unless we get back together and decided to renew our vows that's the only way I'll stand in front of a Bishop, Pastor or whatever and say I do.

KAEDEN

(unmoving)

Nice.

LEANDRO

I'm sorry it was just a joke and you shouldn't be mad because you started it.

KAEDEN

You took it to another level.

LEANDRO

Look at this

(shows her his ring
finger that has on a
ring)

Not our wedding ring but I still wear a ring on it

(put his finger between
his collar and neck and
reveal a gold chain with
a ring on it)

And I might not wear our wedding ring on my finger but I do wear it else where.

Kaeden didn't comment she just stands there and stares at him.

LEANDRO (CONT'D)

Will you come back to the chairs with me?

KAEDEN

Under one condition.

LEANDRO

And that is?

KAEDEN

You don't touch me.

LEANDRO

Oh come on K.

Kaeden didn't respond she just walk pass him and went back to the chairs, he follows behind her. When she reaches her

chair she lays back down but this time she turns her back to Leandro.

Leandro stands there with his hands in his pocket and watches her and smiles broadly.

LEANDRO (CONT'D)

You amaze me.

She didn't answer, she ignores him.

LEANDRO (CONT'D)

You not going to talk to me?

KAEDEN

Nope.

Leandro stays smiling broadly. He removes his hands from his pocket and lays down beside her, he immediately breaks the condition and pulls Kaeden in him and cuddle her from the back.

KAEDEN (CONT'D)

Broo-

LEANDRO

I love you.

She starts blushing and she didn't answer him.

LEANDRO (CONT'D)

Oh so you don't love me?

KAEDEN

(smiles)

I'm still upset with you for your little man shall not live by bread alone nor by just the word stunt.

LEANDRO

But if I didn't pull the stunt and I told you that I love you would you say it back.

KAEDEN

Like if you said it earlier tonight?

LEANDRO

Yes.

Kaeden turns around in Leandro's arms and stare in his eyes then lock lips with him. Leandro immediately responds and start kissing her.

A few minutes into the kiss they broke the kiss. Their both breathless and blushing.

Quickly being reminded that she kissed first she hides her face in his chest and his smile widens.

LEANDRO (CONT'D)

For a second there I thought you were silently telling me let's conceive the baby here right now.

KAEDEN

Brooks... shut up!

He laughs out loudly and wrap his hands around her protectively.

LEANDRO

See how beautiful it can be when we don't give the people an opinion.

KAEDEN

The people will always have an opinion.

LEANDRO

But it's up to us what we do with those opinion.

KAEDEN

And we'll ignore them okay fine, this we can hide and keep a secret but how do we hide a child?

LEANDRO

Who said anything about hide?

KAEDEN

(laughs)

You have got to be tipsy from all that wine.

LEANDRO

We are husband and wife, we are married we have papers to prove that so what if we decide to have another child?

KAEDEN

We are married yes but we are separated.

LEANDRO
We complicated and that's all the
people needs to know.

KAEDEN
(laughs)
You are really serious about this.

LEANDRO
I am.

KAEDEN
So we are married but separated,
in love but can't be together,
want to have a baby together and
be single married parents?

LEANDRO
(smiles)
Yeah that's basically it.

He pecks her on the lips and falls in a comfortable
silence.

LEANDRO (CONT'D)
Now I know how you really feel
about me moving on.

KAEDEN
Even if I die tomorrow I still
don't want you to remarry or
redate or renothing.

LEANDRO
(acts shock)
You want me to die alone?

KAEDEN
Yes exactly.

LEANDRO
(serious)
But don't worry I won't, it
wouldn't be fair to the other
person because I can't get over
you.

KAEDEN
How do you know? you ever tried?

LEANDRO
To get over you?

KAEDEN
Yes.

LEANDRO

Of course I tried, especially when we never really use to deal with each other. Out of sight out of mind? that saying was foolishness for me. I thought about you the same way.

KAEDEN

(laugh)

I tried getting over you too but you are all I ever knew so that made it even harder.

LEANDRO

I was your first everything.

KAEDEN

You are my first and only everything.

LEANDRO

Right and I'll like to keep it that way.

KAEDEN

That can be arranged but for now we need to go back.

(Kaeden sits up)

We've been up here for a while, people are going to start missing us.

LEANDRO

No Baby let's stay here. Let them miss us.

Kaeden laughs at him.

LEANDRO (CONT'D)

Noooo let's not go back a matter of fact let's run away.

KAEDEN

And leave my Leano? Oh hell no I gots him to live for. Come lets go.

LEANDRO

Oh yes him, but as soon as he's as big as Leonardo we are running away.

KAEDEN
 (gets up and watch
 Leandro who is still
 laying down)
 By then Keden will be about 3 or 4
 years old so no running away.

LEANDRO
 Keden? Yes maybe we can name her
 that but Leanna sounds better and
 we would run away with her too,
 even if she's as big as Leandro.
 She's coming wherever we go.

Leandro gets up and take the wine bottle opener with him.

KAEDEN
 (smiling; starts
 walking)
 I am naming her. If she comes.

LEANDRO
 Here we go again.

Leandro catches up with Kaeden and holds her hand and they
 walk together.

LEANDRO (CONT'D)
 She gon come.

KAEDEN
 We'll see about that.

They reach the elevator and Leandro presses the elevator
 call button then turns back to Kaeden. They stand facing
 each other and Kaeden wraps her hands around his neck and
 he wraps his hands around her waist.

LEANDRO
 You know I can't come down in the
 elevator with you right?

KAEDEN
 Yes I know, you can do the stairs
 it's good for your health and I
 can't go down there with your
 jacket on me either.

LEANDRO
 Oh yeah that's right.

They release each other and Kaeden takes off his jacket and
 hands it to him.

KAEDEN
Thanks for being a gentleman.

LEANDRO
How rude? I am always a gentleman.

KAEDEN
Not with me, Brooks you tries your best to avoid me refrain from calling my name or touching me.

The elevator door opens.

LEANDRO
And make sure when I do those things you don't tell me that I am over doing it.

KAEDEN
Oh come on, don't go overdoing it now Brooks. I know how you can get.

LEANDRO
No don't come with that now.. So do I get a goodnight kiss?

KAEDEN
I don't know about goodnight but I can give you a goodbye kiss because we are not making this a habit.

LEANDRO
Okay I'll take it.

They lock lips and share a passionate kiss then Kaeden pulls away and goes in the elevator, they smile happily as the elevator door closes.

INT. WEDDING RECEPTION ROOM - NIGHT

LEANO
Look at this new dance move.

Leandro Jr. is standing by the side facing the elevator and is patiently waiting, Leonardo is on the opposite end of the elevator leaning on the wall facing and watching Leano who is in front of the elevator.

LEANO (CONT'D)
Leandro you're not looking!
Andro?!

LEANDRO JR.
Look the elevator is coming down.

All the brothers attention are now on the descending elevator.

LEANO
Okay this is it. This the one, I feel it in my spirit.

LEANARDO
You said that the last five times and it wasn't them.

LEANDRO JR.
Exactly.

LEANO
(british accent)
Faith is the substance of things hope for and the evidence of things not seen! Hallelujah brother! Amen!

The trio starts killing themselves with laughter.

LEANDRO JR.
I think they dropped you on your head when you were a baby.

LEANO
(british accent)
You bloody hole!

The brothers continues in loud fits of laughter and the elevator dings and they immediately sobered up.

Kaeden is just about to step out of the elevator when she looks up and see her sons, she's a little startled to see all her three sons standing there.

KAEDEN
Okay...

The three boys didn't say anything they just each follow behind the other in the elevator. Kaeden steps back to giver her boys room.

KAEDEN (CONT'D)
Again.. Okayy...

INT. ELEVATOR - NIGHT

Leanardo press a button for a floor then the elevator starts moving. Leandro Jr. reaches over him and press the emergency stop button.

KAEDEN
What the hell?

All three boy turns around and now face their mother with serious looks. Leandro Jr. is standing in the middle and Leanardo is to his right and Leano to his left.

LEANO
Where were you Mom?

KAEDEN
I don't answer to you, you answer to me. Don't get it twisted.

LEANDRO JR.
So you not going to tell us where you were?

KAEDEN
Of all my children I nag you the most so since when you want to know my whereabouts?

LEANDRO JR.
Is it a problem if I now want to know?

KAEDEN
Well why you want to know all of a sudden?

LEANO
You look flushed, where were you?

LEANARDO
You people keep asking question with questions and it's getting us no where so it's my turn. Gimmie a kiss right here
(points to his cheek)
Mom and hug Leano.

LEANO KAEDEN
What? Why?

LEANARDO
Oh so you don't want to kiss and hug your sons anymore?

KAEDEN

That's besides the point.... This has got to be some stupid prank.

LEANDRO JR.

Just kiss the boy and hug the other.

KAEDEN

Since when Leanardo isn't grossed out about kisses from his father and I?

LEANDRO JR. LEANARDO

Since now.

LEANO

And why does she have to hug me?

LEANDRO JR.

Shut up you're the little one you don't get to ask question.

Leandro Jr. softly and discreetly nudge Leanardo. Immediately he catches on.

LEANARDO

That's the thing with this rat he be forgetting his post.

LEANO

(confuse to why his brothers are dissing him)

What I do?

LEANDRO JR.

Watch him now Ardo he playing stupid like he don't know what he did.

LEANO

But I ain't did nothing for real!

KAEDEN

Okay that's enough!
(pulls Leano in her arms)
Stop disrespecting him.

Upon the arrival of being in his mother's warm arms the warmth that usually catches his attention is overshadowed by something else.

Leandro Jr. and Leonardo high five each other knowing that there little spiteful words to their mother's baby wouldn't be ignored and that she'll immediately tries to shield him from them

LEANO
Mammy why do you smell like
Daddy's perfume?

LEANARDO
And never mind about giving me a
kiss I'll give it to you.

KAEDEN
Wh-

Leonardo kisses his mother on the cheek.

LEANARDO
You're breath smells like wine.

LEANDRO JR.
And that's what Leano saw Dad with
when he was in this elevator.

LEANO
(steps out of his
mother's arms)
Good job boys but how about no
insult next time?

LEANARDO LEANDRO JR.
Next time?

LEANDRO JR.
Mom you plan on doing this again.

Kaeden folds her arm over her chest.

KAEDEN
This is why you trapped me in an
elevator?

LEANO
Where were you Mom?

KAEDEN
Out..

LEANO
Out where?

LEANDRO JR.
With who?

LEANARDO
And where's the who?

KAEDEN
Why do I think that you three
already knowS the answer to all
those questions but are just hell
bent on harassing me?

The Brooks Brothers laughs out loud and hit each other on the shoulder and do all sorts of things before sobering up and answer their mother.

LEANDRO JR.
Yeah we do know.

LEANO
That you were on the roof.

LEANDRO JR.
With Dad.

LEANARDO
And he's maybe taking the stairs
or somewhere up on the roof still.

KAEDEN
Then why are you pestering me?

LEANDRO JR.
We know where you were and-

LEANO
Mammy what were you and Daddy
doing on the rooftop?

LEANARDO
Thank you Ano because I was
wondering what Junior boy doing
with that long sentence. Like she
already knows that and we already
knows that. What we don't know is
why and what they were doing up
there.

KAEDEN
We were talking..

LEANDRO JR. LEANARDO LEANO
About?

Kaeden didn't answer right away, she lets a anticipating silence falls over them.

KAEDEN

I'm pregnant.

They all have shock looks over their faces and Leano was the first to react.

LEANO

(african voice; put his hands on his head)

I am finish ohhh.

LEANDRO JR.

(frown)

What the- How the- Why the-?

Leandro Jr. couldn't get out his words so he decides to go in the first left corner as you enter the elevator and sit.

LEANARDO

(eyes open wide)

Mom who got you pregnant?!

LEANO

Yes answer that.

KAEDEN

Well... see the thing is.

LEANDRO JR.

What thing Mom?!

KAEDEN

I DON'T KNOW WHO THE DADDY IS!

LEANO

(african voice)

My life has come to an end!

LEANDRO JR.

Mom who you had sex with?

LEANARDO

Yeah he obviously made you pregnant!

KAEDEN

There has been so much, I just can't be sure. There was Carl and then Steve, no wait Matthew and Tony came before Steve.. Oh it can be Malcom's! Or Rick bec-

LEANO

Mammy!

LEANDRO JR.

Oh Jesus christ, Mom you are a
Bisho-

LEANARDO

You told Dad all that? Why did you
even go to him?

KAEDEN

He's all spiritual and stuff I
thought maybe he can foresee
(move her hands over her
stomach in a circular
motion)

Som-

Leanardo slaps her hand away from her stomach.

LEANARDO

Don't do that.

KAEDEN

You better get use to it because
this going to be your brother or
sister soon.

LEANO

The devil is a liar. Nope!

LEANDRO JR.

Mom is you a prostitute?

KAEDEN

No I just-

LEANARDO

No don't finish that sentence!

Leandro Jr. stays seated where he's already sitting, Leano
joins him and bring his knees up and folds his arms over
them and hides his face. Leanardo stands to the side beside
his brothers. All three boys look shaken up and sad.

Kaeden is about to carry on the prank for a change and she
is really enjoying being on the other end of the table but
she snaps out of it the minute she hears the first sound of
Leano crying.

KAEDEN

Leano? Ano Baby?

She stoop down to his level and lifts up his face so she
can see. Long tears are flowing down his face.

KAEDEN (CONT'D)
Why are you crying?

LEANO
What do you mean why I'm I crying?
How can you do this to me?
(points to himself)
To us
(points to his brothers)
To Daddy even.

KAEDEN
Daddy? What does he have to do
with it?

LEANO
You don't see him going around
getting people pregnant right?!

KAEDEN
(wipe her son's tears)
Okay so you guys wouldn't like a
new sibling.

LEANO
Not like this no!

KAEDEN
Leanardo? No new sibling?

LEANARDO
I agree with Leano, if it was on
different circumstances sure.

KAEDEN
Leandro?

LEANDRO JR.
Mom how you gon have sex with so
much different people? Like that's
nasty!

KAEDEN
That ain't the question.

LEANDRO JR.
But that's my answer.

KAEDEN
(serious; calm)
I am going to start hitting you I
promise you.

KAEDEN (CONT'D)

(smiling)

Okay guys after enjoying this so much I need to come clean because even though you're reactions were priceless you all look piti-ful. Mom is not pregnant.

The boys immediately erupts in yays and happy cheers. Leano wraps his arms around his mother and kiss her all over.

LEANDRO JR.

Thank you Jesus!

LEANARDO

Oh God I thought I was going to fall in depression for a second there.

KAEDEN

Oh please, you guys seem to be happy knowing you won't be getting a new sibling.

LEANO

Well yeah.

KAEDEN

(serious)

Even if it was for your father?

The boys catches on to the seriousness in their mother's voice and watches her speechless.

Leandro Jr. is the first one to jump up.

LEANDRO JR.

Yayy! Daddy got Mammy pregnant!

KAEDEN

(stands up)

Wait hold on! I never said that.

Leandro Jr. watches her confuse.

LEANARDO

Then what are you saying?

KAEDEN

You're father and I discuss having a daughter.

LEANO

Okay good!

(happy dance)

We getting a sister! We getting a sister!

KAEDEN

Maybe we don't make it out of here alive if you guys keep jumping around in here, like for real!

LEANO

Okay fine so hold on,

(frown)

Y'all like did it on the roof a while ago?

KAEDEN

(taken aback)

What in the world? I am not answering that.

LEANARDO

You sound guilty.

KAEDEN

No we didn't do anything-

LEANO

Y'all never kissed?

KAEDEN

Well yes we did.

LEANO

So how you said y'all ain't do anything.

Kaeden watches her youngest and move her head from left to right.

KAEDEN

I am not talking to either of you about the sexually activities I participate in with your father. No.. Next question!

The three boys look at each other.

LEANDRO JR. LEANARDO LEANO

Yeah we'll just ask Dad later.

LEANARDO

Yes like if he service it or whats so ever.

Kaeden stays shock and unmoving staring at her sons.

KAEDEN
You got to be kidding me.

LEANO
So you guys hugged?

KAEDEN
You can ask your father, he'll
tell you right?

LEANO
But I want to it hear from you.

KAEDEN
Yes we hugged Leano.

LEANARDO
And what else?

KAEDEN
Cuddled and drank wine.

LEANARDO
(smiles)
Look at y'all living life and
thing.

LEANO
So if y'all did all that why
didn't you let him chop it?

KAEDEN
You are my youngest you're not
suppose to be asking me that!

LEANO
Leandro you the oldest, ask her.

KAEDEN
Leandro you are my oldest you're
not suppose to be asking me that.

LEANDRO JR.
(serious)
Okay one last question and I'll
press the go button on the
elevator.

KAEDEN
Give it to me quick.

LEANARDO
That's what you told Dad?

Leanardo and Leano laughs and Leandro Jr. tries to hide his smile while Kaeden stands there shocked again.

KAEDEN
Leandro the question, NOWWWW!

LEANDRO JR.
My last and final question that you'll receive tonight is, are you two back together?

Kaeden smile and the boys anticipate her answer, she takes a long deep breath.

KAEDEN
No we are not back together.

The boys all shared the same disappointed look.

LEANO
But y'all kissed.

KAEDEN
He's my husband.

LEANARDO
You two are planning to have a baby.

KAEDEN
He's my husband.

LEANO
Y'all cuddled and drank wine.

KAEDEN
He's my husband.

LEANDRO JR.
Is this like a permanent no? Sorry I said that it would be my last question.

Leandro Jr. turns to the elevator buttons and press a few buttons and few seconds later the elevator starts moving.

KAEDEN
We don't know what the future wholes so we can't say if it's permanent or not.

LEANO
Mammy don't you love my father?

LEANDRO JR.

Yeah.

KAEDEN

Of course I do! He's my first love and my only love but destiny has other things in store for us right now and we just have to suck it.

LEANO

That's true.

LEANDRO JR.

I don't know if you know this but it's the dream of your four sons that you two get back together.

LEANARDO

Yes it's been my dream and prayer since forever.

KAEDEN

(smile)

I didn't know that.

The elevator door opens back to the wedding.

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The mother and her children steps out the elevator and the door closes behind them.

KAEDEN

Your father is a great man, you guys know that right?

LEANDRO JR. LEANARDO LEANO

Yes we do.

LEANARDO

We are perfect examples of that great man.

KAEDEN

(smile)

Exactly, I care about him and I love him with all my heart and though I tried to stop loving him I just can't and I'll have to live with that forever and that's okay because he's a great honorable man that you just can not love.

(MORE)

KAEDEN (CONT'D)
Straight up, now give me hugs and
kisses because I am going home. I
can go home right Leandro?

LEANDRO JR.
Yes you can.

The boys gives their mother hugs and kisses. Leandro and
Leanardo are the first to walk off with both their hands in
their pockets.

LEANO
You want me to come with you?

KAEDEN
No Baby you don't have to, I'm
good.

LEANO
I want to come with you.

KAEDEN
You know Mammy won't tell you no.
Let's go.

Kaeden wraps her hand around the neck of her youngest and
starts walking out. She can feel HIS eyes on her and she
looks up and instantly their eyes lock and his lips read "I
LOVE YOU TOO MY HONORABLE WOMAN"

She blushes and fans him off and went back to looking in
front of her and Kaden Black Brooks went straight through
the door.

THE END

