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# On Screen

"I'm a mentor to anybody who's interested."

Clint Eastwood

FADE IN

EXT. MAGGIE'S HOUSE, CAPE COD NIGHT

It's the beginning of summer 2014 and high school basketball star TAJ JAMES aka TJ will be going off to college at the end of summer to take up his basketball scholarship. TJ is A 6ft three inches tall, 18 years, handsome, black, sexy. He is seen climbing out of MAGDALENA ZANETTI's (aka Maggie) bedroom window at about 1:00 am. Maggie is 5 ft 10 inches tall, shoulder length hair, black, cute but not overly attractive and slim. TJ and Maggie kiss by her window and TJ disappears in the night heading to his home about 5 minutes away.

As he walks home in the dark.

TJ (V/O)Maggie you are so sweet, what a summer this will be for me. You are no Susan, nor Keisha, nor Melissa... so different from all the other girls. I can't believe I was in you room so late, kissing you yet not getting inside of you. TJ boy that's so unlike you. Oh boy! This is going to be a summer unusual yet a summer to look forward to... I am actually dating a virgin. Hmm! What am I going to tell Uncle Peter why I am not going to sped the summer with him. You know uncle the last 3 summers with you were so much fun, I think we both can say that, but this summer will be different, I wanna be close to home... my heart is right here this summer. If you only knew what's happening at home this year you would understand and wish me well.

TJ has just climbed back inside his room and undresses, uses the bathroom and crawls into bed in his boxers and reaches for his cell phone.

> TJ Hey sweetie, wish I didnt have to leave.

MAGGIE I wish you could but you know you couldnt stay. You wouldnt understand how nervous I was while you were here.

TJ You let me in because you wanted me there. I know you are missing me right now.

# MAGGIE

What concerns me right now is that I hope my nosey neighbour didnt see you climbing through my window as my parents would land on me like a ton of bricks.

ΤJ

We are high school graduates now, we are both 18 years old, so we can now make our lives more interesting. I am looking forward to good times with you this summer. Hope you are too.

MAGGIE

I don't know what to say as I risked so much for someone tonight who isn't even my boyfriend.

TJ sits up in bed when he hears that.

ΤJ

Don't worry sweetie, this summer you will be speaking my language, in fact very soon you'll get to know me so much better that when you think of TJ you won't even think about what your parents will say.

Maggie laughs.

TJ (CONTD) Sleep tight sweetie and dream about me, wanna see you again tomorrow.

TJ kisses her over the phone and she bids him good night.

TJ rolls over in bed.

TJ (V/O) Uncle you will have to do without me this summer. You gotta understand.

FLASH BACK TO SUMMER 2013 SAN BERNARDINO NIGHT

UNCLE PETER, engineer, mid 50's black, 6ft 2 inches tall, bald, well toned, well dressed, could easily pass for 40 years old. He pulls up by a gate in his BMW X6 with a younger TJ sitting beside him.

UNCLE PETER Son, I'm going inside to say hi to a co-worker who was just released from the hospital. Stay here, listen to some music until I get back.

TJ Hope it's nothing too serious and she'll be well soon.

UNCLE PETER How you know its a she?

TJ Knowing you, I've never seen you visit any male friends, it's always someone of the female specie...

They both laugh as Uncle Peter exists the car and walks up the driveway.

TJ remains seated in the car, listens to music quite oblivious to what is going on around him. About 20 minutes later. A short, fat Indian man knocks on the car window. TJ winds down the window.

> INDIAN MAN You are blocking my driveway.

TJ a little frightened looks up at the man.

TJ

It's my uncle he went inside to say hello to someone. Let me call him.

TJ reaches for his phone and tries calling his uncle but Uncle Peter's phone rings in the pocket in the car door.

The Indian man rushed through the gate and up the driveway.

In about a minute Uncle Peter is seen running naked down the driveway, through the gate and hops into the car. Uncle Peter starts the car and speeds of in a second.

UNCLE PETER Why didnt you call me ?

TJ If you had your phone with you, then you would have gotten my call.

UNCLE PETER Don't look at me, dont.

TJ looks embarrassed for his uncle.

UNCLE PETER (CONTD) How the hell am I going to get out of this? Poor timing on my part, I didnt even get to taste it when this guy shows up.

TJ chuckles.

ΤJ

Didnt you say she was just released from the hospital?

UNCLE PETER What's wrong with you, you have been around me a couple of summers and you dont figure me out yet.I need to work out something now though.

ΤJ

What are we gonna tell Aunt Judy when we get home.

UNCLE PETER

That's what I need to figure out, you have to help me through this mess son, help me ....think of something. TJ realises that this could spell disaster for his favorite uncle.

UNCLE PETER (CONTD) Your uncle needs help right now or my marriage is over, you think your aunt will want to stay in a marriage with your cheating uncle.

TJ You don't think Aunt Judy knows that you're a cheater by now?

UNCLE PETER Listen up help me now, think of something and I will owe you big time, I mean I will do anything for you.

TJ turns and glances on his uncle's face and sees the desperation.

TJ We can hope that when he get home Aunt Judy will be gone to bed by then.

UNCLE PETER I doubt that as she usually likes to stay up until we get back.

TJ Well pull up a little from our gate and let me see if I can sneak inside and grab some clothes for you.

Uncle Peter is seen pulling up a few meters from his gate. TJ exits car and walks up to their gate.

Uncle Peter remains in car looking nervous and awkward.He is seen looking around him as he wouldn't want anyone to pass by and see him in that state.Within three minutes TJ returns.

> TJ You are screwed tonight uncle. Aunt Judy seems to be up watching TV in the living room and the back door is closed.

Uncle Peter reached for his glove compartment and hands TJ a screw driver.

UNCLE PETER Here, even if you don't know how to use it you better learn now and get that back door open... and you don't have much time.

TJ grabs the screwdriver, sighs and walks away. He turns back in an instant.

TJ Call Auntie and strike up a conversation... you know a little distraction may help.

UNCLE PETER (V/O)Look who is helping me solve my dilemma, my 16 year old nephew to the rescue.

TJ is seen working the screw driver on the back door lock, while Uncle Peter is on the phone with Aunt Judy.

Within five minutes TJ returns with a jeans and a TJ, and a flip flop for his uncle. A grateful Uncle Peter is seen putting on his clothes inside the car.

UNCLE PETER Son, I feel like you just gave me back my life. You saved my marriage, I won't forget tonight, like I said earlier I will do anything for you.

Uncle Peter drives through his gate looking like the cat that ate the goldfish.

CUT To.

# INT. TJ'S BEDROOM NIGHT

TJ still lying in bed reminiscing about that summer and how he will tell his uncle that he will not be spending this summer with him. He knows his uncle always looks forward to him coming.

> TJ (V/O)Uncle I know it's always fun to be with by you but, I have to pass on it this summer.

# INT. TJ'S LIVING ROOM MORNING

TJ over hears his dad on the phone speaking with Uncle Peter. ROBERT JAMES, Chartered Accountant, 50 years old, handsome, 6ft 1 inch tall, black.

#### ROBERT

Hey bro, remember TJ is coming as usual to spend summer with you, as usual. We are going on a Mediterranean cruise and leaving on Monday.

UNCLE PETER You know tht's fine with me man, TJ and me this summer gonna run things in San Bernardino again. One more summer before the boy goes off to college.

TJ eavesdropping and frowns as he knows he doesn't want to go to Uncle Peter and Aunt Judy this summer a break in the trend from the last 3 summers.

> TJ (V/O) Sorry Uncle P, not this summer, but I will need your help though, big time.... time to pay me back now, I need a big favor.

TJ walks briskly back inside his room and reaches for his phone.

INT. TJ'S BEDROOM DAY

TJ (TEXT) Hey Uncle call me as soon as you can.

TJ is seen dialing on his phone, but the person doesn't answer, he dials three times and still no answer so he sends a text.

TJ (TEXT) Good morning sunshine, what did I do to you last night why you are not answering? Thought you would be thinking of me so much that you didn't sleep last night and would be up already.

As soon as he throws down his phone is rings.TJ grabs it and answers.

ΤJ

Hey sweetie, why are you not...

# UNCLE PETER

Is sweetie you calling me son, have you changed after all the grooming I have given you over the past three summers. Of all the things my nephew can be, he cant be... be...

ΤJ

Cut that put Uncle P, I thought it was my, my new girlfriend.

#### UNCLE PETER

So how I am just hearing about her? You know you have to check in with on all that's going on with you.

ΤJ

Just kool Uncle P, this relationship is hot off the press, even though I say she is my girlfriend, we just start talking seriously about 3 weeks ago. So really I am not sure I should say much yet, but actually she is the reason why I sent you that text earlier.

# UNCLE PETER

You message seemed urgent.

TJ seems a bit tentative before he says anything more.

TJ I'm not going to be coming by you this summer.

# UNCLE PETER

Oh really, how come? You know I always look forward to us hanging out all summer.

ΤJ

I know that when I am there it's always adventure after adventure but this summer I wanna stay close to home.

UNCLE PETER Stay close to your new skirt tail. ΤJ

Uncle I am getting to like her, please understand. She is a nice girl and I know you would like her too.

#### UNCLE PETER

Tell me about her... is she drop dead sexy...you know my little nephew aint suppose to waste his time on anything that's not up to par.

#### TJ (CHUCKLING)

Behave yourself, you know how I feel about myself already, I am the basketball star of Hanbury High School, I am accostomed to getting any girl that I want.

# UNCLE PETER

So she must be sexy and hot, so you pick the cherry as yet?

TJ laughs heartily.

UNCLE PETER (CONTD) You laugh, is that a yes.

ΤJ

No Uncle, Maggie is different, she is not like the other girls who throw themselves at me. She is a virgin.

# UNCLE PETER

A what? When I was 18 like you, most girls that age were virgins, but I know times have changed, so she may be one of the few now. By the way how you know that?

#### ΤJ

Trust me on that Uncle, I know. You know from past summers that you can trust me. Talking about past summers, remember that favor you promised me last summer.

# UNCLE PETER

Yes I do. What favor you need from me now and you are not spending it with me? TJ

You already know that Dad and Mom are going on a mediterranean cruise next week and they want me to come by you for the summer as usual.

UNCLE PETER Actually your dad just this morning speak to me about it.

ΤJ

Well I need that favor now, help me convince my parents that I will be okay staying home alone.

UNCLE PETER You want to be close to your little virgin, right?

TJ Yep! And I need you to help me pull it off.

UNCLE PETER Am on my way to work now, I will think of something and call you later.

TJ rolls over in his bed.

TJ (V/O) Uncle P you gotta help me, it's your turn.

TJ dials on his phone.

TJ Hey, you wanna over my me later?

MAGGIE I would love that... you wanna pick up where we left off last night.

EXT. TJ'S DRIVEWAY DAY

TJ in his driveway doing some shots at the basket while he waits Maggie's arrival.As she arrives TJ throws the ball at her.

TJ You wanna see if you make some shots on me, sweetie. Maggie wasn't expecting TJ to throw the ball at her so it rolled passed her. As he walked to retrieve it he pinches her on her butt.

MAGGIE (JOKINGLY) I didn't come here to have you abuse me.

TJ You think that's abuse, come on inside and let me do the real abuse.

INT. TJ'S LIVING ROOM DAY

TJ You wanna watch a little TV while I get you a snack.

MAGGIE Not yet, I just ate.

ΤJ

You turning down my offer sweetie? You know how many girls would want TJ personally make them a snack. I may not be a chef but I can do a little thing inside the kitchen, cboy style.

MAGGIE Ok, ok you are so full of yourself. What you gonna be offering me.

TJ That's a very loaded question, I can answer that in many different ways. The menu is long, ha ha

MAGGIE You are so naughty, just bring me anything you feel like.

While Maggie sits on the couch, remote in hand, she flips through the channels and ends up on the NBA channel. TJ returns with some chocolate chip cookies and pepsi.

> MAGGIE (SARCASTICALLY) Wow, I smell food! Chocolate chip cookies, great cooking my fren.

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ΤJ

Hmm, that's just the appetizer, hang around all day and you will see what's for lunch. Anyway give me a few minutes I gotta grab a quick shower.

TJ leaves the living room, heads to his bedroom without closing the door and then into his shower. An inquisitive look comes over Maggie's face. She hears TJ singing inside his shower.

# INT. TJ'S BEDROOM DAY

She gets up and slowly walks into his room, curiously looks around then lies down on his bed. Within minutes TJ emerges from the bathroom, singing Rod Stewart's " If you think I'm sexy and you want my body come on sugar let me know".

TJ is naked, walks over to his chest of drawer to reach for a boxer and then notices her on his bed. He looks surprised, too surprised to even hasten to put on his underwear.

TJ

You know sweetie, I have no drawbacks about taking standding naked for any girl to admire my sick pack and my other assets but you seem so naive that I didn't expect you to surprise me like this.

# MAGGIE

I surprised myself too, last night when you were in my bedroom, I was kind of curious about you but since you were'nt pressuring me I held back my curiosity.

TJ Oh yeah, so is it that today you can't hold back anymore?

TJ slowly walks towards his bed, still naked, sits beside Maggie, starts gazing into her eyes and they start kissing.

> TJ you think it's fair for you to have me like this and you are fully clothed?

As he says that, Maggie's eyes are fixed on his growing manhood. TJ looks at her staring at him, just as he started reaching to remove her blouse, she took care of it herself.

TJ Sweetie, don't look so nervous, if I didn't take advantage of last night, I won't do so now.

Maggie even though she removed her blouse, she now seems very nervous as if she wanted to halt what she was getting into.

MAGGIE TJ, please... please don't hurt me, I am new to all this boys thing and since I never had a boyfriend, I don't want you to be hurt.

TJ now massaging her nipples.

MAGGIE (CONT'D) I want my first experience with a boy to be good and I know based on what I hear the other girls in my class say about you, I know you are very experienced when it comes to girls. I wonder if I am your type, I am so naive.

TJ takes his hand off her nipples.

ΤJ

All the other girls I have been with, I never ever felt emotionally attached to them. Most of them, in fact all of them keep throwing themselves at me. They don't allow me us to get to know each other and develop a bond together. I want to get to know more this summer. I like you a lot.

With that he rubs his hand gently through her hair and down her cheeks.

MAGGIE I wanna believe that. I must be honest with you though and tell you that the girls in my class think you are a player and that you are are bad boy TJ.

They are now staring into each others' eyes.

ΤJ

I'm going to prove that all wrong this summer, just give me the chance. In fact, you are the reason why I am home this summer. Usually I go to my Uncle Peter in San Bernardino and spend my summers with him but since meeting you a few weeks ago I have decided to stay right here in Cape Cod to spend my entire summer with you.

On hearing that Maggie eases herself closer to TJ.

## MAGGIE

Are you serious. You really have an opportunity to go to San Bernardino for the summer and you give that up for me? And... and I'm not even your girlfriend...

TJ Before summer is over you will.

With that TJ eases her to lie down on her back and climbs on top of her. They start kissing. Maggie gets excited and starts to remove her jeans.

# TJ (CONTD)

You are really tempting me but hold on Sweetie, you just told the girls in your class refer to me as bad boy TJ. I want to be different with you. If I'm gonna be your first let's make it real special. I wanna fall in love, my other frienships are always been about quick sex and usually I am left feeling really empty and since I know how that feels, I don't want to pass that on to you.

#### MAGGIE

I feel so badly TJ, you make me feel like I was making myself cheap a while ago, I feel embarrassed.

TJ coaxing her while she rubs her hand on his emerging 6 pack chest.

TJ Hush sweetie, nothing like that, I am getting to like you a lot and (MORE)

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TJ (cont'd) want my relationship with you to be nothing like those other girls I had before.

He leans forward and gently kisses her on her forehead. The TV was still on in the living room and they never heard when the front door was opened. Robert James walks in as TJ's bedroom door was wide open.

## ROBERT

What's going on here?

Robert sees TJ naked and Maggie topless, turns around and heads towards his study.

TJ Dad, what are you doing home so soon?

ROBERT This is my house and I live here, right?

TJ and Maggie quickly get dressed. TJ heads in search of his dad and finds him in his study.

INT. ROBERT'S STUDY DAY

TJ Dad is not what you are thinking.

ROBERT What am I thinking?

TJ looks at his dad not knowing what reaction to expect.

ROBERT (CONT'D) I know you are now 18, a high school graduate and will be going off to college soon, but you are still under my roof.

TJ Dad, nothing happened.

ROBERT

I wasn't born last night, I was your age once. You have always let me and your mom meet your friends, at least the ones we think were important, how we never met this one? Robert points in the direction of TJ's bedroom.

TJ Maggie is my new friend dad, I had plans of allowing you and mom to meet her soon.

ROBERT We talk more on this later, I just rushed home to pick up a jump drive that I left here.

TJ heads back to his room.

INT. TJ'S BEDROOM DAY

MAGGIE Is your dad upset?

TJ Nah, he was just wondering how I introduce him to my other friends and never had him meet you as yet.

ROBERT TJ, come here a minute please.

TJ goes to his dad's room.

ROBERT (CONT'D) Here son, if you can't be a good boy then at least be careful.

Robert hands TJ a pack of condoms and exists through the front door. TJ heads back to his room to join a very nervous looking Maggie.

TJ Don't worry about my dad, as I said he was only concerned how I didn't allow him to meet you as yet. Wait until you meet my Uncle Peter, he is super cool. In fact, I need to call him today as he is to talk to my parents to have them agree that I can stay home alone while they go off on a Mediterranean cruise next week.

MAGGIE What you mean? ΤJ

My parents want me to go to San Bernardino to my uncle when they are gone, they don't think I should be here alone. Like I said I wanna be close to you, although I know Uncle Peter will not understand why I am not coming this summer.

MAGGIE

I think I should be going now.

EXT. TJ'S GATE DAY

TJ rubs Maggie's shoulder as she is about to head through the gate to take the 5 minutes walk back to her home.

# INT. TJ'S BEDROOM DAY

As TJ goes back into his room he realises that he has a missed call from Uncle Peter and TJ promptly returns the call.

TJ Hey Uncle Peter, wassup?

UNCLE PETER

I wonder what you have been up to why you didnt answer your phone. Busy with your litle lassie?

TJ smiles to himself.

ΤJ

You must be telepathic Uncle P as I just walked her to the gate and guess what?

UNCLE PETER You just banged her up?

ΤJ

Not at all, I am taking things slow with her, she is different from all the other girls who have come my way.

UNCLE PETER

Ha ha, you are only 18, I am 55 and I can tell you that these chicks are all the same? Worse you are a (MORE) UNCLE PETER (cont'd) high school basketball star, they all want one thing and one thing only.

TJ (INTERJECTS) Hold up Uncle P, Maggie is the very reason for me not being able to come by you this summer.

# UNCLE PETER

Don't worry, I will be coming to spend the week with you, so you can be close to your little summer love.

# TJ (VERY JUBILANT)

Oh yeah.

# UNCLE PETER

Well I owe you some big time favor now for all those past summers when you covered my back, I must tell you that you are the reason why I am still a happily married man.

# EXT. TJ'S DRIVEWAY DAY

TJ is seen helping his parents pack their luggage into a family friend's car.

MARLENE (AS SHE HUGS TJ) I'll be missing you son. We just installed some cameras, so we'll know if you'd be good while we are away.

For a second TJ thought she was serious.

#### ROBERT

Ha ha we got you with that one, anyway son, your uncle will be here late afternoon.

As Marlene gets into the friend's car Robert whispers to TJ.

ROBERT You have a week for you and your uncle to paint the town red.

Robert hugs TJ and walks toward the car.

#### INT. TJ'S BEDROOM DAY

TJ is seen on the phone chatting with Maggie and he invites her over. They are hanging out by the pool in TJ's backyard. TJ playing the perfect host by behaving himself. He serves hot dog, fries and iced tea.

> TJ Uncle will soon be here, we gonna have a lot of fun. You will love Uncle Peter, he is so much fun to be around.He treats me like a brother.

MAGGIE How so? How old is he?

ΤJ

Only 55 but let me tell you, we bond like I'm his little brother. His two kids CHRISTOFF and CARYL are university graduates and are now on their own. He has an empty nest and a lot of free time on his hand.

UNCLE PETER He seems like an interesting person

TJ He fun an excitement guaranteed,

never a dull moment with Uncle Peter.

EXT. TJ'S DRIVEWAY DAY

Uncle Peter pulling up in a renter car. TJ rushes to meet him, leaving Maggie looking through the living room window.

> UNCLE PETER Look at my handsome nephew. You are looking like big man, much bigger than last summer.

> TJ So nice of you to take the week off to hang with me. Maggie is here I can't wait for you to meet her.

TJ shouts to Maggie to come on out. As she emerges into the driveway Uncle Peter's guest emerges from the car.TJ didnt notice someone seated in the car until now.

TJ Meet Maggie, her real name is Magdalena Zanetti.

UNCLE PETER My pleaure, you must be a special person for TJ to break his usual summer plans with me.

LINDA joins them. She is mid 30's, about 5 feet 8 inches tall, a sexy vixen, well dressed and looks like a model fit for the catwalk.

MAGGIE Hi you must be Aunt Judy.

The silence was deafening.

BEAT

TJ Let's all go inside, I can't believe Uncle is in Cape Cod.

INT. TJ'S HOUSE DAY

UNCLE PETER You guys meet Linda, a friend of mine.

TJ watches Uncle Peter take his stuff along with Linda's into the guest room. TJ doesn't look pleased. Maggie looks confused.

UNCLE PETER I's starving son, I am sure you didnt prepare me a welcome dinner.

TJ If you want hot dog and fries you are welcome but not sure if your... your... Linda would want that.

UNCLE PETER We can head out to dinner now of if you prefer I could run out and grab some Chinese food for us.

TJ You can do that. UNCLE PETER You and Maggie wanna come with me for the drive.

Uncle Peter gives Maggie a soft look.

TJ (CONTD) We could tag along with you.

MAGGIE That would be nice but I gotta get going now, nice to meet you Mr James.

UNCLE PETER Please, call me Uncle Peter.

As Maggie turns to leave Uncle Peter's eyes are glued on her as TJ walks her to the gate.

> UNCLE PETER (V/O)My nephew has good taste. I wonder if he has tasted this one as yet.

EXT. TJ'S DRIVEWAY DAY

TJ Why are you leaving as my uncle arrives.

#### MAGGIE

I wonder if your Uncle is just being polite with me. He can't want me to hang around after I made a fool of myself calling Linda, Aunt Judy.

TJ Oh he has forgotten about that already, I told you he is a bag of fun and excitement.

MAGGIE So who is this Linda?

TJ One of his friends, don't worry about her, Uncle likes you, so don't worry that you blundered.

# MAGGIE

Oh really?

TJ I am sure about that, once I like you he will like you too. I know he likes you already. Trust me sweetie, we gonna have a whale of a time this week.

EXT. PANTERA NATIONAL PARK DAY

Typical summer day at the park. Lots of folks milling around. Lovers strolling along, kids running around, artists set up their easels painting. Maggie and TJ relaxing under a large tree. TJ's head in her lap. A little distance away under another tree Uncle Peter relaxes against the tree trunk while Linda rests on his chest. Uncle Peter's shirt is unbuttoned.

> MAGGIE (V/O) Look who is in my lap, bad boy TJ. If any of those girls from school could see who has the prize for the summer, they would kill me with envy.

TJ Penny for your thoughts honey.

Maggie in such deep amazement that TJ had to repeat before she heard him.

TJ (REPEATING) Penny for your thoughts honey.

MAGGIE

Hmm, just thinking how lucky I am to be here with you. This summer has started out in a way that I could not have imagined, not even in my wildest dreams.

ΤJ

Ha ha, I am happy you are here with me. This place has a certain charm about it and you being here with me will make it so memorable.

MAGGIE I can't help but remembering that evening we met. TJ (FACE LIGHTS UP) Oh yeah, you brushed me a side, I won't forget.

Flashback to about a month ago, in May.

## EXT. BUS STOP EVENING

TJ and Maggie just came off the school bus and as they started walking separately, it started to rain. So they turned back to shelter at the bus stop. They attend separate schools but take the same bus.

> TJ Well, since we are stuck here, I may as well introduce myself, I am TJ, my right name is Taj James

Maggie looking quite unimpressed as she takes out her phone and calls her dad to come for her.

> TJ Hey, don't look so uncomfortable, what's your name?

> > MAGGIE

Maggie.

TJ I just moved in this neighborhood about 3 months ago, it's the first I am seeing you on the bus.

#### MAGGIE

That's because you are usually too busy on the bus chasing after the other girls.

TJ looks at her quite quizzically.

TJ Oh so you have seen me before.

#### MAGGIE

Aren't you the basketball star from Hanbury High School. All the girls in my class talk about you.

TJ Oh yeah, what do they say?

Back to Pantera Park

# MAGGIE

I am trying so hard to reconcile the TJ I hear the girls talk about and the TJ here in my lap. I'm just so nervous when I remember your reputation and am so afraid that you may hut me.

TJ gets up from her lap.

ΤJ

Listen up Sweetie, I know all that's going through your mind, just give me your time this summer and I will show you that it's a different TJ you will be having at your beck 'n call. Remember, you are the reason why I'm not in San Bernardino right now.

TJ looks over at his uncle and Linda.

TJ (CONT'D) And you are the reason why my uncle is here too, although I wonder if that is entirely true.

Maggie too looks in the direction of Uncle Peter.

# MAGGIE

If your uncle seems like such a player and he is so close to you, then how can I be sure you are not his little protege.

TJ Please don't start getting negative now.

MAGGIE You know the girls think you are a 'player' off the court as well.

TJ Don't believe all you hear about me.

TJ, rubs Maggie's shoulder.

TJ (CONT'D) I know my uncle is no Saint Peter, but he is my uncle and I like him very much, I am not going to tell (MORE)

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TJ (CONT'D) (cont'd) him how to live his life. Somehow it works for him as he still has a very good marriage. But I don't want you to start comparing me with him.

TJ (TURNING AROUND TO MAGGIE) Don't go there honey. I want this summer to be my best ever, remember I am going off to college end of summer on my basketball scholarship to Syracuse.

MAGGIE Why are you just telling me this now?

TJ I thought you knew. It was my belief that all the girls in your school knew, that news did spread like wild fire.

#### MAGGIE

I am so happy for you. Congratulations. So as I am getting to know you, in two or so months you will be gone... gone for...

TJ holds her gently and pulls her in.

TJ I will be gone to college but not gone to the moon. We will always be in touch, I will be back for holidays to look for my little summer lassie.

Maggie looks sad, understandably.

# INT. TJ'S HOUSE DAY

TJ seated at his desk using his lap top. Uncle Peter knocks on TJ's door.

UNCLE PETER You have been awfully quiet with me today, what's the matter? ТJ

Nothing.

UNCLE PETER

Come on, TJ, I know you too well, probably maybe even better than your dad knows you, I know when something is wrong with my nephew.

TJ All is well here

TJ not even looking at Uncle Peter.

UNCLE PETER You didnt talk at all while we were on our way to the Park nor on our way back, you jut sat in the back of the car like something is bothering you.

Uncle Peter approaches TJ and rests his hand on his shoulder.

UNCLE PETER I am not leaving until you say what's wrong.

TJ Is that Linda gal staying here again tonight?

UNCLE PETER Oh, that's the problem?

TJ doesn't answer.

UNCLE PETER (CONTD) I see the problem, I will get her a hotel room near by.

BEAT.

TJ is seen moments later emerging from his bathroom naked rushing to answer his phone.

MAGGIE

Hey hon'.

TJ What's good, I had a good time with you today, thanks for coming along. MAGGIE I enjoyed being with you too. Having you in my lap, made me feel so special.

TJ Much much more is ahead of us this summer, in fact this very week. Uncle has a roster planned for us... beach tomorrow, a hotel trip this week end...just stay tuned, more to come.

While Maggie is on the phone with him, Linda opens his door and walks right in and sees a naked TJ.

> LINDA My, my, my.... you are definitely your Uncle's nephew.

She reaches to touch it. TJ pushes her hand away.

TJ This is not for you, satisfy with what Uncle is giving you. You can't have the lion and the cub. Furthermore you ought to know that when you see a closed door you should knock, that's courtesy 101.

LINDA I was only coming to say good bye as I'm leaving now.

TJ Good riddance!

As Linda leaves his room, TJ slams the door.

TJ (TO MAGGIE) Did you hear that?

# MAGGIE

Vaguely.

TJ Linda just walked right in on me naked.

Maggie goes quiet, just thinking of a naked TJ.

TJ (CONT'D) If you could see me over the phone sweetie.

Maggie still silent, her mind goes back to last week when she saw him naked. She feels awkward as she thinks of it. (a few seconds flashback to that incident last week)

# MAGGIE

We talk later, I gotta go now.

TJ stands looking in his mirrow, admiring himself.

TJ (V/O) Damn, I'm hot! No wonder girls my age and even my uncle's girl friend want to eat me alive.

He uses his phone to snap a picture of his nakeness in full salute.

EXT. PENTAGON BEACH DAY

TJ and Maggie having fun in the sea, with Uncle Peter seated under a gazebo admiring them having fun. He beckons to them.

> UNCLE PETER You guys took any sunblock.

> > ΤJ

Nope

Uncle Peter reaches for a bottle from his backpack and hands it to TJ.

UNCLE PETER It's getting very hot and I don't you guys to be sunburnt, it's a nasty feeling.

TJ is applying sunscreen to Maggie while she lies on the beach. Then Maggie takes turn doing it for TJ, but she is rather mechanical about it.

UNCLE PETER A little more gently Maggie, your boy will like it more if you go slower and more rhythmic.

As he says that he starts strolling up the beach. Maggie applies the sunscreen the way Uncle Peter suggests and TJ starts getting a certain reaction.

MAGGIE What's going on down there?

ΤJ

What you think it is when a girl's tender hands massage my body, I'm not one of those....those guys.... what you expect to happen.

TJ smiles as he looks at Maggie with a seductive look. As Maggie stares at his crotch and was about to rub her hand on it, SUSAN dumps a handful of sand on them. Susan is a curvaceous diva, olive complexion, hair reaching down her back. She's a very hot girl.

> SUSAN Mister TJ, is this who is keeping you so busy this summer why you are not takng my calls?

TJ and Maggie look up at an angry Susan staring at them.

SUSAN (CONT'D) So is this little plane Jane virginette Maggie you are hanging with.

Susan looks at Maggie like she would rip her to pieces.

TJ Just be nice.

SUSAN You have no standard in girls, you really choose Maggie over moi?

Susan rubs her hands down her frame as if to say how could you choose Maggie over me. She slaps TJ across his face, he holds on to her hand and a scuffle ensues, with TJ being scratched a few places on his face and chest.

> TJ You see why I don't want to have anything to do with you again.

SUSAN You think Maggie can give it to you good and proper like me.

Maggie not accostomed to these situations stands looking confused and helpless. A security guard who sees comes to break it up. Just as the guard leads Susan away, Uncle Peter returns to see TJ with sctraches and blood.

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UNCLE PETER I just turned my back for a few minutes and you were fighting.

TJ too embarrased to look at his uncle, while Maggie is speechless.

UNCLE PETER (CONTD) Tell me what were you two fighting over?

TJ Susan came and picked a fight, Maggie wouldnt do this to me.

INT. TJ'S HOUSE EVENING

UNCLE PETER You think Maggie is going to want to take her dad to meet you a dinner tomorrow.

TJ I reall wonder about that, she's not answering my calls all evening.

UNCLE PETER Let me have her number?

INT. MAGGIE'S BEDROOM DAY

Her phone rings, she doesnt recognises the number but still answers.

UNCLE PETER Hey Maggie, this is Uncle Peter. Is this a good time to talk?

MAGGIE

Sure.

UNCLE PETER TJ is so depressed about what happened at the beach today. Maybe you should give him a call and cheer him up.

MAGGIE

He has to work out some things in his mind, is it that every time I go out with him some old flame will show up out of the wood work?

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# UNCLE PETER

I would like to think that what happened today was just an odd situation, it won't happen again. TJ has assured me that Suan was nothing serious, it was just a little sex, nothing serious and she read too much into it. You are the only girl that TJ cares about and you can take me at my word.

# MAGGIE

I want to belive that Uncle Peter but I am just afraid I get myself hurt dating TJ.

# UNCLE PETER

I will do any and everything in my power to make you and TJ have a good time this summer. My nephew likes you, hence that's why he is here with you and not with me in San Bernardino. So, give him a chance to explain away today....

Soon after Maggie is seen dialing on her phone.

INT. TJ'S ROOM EVENING AND INT. MAGGIE'S ROOM EVENING

#### MAGGIE

Hey... forgive me for not taking your calls all afternoon.

ΤJ

You don't have to apologise Sweetie, I know today must have been a shocking experience for you but I am happy you called.

MAGGIE

Your Uncle called and asked that I buzz you.

TJ He volunteered to do so, you see he is my best friend and will do anything for me.

TJ sighed as if frustrated with the day's events

TJ (CONT'D) How about us going to a hotel this week end to get to know each other better?

# MAGGIE

Ha ha, you're kidding me? My parents would not allow that, furthermore how are you going to pay for that?

ΤJ

Don't worry about affordability, worry about whether your parents will allow you to come along. Uncle P is taking care of all that, he wants me to have a grand time before I go off to college.

#### MAGGIE

Your uncle is soemthing else, I am not so lucky, I dont have an Uncle Peter nor are my parents as liberal and free spoirited as he is.

ΤJ

Just leave it to him, I can get him to have a chat with your dad. He will be our perfect chaperone.

# EXT. MAGGIE'S GATE LATE EVENING

Uncle Peter speaks with Maggie's dad, FABIO ZANETTI. He is of Italian decent, 5 ft 10 inches tall, a Financial Controller.

# UNCLE PETER

I'm a father of 2 and I know your concerns, you have my word, she will be well monitored and I'll take her back to you just the way she left.

## FABIO

I am relying on you to do just that. She is my only daughter and I need you to be responsible about it. INT. LOBBY RESTLESS VACATIONER'S RESORT AFTERNOON

Maggie and TJ sit in lobby while Uncle Peter is at the front desk taking care of registration.

MAGGIE I can't believe your uncle is doing all this for us? is he for real?

TJ I told you my uncle is the best, he will do anything for me. We click just like that?

TJ gesticulates by snapping his fingers twice.

Uncle Peter now finishes with the registration.

UNCLE PETER Come guys, aren't you all excited to see your rooms?

First stop is by room 203. Uncle Peter opens the door and they all file in.

UNCLE PETER This room is for my sweet little niece,nice isn't it?

Maggie blushes and is almost at a loss for words.

MAGGIE It's really nice Uncle Peter, I don't know when I will stop thanking you.

TJ starts to make himslef comfortable as if he was sharing room with Maggie.

UNCLE PETER Come now son, let me take you to your room.

# EXT. BEACH AT RESTLESS VACATIONERS RESORT DAY

TJ and Maggie frlicking in the sea. He is trying to teach Maggie to swim.

MAGGIE I feel like I am entrusting my life to you, I am too nervous to be taking swimming lessons seriously. TJ Have no fear TJ is here... my little princess is safe in my arms.

Each time Maggie feels like she is about to sink, she screams and TJ would hold her tight, when she has given up trying she laps her feet around him and they hug tightly in the afternoon sun.

> TJ You are making my summer so special, look what my uncle has made possible for us. We are safe here honey, Susan won't show up.

Maggie's countenance drops as the sound of "Susan".

TJ (CONT'D) Sorry honey, I was only trying to reassure you.

In no time TJ's charm gets back Maggie in a good mood. Uncle Peter is sitting on the beach under a tree admiring the young lovers. Maggie and TJ heads back to the beach.

> UNCLE PETER Hey check this out.

Uncle Peter shows them a picture on his phone he just took of them frolicking in the water.

UNCLE PETER I'm gonna send this to Mr, Zanetti and label it "Coupe of the Year".

Maggie screams in laughter as she admires the picture.

MAGGIE You know Uncle Peter, TJ told me that you are a ton of fun but I didnt imagie I would enjoy being around you so much.

As they head back to their room, Uncle Peter lags behind and admires TJ and Maggie and they walk ahead of him.

UNCLE PETER (V/O) TJ, my boy, if you weren't my nephew and the that I don't believe in incest...hmmm I would certainly take a bite of this one.

BEAT.

# INT. MAIN DINING ROOM RESTLESS VACATIONERS RESORT NIGHT

Uncle Peter, TJ and Maggie dining together. Peter is checking out a young waitress who is in charge of the tables in that section of the dining room. She has an underlying sexiness about her despite her dowdy black and white uniform.

When leaving the dining room Uncle Peter stays back and makes a fast move on the waitress. He is seen getting her phone number.

INT. DISCO RESTLESS VACATIONERS RESORT NIGHT

TJ and maggie dancing up a storm while Uncle Peter sits by the bar having a drink.

TJ notices when Uncle Peter checks his watch and leaves the disco. Later Maggie and TJ hold hands and stroll to Maggie's room.

INT. MAGGIE'S HOTEL ROOM NIGHT

Maggie stretches out on the king size bed.

TJ That bed is big enough for two.

TJ kicks off his shoes and joins her in bed and puts his arm around her.

MAGGIE I never felt like this in all my life. Since I met you, it's like I am in a different world.

With that TJ starts kissing her and he reaches over and turns off the lamp on the side table. Maggie pulls away from him and turns back on the light.

> TJ You're dad won't know if we spent the night together.

MAGGIE But what about your uncle?

TJ Dont worry about him? He booked us into separate rooms but if I know him well he ain't coming to check (MORE)

(CONTINUED)
TJ (cont'd) on us, so just let us have fun tonight. We may ever have this opportunity again.

The look on Maggie's face seemed like consent.

TJ (CONT'D) Am going back to my room to put on somethiung more comfortable.

INT. TJ'S HOTEL ROOM RESTLESS VACATIONERS RESORT NIGHT

TJ heads to the shower and soon after was about to take up his lap top when his phone rang.

MAGGIE Hey, what's taking you so long? Or you don't think you are capable of behaving if you spend the night with me?

TJ I was just going to check my email and see if my parents sent me any emails, remember they are away on a cruise.

MAGGIE Ok honey, remember this is the only night we've got here.

Tj quickly checks his email, puts on a pair of shorts and tee shirt. He heads to Maggie's room three doors from his.

INT. MAGGIE'S HOTEL ROOM NIGHT

He enters Maggie's room and finds her wearing a long tee shirt, with her nipples showing. TJ gazes at her and finds some music on radio on one of side tables. He checks out the muni bar.

> TJ Pepsi, red wine, white wine, tonic water, beer, fruit juice or water. What Can I serve my lady tonight?

MAGGIE (IN BED) Nothing dear, I am here waiting for you to join me. TJ smiles and hops into bed. TJ starts to kiss her all over and even using his tongue to tickle her tits.

> MAGGIE I am not sure if we should go much further.

TJ slows down.

TJ Ok, sure, I won't do anything you don't want to do, at lest let us cuddle for the night.

# INT. TJ'S HOTEL ROOM RESTLESS VACATIONERS MORNING

TJ is back in his room and realises that he has missed calls from a strange number. He calls the number.

NURSE LOPEZ Answering for Dr. Kong.

TJ Dr. Kong? Where is this? I'm returning a missed call.

NURSE LOPEZ I think it has to do with one Judy James, we were going through her phone and aclling some numbers we saw there as she was admitted to the St. Matthews Hospital last night.

TJ That's my aunt, what's the matter?

NURSE LOPEZ She was involved in an accident last night, she is here in room 303 and is unconscious.

TJ hangs up and dashes to Uncle Peter's room (room 409) and bangs on the door. Uncle Peter opens without even checking who it is, as the banging seem so urgent. Tj storms inside and reconizes the girl in his bed as the waitress from the dining room.

> TJ Aunt Judy is in the hospital and you are here with this dining room trash.

UNCLE PETER What the hell are you talking about?

TJ explains to his uncle in a very concerned voice but still annoyed that he finds his uncle with the waitress. TJ storms out the room while his uncle is speaking.

> UNCLE PETER (CONTD) Grab your stuff and meet me in the lobby.

TJ heads back to his room, starts packing up his stuf and calls Maggie to do the same.

INT. AUNT JUDY'S HOSPITAL ROOM ST MATTHEWS HOSPITAL MORNING

A penitent Uncle Peter standing at Judy's bedside. Tj looks on helplessly with Maggie looking confused, trying to process this and the abrump end to her weekend at the hotel.

TJ holds Aunt Judy's hand.

TJ (V/O) Dear Lord, heal Aunt Judy, she just can't die right now. Oh God please!

TJ leaves the room with Maggie follwoing behind. In a second TJ returns.

TJ We will be taking a cab home, you gotta stay here for a while and pray that she wakes up, it's about time you take life seriously.

INT. TJ'S LIVING ROOM NIGHT

Uncle Peter pacing the living room. Trying to decide how to break the ice with TJ

UNCLE PETER (V/O) I screwed up. No excuses right now. All those phone calls from her all day yesterday and all night which I ignored. Oh sweetheart, I am so sorry.

Uncle Peter knocks on TJ's door. TJ ignores him. Uncle Peter tries talking to him nonetheless.

### UNCLE PETER

Right now, I just don't know how to make all the wrong things in my life right. If Judy doesn't recover, I'll have to live with this. Right now we need to figure out what we're going to say to everyone when they start firing questions at us, like why we weren't answering our telephones on Saturday night.

ΤJ

You know why you were'nt anyswering your phone.

### UNCLE PETER

I need you now more than ever, open and let us talk.You know we always have been able to pull through everything, furthermore it is because of you what I am here in the first palce.

TJ finally opens the door.

ΤJ

Oh yeah, I am the reason you are here. (jeeringly).You coming here benefits you a lot too... Linda, now then waitress... Uncle hanging with me this summer and the previous 3 summers .... you benefit a lot too... there is motive.

Uncle Peter still pacing the floor while TJ stands at the bedroom door.

UNCLE PETER There is something else that I need your help on and I will compensate you big time for this monster favour.

TJ Monster favor, so another monster serect for me to keep... if it's about last night don't worry we will get through it, I hate to see you look like this.

TJ walks over to Uncle Peter and beckons that they sit to talk. Uncle Peter looks very worried, concerend and frightened.

TJ Something else is wrong... right?

UNCLE PETER Before I go back over to the hospital for the night, I want to say something else but I know you are going to be so mad, that I really don't have anyway of saying it to you face to face. Maybe I will send you a text later.

Uncle Peter gets up and starts heading to the door. TJ asks him to talk about it now.

TJ You know uncle, based on all we have been through and all you have done for me, there should be nothing that we are not able to talk through.

UNCLE PETER I have a 3 month old son.

#### BEAT

TJ looks at him in shock while Uncle Peter finds it hard to look at TJ.

UNCLE PETER (CONTD) And your name is on the birth certificate.

TJ explodes.

TJ The hell you are joking man, me.... a baby father... what if my parents hear about this.

UNCLE PETER

Help me, one last time, I feel awful, awful in capital letters. I can only ask you. All year I couldn't decide what was the best time to tell you I had a son on the way. EXT. UNCLE PETER'S HOME SAN BERNARDINO DAY

Aunt Judy released from the hospital. Uncle Peter and a nurse seen helping Aunt Judy from the car. Judy had brain concusison, broken ribs, and a broken left arm.

## INT. TJ'S HOME NIGHT

TJ's parents are back from their cruise. Robert is on the phone with Peter.

PETER It's a long story but since I know your wife is so curious help me to keep her calm, I can't deal with the hysteria and the questions she is likely to be asking.

ROBERT

So TJ gonna be keeping more secrets for you?

Peter signs.

#### ROBERT (CONT'D)

I know you and TJ bond perfectly well, as my brother I can tell you Judy has always been suspicious about your relationship with him.

### UNCLE PETER

Well, that's life if my nephew can cover my back, I should be able to count on my younger brother too... right?

BEAT

INT. TJ'S BEDROOM NIGHT

TJ on the telephone with Maggie.

MAGGIE So, how is your Aunt coming along.

TJ I guess fine, I will check with Uncle P in a little while. MAGGIE (STUTTERING) Your uncle... your uncle, he is something else.

TJ What are you trying to say.

Maggie goes quiet.

TJ (CONT'D) My uncle what?

MAGGIE I just find it amazing that you are so close to him... how much has he influenced you? Is that why the girls in my class call you bad boy TJ?

TJ changes his postion in bed, as if to be more attentive.

TJ Are you saying I am like my uncle?

MAGGIE

Not at all.

ΤJ

You could fool me, well, you know, he is far from being a bastion of morality but I like him very much, I try to look beyond his "faults". If it wasnt for that incident, you would have been able to spend more time around him to find out he is a great guy.

MAGGIE How old you said he was again?

ΤJ

55 years young.

### MAGGIE

And you are 18 years....37 years his junior and have that kind of rapport.

TJ Honey, please don't go down that road, I didnt choose who my uncle should be, unlike how I choose to spend my summer with you. Actually (MORE)

## TJ (cont'd)

I am feeling so badly now, knowing that if I had gone to San Bernardino as I usually do for the last 3 summers, all this drama and tragedy would not have occurred, so maybe I am to be blamed more than my uncle.

Maggie is silent.

### TJ (CONT'D)

I know how you girls think, you are thinking that I am wild and untamable and will soon hurt you, sweetie pie let me hasten to tell you that, I am falling in love with you, I wnat to be with you and no one else.

Just then TJ gets a beep on his phone and tells her that he is going to chat wth his uncle a bit and will get back to her.

ΤJ

Hey.

## UNCLE PETER

You haven't called me all day to see how you aunt is coming along or how I am doing mentally. How are things at your end. Any questions from your mom?

ΤJ

Not yet but knowing her, they will soon be fired at me.

UNCLE PETER

I tried taking care of that earlier tonight as I had a little chat with your dad so he has a thumbs up.

ΤJ

You told dad everything?

## UNCLE PETER

Not everything but the important parts, certainly not about who was in my bed that fateful night but enough for him to understand that he should try and reign your momm in a little. TJ And dad understands these situations?

UNCLE PETER

Put it this way, I have bailed your dad's ass out of trouble before so it's his time to help me.

TJ (SOUNDING SURPRISED) Huh? You have secrets for dad?

UNCLE PETER

Just be quiet, careful how loudly you ares peaking as he or your mom maybe passing by your room door and that would be a tragedy if your mom should hear you say that.

TJ reaches for his remote and turns up his TV.

TJ Uncle, you have secrets for dad and you are just telling me this?

UNCLE PETER Just be calm son, is not everything you need to know. One more thing I will say now is that, your mom is not an easy woman, when it comes to her man, Everything is all good now, it was just one little slip up, nothing really worth mentioning.

TJ Hold one sec, I have a call coming in and I don't recognize this number.

TJ puts his uncle on hold and takes the call.

TJ

Hello.

FEMALE LATINO VOICE Hello TJ.

TJ Miss Perez? Is this you?

ISABELLA PEREZ is a Venezuelan, she was TJ's Spanish teacher two years ago.

MISS PEREZ How are you my love? ΤJ Where are you? MISS PEREZ I'm here, right here in Cape Cod. ΤJ What for? MISS PEREZ I have an interview tommorrow for another teaching job here, not your school though. TJ doesn't seem very thrilled. MISS. PEREZ Can I see you before I leave? ΤJ Why would you want to come back to cape Cod? MISS. PEREZ You haven't answered my question? TJ (STRUGGLING) I'm actually on a call now, can I call you back at the number that you just called from? MISS. PEREZ Sure, I'm in room 201. TJ flips back to the call with his uncle. TJ (TO HIS UNCLE) This is shaping up to be the summer I didn't intend. UNCLE PETER Huh? What's that supposed to mean? ΤJ

That was Miss. Perez and she wasn't calling from Venezuela, she is right here in Cape Cod.

UNCLE PETER (LAUGHING) Why is she calling you, isn't that over now?

ΤJ

She is here for an interview and wants to see me.

UNCLE PETER Do you want to rock for ole time sake?

ΤJ

I am seeing Maggie now and I promise her that I will be a good boy this summer.

UNCLE PETER (MOCKINGLY) A good boy this summer... what's that supposed to mean? Are you married to Magie? And suddenly now blind to every one else around you, that TJ is now monogamous?

ΤJ

Stop talking like that, you know my situation that I am in with Maggie and now Miss. Perez shows up out of the blue and I am asking you for guidance and you not helping. Miss. Perez is history, furthermore, it wasn't love with her, we just.... just...

## UNCLE PETER

Just...helping you with your Spanish home work while you were helping her with her other harmonal needs. That was quite mutual..seems fair game to me.

ΤJ

You making me laugh, what do I do now?

# UNCLE PETER

I think you are right, she is history, tell her you are leaving Cape Cod at the end of summer so if she is looking another job to be back here so as to be close to you, it's not gonna work.

TJ is silent.

UNCLE PETER (CONT'D) It's getting late and I have work in the morning, you have tomorrow to continue your sumer frolic, in fact with Miss. Perez around you have choices... talk to ya tomorrow.

TJ lies in bed thinking.

FLASH BACK 2 years ago.

A 16 year old TJ about to finish a session of extra lessons with Isabella Perez.

MISS. PEREZ Taj, you have 6 weeks to go before the school year ends and you will need a lot more exta classes in order to be at the level of the other students by the time exam comes around.

TJ I appreciate your help Miss.

Miss. Perez picks up her hand bag and a pile of assignment papers.

MISS. PEREZ You want to help me with some of these.

TJ and Miss. Perez walk to her apartment about a mile away.

TJ is invited in.

MISS. PEREZ You must be thirsty after this long walk, can I offer you some apple juice?

TJ Thanks a lot but you don't have to.

MISS. PEREZ It's only some apple juice, have a seat.

As she serves TJ the juice she head towards her bedroom. TJ is seated drinking the juice. About 3 minutes later she calls to TJ.

MISS. PEREZ Can you help me fix this knob on my window?

An innocent TJ heads inside her room and realises that Miss. Perez standing in her bathroom naked. TJ stares at this 27 year olf volumtious, curvaceous venezuelan gal, who is looking at him like she is on fire.

> MISS. PEREZ Don't look so scared, I want you to wash my back for me.

TJ looking like he is not sure what to do.

TJ Miss. Are you serious?

MISS. PEREZ Call me Isabella for the moment.

She turns and enters her shower.

MISS. PEREZ

Come on in.

TJ slowly removes his clothes and steps in. We see the sillohuette of them in the shower, then minutes later we see TJ carrying her on his back from the bathroom and putting her down on her bed. The sex was quick and loud.

CUT BACK TO.

TJ still lyin in his bed.

TJ (V/O) That's all in the past, those ocassions were good fun but I have moved on and I hope you will too.

TJ falls asleep and is awakened by his phone. He realises it's his buddy, ROGER from school. Imediately after school gave hoolidays Roger went on vacation with his parents to Argentina.

> TJ Hey Roge, you're back already? How was Argentina.

ROGER It was fun to an extent, remember I went with my parents so I was kept in line. ΤJ

I would have loved to go to Argentina to check out those Spanish speaking gems.

ROGER

My parents won't be going back to work until tomorrow so I can use one of their cars, you want us go hang out later.

TJ Sure man, a little male bonding today sounds good.

EXT. TJ'S GATE DAY

It's 10:30 Am and Roger pulls up in a spanking fire red covertible Mercedez-benz. TJ hops in, Roger rolls back the sunroof and they speed off. They chat and drive aimleslsy for about fifteen minutes.

TJ Where are we going?

ROGER I haven't got a clue.

ΤJ

Come on man, you invited me out and you are the one at the wheels, we gotta be going somewhere. Somewhere excitng! I feel for a little excitement today.

TJ turns up the music, the wind is blowing and the Cape Cod summer sun not yet beaming in full heat.

ROGER

You know what would be good for us now.

TJ

A beer.

ROGER

Having two long hair girls in here with us, so that the wind can blow their hair all over their face and ours. 49.

TJ Guess who called me last night. In fact you won't get it right... Miss Perez.

ROGER She wants more dick?

TJ (CHUCKLING) I guess so, but it won't work as I am now taken.

ROGER Huh? You are what?

ΤJ

Taken.

Roger slows down in order to absorb what he just heard.

ROGER A leopard doesnt change it's spots and neither will you.

ΤJ

I'm serious, I am seeing someone, I am a new TJ, I am in love Roge, really in love, spent a night with her at the Restless vacationers Resort. Just for you to be sure that you return from vacation to a brand new TJ, hear this... I didnt even touch her for the entire night.

Roger pulls off the road and brings the car to a complete stop. He stares at TJ in disbelief.

ROGER Get the feeee....I won't say it.... out of here, it's either you are a damn liar or you are a sick TJ, you having ED issues at 18.

TJ No buddy, my dick is fully functional I jack off up to this morning in the shower and yesterday morning and last night in the shower as well.

### ROGER

Ok so if that is functional then it has to be something else that's going wrong, This is not like you, sleeping with a chick and don't do anything. Are you normal still? Did she have hygiene issues or what? Well damn, what is it? Talk to me man.

TJ When a guy is really in love, he allows the fruit to mature, so it will fall from the tree in good time, no force ripe thing this summer for me.

Roger shakes his head as he heads back on the road. They pull up a few minutes later in Pantera Park, parking lot.

EXT. PANTERA NATIONAL PARK DAY

ROGER

Let's see if we can get some girls lusting after us today.

TJ You mean after you, remember I said I'm already hitched for the summer.

ROGER (GRUMBLES) Keep fooling yourself, I won't be surprised if you dont go viist Miss. Perez tonight, and sort her out before she leaves.

TJ shaks his head in disagreement.

TJ in a tight turquoise Nike tee shirt on the front written 'Just Do it' showing off his abs, a slim fit white linen Perry Ellis short pants which shows off his well toned calves and thighs and sunshades. Roger sporting a mohawk haircut, wears a tight red tee shirt with 'Welcome to Argentina' on the front showing off his chest, a black slim fit Hugo Boss chino short pants also showing up his toned thighs and calves and sunshades.

It's no doubt that they are athletes, Roger a tennis player for his high school right up to graduation.

These guys are hotter than the Cape Cod sunshine and they know it.

As they stroll through the park females of all ages are looking at them. A few girls winking at them, but they show no interest.

TJ I'm hungry, I got up late and didn't have time to eat before you came.

ROGER Ok, let's grab a snack before the lunch lines get long.

Later TJ and Roger walking through the park trying to decide where to sit. They are passing by a tree with a very inviting shade with a young lady alone seated reading a book. Her name is KACI, she is wearing a mint green spagetti strapped blouse and a pair of blue jeans.

#### KACI

Hey guys, are you looking for someone, I noticed that you walked by a few minutes ago.

ROGER

Not at all, we are just trying to find the right spot but all the nice locations are already taken.

KACI I'm alone if you don't mind you can join me. Lots of shade here to share.

Roger looks at TJ as if to get his agreement. They turn around and enter the shade.

KACI My name is Kaci, what brings you guys here today?

ROGER I'm Roger and this is my buddy TJ.

TJ It's Taj James but people call me TJ.

### KACI

Nice to meet you guys. I'm here on vacation from Los Angeles as I grew up here in Cape Cod and have family left back here. TJ Well we live here and are on holidays so we just hanging out.

KACI Holiday as in vacationing?

ROGER We are enjoying our summer holidays before we head off to college.

Kaci looks puzzled.

KACI Before you go off to college?

TJ Yeah, I got a basketball scholarship to Syracuse and Roger is going off to play tennis for Duke University.

KACI (STILL LOKING SHOCKED) So you guys are about 18 or 19?

ROGER

Yep!

KACI

Wow!

TJ So maybe we can keep waalking now as soon we are done eating, as maybe you don't wanna be seen hanging with teenagers.

KACI Not at all, I'm just impressed with

your mature look, I guess high school athletes usually look mature.

ROGER So how old are you and what do you do in LA?

TJ (TO ROGER) You not to ask a woman her age.

KACI Thanks TJ but I have no problem with telling anyone my age, I'm 35 (MORE) KACI (cont'd) and I'm a Public Relations Practitioner.

TJ

What's that?

# KACI

I deal with image building, brand awareness, writing speeches for executives, stuff like that. What you guys gonna be studying?

ROGER I will be doing Aviation and he'll be doing Information Technology.

TJ So you just hanging out alone?

KACI Sure I did, my family is at work now and I didnt want to be home alone. Glad I came along or I wouldnt have met you guys.

### BEAT

TJ and Roger look at each other. TJ phone rings.

ΤJ

Неу

MAGGIE Are we still going movies later?

ΤJ

Ah... I'm out with Roger, he came back yesteday and asked me to hang with him today.

MAGGIE You could have said something to me since morning.

TJ It was such a rush decision, he called me this morning, woke me up just in time to shower and run out, Honey I'll make it up to you later or tommorrow. MAGGIE So where you guys at?

TJ Pantera Park.

BEAT

Maggie goes silent.

MAGGIE (V/O)TJ and Roger at the park, I'm sure they are girl hunting.

TJ (CONT'D) Will call ya later hon'.

KACI (CONT'D) So, being high school athletes, I'm sure you guys have all the girls rushing you.

Roger uses his head to indicate in TJ's direction that what Kaci says appplies to him.

TJ phone rings again, he looks at the number and doesn't answer.

ROGER You're afraid to answer that one?

TJ ignores him. Kaci looks on. TJ burps, yawns and rolls over on the grass. Kaci looks at TJ intensely but TJ is unaware of that.

TJ's phone rings again.

TJ Hi, I'm sorry I didnt get a chance to call you back last night.

MISS. PEREZ So you want to come by my hotel later.

TJ I will have to call you on that as I am not able to speak now.

KACI You run a hotline TJ.

TJ ignores here.

TJ I need to go now, have some stuff to get on to.

TJ looks at Roger.

## ROGER

Nice meeting you Kaci. Hope you enjoy the rest of the day and the rest of your holiday here in Cape Cod.

## KACI

I enjoyed the company

TJ Thanks for the shade, I almost fell asleep if it wasn't for the phone call.

As they walked off Kaci called out.

### KACI

Hey guys, can you give me a ride home. This shade won't be the same when you're gone?

ROGER

Sure come along.

TJ is offering Kaci his seat in the front of the car, just as Roger is asking TJ to drive instead.

KACI I'll be fine seated in the back.

TJ You really giving me a spin around the wheels?

TJ looking quite confident rolls out the Pantera Park exit.

TJ You wanna give me your address, Kaci?

KACI You guys seem like really fun to hang with.

ROGER He is the party master, I'm more a laid back guy. KACI So whose car is this?

ROGER My dad's, he is not going back to work until tomorrow.

KACI Impressive. Type of work he does?

ROGER He's a Gynaecologist.

TJ So he's a very fortunate man, he sees all the nice girls business here in Cape Cod.

TJ pulls up at Kaci's gate and she gets out.

KACI Thx guys, it was short but really nice to have met you. Can I have your numbers, I'll be here for another week.

INT. TJ'S BEDROOM DAY

TJ calls Maggie.

TJ

Hey sweetie. I wanna apologise again for today. Hanging with Roge was not planned.

### MAGGIE

You ignored me, you preferred to hang with a guy over going to the movies with me.

ΤJ

Shh shh, don't go there hon', don't let me have to go over again reminding you that I am in Cape Cod because of you, no one else... I am not going to listen to you whine now. Our relationship is not going to be characterised by jealous inunendos.

MAGGIE I'm sorry, I really wanna believe you, so I'll happily change the subject. ТJ Now you sounding like TJ's girl again. MAGGIE (LAUGHS) You are such a charmer and I want to believe that we are going to continue to have a good summer. ТJ That's my girl. MAGGIE So movies tomorrow? ТJ Oh yes for sure. I'll call you later after I take a nap. TJ rolls over but as he falls asleep his door bell wakes him up. He ignores it and rolls back over. The bell rings again. TJ (V/O)I'm not expecting anyone, who could that be? TJ eventually goes to look through his living room window. ТJ Why have you showed up without my permission? I'm not speaking with you ever again. SUSAN Oh yeah! Well I'm here and if you don't open this door, Im going to knock this door down. TJ (BEHIND THE DOOR) Go away Susan, you're not my type. Susan bangs on the door and TJ reluctantly opens it. SUSAN If you would answer your phone for the past few days, I would not be showing up like this.

TJ pulls up his tee shirt to show her the scratches that she inflicted.

 $$\mathrm{TJ}$$  You have the audacity to show up at my door.

Susan ignores him and pushes her way pass him inside.

TJ Where the hell are you going?

A defiant Susan walks right into his room. TJ walks militantly behind her.

SUSAN You know I didnt mean to hit you at the beach? Right?

TJ stares at her in a pitiful manner.

SUSAN (CONT'D) Every lover has a little fight now and then but in my book, it adds a little spice to the relationship.

TJ Are you on something... 'cause you are sounding like a mad gal.

SUSAN Mad, you think I'm mad.

Susan rolls her eyes, starts to take off her blouse, she throws her bra at him, it lands on his head. She lies on his bed staring at him, provocatively. TJ looks dazed.

> SUSAN (CONT'D) You think any one can give it to you like me?

She gets up and pulls down his boxers, he had run to the door just the way he was in bed. She strokes his dick and it responds just the way she wants.

Susan is a seductress and TJ knows it, and she knows his weakness. Seconds later he is on top of her, with his shirt on, giving her what she came for.

They were caught up in the moment they didnt realise that the front door and TJ's room door were left open and they didnt even see that TJs mom came home. Judy hears the moaning and looks in, she turns away before they see her and she turns on the TV in the living room and blasts the volume.

TJ jumps off. He checks out the scene and realises his mom is home and quickly ushers Susan out.

SUSAN At least I didnt come here in vain.

TJ gives her a scornful look, tip toes back into his room and closes the door.

Moments later his mom knocks on his door.

MARLENE, When you are ready to talk, I will be ready to listen.

TJ looks like he wishes the earth would open and take him in. TJ places a call, but the number rings unanswered.

> TJ (V/O)Answer the damn phone uncle.

TJ (TEXT TO UNCLE PETER) Call me urgent PLEASE.

As he turns around, his phone rings.

UNCLE PETER What's so urgent, is London bridge burning down?

TJ (WITH A SLIGHT HUMOR) My bridge is buring down. Mom just came home and walked in on me and Susan having sex.

Uncle Peter laughs heartily.

TJ I am not amused. What can I say to talk this away, I'm sure maybe she calls dad by now and tells him.

UNCLE PETER Well she got that first hand, watching her son pipe down a girl, ha ha ha. TJ (ANNOYED) I'm hanging up, you not playing fair, when I help you out of your mess, have I ever laughed about it?

UNCLE PETER It would be good if you hang low until your dad comes as he will likely help to soften it, a matter of fact let me buzz him now for you.

TJ What you gonna say to him?

UNCLE PETER Leave it to me. I owe it to you.

TJ stays his room like he is imprisoned.Magie is calling him and he refuses to take her call.

INT. TJ'S HOME LATE EVENING

TJ's dad knocks on his door.

ROBERT Are you joining us for dinner?

TJ opens the door

ROBERT (CONT'D) Your uncle called and I spoke to your mom, but I would have much preferred if I heard it from you.

At the dinner table, TJ, his mom and dad having dinner. TJ looks very uncomfortable.

MARLENE I want you to get me a number for Susan's mom.

TJ doesnt like the sound of that.

ROBERT

What for?

MARLENE

I need to talk to her mom and tell her to make sure her little horny gal stays away from our home and our son.

#### ROBERT

Not necessary, we just need to have a word with TJ.

TJ

It was nothing that I encouraged, I was home and she came by without an invitation.

## MARLENE

I heard all about that from your dad based on your Uncle's version, but anything coming from your uncle is ually not the full 100 percent, so I usually discount that by 75 percent.

ΤJ

Mom you noticed that when you got home the front door and my door were all opened. I didn't plan anything, she just barged in on me.

MARLENE And you just could'nt resist.

ROBERT

Did you use any of the condoms I gave you.

Marlene stops eating and looks up at Robert.

### MARLENE

Condoms I gave you?

ROBERT You heard me right? If he is doing it whether under our roof or elsewhere, whether he planned it or not, he better make it safe.

Marlene gets up from the table.

### MARLENE

I'm not listening to this.

## ROBERT

Darling I'm speaking to you. Don't disrespect me like that in frotn of our son. It's not just STDs that I am concerned about, I dont want him being a father at 18 and I'm damn sure you dont want to be a grandmother at 50. Robert slams his hand on the table, so hard that his drink tppled over. There is tension in the air and no one finshes what's on their plate.

> ROBERT If you are finished eating, help me clear up here.

TJ and Robert clear the table and are in the kitchen doing the dishes.

TJ Dad, I'm sorry, I'm the root cause casue of it.

ROBERT Never mind son, this is a topc we should have adressed long ago. I think this is the perfect time. You and I going for drink later this week. A boy's night out.

## INT. TJ'S BEDROOM NIGHT

Later TJ in his room on the phone with Uncle Peter.

ΤJ

In many ways you did well for me today as I didnt have to explain it all, and Dad is taking me out for drinks later this week. He is calling it a 'Boys night out'. The unfortunate thing is that he and mom argued, to the point where none of finished dinner.

UNCLE PETER You're kidding me.

ΤJ

When dad asked if I used any of the condom's he gave me, that was where she got mad.

UNCLE PETER

Oh hell.

TJ A lotta good will come out of this as dad says it's time to talk about these stuff. UNCLE PETER

You bet.

TJ

So how is Aunt Judy coming along and how is my son doing?

UNCLE PETER (CHUCKLING) The family is doing great.

TJ You know you haven't told me what's the name of my son?

UNCLE PETER How does the name Stefan sound?

BEAT.

TJ curls up in bed watching television and falls asleep but his phone wakes him up. He looks at it and answers even though he doesnt recognise the number.

ΤJ Hello, good night. FEMALE VOICE Good night TJ ΤJ Yes good night. FEMALE VOICE Am I calling you too late? ΤJ Who is this? FEMALE VOICE You really don't recognise my voice? ΤJ Nope! And if you don't tell me who you are now, I'm going hang up. FEMALE VOICE This is Kaci.

TJ glances at the clock on his wall. It's 11.55pm.

TJ Oh hi, I didnt expect you to call me, and so late.

KACI I'm sorry, I wanted to call all night but I couldn't muster up the courage. I enjoyed meeting you today.

TJ Did you call Roger.

KACI No I didnt, it's you I wanna talk to. You are a very handsome guy.

TJ (TRYING TO APPEAR HUMBLE) Well thank you. It's more the clothes that I had on today than my looks.

KACI Even if you had on rags today I would spot you from afar. I know a handsome guy when I meet one.

TJ doesnt respond.

KACI (CONT'D) I would like to see you again before I leave.

ΤJ

I'm not too sure about that as I have a girlfriend.

# KACI

So, it's not like I am talking her away from you, I'll be gone in about 7 days time. I wanna hang with a handsome sexy guy before I leave. Can we go out for lunch tomorrow, my treat.

ΤJ

You are 35 and you wanna hang with me an 18 year old, unemplyed high school graduate?

KACI So what, you dont look like 18 and I am sure I look much younger than 35. TJ I am not even quite sure I remember exactly how you looked in terms of whether you could pass for less than 35.

KACI It seems I was looking more at you than the other way around.

TJ I am falling asleep, I have tomorrow planned already, have a good night.

Within 2 minutes of hanging up TJ realises that a message came in on his phone.

KACI (TEXT) Hey TJ, seems you didnt have a good look at me today, this is me. Enjoy!

TJ stares at Kaci's pic.

TJ (V/O) Damn you are one hot 35 year old, I wonder what was distracting me today? Those lips, hmm. TJ falls asleep thinking of Kaci. As he wakes up he takes another look at her picture again.

He searches his phone finds his nake picture that he took shortly after speaking to Maggie a few days ago.

> TJ (V/O) One favor deserves another.

He clicks send and heads to the shower. As soon as he comes sout his phone rings.

TJ Morning sunshine.

KACI Hey you sexy thing... that picture TJ... that picture... whew... you have me getting wet.

TJ Take it easy, I was only reciprocating by sending you a picture, that's all there is to it. KACI You know that's more reason to wanna see you before I leave.

INT. CAPE COD CINEMAS

MAGGIE The one I wanted to see is sold out.

TJ Just get any ticket for anyone that's available. As long as I am at the movies with you.

TJ didnt take note of which movie tickets maggie bought. TJ and Maggie having popcorn and Pepsi, chatting before the movie begins.

TJ freezes when he sees the name of the movie flashed across the big screen; **The Perfect Teacher**.

TJ suddenly looks distracted. The movie progresses up to the point where the teacher is making a move on her male student. Maggie notices that TJ looks uncomfortable.

TJ Am going to the washroom, be back in a minute.

Maggie looks at him as he walks out.

 $\begin{array}{c} \mbox{MAGGIE} (V/O) \\ \mbox{So it's true TJ, what I heard was} \\ \mbox{really true.} \end{array}$ 

TJ returns.

MAGGIE If you are not enjoying the movie we don't have to stay here.

TJ I'm fine, you don't think I am enjoying it?

MAGGIE If the truth be told, you don't seem to be enjoying it one bit.

ΤJ Well you don't seem to be enjoying it either, we can go hang out elsewhere. MAGGIE I think you will benefit more than me if we leave, so let's go. INT. SAVANNAH MALL DAY It's early afternoon and the crowd is growing at the Savannah Mall. ΤJ Let's go check out that new French Restaurant on the top floor. MAGGIE French restaurant, can we afford that? ΤJ Dad gave me money this morning as I told him we were going to the

## INT. FRENCH RESTAURANT

movies today.

Restaurant about 50 percent capacity, primarily with executive looking customers.

MAGGIE This is not for us hon'.

TJ I want to treat my girl to lunch today in fine style.

Waiter shows them to a table and have them seated. Maggie seems intimidated.

They were both intrigued by the menu at the French restaurant. It seemed elaborate, and they recognized very little on it, but they had a waiter explain some of the items. Maggie ordered bar au beurre blanc et crabe, while TJ ordered magret de canard sauce cerises. While they waited for their meals to arrive, they looked around, and realizing they were the youngest ones there. They were both enjoying their time there more than they had enjoyed the movie. MAGGIE Can I say something?

TJ looks like he finds it odd that Maggie would ask that question.

TJ

Sure.

MAGGIE Did you have an affair with your Spanish teacher?

BEAT

TJ rests down his knife and fork and looks around at the other customers.

TJ Why would you ask that?

MAGGIE

I heard that and the way you seemed uncomfortable in the movie a while ago.

TJ Like I said before, you are not to believe everything you hear.

MAGGIE That's why I am asking you, isn't it better to hear everything from you?

TJ Let's enjoy our lunch. History will always be history.

Maggie takes a deep breath.

MAGGIE So am I not entitled to a proper answer?

TJ Sweetie, this is not the time or place for that.

TJ, phone rings. He gkances at it and realises that the number could be Miss. Perez calling from the hotel.

TJ (V/O)Not not now, you bitch. TJ ignores the call and the phone rings out. MAGGIE Why didn't you answer? ΤJ That's Uncle P, I can always call him back later. MAGGIE Well, I am not sitting here one minute longer until you answer my question. ΤJ And what question is that again? MAGGIE You are not making this easy. Did you have an affair with your Spanish Teacher? ΤJ Why does it matter, you know I banged her up a few times, but that was before I met you. Are you satisfied now? TJ seems annoyed and unconsciously raised his voice drawing the attention of a few of the customers. TJ (CONT'D)

TJ (CONT'D) You know sweetie, I'm not proud of it and I wonder if you deliberately selected that movie a while ago.

MAGGIE Oh no, just a coincidence.

TJ (JERRINGLY) Just a coincidence. Some teachers heard about it as one day I was leaving her apartment, someone in my class saw me and so word got out. Even some teachers heard but since my dad sits on the school board, not much happened to me. I think he was a part of the decision not to renew her contract. The waiter takes TJ the bill and asks if he was paying by cash or card. TJ's eyes almost popped out of his head as he looked at the bill. He and Maggie had been so caught up in looking at the menu that they hadn't focused on the prices. This dining experience was different, not just because they'd dined alone but also because the bill had come to him. During all his other fine dining experiences, the bill had always been handed to either his parents or his Uncle Peter.

> MAGGIE What's wrong?

TJ starts dialling. The number he called rings unanswered and he sends a text.

TJ (TEXT) Hey dad I need your help, urgently.

Within a minute his dad returns the call.

ROBERT I'm in a meeting, what is it?

TJ I need your help, I need my lunch bill paid, I'm at the French restaurant on the top floor of the Savannah Mall.

ROBERT You're kididng me right?

The waiter a little way off looking at TJ as he seems to realise what is happening.

MAGGIE So what we gonna do?

TJ beckons to the waiter.

TJ Um... can we have some more dessert? I have a sweet tooth. Can I see the menu again, please?

MAGGIE Are you out of your mind?

TJ We may as well have more dessert. My dad will be here in the next fifteen minutes.
MAGGIE You're the best... my bad boy TJ.

As they enjoyed their *mocha pots de crème*, they hear a familiar voice.

ROBERT You guys are still eating?

TJ Hey dad, you wanna join us?

Robert without even sitting.

ROBERT

You take life for a joke. You know I had to excuse myself from a vey important meeting saying I have a family emergency to deal with.

Robert settles the bill.

MAGGIE (SOUNDING NERVOUS) Thanks Mr. James.

ROBERT

You know if you told me this was what you had in mind today I would have given you sufficient funds.

INT. TJ'S HOME LATE EVENING

TJ still feeling embarassed about today, so he is hanging low. He calls Uncle Peter and as soon as he starts telling him about the movie incident today his phone beeps.

> TJ Uncle will soon call you back.

KACI Hey sexy.

TJ How are you? You are the sexy one? Are you really 35?

KACI You seem surprised.

TJ Yeah that's how I would like my wife to look when she is 35? Kaci countenance drops when she hears that.

TJ (CONT'D) So, did you go back to the park today?

KACI Oh no I stayed home and thought about you all day?

TJ Ha ha, I told you I have my girlfriend already, you just happen to have met me late.

KACI So can I see you tonight?

ΤJ

Uhh, I was out all day and don't think I can leave here, furthermore I don't think I can go out in the night.

While speaking his phone beeps it's Maggie.

TJ (CONT'D) Hold a sec.

MAGGIE Just thought I would check in with you. I enjoyed lunch today despite...

TJ Allow me to call you back in a few?

TJ switches back over to continue talking with Kaci.

KACI Was that you girlfriend.

TJ ignores her.

KACI (CONT'D) So if tonight is out, how about tomorrow?

TJ My dad is taking me out for a boys night out tommorrow. KACI Are you avoiding me?

TJ Not so, just that this is a busy week and on the weekend we are going to San Bernardino to vist my aunt who is recoveing from a car accident.

TJ phone beeps again. He takes the call.

ΤJ

Hello.

MISS. PEREZ You are avoiding me TJ.

ΤJ

Hmm.

#### MISS. PEREZ

You know I booked an entire week to stay over after my interview so as to have you spend some time with me and you are ignoring me.

TJ You just showed up out the blue and expect me to drop eveything and run to you, my week is already planned out.

MISS. PEREZ I need to see you before I leave. Gotta see my boy TJ, you know how good you were for me.... and I know deep down you wanna see me too.

TJ I'm on a call I will call you back.

TJ flips back over to the call with Kaci.

TJ I will have to call you back later, have an important call to make.

TJ dials a number, it rings unanswered.

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TJ (TEXT) Call me ASAP, I am now regretting spending summer in Cape Cod, can I still come to San Bernardino?

As he rolls over he realises that there is a text from Maggie.

MAGGIE (TEXT WITH V/O) I feel ignored tonight. FULL STOP.

TJ sighs.

### TJ (V/O)

Hisses his teeth, I wanted this summmer to be just be between me and you sweetie but the tide is turning... and I feel helpless. San Bernadino calling.

TJ's phone rings and he grabs it up.

TJ

Uncle P we gotta talk now, I'm in a mess. Only you can understand my situation.

UNCLE PETER Only me, ha ha. Okay tell it to Uncle P.

ΤJ

Well, you know how I feel about Maggie, Miss. Perez keeps calling me wanting to link up and now this Kaci chick I met at the park yesterday want to hang with me too.

UNCLE PETER (MOCKINGLY) My boy is in demand, a tell ya. Cape Cod's hot commodity this summer?

### ΤJ

You are joking and I'm not laughing

UNCLE PETER

I wish I was in demand like you when I was your age. I used to have to run 'it' down, now you have it falling in your lap and you running away from 'it'. ТJ

Damn it uncle! You're not helping my situation. I feel like if I had come to you my life would be so much less stressful. I really love Maggie, but Kaci is so tempting and Miss. Perez wanna rock for ole time sake. I wanna be good this summer, am not like you.

### UNCLE PETER

You will soon be gone off to college, have a grand time my boy. I would take them all as they come along, refusing nothing, it's one life to live.

TJ How did you become the person you are today?

BEAT.

# INT. UNCLE PETER'S HOME STUDY SAN BERNARDINO NIGHT

Uncle Peter relaxes in his chair in his study.

## UNCLE PETER

You really wanna know? I wasn't always like this. In fact for the firs t15 years of my marriage I never ever cheated.

TJ So what happened, you got tired of Aunt Judy?

### UNCLE PETER

I had a secretary once, Kimberley Thelwell. She resigned her job and was going to join her family in the UK. Hold a second, I need to go get myself a strong drink.

TJ You always come with some drama uncle, that's why I give you so much ratings.

Uncle Peter is seen in his home bar fixing himself some Hennensey and hypnotiq.

TJ (CONT'D) Maybe I should go fix myself something too.

TJ gets up from his bed and heads to his dad's bar.

UNCLE PETER (MOCKINGLY) You can go get yourself some orange juice.

TJ That's what you think. I am going to make myself some rum and coke. Dad and mom are gone to bed.

TJ is seen making his drink quickly and he heads back to his room.

UNCLE PETER Now I feel more comfortable as any time I remember this incident I need something strong.

TJ I know I can tell I am about to listen to something earth shattering.

UNCLE PETER (CHUCKLING) Yes siree, so Kimberley was leaving, she was an excellent secretary and in addition to the office send off for her I felt compelled to take her out for dinner. So I did.

TJ Uh huh. I'm listening.

### UNCLE PETER

Up to that point as I said I never cheated on Judy. We went out for dinner about 2 nights before she left and maybe we had a little too much wine.

TJ starts to sing Neil Diamond's song; 'Red red wine'.

UNCLE PETER When we were in the car park we had a hug, what was intended to be an innocent hug and I had a certain reaction and she felt it as we (MORE)

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UNCLE PETER (cont'd) squeezed. I think we were on the same page and we ended up later in the Fantasy Hotel.

TJ Hmm, oh I love spontaneous sex.

UNCLE PETER I tell you, that it was so good that, ever snce that night I keep searching for that thrill and cannot find it again. No water in the Atlantic Ocean can quench that fire that she lit inside. That's the advent of the Uncle Peter you know today.

TJ You are never short of drama.

INT. MANDINGO SPORTS BAR AND GRILL NIGHT

TJ and his dad being ushered to their table. They order drinks.

ROBERT (TO WAITER) I'll have a gin and tonic, you can give this young man a coke.

ROBERT

It's about time.

TJ looks at his dad look at each other wondering how to begin the night's converstion.

ROBERT (CONT'D) Your mom thinks that your Uncle Peter is making you into a man too fast.

ΤJ

Really

ROBERT She saw lipstick on the pillow in the guest room when we returned from Europe. She was going to ask you about it and I just told her that Peter had a guest there. TJ So what that has to do with Uncle and me.

ROBERT She feels that if you allowed that while we were away that he's not settting a good example for you. I know a lot of things that you don't know that I am aware of. I know why your Spanish grades took such a meteoric rise.

BEAT.

TJ looks frightened. But they still continue to chat. TJ phone rings and he realises it's Miss. Perez. He doesn't answer.

ROBERT Why you didn't answer.

TJ That call isn't important.

ROBERT How is Maggie doing? Was that her?

TJ

No dad.

### ROBERT

Susan?

ΤJ

No.

ROBERT One of the other ones I met before.

TJ sighs.

ROBERT (CONT'D) I wonder if there's any merit to your mom's suspicions.

### TJ (LYING)

That was someone I met at the park a few days ago, she asked me for my number and I gave it to her out of courtesy. I have no interest in her at all. TJ (V/O) San Bernadino here I come.

As TJ and his dad are leaving and while they are in the car park a woman about mid 30's calls to Robert.

WOMAN

Hey Bob.

Robert looks around and halts.

ROBERT Here's the key wait for me in the car.

TJ collects keeps but stands looking at this woman.

ROBERT (CONT'D) I said wait for me in the car.

TJ slowly walks off but still is able to hear bits of the conversation.

WOMAN Why are haven't you call again me as you promised.

ROBERT Don't you see my son?

WOMAN So? You promsied to call me again.

ROBERT It's over and you know it.

WOMAN

Just like that?

ROBERT You know there wasn't going to me much more to it, wasn't that the arrangement.

Robert hisses his teeth and joins TJ in the car and drives away in silence. TJ is looking at his dad through the corner of his eyes and sees his discomfort.

> TJ Who is she?

ROBERT Someone from the office.

TJ smiles.

TJ (V/O)There is a little Uncle Peter in all of us.

ROBERT Forget about that son, leave it at that.

TJ (SARCASTICALLY V/O) Sure I will.

INT. TJ'S BEDROOM NIGHT

TJ on a telephone call with Uncle Peter.

TJ (WHISPERING) Has dad ever cheated on Mom.

UNCLE PETER So how was your boys nigh out?

TJ (WHISPERING) Has dad ever cheated on mom?

UNCLE PETER Have you decided what you are doing yet for the rest of the summer, you are still welcomed to come by.

TJ Now you are ignoring me and I am pissed.

UNCLE PETER You really expect me to discss your dad with you in that manner?

TJ Wow, when since you have become a bastion of virtue?

UNCLE PETER Stop that, I am not going there.

TJ You will have to answer that question, may not be tonight but (MORE)

### TJ (cont'd)

very soon. And yes I am coming to San Bernardino with Mom and dad to visit Aunt Judy this week end.

#### UNCLE PETER

I mean't you can stil come and spend some time with me, remember it's our last sumer to hang out, when you go off to college I will be loosing you.

ΤJ

I want a break myself, too much happening here, Maggie feels that in the nights Iam not giving here enough air time (laughing), Kaci wants me to hang out with her, Miss. Perez wants to have sex again, and Susan keeps calling me.

UNCLE PETER Well pack some stuff and hang on when you come by this week end.

TJ You mean stay back when my parents are leaving?

#### UNCLE PETER

Yep.

TJ They are going to question my sudden change of mind.

UNCLE PETER Don't worry I will take care of that for you. Come on, you know by now that you can leave that to Uncle P. Just pack some stuff and put it in the car.

# INT. UNCLE PETER'S FRONT PATIO SAN BERNARDINO SATURDAY DAY

Robert, Marlene and TJ are entering the patio. Aunt Judy, her nurse and Uncle Peter are there. They all greet each other. Aunt Judy relaxing on a couch on the patio.

> UNCLE PETER You guys must be hungry after that long drive. I've prepared lunch so let's go.

After lunch Robert and Marlene chat with Aunt Judy on the patio, while TJ and Uncle Peter hang out by the Gazebo in the back yard.

After lunch and in the late evening TJ's parents are ready to leave.

ROBERT Say good bye to your Aunt now we leaving in a minute.

TJ looks at his Uncle.

TJ I'm hanging on a little with Uncle P.

MARLENE Say what? You didnt discuss that with us?

ROBERT Furthermore you didn't pack anything with you.

TJ Hmm, I did.

MARLENE Without discusisng that with us.

TJ It was late last night that I decided to, I just didnt remembr today to mention it.

UNCLE PETER You know TJ is always welcom in our house. This has been his home for the past three summers, he is just late getting here this time. His room is always here.

Marlene looks suspicious and stares down Uncle Peter.

ROBERT Ok well you two can have fun, we are off.

TJ and Uncle Peter look at each other as if to say "Mission Accomplished".

## EXT. UNCLE PETER'S BACK YARD LATE EVENING

UNCLE PETER So you runing away from all the drama at Cape Cod... Kaci, Miss, Perez, Susan.

TJ I really didnt want to leave Maggie at all but I guess a little break won't hurt.

UNCLE PETER That Kaci chick if you not interested why you don't introduce me?

## INT. ROBERT'S CAR LATE EVENING

Robert and Marlene having a little argument on their back to cape Cod.

MARLENE You see what I'm talking about all this while, I am feeling redundant. Uncle Peter is making all the decisions for TJ.

Robert staring straight ahead on the road.

MARLENE (CONT'D) And you just say nothing. Your brother in in TJ's head in a way gthat I cannot explain. I know it's your brother bt say something for God's sake.

ROBERT

You don't thik you are overreacting darling?

### MARLENE

Overreacting? TJ and Peter had this all planned out and we just take a back seat when it comes to our decisions about our son.

#### ROBERT

Just leave the damn topic honey, TJ is young let him enjoy himelf, Peter has an empty nest his kids are all gone and he bonds well with (MORE) ROBERT (cont'd) TJ, furthermore TJ likes his company.

MARLENE Your brother is having a bad influence on TJ and I am going to prove it soon and very soon.

ROBERT Drop it, will you?

Marlene visibly upset at Robert's nonchalant attitude. She reclines her seat.

MARLENE Don't even bother to wake me when we get home.

CUT BACK TO:

EXT.UNCLE PETER'S HOME SAN BERNARDINO LATE EVENING

TJ and Uncle Peter still chatting in the backyard.

TJ Uncle at least hold strain until Aunt Judy is well again.

UNCLE PETER I never said I was going after Kaci, I just said introduce us if you not interested, you wasting your time. You want me to arrange for her to come see you here.

TJ looks at his uncle like a light just switched on in his head.

INT.HILTON LOBBY EVENING

Uncle Peter is seen at front desk while TJ and Kaci are seen chatting in the lobby. Kaci in a pink mini dress, her hair in a pony tail while TJ is in a slim fit pair of black jeans, slim fit gold short sleeved linen shirt. Uncle Peter in a slim fit white jeans and royal blue slim fit linen long sleeved shirt.

Uncle Peter asks them to join him by the piano bar.

UNCLE PETER So TJ has told me all about your fateful meeting.

KACI

Indeed it was.

UNCLE PETER Well you know my nephew is a catch, I'm proud of him.

TJ sits quietly admiring the conversation between his uncle and Kaci.

KACI Are you really his uncle?

UNCLE PETER

Why?

KACI You seem like his bigger brother.

TJ That's what he loves to hear.

Uncle Peter smiles in approval as he loves to hear that.

UNCLE PETER Anyway guys I have to go now, TJ, call me when you are ready.

Uncle Peter turns to Kaci and hands her the room key.

INT. UNCLE PETER'S HOUSE NIGHT

AUNT JUDY I haven't seen TJ all afternoon where is he?

UNCLE PETER He's by a friend

AUNT JUDY TJ has friends here in San Bernardino?

BEAT

## INT. ROOM 606 HILTON HOTEL SAN BERNARDINO NIGHT

TJ and Kaci seen cuddling in a king sized four poster bed.

TJ You know I have my girlfriend... right?

KACI Don't spoil the moment.

TJ I'm not, I'm just leting you know not to expect much more from me.

The phone on the side table rings and Kaci answers.

UNCLE PETER This is Peter, sorry to distub you but TJ isn't answering his phone so I had to call through the switchboard.

KACI (TO TJ) Here it's your uncle.

UNCLE PETER I'm in the car park.

TJ is seen getting dressed and huging Kaci, kissing her good by.

EXT. HIGHWAY NIGHT

UNCLE PETER Don't look so sad, didnt you have a good time.

TJ ignores him.

UNCLE PETER What's up with my man?

### ΤJ

I feel guilty, I looked at my phone while I was in the elevator and there were twenty missed calls from Maggie and 5 from Mom.

UNCLE PETER You'll soon get over that... that... feeling. I wouln't call it guilt. TJ So what is it then?

UNCLE PETER Let's call it a break out experience, You're young I'm sure one or two more such experiences and you will use to that game.

TJ It's your Kimberley experience you throwing at me.

UNCLE PETER Kimberley was my turning point experience and Kaci may just be yours.

They pull up in the drive way.

UNCLE PETER You gonna let us go inside without telling me if it was good?

TJ smiles and hops out the car.

INT. UNCLE PETER'S GUEST ROOM MORNING

Uncle Peter wakes TJ.

UNCLE PETER

I'm leaving some cash on the chest of drawer as well as my car keys. I will be driving Judy's car as we already got the insurnace company to settle the claim. You may need the car to go back to say good bye to Kaci.

TJ (SOUNDING DROWSY) Will buzz you when I'm up.

Later TJ joins Aunt Judy on the patio and is served breakfast by the housekeeper.

TJ Can I take you for some fresh air today Auntie? AUNT JUDY Where you have in mind?

TJ By the lake, you know I love going by Lake Gibraltar.

# EXT. LAKE GIBRALTAR DAY

TJ is seen helping Aunt Judy settle on a bench under a tree. He is using the cushions he brought along to make her very comfortable. Lake Gibraltar offers jogging trail and park facilties.

> TJ You know what's my wish for the summer?

AUNT JUDY I haven't got a clue.

TJ To see you get back to full recovery.

Just then Mrs. ROSE MELHADO comes along. She is mid 70's, gray hair and looks good for her age.

ROSE (TO AUNT JUDY) You got a fine young man taking care of you, I can tell he will make a perfect husabnd some day.

AUNT JUDY Sure he will.

TJ looks at Rose and she can see how he is pleased to hear that.

Rose approaches them.

TJ This is my Aunt Judy, I'm Taj James but you can call me TJ. Have a seat and join us. She is recovering from a motor vehicle accident.

Just then SYE joins them, she is 18, slim, about 5ft 7 inches tall, short hair, super sexy, petit, wearing her jogging tights and a tee shirt. She sits on the other bench beside Rose.

TJ looks at her like he would devour her immediately.

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TJ (V/O)Oh me oh my... girl where have you been all the other summers I have been coming to Lake Gibraltar. ROSE Meet my grand daughter, Sye, she is spending the summer with me. AUNT JUDY TJ is also spending the summer with me too, he usually does so most summers. Sye looks a bit uncomfortable as TJ's keeps looking at her. ROSE (TO SYE) How you got back so quickly today. SYE Not up to a long walk today, grandma. ΤJ You look like you can work out some more. Sye ignores him. TJ (CONT'D) Let the older folks get acquainted and we young folks can go break a sweat. SYE Not today. Sye looks at if to say, leave me alone. Rose and Aunt Judy talking. TJ not ready to give up yet. ТJ So you'll be spending your entire summer her in San Bernardino? SYE Ah ha. ТJ So you come here everyday?

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SYE

No.

TJ Do you walk or jog when you come here?

SYE Does it matter?

TJ detects a little attitude but like the Lion on the Serengetti, pursues the gazelle, TJ pursues Sye even though she seems disinterested in him.

> TJ Maybe it does. I guess you are an avid jogger as that could explain why you look so... so...

Sye looks at him like she wants to say 'shut up chatter box.'

Rose is saying good bye to Aunt Judy and they exchange home numbers. TJ makes a note of the number.

TJ Can I walk you guys to the car park. A matter of fact we're leaving too.

TJ walks closely beside Aunt Judy. In the car park while Rose is by the car window talking with Judy, TJ still not giving up on Sye despite her lack of interest earlier.

> TJ You've got a nice phone, can I see it?

> > SYE (INNOCENTLY)

Here.

TJ Pretends to be admiring it and instead dials his number from it and Sye doesn't even realised.

As TJ drives home with Aunt Judy, his mind seems occupied.

AUNT JUDY This is unlike you to be so quiet. TJ Feeling a little hungry.

AUNT JUDY Or you thinking about Sye? I kept noticing how you were looking at her.

TJ downplays it.

TJ She's too skinny not my type.

Before TJ even has lunch he calls Uncle Peter.

TJ I took Aunt Judy by the lake today.

UNCLE PETER So you didnt go and to see Kaci one more time before leaves.

TJ Nah, wasn't up to it.

UNCLE PETER So you hit and run.

TJ

Stop that! Anyway, I met a chick by the lake today, I can't stop thinking about her.

UNCLE PETER Tell me more, at this rate you will soon forget Maggie.

TJ That's the problem Uncle P, I wanna be true to Maggie

UNCLE PETER Ya ya ya, are you married?

ΤJ

No...

UNCLE PETER So don't talk like you are a married man. Later we speak.

## INT. UNCLE PETER'S GUEST ROOM NIGHT

Tj just about raping up a phone conversation with Maggie.

MAGGIE So if you miss me why didn't you come back with your parents.

TJ I'll soon be back, my last summer with Uncle, I had to a hang on a little. I will make it up to you sweetie when I get back.

TJ looks up at the clock and sees that it's 11:30 pm, he hurries Maggie off the phone and kisses her good night.

He scrolls through his call log and dials an unsaved number.

TJ Good night, cutie pie.

SYE Who is this?

TJ Good night cutie pie.

SYE I say who is this?

TJ You forgot my voice already?

SYE Oh, TJ! How did you get my number?

TJ I thought you would too happy to hear my voice rather than focus on how I got your number?

SYE How did you get my number?

TJ It was really nice meeting you today? You didnt seem to want to talk much as your grandmom was around.

SYE Not exactly, but she is very protective of me. If my grandfather was there today, you wouldn't even get to know my name. ΤJ You got a boyfriend? SYE Why you wanna know that? You have a girlfriend? ΤJ A nice, sweet girl like you must have a boyfriend? SYE Oh no I am not ready for that yet. ΤJ How old are you? SYE 18... you? ΤJ 18 too. SYE You don't look like 18, more like 25. ΤJ I'm the star for my high school basketball team. SYE So that's why you are so full of yourself. TJSo at 18 you really dont't have a boyriend. SYE Oh no. ΤJ A guy ever even give you a smack on the cheek?

SYE

Nope.

ΤJ

So if you were to have a boyfriend what type of guy you would want?

SYE

Someone like a Morris Chestnut or a Taye Diggs?

ΤJ

Those guys are stale, TJ is hot off the press.

SYE

You said you are a high school bsketball star, you didnt say you were the class clown. My dream boy friend, wouldn't have to be as tall as you but he will have to be really, really handsome.

ΤJ

Are you saying I'm not handsome? Or you didnt get a good look at me today. You want me to send you a picture now?

SYE

If you want.

ΤJ

I'm having second thoughts about that as the last person I sent a picture, she lost her self control.

SYE You basketball guys are so full of yourselves.

TJ You ever lusted at a guy before?

SYE

Oh no.

TJ You're sounding like the virgin Mary.

SYE Behave yourself. ΤJ You know what it's like to have a guy stick his tongue down your throat. SYE Yuck! stop that. TJ (V/O)I wonder if she is a virgin like Maggie. ΤJ I wanna see you again tomorrow, are you going by the lake? SYE That depends on if any of my grandparents are going. ΤJ And if not, then I will come and get you. SYE It seems that you like me. BEAT. ΤJ You just figured that out. I feel like I could come over and see you right now. What's your address? I'm sure your old folks are long gone to bed. SYE Don't be crazy. ΤJ Don't underestimate me Sye, I have done some very daring things in my life. TJ (CONT'D) I can make your summer more fun, I know it wasn't by chance that we

Silence from the other end of the phone.

met today. There is going to be (MORE)

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TJ (CONT'D) (cont'd) more of me and you before I head back to Cape Cod. Hello... Sye... Sye hey cutie pie....

TJ (V/O) I have a great idea, we'll both sleep together for the first time tonight.

TJ takes off his clothes, leaves his boxers on turns off his bedside lamp.

TJ (V/O) Okay cutie pie, we'll be sleeping together tonight. Sweet dreams.

TJ falls asleep listening to the rhythmic breathing of Sye.

INT. UNCLE PETER'S PATIO DAY

TJ in the kitchen making breakfast for Aunt Judy and then they both dine on the front patio.

TJ prays before they eat.

ΤJ

Lord thank you for the meal we are about to eat. Thanks for your many blessings upon us. I pray this morning Heavenly Father that you will continue to heal Aunt Judy and make her whole and complete again. Amen

AUNT JUDY Pastor TJ that was awesome. So what's on the agenda for today sir TJ?

TJ Maybe sleep... relax until Uncle gets home from work... or unless you wanna go back by the lake again today.

AUNT JUDY I will pass on that one, need to relax at home today. TJ How is my cooking?

AUNT JUDY Great! You can handle yourself in the kitchen. When Peter and I just got married, he had no use in the kitchen. I insisted that he learnt his way around the kitchen and now he is a pro.

TJ I'm not a pro yet but I'll get there soon.

AUNT JUDY You gonna be a fine husband some day.

TJ chuckles.

AUNT JUDY (CONT'D) You laugh, I am sure you will get a great girl one day. So are you dating now?

TJ Oh yea, her name is Maggie she's back in Cape Cod.

AUNT JUDY So have you spoken to her since you are here.

Everyday.

AUNT JUDY I took note of how you were looking at Sye yesterday.

TJ (SMILING) She seems like a nice girl.

ΤJ

TJ clears the table and returns to sit with Aunt Judy.

TJ So you have any idea of when you will back at work?

AUNT JUDY Hopefully in another month or so.

TJ looks at Aunt Judy's had in the sling and is moved with compassion. INT. UNCLE PETER'S GUEST ROOM DAY TJ returns to his room to see two missed calls from Sye. ТJ Morning sunshine... you fell asleep on me last night, I must have bored you to death. SYE Not at all, I thought despite your ego, you were good company. ΤJ How about my company again by the lake today, both of us. SYE I can only go if my grandma is going and she doesnt feel like leaving the house today, so I'm stuck here. ΤJ Give me a minute, soon call you back. TJ is seen going through his phone and dials a number. TJ puts on his TJ charm. ΤJ Good morning grandma and how are you today? ROSE Good morning and who am I spekaing with? ΤJ It's TJ grandma. ROSE Oh hello my little darling and how is my little prince today? ΤJ He's fine, just thought I would call to say hello and find out if I'm seeing you take your lap at the lake today?

ROSE My husband has the car today so I won't be able to make it.

TJ No problem, I can come get you as my uncle left his car with me.

# EXT. LAKE GIBRALTAR DAY

TJ is seen with Rose and Sye exiting the car in Lake Gibraltar car park.

TJ (V/O) What TJ wants TJ gets, don't under estimate me my Cutie Pie.

Rose takes her slow walk while Sye and TJ do a slow jog until they are out of sight from Rose.

TJ Let's walk the rest of the way, I want to savor the walk with you.

SYE Savor the walk? We need to hurry and get back before Grandma wonders what's taking us so long.

TJ and Sye walk slowly in the late morning breeze on the shores along the jogging trail of Lake Gibralta.

INT. UNCLE PETER'S CAR DAY

Just is about two hundred metres from Rose's gate. Sye seated beside TJ with Rose at the back.

ROSE This week end is my 50th wedding anniversary and I am inviting you and Aunt Judy.

TJ Fifty years, cogratulations, I wonder if I will have that luck one day?

ROSE As long as you find the right person you will.

BEAT

TJ looks at Sye through the corner of his eyes.

TJ pulls up at the gate. TJ trying to find a way to spend more time with Sye when Rose exits the car.

TJ Can I offer you folks some ice cream, Hagen Daz ice cream.

ROSE I will have cake for you when you return.

TJ What flavor for you grandma?

. ROSE

Surprise me.

TJ drives off with Sye. He drives slowly savoring every momemt. One hand on the steering wheel and one hand on Sye's leg. Playing on the radio is Mungo jerry's 'In the Summertime".

> SYE You don't think you are coming on too fast?

> TJ Forgive me Cutie pie but how am I to behave when I have the cutest girl in San Bernardino seated beside me.

On their way back TJ pulls off to the side of the road under a tree?

SYE What's wrong?

TJ Timing is wrong, I just can't have enough of time, especially when I would want to spend the etire day with you.

SYE Grandma will be expecting me back soon and worse if grandpa comes home and I'm not there.

TJ (STROKING HER CHEEKS) Calm down, you dont notice I've your grandma trusting me already. TJ opens Sye's ice cream and starts to feed her? Much to her delight. ΤJ Open for me cutie? Sye opensher mouth and TJ feeds her. ΤJ Very nice. SYE Ha ha. ΤJ Open again, wider, you take instructions very well. SYE You are so much fun TJ, you seem different from the guys the other girls at my school talk about. ΤJ Are you enjoying it? SYE Every bit of it. ΤJ I wish I could have the opportunity to feed you with more than just ice cream. SYE (NAIVE) You're talking in parables now. TJ (V/O)Never mind you will soon understand my every command, before I leave San Bernardino next week. SYE We have to get going now, grandma seems to be liking you so don't disppoint her.

# INT. UNCLE PETER'S GUEST ROOM DAY

TJ as he got home is seen looking at his missed calls. Ten from Maggie, three from Uncle Peter and five from his mom.

TJ (V/O) Oh hell, Maggie is gonna kill me. Mom I know you are calling to tell me it's time to get back to Cape Cod. Uncle I am sure you just wanna know what I'm up to.

TJ Hey uncle, you called me?

UNCLE PETER What mischief have you been up to.

ΤJ

Nada, nothing more than the usual. I met this sweet sexy chick by the lake, if I didnt have Maggie, I would...

UNCLE PETER (INTERJECTS) If you see something you want go for it, and don't look back. Am busy now, but later. Wanna take you for drinks later.

TJ returns another call.

MAGGIE If you miss me why aren't you back by now. Something is keeping you in San Bernardino.

BEAT.

#### INT. VIKINGS SEAFOOD RESTAURANT NIGHT

Uncle Peter and TJ seated at the Oyster Seafood Restaurant. TJ could tell that his uncle was known there by the way the waiter greeted him. The quaint restaurant was known for its seafood dishes served amidst classic jazz and blues music. The reception area and bar were plastered with pictures of a host of jazz and blues celebrities. TJ didn't recognize any, but his uncle seemed to be admiring the exquisite display as he pointed out Nina Simone, Louis Armstrong, King Curtis, and many others. The waiter hands them the menu and steps aside for a few minutes. UNCLE PETER Make sure you make a note of the prices.

TJ You're funny, I'll make sure to order the most expensive stuff as you are here to take care of the bill.

UNCLE PETER (JOKINGLY) Do as you want, after all you will soon be gone. This is my send off dinner for you.

TJ I'm gonna miss you uncle but I'm looking forward to college.

### UNCLE PETER

Life changes when we all go off to college. It happened to me and your dad and it happened with Christophe and Caryl. We all meet new friends, we get holiday jobs and after graduation we get a job and spending the entire summer at home is just not possible again.

Uncle Peter is very subdued.

TJ It scares me to know that this is my last summer with you.

UNCLE PETER Life has changes, son.

The waiter returns with their Grilled Lobster, baked potatoes and sautered vegetables for TJ and a shrimp linguine pasta for Uncle Peter.

> TJ This topic is depressing.

UNCLE PETER Ok so tell me something exciting about this new chick you've been hanging with and giving Maggie less phone time. ΤJ

She's super sexy, I gotta let you meet her tomorrow. I have'nt told her yet that I have a girlfriend, although she has asked. She is naive though just like Maggie and I thinks that's the thrill. Naive girls of late are a real thrill for me.

UNCLE PETER

Oh yeah! So you can have them your way.

TJ Ha ha, I wish I had met her before and I am leaving soon.

#### UNCLE PETER

You know, maybe you should tell her that you have a girlfriend.

TJ ll Aunt Judy th

You tell Aunt Judy that you have any girlfriends.

### UNCLE PETER

Listen up, not everything I do you will be able to do.... get that in your head, I just don't want you to come to San Bernardino this summer and mess up some chick's head and then run back to cape Cod and then a few weeks time you are off to college, especially if she is naive as you say she is.

ΤJ

Is when since you are so upstanding and concerned about a girl's feelings? Is that drink too strong for you?

#### UNCLE PETER

I know I may not be the best role model for you but allow me even once to instil something, even once in your head. It's not a good feeling for a girl when she losses her virgiity to a guy who is just playing with her.

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ΤJ Why you think I just wanna have sex with Sye and run off. UNCLE PETER You want to pick her cherry, I know that, when you speak about her, it shows in your face... you forget we are twins? TJ gazes at his uncle and let that seep in. ΤJ I am not ready to tell her yet, I like her a lot, she is so sweet and petit but I still love Maggie. UNCLE PETER Try not to hurt Sye, espcially if she is a virgin. ТJ You ever had sex with a virgin? Uncle Peter chuckles endlessly. TJ (CONT'D) That's funny, right? UNCLE PETER Twice... the first one was traumatic and the second one was

Uncle Peter sips at his Scotch. TJ looks at him eager to hear more.

TJ Keep going.

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## UNCLE PETER

When I was about 17 years old, there was a girl my age who after meeting up with her about three times before we had sex. I never really liked her to have considered her for a relationship but I followed her home one evening after school and her parents were not yet home. I insisted that she let me inside with her. I regret up to this day that we had sex.

Uncle Peter's countenance drops.

ΤJ

You are capable of having sex and regretting it.

## UNCLE PETER

Yea, even me, believe it son, it has played on my mind all these years. She thought having sex mean't that we were having a relationship. She started pursuing me and I wasn't up to it. As a result her grades feel and she got extremely depressed to the point that she had to get psychiatric help. She discussed me and the incident with the Psychiatrist.

TJ I would feel badly too.

UNCLE PETER Up to this day I feel real shitty about that, so careful you hurt Sye.

TJ Yousaid twice, so who is the second one?

UNCLE PETER Ah, now you are on to something.

TJ looks super curious.

TJ You know I keep your secrets well, and I am sure this one couldnt be the mother of all secrets between us.

Uncle Peter still seems hesitant to discuss the second one.

TJ (CONTD) So who is the other person.

UNCLE PETER Your Aunt Judy.

TJ smiles in admiration.

TJ Uncle P, you preserved her for marriage... I'm so proud of you...I (MORE)

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TJ (cont'd) wanna preserve Maggie too, we have bee n so close afew times but it's like something keeps helping me to exercise restraint. UNCLE PETER

Apart from my wedding vows to her, that's the other reason that despite what I do, I still fight with all my life to keep my marriage.

Playing in the background is Louis Armstrong's 'What a Wonderful World', Uncle Peter softy sings along.

TJ I am definitely going to tell Sye I have a girlfriend.

UNCLE PETER Do that but don't tell Maggie about Sye, what she doesnt know won't hurt her.

TJ phone ring, Uncle Peter picks it up to see who is calling.

UNCLE PETER Answer quickly, I'm sure you will want to take that call, pronto. A matter of fact ...

Uncle Peter answers.

UNCLE PETER (CONT'D) Good night, Sye.

Sye pauses, as the voice doesnt seem like it's TJ's.

UNCLE PETER (CONT'D) You got the right number, this is Uncle Peter, how are you doing?

SYE I'm doin fine.

UNCLE PETER I hear good things about you.

SYE Like what? UNCLE PETER That you are a sweet, innocent flower, be careful my nephew isn't nice though.

Uncle Peter laughs and hastens to make her know he is joking.

UNCLE PETER (CONT'D) Don't panic, he's the best guy in town for you, it doesn't get any better, hold on for him.

Uncle Peter winks to TJ and hands him the phone.

CUT TO.

INT. UNCLE PETER'S GUEST ROOM MORNING

Uncle Peter telling TJ that he is free to use his car again as he will be driving Aunt Judy's car. Uncle Peter also places some funds on the chest of drawer.

EXT. LAKE GIBRALTAR DAY

TJ srolling with Sye by the jogging trail at Lake Gibraltar. As soon as they are out of sight from Rose, TJ leads Sye off the trail and they sit on a bench under a tree.

> TJ Coming to the lake has never been so rewarding.

> > SYE

How so?

ΤJ

So many summers I come here with Uncle Peter jogging at least two eveings each week and the one day I took Aunt Judy to relax while she is recuperating, we met. Even though Aunt Judy has not come back since, I keep coming back in the days to meet with you.

SYE Meeting you makes these trips more special. TJ Uncle Peter is wondering how I don't seem too interested to jog with him in the evenings again.

TJ starts to play in her hair then they start kissing.

SYE

You making me do things I'm not accostomed to doing.

TJ And you are enjoying every moment of it.

SYE You haven't yet told me if you have a girlfriend. A charming guy like you must have a girlfriend.

TJ So how a sweet sexy girl like you say you never had a boyfriend. The same could be my situation too.

Sye eases out of TJ's arms a bit, turns and looks into his eyes.

SYE I never knew that I could feel this way about a guy I met in the past two weeks, I am getting so fond of you that when I woke up this morning at about 3:30 I couldn't go back to sleep.

TJ gazes in her eyes.

SYE (CONT'D) You were so much on mind that I lie away until day light, thinking of you.

TJ So why didnt you call me.

SYE At that time?

TJ Of course, that would be a special moment just like the one we're now having. Waking up with Sye (MORE)

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TJ (cont'd) whispering in my ear would be one of the best moments of this summer.

SYE You are such a charmer.

They start kissing again and as TJ was about to slip his hand under her tee shirt, Sye gets up.

SYE We better get back now, don't want grandma to miss me too long.

INT. UNCLE PETER'S HOME GYM LATE EVENING

Uncle Peter and TJ working out. Uncle Peter's cell phone rings.

ROBERT Hey, please don't think I'm being fussy but TJ needs to come home this week end.

UNCLE PETER He's doing fine, what's the rush this summer? Can I call you back in a few minutes.

Uncle signals to TJ.

UNCLE PETER That was your dad, I am going to call him back on the house phone

and you go in the study and pick up the extension.

TJ complies as usual with his uncle. Uncle Peter returns the call.

UNCLE PETER So my brother, what's your problem now, missing your big son.

> ROBERT You know by now that if it's up to me TJ can hang with you as long as he wants.

UNCLE PETER It's Marlene.... right?

### ROBERT

You got it and in all fairness remember we need to spend the rest of the summer with him as he will soon be going off.

UNCLE PETER Marlene as usual ruling you, huh?

#### ROBERT

You know I can't win when she starts an argument and furthermore she is convinced that you are having a bad influence on TJ.

## UNCLE PETER

Why would she take that argument to you and not confront me directly about it. You know I love TJ just like he is my kid.

#### ROBERT

I know that you woulnd't do any such thing but for a peaceful life back here, help me get TJ back home this week end. You know when we returned from you after our last visit, Marlene and I argued all the way back. We didnt even sleep together that night. When it comes to you and TJ it's that bad where she is concerned.

# UNCLE PETER

You let your wife rule you. Anyway anything for my brother.

#### ROBERT

Remember how she behaved with me with that incident years ago.

TJ eyes pop open when he hears that.

#### UNCLE PETER

I saved it before not sure if you will be that lucky again. Okay this week end it will be.

TJ hangs up and rushes back into the gym to re join Uncle Peter.

TJ (V/O) Okay mom you see how you now have me wanting answers. You caused it.

TJ What happened between Mom and Dad years ago?

UNCLE PETER You're going home this week end, you want us hang out again tonight?

Uncle Peter ignores his question.

TJ Don't do that Uncle P.

TJ follows him into the kitchen and stands watching Uncle Peter pour himslef some cranberry juice. TJ is digusted with his uncle ignoring the question.

> TJ The only person I would go out with tonight is with Sye and I know her grandparents would not allow that.

EXT. GAZEBO UNCLE PETER'S BACK YARD LATE EVENING

Uncle Peter now sipping Baileys Irish Cream which he just poured. TJ having guava nectar.

ΤJ

Uncle I have so many secrets for you that I can't believe you are keeping one from me now.

UNCLE PETER You really expect me to discuss my brother's secret with you... you parents secrets with you. I can't. What I will say is that your Mom is no Aunt Judy.

ΤJ

How so?

UNCLE PETER Your mom doesn't let anything pass, I mean nothing.

Uncle Peter goes back inside to pour himslef another drink and soon returns. He brings a drink of Bailey's for TJ.

## He sits and looks very contemplative.

#### UNCLE PETER

I think by now I have your confidence more than how your dad has your mom's. (Clearing his throat) About six months after your parents got married, your mom went away for a week to a law conference. Your dad went to lunch with an old girlfriend and I guess they felt for something from their past. A friend of your mom as the devil would have it saw them in a hotel elevator.

ΤJ

That doenst mean that he cheated.

#### UNCLE PETER

That in itself doesnt mean that he cheated but at that time, they were fresh out of University funds were low and they were joint on one credit card. Your dad paid for the room using that card, so when your mom's disgusting friend told her she saw him with that woman, she checked the credit card statement for that day.

TJ absorbing every word.

#### ΤJ

So... so... that before I was born.

#### UNCLE PETER

And your mom has never gotten over it. She gave him a good thrashing with one of the dining room chairs, even fracturing one of his arms. She moved out that same night with her stuff and he didn't know where she was for about four weeks. The long and short of it is that she came back and made a vow that if anything like that ever happened again, she was leaving for good.

ΤJ

His reaction to the car park incident makes sense now. So mom broke dad's arm.

### UNCLE PETER

You mom loves her man, and your dad has to fall in the line, as once trust is broken, she believes it can never be mended, that's the morale. Your mom is no Aunt Judy. Your mom not sharing you dad, it's all or nothing. Word got to his office as to how his arm got broken, he felt embarassed and resigned and I helped him to get the job he is now.

ΤJ

You are the lucky one.If Aunt Judy was like mom all of your bones would be broken by now.

TJ and Uncle Peter laugh heartily.

#### UNCLE PETER

So make sure you enjoy yourself when you are single as if you get married, then your wife may just be like your mom or it would be good if she's like Judy.

ΤJ

I'm gonna be a faithful husband.

## UNCLE PETER

Okay so play as much as you want now. I can imagine when you go to college how those girls will be going crazy over you especially if you end up in the NBA.

TJ I wonder if I will be coming back to marry Maggie.

UNCLE PETER

Or Sye.

ΤJ

I didnt know that I could feel this way about two girls at the same time.

UNCLE PETER Last night I was telling you not to hurt Sye. Thinking about it again, if after you telll her that you (MORE) UNCLE PETER (cont'd) have a girlfriend, and that you will be heading back to Cape Cod this week end and then soon off to College and so you may not be able to develop a relationship with her, if she is still up to it, then go after 'it' with all your vigor.

ΤJ

Uncle Peter you really know how to dispel all my guilt. How can I really make out with Sye and then leave a couple days after, she will be devastated. Even if our relationship doesnt go anywhere, I would still want to keep in touch with her.

UNCLE PETER Nothing wrong with that, but life has changes and the best of friends do part sometimes.

### INT. CRATER RESTAURANT

TJ and Sye having lunch the day before he leaves. They are in deep conversation, not much of their food is eaten.

> SYE I can't believe that as I meet you, that you'll be gone.

TJ Honey, the best of friends have to part at times but... hey we will always be in touch. You think I would forget this summer.

Tj phone rings.

TJ Hey uncle, we are at The Craters Restaurant, come and meet her.

SYE That's your Uncle... right?

TJ I'm gonna miss you. SYE

Me too.

Sye voice is breaks just as Uncle Peter walks in but they don't see him. She is wiping her tears. TJ gets closer to her and starts to console her, having a tender moment. In seconds he too is teared up.

Uncle Peter halts close to a table near by which has a woman about age 40 seated, alone. Her name is JASMINE.

JASMINE (TO PETER, SOFTLY) That's so sentimental, that's a real man right there. It takes a real man to let out his emotions and let his girl knows what he's feeling inside.

UNCLE PETER (NODDING) True! Very few men would do that.

JASMINE You care to join me.

Uncle Peter waves politely at her.

UNCLE PETER (TO JASMINE) That's my nephew.

TJ looks up and sees Uncle Peter standing there.

TJ How long have you been standing there.

UNCLE PETER

Not long.

TJ Sye this is Uncle Peter.

They chat a little and then TJ and Sye gets up and starts walking out, thinking that Uncle Peter is following behind.

TJ glances behind him and sees Uncle Peter seated with Jasmine.

## EXT. HIGHWAY TO MALLORCA BEACH AFTERNOON

TJ and Sye driving around slowly in Uncle Peter's car (Uncle Peter has acess to Aunt Judy's new car), playing on the car radio is Smokey Robinson's, 'Crusin'. They then end up at the Mallorca Beach and Sye is relaxing on TJ's chest.

#### EXT. MALLORCA BEACH AFTERNOON

SYE

If we have just known each other for two weeks and I feel this way knowing that you'llbe leaving soon can you imagine if you were my boyfriend, I would be going crazy right now.

ΤJ

I'm a boy and you are my friend, right? So I'm your boyfriend.

SYE

Please promise me you'll keep in touch, you don't seem dogish like the other guys I hear the girls at my school talk about. You make me want to fall in love and have a boyfriend soon.

ΤJ

I'm not sure I can promise you much now, since I'm going off to college, but I promise that I will keep in touch, and any guy who decides to take you on, he has to pass my acid test first, can't allow my little sye to get hurt.

Sye turns and looks into TJ's eyes.

SYE

You really care about me that much?

ΤJ

Oh Sye you are my one and only cutie pie, for you I'll gladly die if anyone should hurt my cutie pie, no guy is gonna let my cutie pie get sad and cry. SYE You are so smooth, say that for me one more time.

She raises her head and starts kissing him.

## INT. UNCLE PETER'S GARAGE MORNING

TJ is seen placing his things in Uncle Peter's car. He goes back on the front patio and kisses Aunt Judy good bye.

> TJ Take care now Auntie, I'm gonna be missing you but I will definitely be calling you.

### INT. UNCLE PETER'S CAR ON HIGHWAY MORNING

TJ looking very sad as Uncle Peter drives slowly taking back TJ to Cape Cod.

UNCLE PETER How about one more for the road?

ΤJ

Meaning?

UNCLE PETER One more hurrah before you leave San Bernardino.

TJ turns to look at Uncle Peter.

UNCLE PETER How about asking Sye's grandmother if she can drive with us, I will get Jasmine to come along that way I will have company to drive back.

TJ I doubt her grandma will agree, unless you talk to her.

CUT TO.

Sye hops into the car and they head in the opposite direction.

INT. STEAL AWAY RESORT LOBBY DAY

Uncle Peter is at the front desk of the Steal Away Resort while TJ, Sye and Jasmin are seated in the lobby.

UNCLE PETER (TO SYE) Here is my number, call me if he misbehaves.

Uncle Peter winks at TJ as all two couples head to the elevator.

INT. ROOM 502 STEAL AWAY RESORT DAY

TJ and Sye playing around on the sofa.

TJ So we gonna play like puppies on the back door mat all day.

Sye reaches for the remote and turns on the TV. TJ goes to lie on the King Size bed and takes off his shirt.

Sye looks at him with a nervous look as if she is having second thoughts.

Marvin Gaye's hit song 'Let get it on' playing in the background.

TJ I thought you wanted this.

SYE I don't mind a little more time with you but I am just thinking that if my grandparents ever know that I am in a hotel room with you rather than on a long trip to Cape Cod, they'll trust me again.

TJ gets up and leads her to the bed.

TJ We don't have all day, this moment is unscripted, we are on bonus time. SYE You're right I thought yesterday evenng was going to be the last time I saw you.

Sye starts to massage TJ's six pack, which he enjoys. He removes her blouse and licks her tits. Sye doenst resist.

## Making out in slow motion

He climbs on top of her kissing her all over, eases up and pulls off the remainder of her clothes while she too removes his pants and boxers. She stares at his dick, with some hesitation.

TJ climbs on top of her and gets himslef in motion. The love making didnt last long as Sye screams.

TJ I'm good at this, cutie, I can go slower if that's what you want, I would like you're frst time to be memorable.

TJ tries again, briefly and Sye pushes him away and heads to the shower.

TJ follows.

TJ The last thing I would want is for you to be upset with me.

SYE I'm not upset, just washing away your DNA.

TJ steps into the jacuzzi, turns on the water.

TJ Come and join me, this won't hurt.

Sye and TJ in jacuzzi cuddling as the water slowing rises.

After a while they head back to the room. TJ lies on the bed without drying, while Sye uses a towel to dry herself.

SYE You are wetting up the bed. Would you do that at you home? TJ Right now I just wanna feel wet and wild.

Sye drops the towel and joins him. She holds on to his erection like she wants to break off a piece for a souvenir.

SYE Aren't you gonna be putting on your clothes.

TJ I may put on my shirt but as I wasn't the one who off my pants I am not putting it back on.

Sye giggles.

TJ phone rings and it's Uncle Peter

UNCLE PETER Remember the deal now is that if you spent the day here you will have to take the bus home.

EXT. BUS TERMINUS SAN BERNARDINO EVENING

TJ bidding Sye and Uncle Peter an emotional good bye. They are all shedding tears.

INT. BUS EVENING

FEMALE PASSENGER (ABOUT AGE 26) Is that your sister and your bigger brother?

TJ ignores her as he takes his seat at the back of the bus in a row all by himslef.

INT. TJ'S HOUSE NIGHT

Robert helps TJ take his things inside. Marlene is standing on the front patio.

TJ Mom I missed you

TJ and his mom hug.

MARLENE I find that hard to believe as if I didn't demand your return, seems like you wouldn't be back as yet.

EXT. POOL SIDE TJ'S HOME SUNDAY EVENING

Maggie and TJ having dinner.

MAGGIE So ten days time and you'll be gone.

TJ I don't wanna leave ya.

### MAGGIE

You're just saying so, you're getting an opportunity of a life time, so many of the other guys on your basketball team I'm sure would love to be as fortunate as you.

INT. TJ'S BEDROOM DAY

TJ tries calling Uncle Peter but his phone keeps going straight to voice mail. The last call he made to him rings unanswered.

TJ has no idea what is going on and sends a text message to Uncle Peter.

TJ (TEXT) Thanks again, you made it so much fun again for me. That Steal Away Resort was he magnus opus moment of my summer there. Say hi to Jasmine for me, I guess next time you and her check in again, I won't be around. I prefer Jasmine over Linda.

EXT. LOCAL PARK IN CAPE COD DAY

TJ and Maggie strolling.

MAGGIE I know you will be getting new friend's you will soon won't remember me back home. TJ

You'll be busy too studying Dentistry, trying to get some boy's mouth looking attractive, you may forget about me too.

#### MAGGIE

If you knew how much I'm in love with you, it's impossible for me to think of anyone else.

INT. MARLENE'S BEDROOM EVENING

Marlene's phone rings.

AUNT JUDY (CRYING) Woman to woman, I didn't know that TJ was such a serpent.

MARLENE What's the matter?

Marlene still crying.

AUNT JUDY

Imagine how many summers I welcome TJ into my home and treat him royally and look what he has been doing all these summers. I don't want to ever speak to him again, if he ever puts his foot back in my house ever again....I'm going to....

Aunt Judy hangs up.

MARLENE (TO HERSELF) I'm not sure what's going on.

INT. LIVING ROOM TJ'S HOUSE LATE EVENING

Marlene jumps up and bangs on TJ's door. He opens.

MARLENE Can you tell me what's going on betwen you and Aunt Judy?

TJ is saved by the bell as his dad walks in waiving a letter.

ROBERT Guess what I've got here?

Marlene and TJ walk towards him, TJ tries to grab the letter from him but Robert resists and starts reading it.

ROBERT (CONT'D) We apologize for the short notice but we a hereby offer you a full basketball scholarship to UCLA...

TJ and Marlene scream and hug each other while Robert is still reading but no one is listening.

ROBERT (TO MARLENE) Can I get a chance to hug my son... I mean our son?

TJ dashes after that to his room to make a call.

MAGGIE

Hey sweetie, I got another scholarship this oen to UCLA. Call you back in a mo...

TJ Hey Uncle, I got another scholarship, this one to UCLA?

Uncle Peter not sounding very jubilant.

TJ What's wron aren't you happy for me.

UNCLE PETER I'm thrilled just that... can I call you later, atmosphere tense around here.

TJ No, talk to me now you haven't been answering my calls from yesterday.

UNCLE PETER That text you sent me.

Playing in the background is Brooke Benton's hit song; 'True Confession'.

TJ What about it?

## UNCLE PETER

Judy read it.

TJ How come, she busted your pass word?

#### UNCLE PETER

No, yesterday morning my phone fell and smashed in the car park just as I got to work. I got a replacement on my way home and didnt put back a password on it right away.

ΤJ

And?

#### UNCLE PETER

I left it on the kitchen counter and took out the garbage and that must have been when you sent me the message came in.

TJ

Oh hell...

## UNCLE PETER

We had the first fight in our 25 year marriage. In fact she was beating me up, I wasn't hitting her at all, so it wasn't a fight in the true sense.

TJ Are you saying she gave you a buss ass.

CUT TO:

Flash back to the fight.

TJ Uncle P, I caused that and you are not cussing me out now?

#### UNCLE PETER

Not at all, I cannot blame you at all, I gotta face this like a man. I slept in the guest room last night, in fact that's where I am now. I didn't go work today, so many bruises on my face, don't wanna go through the door looking like this. ΤJ

I don't wanna go away leaving you in this mess, we always some how find a way around our situations. I can't let you go this alone.

UNCLE PETER So which college you gonna decide on Syracuse or UCLA?

ΤJ

Mom and dad say go to Syracuse as that's the one that came through first and I had been planning for that one all summer. UCLA is a situation where someone canceled and they are giving me his spot.

UNCLE PETER Make use of the opportunity to go to LA, Hollywood, Lakers. Syracuse is no LA. And most of all didnt you say that Kaci lives in LA.

TJ Oh yeah, Kaci is in LA.

EXT. MAGGIE'S BEDROOM WINDOW LATE NIGHT (2:00 AM)

TJ climbs out Magie's bedroom window again. Maggie leans through, he reaches up and they kiss deeplt one more time. TJ walks away in the night, while Maggie observes him until he is out of sight.

## INT. CABRERA AIRCRAFT EARLY MORNING

TJ is seated on Cabrera flight 1818 with his headset on listening to Peter Paul and Mary's hit song; 'I'm Leaving on a Jet Plane'.

FLIGHT ATTENDANT Ladies and gentlemen, please make sure your seat belts are securely fastened and that you've turned off all your electronic devices.

As the plane starts taxing TJ quickly starts to send text messages.

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TJ (TEXT TO MAGGIE) (V/O) For you, my summer love, If we never see each other again, just want you to know that first love never dies, and that memories don't leave like people do. That's why I left a piece of my heart with you last night. Kisses and hugs. Your boy, TJ.

TJ (TEXT TO SYE) (V/O) When you open this which I know you will not resist, don't cry as if you cry I would die I will miss you, my Cutie pie as you are my one and only Sye.

TJ still busy typing one more message.

TJ (TEXT TO UNCLE PETER) (V/O) Neither your life nor mine will ever be the same again, thank you so much for everything, this summer was the best time of my life I don't know what my life would be like without you. I jus wich I didn't hav to leve you in this mess...

As the aircraft started climbing toward the clouds, for the first time since he'd taken his seat in Row 18, Taj James had a blank expression on his face as he looked out his window and stared off into the distance as if he'd left something extremely valuable behind.

TJ (V/O) Sorry, Auntie; even if you don't forgive me, please forgive Uncle Peter, as I know despite... despite... I know he still loves you dearly. Uncle Peter and I had mutual promises we had to keep. One favor deserves another. I'm so sorry... so sorry...

INT. MAGGIE'S BEDROOM EARLY MORNING

Back in Cape Cod, as the morning sun emerged in the eastern sky and beamed through Maggie's window, Maggie gets up looking like she just woke up from a dream, a long summer's dream.

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She slowly walked to her window and looked out as if she was feeling trapped.

CUT TO.

Fashback to her looking at TJ walking away last night.

MAGGIE (V/O) Oh TJ, will you ever come again climbing back in.

INT. CABRERA AIRCRAFT IN THE AIR EARLY MORNING

CAPTAIN Ladies and gentlemen we have just reached a crusing altitude of 33,000 feet.

Taj James now feeling invincible.

TJ (V/O) Hmm... What would I do differently if I had this summer to do all over again?

TJ smiled, patted himself on his shoulder, recline his seat and closed his eyes.

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"I haven't lived a perfect life. I have regrets... The only thing that I can do with my regrets is understand them."

Kevin Costner