

Moonstar

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INT.- AFTERNOON JOAN & EVELYN'S APARTMENT

Joan takes off her sleeping mask & turns off her alarm clock before getting ready for ballet. She rushes downstairs to see Evelyn sitting at the kitchen table sipping some tea & reading a book.

JOAN

I thought you were opening up the shop?

EVELYN

[Looks Up From His Book] It's my break but, Considering that Antoinette is in charge I'm a little worried

Joan opens up the refrigerator & grabs a smoothie that was possibly made earlier this morning

JOAN

[Takes A Sip From Her Smoothie]
You're the one who made her assistant manager

Joan grabs her duffle bag, Evelyn looks up from his book

EVELYN

Good luck at practice

JOAN

Thanks, I'll need it considering that I'm already late

JOAN & EVELYN SHARE A QUICK KISS AS SHE WALKS OUT OF THE HOUSE WITH HER DUFFLE BAG, CAR KEYS, & SMOOTHIE

INT.- AFTERNOON COMMUNITY CENTER'S BALLET STUDIO

Joan rushes into the studio even barely signing in, only giving the receptionist a nod to know that she wasn't some sort of creep. When she walks into the classroom (almost) everyone is staring at her, the instructor turns around after noticing her

MADAME BORDEAUX

Nice of you to join us Miss Priestley, and to think I thought the new student would be the last one to arrive

JOAN

[Looks Around] We have a new student?

MADAME BORDEAUX

I think she's a no-show

The door opens & we see RYAN a girl who looks straight out of MTV, she has pink & blonde hair with an eyebrow, nose, & ear piercing, a star tattoo on her neck, a lower-back tattoo of the moon, multiple rings on her fingers, & a cigarette in her hand. She's wearing big chunky sunglasses, she takes off her sunglasses tossing her hair around before putting them on top of her head, Joan is speechless

MADAME BORDEAUX (CONT'D)

I thought you wouldn't show up Miss

RYAN

Miss Ryan Lorencio, I'm new here it took me so long to tell the receptionist that I was in this class that's why I was late

MADAME BORDEAUX

Well, you can join Miss Priestley [Points To Joan] after you put out that cigarette

RYAN

Oh, my apologies

Ryan puts out her cigarette & walks over to Joan

JOAN

You don't look like a ballerina

RYAN

That's what they all say until they see it to believe it

JOAN

I love your hair, it's hot

RYAN

Thanks, I guess yours can be considered hot too eventhough it's just a basic blonde

JOAN

Why did you dye yours pink?

RYAN

[Takes Her Sunglasses Off Of Her Head & Puts Them In Her Duffle-bag]
It's just something I wanted to take on a test-drive, my hair was already blonde before and it was getting a bit boring

Joan touches Ryan's hair a bit before going back to what she was doing

JOAN

I hate to cut our conversation short but, Madame B dosen't really like it when we just sit around & talk

RYAN

It's fine, I kinda figured she was that kind of teacher

EXT. COMMUNITY CENTER - AFTERNOON

Ryan & Joan stand up so that they can actually start participating in class . Once it finally ends the two walk out still talking & laughing as they walk out both with cigarettes in their ears. Ryan pulls out her lighter & it falls

RYAN

[Under Her Breath] Shit

Joan pulls out her lighter from her duffle-bag pocket

JOAN

It's fine, I got it

As Joan lights up Ryan's cigarette, the two lock eyes before quickly in-locking eye. Joan lights up her cigarette while walking to the parking-lot, Ryan turns around

RYAN

You got a first name Miss Pristely?

JOAN

[Chuckles] I can't believe you remembered my last name, It's Joan. What's Yours?

RYAN

Lorencio, Ryan Lorencio

JOAN
That's a nice name

RYAN
I've become aware of it overtime

Joan walks to her car & drives away not getting Ryan out of her head

INT. JOAN & EVELYN'S APARTMENT - AFTERNOON

Antoinette a girl with some similar features to Joan minus the fact that she has orange & white hair, she has a nose piercing & looks no older than 19 & Benny a boy no older than 19 with brown hair & frosted tips are sitting on the couch, Benny is laying across Antoinette's lap while the two watch "ROMAN HOLIDAY"

ANTOINETTE
[Looks At The TV] When I was younger, I thought that I'd find a man like Joe Bradley

BENNY
[Jokingly] I'm right here Toni

ANTOINETTE
[Chuckles] I don't think someone with failed frosted tips and some mysterious job that even I can't know about would be my Joe Bradley

Joan walks through the door causing Benny & Antoinette to jump up like they just got done doing something aside from just watching the movie while eating snacks. She sits down on the other couch & looks at the two while Benny lays back down on Antoinette's lap.

ANTOINETTE (CONT'D)
Rough day at ballet?

JOAN
No not really but, we got a new student and she's so hot

ANTOINETTE
Are you sure that you didn't just hallucinate someone

Joan laughs sarcastically while taking her hair down & brushing it

JOAN

You're a very special person Annie
but no, her name is Ryan and she
looks straight out of a sad indie
film in which both of the
characters have a suicide pact they
must fulfill at the end

ANTOINETTE

That's fucking insane Joanie

JOAN

Aside from her looking like that,
she's a pretty nice girl and very
funny

BENNY

[Sing-Songy] Joan has a crush on a
mystery chick

JOAN

No I do not!

ANTOINETTE

You said that about Evelyn and now
look at you, engaged

Joan laughs after Antoinette points to the ring

JOAN

In my defense, who can resist that
sexy accent? I'll leave you two
love birds alone now, time for some
post ballet rituals

ANTOINETTE

Some possibly involving fantasizing
about that pink-haired chick

Joan laughs again while walking up the stairs

INT. - EVENING BOOKENDS

Antoinette looks around the store while chewing some gum
before, checking her watch again. Kathy walks over holding a
cookie that she just made in one hand & a strawberry
refresher in another hand. She hands the strawberry refresher
to Antoinette as Joan walks in.

KATHY

I can't wait to get off, it's getting late

ANTOINETTE

[Checks Her Watch Again] It's only five o'clock Kathryn, just thirty more minutes

KATHY

[Sighs] Thank god

ANTOINETTE

Hey Joan, I didn't notice you there

JOAN

It's fine, I just want my usual which is a strawberry cheesecake Frappuccino and a cookie

Kathy starts to make the frappuccino while Ryan walks through the door making Joan's eyes light up, she instantly goes over to her.

JOAN (CONT'D)

Hello stranger

RYAN

Hi Joan, you come here often?

JOAN

I'm engaged to the owner and my sister and cousin work here

RYAN

Makes sense

ANTOINETTE

I'm sorry to interrupt but, you're the girl from Joan's ballet class right?

RYAN

Guilty

ANTOINETTE

Cool

Joan & Ryan walk over to the records, Ryan goes through them trying to find something

JOAN

So, what are you looking for?

RYAN

Oasis

JOAN

[Chuckles] I'm more of a blur girl
but, your bound to find a lot of
Oasis here

RYAN

Why?

JOAN

The owner is from Manchester,
pretty damn ironic if you ask me

RYAN

[Looks Through The Records] It
really is

Ryan finds a Joan Baez record & picks it up, Joan looks over
at it

JOAN

I'm named after her, my parents are
big folk people and my middle name
is actually Simon

RYAN

Mine is Dylan

JOAN

It's fate you know, Joan and Dylan

RYAN

Hopefully minus the heartbreak and
me being an asshole which I would
never be towards someone like you.

JOAN

Thanks

RYAN

No problem

Ryan looks through the records again before finally landing
on the Oasis one

KATHY

[Loudly] Joan you're frappe is
ready!

JOAN

That's my call

RYAN

I'm gonna go ahead and check-out
too, it was pretty cool talking
with you again

JOAN

Maybe we can talk more if we
exchange numbers

RYAN

Did you read my mind or something?
I was just about to ask you that

JOAN

There's some pens and index cards
upfront

Ryan attempts to hold Joan's hand but, she pulls away. The two walk up to the counter, Joan grabs her frappe & cookie while Ryan checks out her records. The two write down their respective phone numbers on index cards & hand them to each other

RYAN

I'll call you soon Joanie

JOAN

I'll be waiting soon Dylan

Ryan walks out of the store & Joan blushes

INT. - EVENING Joan & Evelyn's Apartment (Dining Room)

Joan is cleaning off the table while Antoinette washes the dishes, she's trying to get Ryan out of her mind but is failing.

ANTOINETTE

You're thinking about Ryan, aren't
you?

JOAN

No

Antoinette walks over to Joan after putting up the last dish

ANTOINETTE

If there's anyone who can tell that
you're into someone it's me

JOAN

I'm not even sure if she's into
girls

ANTOINETTE

I would be shocked to say the least
if she isn't

JOAN

I'll call her later

ANTOINETTE

Just not around Evelyn

JOAN

I'm aware of that, the house phone
exists for a reason

Joan points at the "Snoopy" phone making Antoinette laugh a
bit

ANTOINETTE

I thought you threw that out a long
time ago

JOAN

It's just too cute to throw away or
even just give away

Antoinette walks out of the kitchen while Joan leaves behind
her running upstairs to her room

INT. ANTOINETTE & BENNY'S ROOM - NIGHT

Antoinette & Benny are cuddling while some old cartoon plays,
the two aren't paying attention to it though. Antoinette runs
her fingers through Benny's hair while thinking.

ANTOINETTE

Would Joan leave Evelyn for a
woman?

Benny looks up at Antoinette after she says that confused

BENNY

I don't think so but, depends on
the woman

ANTOINETTE

Just a random thought, that girl
she told us about was at Bookends
today. The two seemed pretty flirty
they even exchanged phone numbers

BENNY

Oh

ANTOINETTE

I don't even know why I'm thinking about something like this. Would you leave me for a guy?

BENNY

That's only if the guy was that one dude from Primal Fear

ANTOINETTE

Richard Gere?

BENNY

No, Edward Norton

ANTOINETTE

Makes sense, he's pretty cute and I think that I would leave you for him

The two start laughing and Benny kisses Antoinette's forehead

BENNY

But in all seriousness Annie, I would never leave you for someone else if we were still together

ANTOINETTE

[Holds Her Pinky Out] Pinky promise?

Benny chuckles again before holding his pinky out

BENNY

Pinky promise

The two lock pinky fingers before kissing

INT. JOAN & EVELYN'S ROOM - NIGHT

Joan & Evelyn are passionately making love while she's attempting to get her mind off of Ryan. She lets out a soft moan as he continues to kiss her neck, she isn't letting go of him gripping his back as he continues thrusting inside of her.

EVELYN

[Whispering] I'm only going to get better once we're married

JOAN

[Whispering] You're always good at making love to me

Evelyn continues to thrust inside of Joan while she's only thinking of Ryan expect for sometimes. All that could linger in her mind is their conversation at the record section in Bookends. Evelyn climbs off from on top of Joan & lays down right next to her, he glances at her as she looks back at him. She sighs while he lights up a cigarette, he takes a puff then glances at Joan.

EVELYN

Are you okay?

JOAN

I'm fine it's just, I needed that

EVELYN

We haven't made love in so long

JOAN

It's only been two months

EVELYN

You're right about that

Joan glances at him again before also lighting up a cigarette.

JOAN

I'm going downstairs, I just need to get my mind straight.

EVELYN

Okay

Joan puts on her "Hello Kitty" robe & goes downstairs while holding an index card

INT JOAN & EVELYN APARTMENT (LIVING ROOM) - NIGHT

Joan takes a puff from her cigarette while dialing Ryan's number, hoping that she picks up considering what time it is.

RYAN (V.O.)

Hello?

JOAN

Hey Ryan it's me, Joan I just wanted to know what you were doing

RYAN (V.O.)

Not that much, I've actually been waiting for you to call me

JOAN

Cute

RYAN (V.O.)

What's the distress?

JOAN

My fiancé just got done fucking me that's all. We haven't done anything like that in around two months.

RYAN (V.O.)

If it makes you feel better, I've been celibate for around four months. My girlfriend cheated on me with some guy who looks like a fag, I can't even recall her or his name.

JOAN

Sorry about that

RYAN (V.O.)

It's fine

JOAN

Okay

RYAN (V.O.)

I tried getting into the whole hooking-up stuff but, most of the pool when it comes to lesbians is girls wanting to experiment or some guy wanting another girl for a threesome.

JOAN

So you are a lesbian?

RYAN (V.O.)

Yeah why?

JOAN

My little sister, the chick from Bookends. She thought you were straight

Ryan laughs while Joan joins her, Ryan's laughter seems contagious

RYAN (V.O.)

That's fucking hilarious

JOAN
She was actually joking I'm sure

RYAN (V.O.)
Either way, she's a comedian

JOAN
You should hear her at dinner. One time during my birthday dinner she decided to give me and Evelyn acid aside from her and her boyfriend taking it too.

RYAN (V.O.)
I would pay to see Miss Goody-two shoes tripping on acid

JOAN
You can't imagine what-else I've done

RYAN (V.O.)
What's the real reason you called

JOAN
I wanna see you

RYAN (V.O.)
When?

JOAN
How about after ballet practice, I'll just tell my fiancé that I'm sleeping over with a friend

RYAN (V.O.)
Sounds fun

Joan hangs up & sighs after putting out her cigarette, walking back upstairs with a smile on her face.

INT. BOOKENDS - MORNING

Joan grabs her usual strawberry cheesecake frappe & a caramel iced coffee. Evelyn looks at her after giving someone their change.

EVELYN
Are you sure that's all you need for your sleepover?

JOAN
Yes

ANTOINETTE (O.S.)
Have fun, make sure to call me

JOAN
Of course I'll call you Annie

Joan walks out of Bookends & into Ryan's car, she smiles at her & hands Ryan her iced coffee

INT. RYAN'S CAR - DAY

RYAN
Thanks

JOAN
No problem

Ryan looks at Joan again while Joan puts her duffle & book-bag in the backseat

RYAN
I'm pretty excited

JOAN
Me too

Joan tries to kiss Ryan but, gets a tiny jumpscare after hearing the start of "Black Star By Radiohead". Ryan turns down the radio a bit

RYAN
Sorry Simon

JOAN
It's fine Dylan

Ryan kisses Joan on the cheek making her blush a bit as they arrive at the Community Center.

INT. FORMER DOLLAR STORE TURNED ADULT FILM STUDIO - AFTERNOON

Antoinette walks in holding a McDonald's bag, some guy looks at her suspiciously

PRODUCER
Are you apart of the production team?

Antoinette looks at him again before starting to make something up

ANTOINETTE

Yes, I'm apart of hair and makeup.
I just needed to get my lunch.

The Producer looks at Antoinette then down at her chest

PRODUCER

Are sure you aren't apart of the
cast?

ANTOINETTE

[Nods Her Head Up & Down] I'm
completely sure

PRODUCER

[Reads From His Clipboard] Room B

ANTOINETTE [UNDER HER BREATH]

That guy was a fucking creep

Antoinette walks into Room B holding the McDonald's bag

ANTOINETTE (CONT'D)

I brought McDonald's if that's fine
with yo-

Antoinette looks at Benny who is clearly at work with another
guy which involves sucking him off looks like he's in his
mid-40s. The man is moaning pretty loudly considering that
the set is supposed to be mimicking a Catholic Church, the
confession box to be more specific.

DIRECTOR

Who are you?

ANTOINETTE

Benny what the fuck are you doing!?

Benny gets up from off of his knees before the man could even
finish. He wipes his mouth & fixes his shirt, the man looks
at Benny.

OLDER MAN

I'm assuming you're on a lunch
break now Apple

BENNY

Yeah

Benny nods at the director who calls for a lunch break &
walks over to his dressing room which is in the way back.

DIRECTOR
 Alrighty then, ten-minute lunch
 break

INT. DRESSING ROOM - AFTERNOON

ANTOINETTE
 This is what you're using that
 theater degree for?

BENNY
 All the greats started somewhere

ANTOINETTE
 So you're telling me that Gene
 Kelly started out as a bisexual
 porn star named Apple Watercum

BENNY
 Yes

Antoinette laughs trying not to playfully hit Benny as she
 hands him his food & Sprite.

ANTOINETTE
 I can't wait to tell our future
 kids about this. Actually fuck
 that, I'm gonna tell Joan.

BENNY
 Of course you would

ANTOINETTE
 You know me

Benny takes a bite out of a chicken nugget before looking
 over at Antoinette who is mouth harassing a Big Mac

BENNY
 I can't wait to see the look on
 Joan's face when you tell her

ANTOINETTE
 She's not at home unless, she comes
 to Bookends

BENNY
 Where is she?

ANTOINETTE
 Having a sleepover

BENNY
Is it that girl?

ANTOINETTE
Yes, a one way ticket to scissor
city

Benny laughs before the director knocks on the door

BENNY
That's my cue

ANTOINETTE
Call me once your finished

BENNY
Of course I will

Benny walks away before blowing a kiss at Antoinette who throws away the McDonald's bag & walks out of the studio & back into her car. As she pulls off she starts to laugh thinking about what else he's done to help Joan pay rent.

INT. RYAN'S APARTMENT - EVENING (LIVING ROOM)

Ryan takes a puff from a joint before handing it to Joan, Ryan walks over to her record player & switches out the record to "Any Day Now By Joan Baez"

JOAN
You're gonna put me through agony
and despair while we finish this
joint

RYAN
It was either Baez or Sinatra

Joan passes Ryan the joint & longingly gazes at her

RYAN (CONT'D)
You've been giving me fuck me eyes
all day

JOAN
Can't a girl just gaze at another
girl

RYAN
I'm not a little experiment

Ryan puts out the joint & Joan looms a little offended after she says that. The room gets quiet aside from the music.

RYAN (CONT'D)
Did I offend you?

JOAN
I forgot to tell you that I'm
bisexual, I missed the opportunity
once you confirmed that well you're
a lesbian.

RYAN
It's fine, I just didn't know

Ryan lingers over Joan's lips trying to kiss her until

KNOCK

KNOCK

KNOCK

RYAN (CONT'D)
Oh shit, it's the pizza

Ryan grabs \$25 from her wallet & opens the door

BENNY
Delivery for Lorencio?

RYAN
That would be me

BENNY
Can you tell Joan that I said hi

JOAN (O.S.)
Hi Benny!

RYAN
You must be the little sister's
boyfriend

BENNY
And you're the ballerina friend?

RYAN
Ding, Ding, Ding

Ryan hands Benny the money while he hands her the pizza.

RYAN (CONT'D)
Keep the change

BENNY
Thanks

Ryan closes the door & looks over at Joan. A montage which consists of the two laughing while eating pizza, watching a movie, & Ryan drawing Joan occurs while It Aint Me Babe By Joan Baez plays, it ends with the two laying in bed.

INT. RYAN'S ROOM - NIGHT

JOAN

I don't know how long it's been
since I've had a sleepover

RYAN

I remember when I came out to my
mom it was no more sleepovers. Just
hang-outs with the door open so
that we wouldn't fuck.

Joan laughs & looks at Ryan again giving her those same fuck me eyes. She leans in to kiss her which turns into an intense make out session.

RYAN (CONT'D)

[Teasingly] You sure I'm not just
some little experiment

Joan takes off Ryan's shirt & starts to undo her bra

JOAN

Do you think I'm fucking around?

Ryan finishes taking off her bra & then moves on to Joan

RYAN

Mister Bookstore is gonna be pissed
about this

JOAN

It'll be fine if you don't mark me
up

RYAN

I have something better than just
marking you up

Ryan starts to kiss Joan's neck & she lets out a soft moan before pulling her hair a bit. She's letting her though considering how long it's been.

JOAN

You're not my first girl, I'd say
you're about number five

RYAN

Good girl

Ryan gets off of Joan to grab a strap-on from her drawer,
Joan's eyes light up

RYAN (CONT'D)

It's been so long since I've used
this

JOAN

[Smirks] Do your worst but, don't
be too rough

INT. RYAN'S ROOM - NIGHT

Joan is wrapped around Ryan as the two are attempting to
share the same blanket, she looks over at Joan who looks like
she's the luckiest woman alive.

RYAN

You don't feel guilty?

JOAN

A little but, it was totally worth
it. You fucked me like it was your
last day on Earth.

RYAN

I told you it's been around four
months

Ryan traces around Joan's neck using her tongue

JOAN

You eat pussy better than Evelyn

RYAN

[Laughs] That's pretty hard for you
to say

JOAN

I'm being honest though

Joan lifts her hand up in-front of Ryan's face & she does the
same, the two hold hands & Ryan sighs

RYAN

I don't want this to be a one time
thing but at the same time, I
wouldn't want to fuck up your
engagement

JOAN

You won't

Ryan & Joan share a soft kiss

INT. RYAN'S APARTMENT - MORNING

Joan walks downstairs wearing her Hello Kitty robe while Ryan looks up

RYAN

Morning Joanie

JOAN

Morning Ryro

Joan glances over at Ryan before sighing

RYAN

You slept like a princess, I didn't want to wake you up

JOAN

It's fine, we should go to Bookends for coffee and so that you can meet Evelyn

RYAN

He's never around when I'm there

JOAN

He's almost like a unicorn sometimes

Ryan laughs & Joan walks back upstairs so she can get dressed

INT. BOOKENDS - DAY

Joan & Ryan walk into the store, Ryan goes over to the romance section trying to find a book. Antoinette looks at Joan after spitting out her gum.

ANTOINETTE

Tell me everything, Evelyn is in the back so that's why I'm saying it right now

JOAN

We fucked, she hasn't had sex in about four months but you couldn't even tell because oh my.

(MORE)

JOAN (CONT'D)

I don't even want to get too deep into it since you're my sister and everything. And I saw Benny last night, I didn't know he finally got a non-secret job.

ANTOINETTE

I found out what the secret job was. He's an adult film star, Apple Watercum

Joan starts to laugh to the point where she starts to tear up

JOAN

I can't fucking believe it. How did you find out?

ANTOINETTE

Well, I wanted to surprise him with lunch then BOOM he was sucking off some older guy

JOAN

And I thought that I had a wild day

ANTOINETTE

I'm gonna start calling him Apple now

Joan laughs again before Evelyn walks out from the back after hearing Joan laughing

EVELYN

Joan! How was the sleepover last night?

JOAN

I had fun, it was extremely nostalgic

EVELYN

That sounds nice

Ryan walks back from the romance section holding a copy of "Pride & Prejudice", she puts down the book in-front of Evelyn

EVELYN (CONT'D)

Nice pick, I'm a sucker for Austen

RYAN

I finally get to meet the infamous Evelyn

EVELYN

Oh, you must be Joan's friend

RYAN

Yeah, I'm the one she had the
sleepover at

Joan glances over at Ryan after noticing that she's talking
to Evelyn, she's also trying not to melt from embarrassment

EVELYN

You have nice taste in books

Evelyn hands her the bag with the book in it & smiles

RYAN

Have a nice day Eve

EVELYN

You too Ry

Ryan walks out of Bookends & Joan tries not to combust

JOAN

I love you Evie

EVELYN

I love you two Joanie

The two start to make out before Benny walks in awkwardly
staring at them

BENNY

Don't worry, I'll come back later

Benny walks out & Joan & Evelyn get back to making out

INT. JOAN & EVELYN'S ROOM - AFTERNOON

Evelyn strokes Joan's hair while she looks at the TV, the two
are watching "Stand By Me"

JOAN

Can you believe we're watching one
of the most soul crushing films
after making love?

EVELYN

It was the first VHS tape I could
find at least in my defense

JOAN

No it's fine, I love this movie

Evelyn kisses the side of Joan's head & smiles

EVELYN

You seem better than you did a few
days ago

JOAN

Yeah, that sleepover really got my
mind straight when it came to some
stuff. I just needed a little break
that's all

EVELYN

Seems like it worked, you haven't
had that much high energy in bed
since post-engagement party

Joan laughs for a bit before, tapping out of reality thinking
of that night she had with Ryan. She taps back into reality
though looking at Evelyn

JOAN

One of the best nights in our
relationship

EVELYN

My mum still nags me about when are
we getting married all the time
whenever she calls

JOAN

She's been like that since we got
engaged

Joan puts what Evelyn said into consideration about his mom &
when the two are getting married. It had been on her mind
ever since she slept with Ryan at the sleepover, something
that she knew would happen but alas still unexpected. She
sighs again especially considering the engagement party which
happened about a month or so after she said yes, she toys
around with the ring a bit before taking it off & putting it
on her nightstand. She knows that she should tell someone
about her feelings when it comes to the whole thing, she
walks downstairs & dials Ryan's number.

INT. JOAN & EVELYN'S APARTMENT (LIVING ROOM) - NIGHT

Ryan lights up her cigarette & looks at Joan, gazing longingly at her before shaking her head

RYAN

Am I your incase of emergency fuck now?

Joan laughs as Ryan puffs away on her cigarette, she observes her again tapping out of reality before tapping back into.

JOAN

No, I'm in a kinda distress as of right now though and, I wouldn't want to wake up my little sister or cousin

RYAN

Makes sense, you better be lucky I'm basically a vampire. What's the distress about?

Joan sighs again covering her face with her hands before deciding to speak

JOAN

I'm thinking about breaking off the engagement with Evelyn

Ryan raises an eyebrow coughing a bit thinking about how romantical Joan gets whenever she talks about Evelyn

RYAN

You're not thinking about leaving him for me, are you?

JOAN

No it's just, I don't think I'm ready to get married yet and I don't even know if it would be to him or not. I love him with all of my heart I mean, I've loved him like that since I was twenty-three but, I don't think the both of us are stable enough to get married. For example, look at me, I'm talking to my secret lesbian lover.

Joan starts to cry & Ryan instantly starts to comfort her

RYAN

It's fine, you're just a bit confused on life right now

JOAN

I know it's just, and I have to deal with Antoinette considering the fact that she has bipolar disorder. I also have to keep a close eye on myself also considering the fact that I have bpd, it's just a lot to handle. I have to be mentally stable to get married or just in the right headspace

Ryan puts out her cigarette while continuing to try & calm down Joan

RYAN

Have you come to a conclusion yet?

JOAN

No because, one side of me sees a future with him while the other sees a future with me and someone else while me and him are on good terms

RYAN

Maybe, you can try writing down those emotions or just telling Evelyn

JOAN

I'm scared on what he has to say

RYAN

I'm sure it'll be okay as long as he doesn't get angry

Joan wipes some of her tears & hugs Ryan trying not to cry again

JOAN

Thanks for the advice Dylan

RYAN

No problem Simon, I'm here basically anytime you need me

Ryan grabs her car keys & walks out waving at Joan as she walks upstairs back into bed with Evelyn, still contemplating what she wants to do when it comes to the engagement

EXT. BACKYARD — AFTERNOON

Joan sits on a towel reading "The Picture Of Dorian Gray" while wearing a bikini, Evelyn is sitting next to her in the grass while Antoinette, Benny, & Kathy are all playing around in the pool.

EVELYN

I knew it was a decent idea to get an apartment with a pool

JOAN

And ironically enough it was the cheapest

Antoinette walks over to the couple while attempting to dry herself off with her towel

ANTOINETTE

This is better than trying to fight off a tourist for a parking spot at the beach

JOAN

Toni, I think sometimes you forget that we're from [Exaggerated Southern Accent] Georgia

Antoinette laughs before the back door opens revealing Ryan, holding a beach bag wearing a bathing suit which looks completely out of her style

JOAN (CONT'D)

I thought you would be more of the t-shirt and shorts girl when it came to swimming

RYAN

Nah, this is more comfortable and the t-shirt option is a more of in times of distress

Joan laughs before getting up so that she can get into the pool, Antoinette follows her

JOAN

I'm glad we talked last night

RYAN

Me too, I thought that I'd have to prevent you from slitting your wrists that's how distressed you sounded

EVELYN

I'm going to the store to get some water balloons and water guns, I'll be right back!

JOAN

Okay, make sure not to crash my car!

Evelyn laughs at Joan's remark & looks at Ryan who is also laughing

ANTOINETTE

[To Benny] Hey Apple, you think that they're gonna last long

BENNY

[To Antoinette, Laughs] We're gonna get used to seeing Ryan a lot especially since she's making friends with Evie now

ANTOINETTE

[To Benny] I wouldn't mind

BENNY

[To Antoinette] Me neither

Benny & Antoinette look at Joan & Ryan as they laugh while joking around about something. The two observe their body language seeing how they're acting like the honeymoon phase of a couple.

ANTOINETTE

I'm trying not to call them a slur

Benny quietly laughs after she says that, she playfully hits his shoulder. Antoinette pays attention to Joan & Ryan looking closely at the two as they flirt which leads to a kiss before Evelyn finally gets back.

INT.- EVELYN & JOAN'S APARTMENT (DINNER ROOM)

The room is filled with laughter & the aroma of loaded nachos made by Ryan while the laughter is mainly caused by either Antoinette or Evelyn on accident.

JOAN

I'll never forget when I bumped into Evelyn at NYU's campus

EVELYN

It was the best and worst day of my
life

Joan laughs after his remark, glancing at him

JOAN

So Ryan, did you go to college?

RYAN

Yeah, I went to Yale

Evelyn spits out his wine after Ryan said that as she
casually takes a sip before laughing

JOAN

Ry we're all adults here since I
banished the kids well on a
technicality kids to the living
room. Are you fucking with us?

RYAN

Nope, I even majored in music
history

EVELYN

That's actually pretty impressive
coming from someone like you

RYAN

Yeah, you two aren't the first
people to be appalled by my high
achievement

Ryan lights up a cigarette while Joan shoos away Antoinette
like some old lady

ANTOINETTE (O.S.)

Come on now Joanie, you didn't have
to banish all of us

JOAN

Toni, I think that you attempting
to bite Benny's ear was the last
straw

ANTOINETTE (O.S.)

He was the one that asked!

Joan taps back into the conversation that they were having
before Ryan continues talking about Yale

RYAN

I'd say it was pretty fun
considering that I even graduated
but, I didn't know what to do with
my degree. So, I decided to move
back to New Jersey and do ballet
for a bit.

Joan nods while Evelyn just looks at her

EVELYN

Sounds like the protagonist of some
eighties B-movie starring Ally
Sheedy

Ryan laughs while puffing away at her cigarette, Joan follows
along with the laughter

RYAN

Eve, sometimes you just don't
realize how funny you are

EVELYN

It's my UK charm

Ryan puts out her cigarette and leans back in her chair

RYAN

Well, I've told some of my story.
How did you two meet?

JOAN

Just picture it NYU circa nineteen-
ninety. I accidentally spilled some
coffee onto his vintage bag but,
eventually I made it up.

EVELYN

Two months later

JOAN

Just for us to never see each other
again until we were around twenty-
three

EVELYN

She came into Bookends and it was
love at first sight

RYAN

I thought you helped him open
Bookends?

JOAN

Nope, all from his parents. Just the average rich boy if you ask me.

Evelyn laughs while chiming in with that statement

EVELYN

My mum and nan already have money set aside for the wedding and we haven't even set a date yet

Evelyn & Ryan laughs while Joan on the other hand, lets out a forced laugh still with the engagement lingering in her mind

INT. FORMER DOLLAR STORE TURNED ADULT FILM STUDIO - AFTERNOON

Antoinette drags Joan by the wrist who looks extremely disturbed after hearing what's been going on in the other rooms. The duo walk into Room D while Antoinette is holding a bag with snacks from another dollar store , she looks at the set with her jaw dropped.

ANTOINETTE

Why didn't you tell me it was a "St. Elmo's Fire" parody, no wonder Benny took notes while we watched it

DIRECTOR

You excited or something

ANTOINETTE

Fuck yea, it's one of my favorite movies and I knew that he was gonna be Kevin too

Benny walks up to Antoinette spinning around before lighting up a cigarette

BENNY

I'm about to get fucked by one of my favorite porn stars

ANTOINETTE

I could've told you that Kevin and Alec were in a secret gay relationship

Joan lets out a chuckle at the remark while Benny puffs away on his cigarette

JOAN

Now that I think about it, lurking
in the shadows is kinda faggy

BENNY

Exactly

Joan sits down right next to Antoinette who is drinking a Big
Gulp & eating some cookies

ANTOINETTE

Want some? I made them at Bookends.

JOAN

Nah I'm good

Another guy walks up & Benny's eyes light up, it's his co-
Star for the scene. A nice looking blonde guy who looks no
older than 28.

JOAN (CONT'D)

Holy fuck he's older than me

BENNY

I used to love masturbating to his
work

Antoinette nudges her arm at Benny as the guy walks up to
them

ZIMMERFAG

I'm so glad to be working with you
Apple

BENNY

You too Zimmerfag

The director claps his hands before looking at Benny &
Zimmerfag

DIRECTOR

Boys, it's time

Benny glances at Antoinette smiling as she sits back

JOAN

[To Antoinette] You think Evelyn
would watch me & Ryan fuck

ANTOINETTE

[To Joan] Definitely, for some odd
reason guys love to watch two girls
fuck and are into lesbians.

(MORE)

ANTOINETTE (CONT'D)

But, when it comes to two guys
fucking and gay dues, girls get
turned off.

Antoinette takes another sip out of her "Big Gulp" while Joan opens up a bag of gummy worms. Antoinette is trying not to laugh at Benny's horrible acting.

INT. RYAN'S ROOM - EVENING

Joan looks around the room, observing some old Polaroid of Ryan & her ex the same ex that she told was the cause of the celibacy before Ryan walks up & kisses her.

RYAN

Have you decided on what to do with
Evelyn?

Joan sighs after saying that before looking down at her ring finger which has no ring since it's in her purse.

JOAN

I'm gonna break it off and see if
Evelyn would want to pursue a
relationship with me. If he dosen't
then, fuck him and I'll date you

Ryan gets into the bed after she says that & lays down next to her, wrapping her arms around her waist. She leans over to her cigarette box & offers Joan one, she accepts & lights it up.

RYAN

What happened to you not wanting to
leave him for me.

JOAN

This is something kinda sorta
different but, at the same time not
really

Joan takes a puff out of the cigarette & thinks about what she said for a minute

JOAN (CONT'D)

I just don't know when or how

RYAN

It's your decision

Joan sighs once she says that putting it into her memory that this is indeed her decision.

She sits & thinks about all the possibilities that could happen especially if she also tells him about her & Ryan but, she puts out the cigarette & rests her eyes.

EXT. PARK - DAY

The sun shines on Evelyn & Joan who are sitting on a bench, she toys with the ring again but, Evelyn doesn't bat an eye since this has been the norm lately. But, she seems a tad bit distant from him unless they start a conversation or he needs her to light his cigarette.

EVELYN

I talked to my mum today

JOAN

And?

Evelyn sighs trying not to stress out Joan by bringing up the wedding but, he fails

EVELYN

She kept on nagging about the wedding per usual, giving me more money like I don't have enough now to pay for about fifteen weddings

JOAN

Your mom's obsession with the wedding is worse than my obsession with the one I have with trashy tv

Evelyn chuckles at her remark, he puts his arm around her shoulder

JOAN (CONT'D)

Did you tell your mom that you have everything settled when it came to the wedding? I mean, you didn't open up Bookends for just no reason at all.

EVELYN

At this rate she's just giving me money for the future but yes, all the time I keep on reminding her about Bookends

Joan looks up at a tree before looking at Evelyn again then, looking down at her sunkissed skin

JOAN

You should stop accepting your mom's money offers no matter how much she tries to force it upon you. At this rate it just seems like it's all we talk about, maybe we can just take the wedding one step at a time.

EVELYN

I'm aware of this but, don't you want a big wedding?

Joan sighs after wiping a tear once he brings up the wedding

JOAN

Evelyn, we need to talk once I get back from lunch with Ryan. It's something pretty important and about our relationship.

INT. CHILI'S - AFTERNOON

Ryan glances over at Joan who looks like she just shot someone with zero thoughts behind her eyes, she sips on her lemonade while Ryan starts to spark up a conversation

RYAN

You looked traumatized

JOAN

I'm telling Evelyn about us once I get home, I just hope that he doesn't take it the wrong way

Ryan's eyes grow wide after she says that before looking at her ring finger

RYAN

Are you telling him about the engagement too?

JOAN

Yes, I'm telling him everything

RYAN

Evie seems like a nice guy, it's not like he would kill you over me or something like that

Joan let's out a soft chuckle

JOAN
He's not that crazy

RYAN
Do you think that you're gonna tell
him too much at one time? I mean,
you're breaking off an engagement
and revealing that you've been
having a lesbian affair with the
dyke from ballet

JOAN
He needs to know about everything,
I'm just tired of carrying this
sort of guilt

Ryan puts her arm across the table to hold Joan's hand, she
smiles almost for the first time since she's gotten to the
place.

RYAN
Remember Joanie, I have a spare key
incase he decides to kick you out

JOAN
I'm sure that would also be the
cause of the others moving in

RYAN
He'll be peaceful alone

JOAN
That's if he kicks me out or if I
just decide to take a breather away
from him

Joan sighs again realizing that tonight will possibly be the
last time she sees Evelyn ever unless she's around at
Bookends unless, he fires Antoinette & Kathy. She looks out
the window noticing a younger, happier couple even though
she's indeed happy with Evelyn, she looks away from the
window again.

RYAN
You okay Simon?

JOAN
Just a lot of emotions to
comprehend at once Dylan

Ryan leans over the table & kisses Joan, trying to make her
feel better about everything

INT. JOAN & EVELYN'S ROOM - EVENING

Joan paces around the room as Evelyn walks in, she looks up at him before looking down as he sits on the bed.

EVELYN

What was it that you wanted to say?

Joan sits down right next to Evelyn toying with her fingers before finally letting the words out of her mouth

JOAN

I've been seeing someone else

Evelyn's eyes grow wide as Joan starts to tear up not knowing exactly what to do or even say after those words leave her mouth

EVELYN

It isn't Ryan is it?

Joan looks at Evelyn before nodding her head, his heart drops & he looks like she just shot him in his heart

JOAN

The sleepovers we'd have would just consist of us having sex. She would even fuck me with a plastic dick and eat me out better than you would

Evelyn holds Joan's hand as she says that

EVELYN

Anything else?

JOAN

I wanna break off the engagement, it's just been all this stress ever since I said yes. I should've told you from the exact start that we should've waited a bit but, not before we settle down or anything. Sometimes I'm not sure if I want to settle down with you.

Joan wipes her tears as Evelyn still looks at her

EVELYN

What are we going to do with all that wedding money?

JOAN

We can split it

He looks at her again before holding her hand & now saying the main question on his mind

EVELYN

Do you love her more than me?

JOAN

Love is a weird thing for me to express when it comes to her, I still love you though.

Evelyn runs his hands through Joan's hair trying to say something but, nothing comes out. He kisses her & she does it back, they lay on the bed still kissing as they start to undress each other. Joan's heart races as Evelyn digs his teeth into her neck trying to at least be a better lover than Ryan without trying too hard.

JOAN (CONT'D)

[Softly] I love you

Joan sighs after those words come out of her mouth with tears still in her eyes as Evelyn continues to go deeper inside of her while also crying. Once he gets off of her, he starts sobbing like a baby while she quietly sobs.

EVELYN

I love you too

JOAN

We need a break, I'll stay at Ryan's for a bit & you can just put my half of the wedding money in my bank account.

EVELYN

Why don't you just stay with me, forever?

Joan sighs & kisses Evelyn's neck after he says that, he lets out a soft moan

JOAN

It's not only for me but, you too

Joan lays down underneath Evelyn putting his arm around her for one last time until further notice. While he's asleep she thinks about how it could've went much worse with the possibility of him even kicking her out. She falls asleep with only one person on her mind: Evelyn

JOAN (CONT'D)

[To Herself] I should've stayed forever or just in this moment

INT. JOAN & EVELYN'S APARTMENT - EARLY MORNING

The morning air shifts through the apartment while Joan & Evelyn are the only two up. Joan quietly walks downstairs with her suitcase while Evelyn walks behind her, holding her ballet dufflebag & bookbag

JOAN
I'll miss you

EVELYN
Are you gonna tell Antoinette,
Benny, & Kathy

JOAN
I wouldn't want to disturb them now

Evelyn sighs & grabs Joan's car keys as she gets into the passenger seat. The two glance at each other as he turns on the radio, "I Know It's Over" By The Smiths starts to play

INT. JOAN'S CAR

EVELYN
You were the best thing that
happened to me

Joan looks at Evelyn & kisses him

JOAN
You too, how are you getting home

EVELYN
The bus

Evelyn drives while also glancing at Joan, he realizes what could've been but then sighs.

JOAN
I'll at least see you at Bookends
during the break, it's not like
we're deleting each other from our
lives

EVELYN
It feels like a divorce

EXT. RYAN'S APARTMENT - DAY

Evelyn pulls up to Ryan's apartment while Joan gets out of the car, he parks it & looks at Joan again.

He starts to cry while glancing at her, she hands him the ring & puts it in his palm.

JOAN

Call me

EVELYN

I will

Evelyn walks over to the bus stop while Joan uses her key to get inside of Ryan's apartment. It's a new beginning for the two of them but, definitely not permanent.

INT. JOAN & EVELYN'S APARTMENT (LIVING ROOM) - DAY

Antoinette looks around the apartment with zero trace of Joan, she seems concerned as if someone murdered her. She lays on the ground & starts to cry, Benny walks downstairs noticing her.

ANTOINETTE

She's gone

BENNY

I wonder why

Antoinette grabs her purse while wiping her tears

ANTOINETTE

I'll ask Evelyn what's going on

BENNY

Have a nice day at work

ANTOINETTE

Come see me if you aren't being
fucked

Benny laughs as Antoinette walks out of the house, he walks back upstairs & lays back down

INT. BOOKENDS - DAY

Antoinette walks in & clocks in looking at Evelyn

ANTOINETTE

Where's Joan?

EVELYN

She told me everything last night
and left this morning. We're on a
break

ANTOINETTE
Everything?

EVELYN
Yes, she staying with Ryan right
now

Antoinette lights up a cigarette & sighs, exhaling the smoke
just to at least feel something

EVELYN (CONT'D)
We're on a break right now, she
doesn't know for how long

ANTOINETTE
Why didn't she say anything?

EVELYN
You were asleep, she didn't want to
disturb your peace

ANTOINETTE
She could've at least written a
note

Antoinette walks over to the phone so that she can call Joan

JOAN (V.O.)
Hello?

ANTOINETTE
You could've written a letter

JOAN (V.O.)
It was early, I didn't want to
disturb your peace

ANTOINETTE
I'm assuming you told Evelyn

JOAN (V.O.)
Yeah

ANTOINETTE
Did he take it well?

JOAN (V.O.)
We're on a break right now but, we
made love then sorted things out

ANTOINETTE
Wow

JOAN (V.O.)
I'll be at Bookends soon

ANTOINETTE
Okay, if I'm not there then I'm
visiting Benny but at the same time
Evelyn got a new hire so

JOAN (V.O.)
I know how that goes

Antoinette looks up after she sees Evelyn

EVELYN
Antoinette, I need you to write
this down. The new employee should
be coming soon.

Antoinette writes something down after Evelyn hands it to her
before tapping back into her conversation with Joan.

ANTOINETTE
I gotta go, see you soon

JOAN (V.O.)
See you soon

Antoinette hangs up the phone while trying to tap back into
her job.

INT. RYAN'S APARTMENT (LIVING ROOM) - AFTERNOON

Joan wakes up from a nap not realizing that she fell asleep
on the couch, Ryan walks over to her & hands her a Taco Bell
bag

RYAN
I didn't know what to get you since
you went to sleep

Joan sits up still with the blanket wrapped around her, she
opens up the bag & takes a bite out of a soft taco .

JOAN
Thanks, I'm still trying to adjust
to living here

RYAN
It's fine, you'll like it here

JOAN
I hope so

Joan tosses her neck around still trying to get comfortable

RYAN
Here, lemme help you

Ryan starts to massage Joan's neck while she turns on the TV

JOAN
I gotta get going soon

RYAN
Where are you going?

JOAN
Bookends, I told Antoinette and Evelyn that I would come see them

RYAN
At least you and Evelyn are on good terms

JOAN
Sometimes I have to remind myself that it's just a break and not like he got super angry

INT. BOOKENDS - LATE AFTERNOON

Antoinette chews on her gum while reading a magazine, she's still on the look out for that new hire. Benny is also helping her since he just got done filming.

ANTOINETTE
Are you sure that this is your last day filming for this week?

BENNY
Yeah and at least I didn't get my asshole violated today

Antoinette laughs while Evelyn walks up-front looking around that is until, the entering bell rings & the door opens.

EVELYN
You must be the new-hire

The new hire looks up & Benny is the first person to instantly know him due to his blonde hair & lips

NEW HIRE
I'm Erik

Erik offers his hand so that Evelyn can shake it, the two shake hands

ANTOINETTE
Better known as Zimmerfag

ERIK
[Smirks] You a fan?

Antoinette scoffs before pointing at Benny

ANTOINETTE
He is and you two should have some history

Benny looks at Erik & it suddenly clicks in his mind once he blinks

ERIK
Oh yeah, Apple Watercum

BENNY
Thats me

ERIK
You work here?

BENNY
Nah, I'm a pizza boy. Antoinette here is my girlfriend.

Erik looks at Antoinette again & smirks

ERIK
Someone as sexy as you works here. You ever thought about getting into the industry?

ANTOINETTE
No

Evelyn walks back in from restocking & redecorating the children's section

EVELYN
I see we're giving Erik a very wholesome welcome

ANTOINETTE
Thank god you're back Evelyn, I'd hate for you to walk in on me having blood all over my hands

Evelyn sighs after she says that & looks at her then Erik

EVELYN
What happened?

ANTOINETTE
Erik wants to fuck me

ERIK
Not really fuck but, I'm just
trying to see if she would like a
second job or something like that

ANTOINETTE
Never happening Zimmerfag

EVELYN
Zimmerfag?

BENNY
He's also another fellow adult film
star

EVELYN
Since when did you do porn?

BENNY
Long story

EVELYN
I don't even want to know

Antoinette looks down at the paper again then looks at Erik
who is still trying to flirt with her

ERIK
App- I mean Benny wouldn't mind
being a cuck. Would he?

Antoinette rolls her eyes

ANTOINETTE
I'm nineteen

ERIK
I'm twenty-eight and single

ANTOINETTE (UNDER HER BREATH)
This man is going to be the end of
my sanity

Evelyn picks up the phone & is inaudible but nodding his head
& writing stuff down

EVELYN
Bad news Annie

ANTOINETTE

What?

EVELYN

You have to train Erik, I have an emergency to tend about. And you have to run Bookends until further notice.

Evelyn walks out of Bookends after hanging up the phone & Antoinette sighs before walking outside for a cigarette

INT. RYAN'S ROOM - EVENING

Joan lays down while Antoinette sits on the bed after telling her what happened at work

JOAN

Why don't you just report Erik to HR?

ANTOINETTE

He's one of the only other people that work at Bookends aside from Kathy and four other people

JOAN

Oh. What else happened today?

ANTOINETTE

Something weird with Evelyn, he had to take a phone call and the boom now I have to run Bookends until further notice

JOAN

Hopefully it's nothing bad

ANTOINETTE

Aside from me. How was your day?

JOAN

Pretty decent, I'm still trying to settle in with Ryan but it is what it is

Antoinette brushes back her hair before shaking it

ANTOINETTE

I'm not even sure if I can even run Bookends

JOAN
 You weren't made assistant manager
 for no reason

ANTOINETTE
 You threatened to break up with him

JOAN
 It was a joke

The two laugh while Joan sighs

JOAN (CONT'D)
 I need to see or at least call
 Evelyn, hopefully I didn't break
 his heart

ANTOINETTE
 His mood today seemed quite chipper
 but, you never know

JOAN
 I still love him

Joan lays back down on the bed & Antoinette's eyes light up
 after she says that

ANTOINETTE
 But, is he the one?

JOAN
 I'm not sure

INT. RYAN'S APARTMENT (LIVING ROOM) - EVENING

Joan dials Evelyn's number waiting for someone to pick up
 before he finally does

JOAN
 Hi Evelyn

EVELYN (V.O.)
 Hey Joan

JOAN
 So what happened at Bookends today?
 Antoinette said you had to leave
 early and make her in charge until
 further notice

EVELYN (V.O.)

Family stuff, I just landed in the UK and my mum just settled me into my old room.

JOAN

The one that I kinda gave a makeover

EVELYN (V.O.)

Yeah, now I'm just bored and horny

The two laughs while twists the phone cord

JOAN

You just had sex a few days ago

EVELYN (V.O.)

Sadly, raging boners exists

JOAN

Timezones are weird

EVELYN (V.O.)

Thats never stopped from having phone sex

JOAN

That was years ago plus we're on a break, remember?

EVELYN (V.O.)

How can I ever forget

JOAN

A whore house should be open at around this time

EVELYN (V.O.)

Joanie, do those even still exist?

JOAN

I don't know

The call gets quiet but then Joan starts to hear some clapping noises & muttering

EVELYN (V.O.)

I want to fuck you again so bad

JOAN

Me too. Are you masturbating?

EVELYN (V.O.)

Yes

JOAN

That's pretty hot

EVELYN (V.O.)

Mmmm, just one last time would I love to feel your skin against mine. Remember that time we broke the bed?

JOAN

Or the time I pegged you

EVELYN (V.O.)

Keep talking, your voice for some odd reason turns me on

JOAN

Better be lucky I'm downstairs

EVELYN (V.O.)

First thing I'm doing once I land in the States is you

JOAN

I'm just imagining you deep inside of me right now. Reminds me of that time your mom almost walked in on us.

EVELYN (V.O.)

How could I forget about that

JOAN

Fuck now you got me all horned up

EVELYN (V.O.)

Don't you have some sort of toy

JOAN

It's upstairs plus, I just got done having sex

EVELYN (V.O.)

Weird but, it seems like the idea of two girls fucking is just so sexy.

JOAN

You don't have any porno you can jerk off to? It must seem kinda weird having to rely on your ex.

EVELYN (V.O.)
No. Aren't you into this?

JOAN
I am holy fuck

EVELYN (V.O.)
I'm thinking about you on our
engagement night, you were just so
sexy in that lingerie

JOAN
A gift from myself

Joan bites her lip while hearing Evelyn finish, it sends a
tingle down her spine while he moans

EVELYN (V.O.)
Horrible time but, I miss you so
fucking much

JOAN
Me too, I can't wait to suck you
off

EVELYN (V.O.)
You're the best at this Joanie

JOAN
Comes from my history as a call
girl

Joan continues to hear Evelyn pleasure himself while also
helping

EVELYN (V.O.)
This break is the best and worst
thing to happen with us. But oh my,
you always know how to get me
worked up over the phone.

JOAN
I should start charging you

EVELYN (V.O.)
I'd be in debt after not even three
days

JOAN
It must feel weird being in your
childhood room

EVELYN (V.O.)
Sorta kinda, but it's weird without
you laying next to me

JOAN
[Mocking UK Accent) Your mum is
probably glad

EVELYN (V.O.)
I miss you Joanie, this room just
reminds me too much of you
especially down to the window. Even
my closet, I can't recall how many
shirts you've stolen

JOAN
I'm wearing the Joy Division one
right now

EVELYN (V.O.)
This break is going to be the death
of me

JOAN
Me too, I miss you

EVELYN (V.O.)
I love you

JOAN
I love you too, come see me once
you come back to the States

EVELYN (V.O.)
I plan on it, good night Joanie

JOAN
Goodnight Evie

INT. RYAN'S ROOM - NIGHT

Joan silently attempts to creep back into the room but, Ryan
looks up

RYAN
Where were you?

JOAN
Downstairs, on the phone

RYAN
Lemme guess, Evelyn?

JOAN
He's my kryptonite

Joan climbs back into bed & sits up, Ryan looks over at her

RYAN
What did you two talk about?

JOAN
Just catching up and other stuff

RYAN
You two had phone sex

JOAN
You're a fucking witch

RYAN
No, sometimes I can just tell

JOAN
I miss him so much, I even just
told him flat out that I love him

RYAN
Then why take a break?

JOAN
It was better for the both of us to
just figure things out. The phone
call was just for us to

RYAN
That doesn't make any sense, I'm
sure you told him so much lovey
dovey stuff

JOAN
I still love him though

Ryan scoffs before lighting up a cigarette, trying to
understand Joan

RYAN
I just don't understand it, if you
two are on a break then why get him
off? Especially via phone call
across the pond.

Joan looks down after Ryan asks her that question, she sighs

JOAN

It's just...

RYAN

Something I'm trying to just wrap
my head around

Ryan takes a puff from her cigarette while Joan thinks of something to say

JOAN

What do you want me to say? It's
been a few years of our
relationship not even including the
engagement, we know each other like
we were friends beforehand.

Ryan titls her head, studying Joan for a second as she puts
out her cigarette

RYAN

Why aren't you with him? If you
love him so much then why aren't
you in the UK with him?

Joan looks down at the shirt she's wearing especially,
putting into consideration that it's Evelyn's. She sighs
before feeling on it, noticing how much history is behind it.

JOAN

The situation is just complicated,
we both felt like a break was
needed. I'm unaware if loving
someone is enough when both are
being hurt mentally.

Ryan tries to understand what Joan is saying but looks down
again.

RYAN

Listen Joanie, I knew about him as
soon as we started seeing each
other. I wasn't aware that you were
just completely over him. It kinda
stings though hearing the fact that
after we finished having sex you
turn around and have phone sex with
your posh sweetheart.

JOAN

The conversation wasn't ment to be
like th-

RYAN

You don't think I'm aware of that?

Ryan rubs her hand over her face before sighing

RYAN (CONT'D)

Listen Joan, this isn't me trying to be a bitch about the whole situation but. I'm really into you Joanie and I mean it. I also don't want to be someone you call out of sexual frustration and then you don't call me up when Prince Charming decides to take you back.

Joan looks at Ryan trying to find what words to say but, ultimately failing

JOAN

Dylan, I'm not truly trying to hurt you. The stuff with Evelyn is just sometimes complicated.

Ryan sighs before laying down while Joan puts her hands in her head

RYAN

How many fucking times is it just going to be reduced to complicated?

JOAN

I don't know

RYAN

If you don't know then, just move out. He's in the UK right now and I'm sure it would just be better for you to go back to the apartment.

JOAN

And?

RYAN

Talk to me again once you get your shit figured out. And I mean it, don't even fucking look at me during ballet class.

Ryan turns over while Joan turns the opposite way

INT. ANTOINETTE & BENNY'S ROOM - NIGHT

Antoinette is painting her nails while Benny on the other hand is smoking a joint, a Blur record quietly plays in the pack

BENNY

Zimmerfa- I mean Erik has been on my mind lately

ANTOINETTE

Why? You don't work with him well, in a family-friendly way

Antoinette takes a hit of the joint & hands it back to Benny

BENNY

It's just been your actions around him, I know he's been making you uncomfortable

ANTOINETTE

I wish Evelyn had set up an HR system before he got up and left

BENNY

He's weird. What if he's hiding something else aside from porn?

ANTOINETTE

What?

BENNY

I think, he's a teacher

ANTOINETTE

I couldn't imagine someone like Zimmerfag being a teacher

The two laugh as Benny takes one last hit of his joint before looking at Antoinette's nails

BENNY

Finally, something other than black

ANTOINETTE

Red and white were the only colors, I had to do something

BENNY

They look cute

ANTOINETTE

I don't want you doing scenes with
Zimmerfag

Benny's smile drops after she says that

BENNY

I can't control who I do scenes
with

ANTOINETTE

Well, you should at least have a
say in who you shouldn't and should
do a scene with. It's just common
fucking sense.

BENNY

I'll see about it. The industry is
a bit complicated.

ANTOINETTE

When are you quitting?

BENNY

Tomorrow and I promise you on that
one

ANTOINETTE

Okay

INT. JOAN & EVYLEN'S APARTMENT (LIVING ROOM) - MORNING

Joan lays down on the couch while watching TV, she isn't
really paying attention though but is acutally pretty tired.
Antoinette walks downstairs yawning not even noticing her,
she fixes herself a bowl of cereal & goes to the living room.

JOAN

Hi Annie

Antoinette jumps for a bit before looking over at Joan

ANTOINETTE

Holy shit! How long have you been
here?

JOAN

Since around six-thirty, I just
woke back up. And you walked past
me

ANTOINETTE

I probably wasn't even paying attention

Joan sits up on the couch, trying to get more comfortable as she lights a cigarette

ANTOINETTE (CONT'D)

You look like hell

JOAN

Thank you Princess Toni

ANTOINETTE

I've looked worse though

JOAN

I'm aware of that

Joan takes another puff from her cigarette & sighs, Antoinette looks over at her before taking another bite out of her cereal

ANTOINETTE

Rough night?

JOAN

Yes

ANTOINETTE

Sadly, I'm not physic like most people on late night television. Why are you back?

Joan puts her cigarette in a nearby soda can before looking up then finally opening her mouth.

JOAN

It started with Evelyn

ANTOINETTE

Oh lord

JOAN

I called him since I wanted to see how he's doing. Turns out now he's in the UK because of some family stuff and then it escalated into phone sex.

Antoinette's jaw drops before she sets her face back to normal

ANTOINETTE

When is your life not a soap opera?

JOAN

I'm unsure about that

ANTOINETTE

Even during a break across the pond
you two can't just resist the urge
to talk dirty

JOAN

It was so hot and in my defense, it
wasn't supposed to get that
intimate. It was just supposed to
be a call about how things were.

Antoinette lays across the other couch before looking at Joan

ANTOINETTE

Make sense onto why you two in a
technicality fucked even if it
means across the Atlantic, you two
have a lot of years when it comes
to sexual history. It wouldn't just
magically go away due to a break.

JOAN

It isn't just sex when it comes to
him Annie, it's just him and us in
general. But, sometimes it dosen't
feel the same and sometimes it just
does.

Antoinette nods her head trying to figure out what Joan

ANTOINETTE

What about Ryan? I thought you were
living with her.

JOAN

We had a little fight

ANTOINETTE

Before or after the phone sex?

JOAN

[Sarcastically] Golly gee Annie, I
wonder when?

Antoinette laughs

ANTOINETTE

Was it really that bad?

JOAN

To her, it was like I committed some sort of hate crime. She knew something was off though especially , since A, I tried to act normal and B, we had just finished having sex.

ANTOINETTE

Random detail but go in

JOAN

She feels like I'm using her as some sort of sexual device

ANTOINETTE

Is she lying?

JOAN

Yes and no

ANTOINETTE

Understandable. Whats the conclusion with her?

JOAN

She doesn't want to see me again until I have it all figured out

ANTOINETTE

Holy fuck

JOAN

But, I understand her a bit

ANTOINETTE

Me too, it's gonna be hard though considering ballet class

JOAN

I'll figure it out

Joan gets up from the couch & walks back upstairs to get her stuff settled in

INT. BOOKENDS (EMPLOYEE ROOM) - AFTERNOON

Antoinette is sorting the unreleased books by genre while listening to Radiohead on her portable CD player, she's also trying not to call Joan about the whole Evelyn/Ryan stuff. Erik walks in whistling Champagne Supernova By Oasis, he looks over at her.

ERIK

You work a lot. When do you live a little?

Antoinette takes off her headphones & puts them around her neck

ANTOINETTE

What do you want Erik?

ERIK

Just wanting to talk

Antoinette sighs as he walks towards her

ANTOINETTE

Uhh okay

Erik looks over at her before closing the door & locking it

ERIK

You're hot, maybe a bit hotter than one of my students

ANTOINETTE

That's creepy

ERIK

Chill out Annie, she's eighteen

Erik walks towards Antoinette more, he corners her in the section

ERIK (CONT'D)

You're a nice girl, no wonder you got assistant manager.

Antoinette try's to walk away but, Erik grabs her wrist

ANTOINETTE

What are you trying to imply?

ERIK

Just confess you fucked Evelyn to become assistant manger, a little thing like that wouldn't hurt anyone

ANTOINETTE

I was seventeen when I got the promotion

ERIK

That wouldn't stop you

ANTOINETTE
He was dating my sister

ERIK
That wouldn't stop me

Her heart drops as she frees herself from his grip, she tries to walk away while also trying not to cry

ANTOINETTE
Get the fuck away from me Erik!

ERIK
What are you gonna do, call HR? It could be fun with just the two of us

ANTOINETTE
Move!

Antoinette slaps Erik then attempts to push him away she fails

ERIK
We both know what you want

Erik forcefully kisses Antoinette, she doesn't kiss him back but instead pushes him away

ANTOINETTE
Stop!

Erik goes in for another forceful kiss before placing her onto the floor, undoing his pants

ERIK
This won't hurt babygirl and if you get pregnant, oh well

ANTOINETTE
You're a pathetic excuse for a man. Will you feel ashamed?

ERIK
Why should I?

ANTOINETTE
I'm gonna tell Evelyn

ERIK
Tell anyone and I'll fucking kill you

Tears fall down Antoinette's eyes

ANTOINETTE
I wouldn't feel threaded by a guy
named Zimmerfag

INT. BOOKENDS (CHILDREN'S AERA) - AFTERNOON

Antoinette lays down in the napttime aera of the children's section, she doesn't know how to feel. Benny walks up to her while she sobs.

BENNY
Are you okay, what happened?

ANTOINETTE
[Through Tears] Erik raped me

Benny looks at Antoinette after she says that, he decides not to hold her hand as she sits up

ANTOINETTE (CONT'D)
You were right about him being a teacher, he wants to fuck one of his students

BENNY
Holy fuck. Are you okay?

ANTOINETTE
Not really

Antoinette wipes a tear off from her face

BENNY
Do you know where he went?

ANTOINETTE
No, I think he left after he got finished with me

Benny hugs Antoinette, his grip is intense but not too intense

BENNY
Next time I see him, he better hope I'm not within some reach of a weapon

ANTOINETTE
I can handle it Benny

BENNY

Are you gonna tell Evelyn once he gets back?

ANTOINETTE

He said that he would kill me if I said anything

BENNY

I can't believe I called him sexy and that he fucked me

Antoinette sniffles as Benny attempts to comfort her

ANTOINETTE

I wanna go home

BENNY

We're getting there

ANTOINETTE

I'm tired, at least I'm on the pill

BENNY

Why?

ANTOINETTE

He told me that he wouldn't give a fuck if I got pregnant

BENNY

You're strong about this Annie

ANTOINETTE

That's how I was raised, I wouldn't want to be some sort of damsel in distress

Benny helps Antoinette up & the two walk to her car

INT. ANTOINETTE & BENNY'S ROOM - EVENING

Joan walks into the room looking at Antoinette aware of the situation, she sits on the foot of the bed looking at her. Antoinette is curled up on the bed still wearing her work clothes, Benny is downstairs out of respect, her headphones & portable CD player are next to her but, the room is silent. Joan looks over at Antoinette again as she wipes her tears.

ANTOINETTE

Are you aware of what happened?

Joan lets out a sigh

JOAN

Yes

ANTOINETTE

Was it Benny?

JOAN

No, I could just tell something was up due to his movements

Antoinette tries to get more comfortable in her bed as she's trying to fall asleep

ANTOINETTE

I didn't want you to know about it?

JOAN

Why?

ANTOINETTE

I thought you would see me as a whore and just some defenseless little girl

Joan looks over at Antoinette again

JOAN

You're not a whore Annie and you're not defenseless. You were just scared and when some people get scared, they just freeze up.

Antoinette starts to cry again, Joan sighs before going over to her not touching her but observing her

ANTOINETTE

I want to kill myself

JOAN

Don't say that Antoinette, we can get you some help

ANTOINETTE

I'm just a whore like Erik claims, maybe the reason why I got that promotion was because Evelyn wants to fuck me

JOAN

We can get you some help Toni. Do you need it?

Antoinette sits up & looks at Joan before sniffing again

ANTOINETTE

Yes

JOAN

You'll be gone for about a week. Is that okay with you?

ANTOINETTE

As long as I'm not around Erik

Antoinette hugs Joan not wanting to let go, she sobs a bit in her shirt before letting go

ANTOINETTE (CONT'D)

I'll need all the help you can offer Joan, I just don't know how to feel in general

JOAN

You don't need to feel after being hurt

INT. JOAN'S CAR - DAY

Joan is driving while Antoinette sits next to her, the drive is quiet as the two aren't really talking. That is until, Joan breaks the silence.

JOAN

Remember Annie, this is just for a week plus, Me, Benny, and Kathy will be rotating when it comes to visiting

ANTOINETTE

Will I ever feel safe?

Joan sighs

JOAN

I don't know. What do you think?

ANTOINETTE

No, it's gonna follow me like some burden

JOAN

You'll be okay Annie, this is just until you feel safe

Antoinette sighs & looks out of the window

INT. IRISVILLIE PHYSACATRIC WARD - DAY

Joan helps Antoinette out of the car, once the two walk in Antoinette feels like she's about to be incarcerated. Joan walks up to the front desk to check Antoinette in.

JOAN

Hello, I'm Joan Priestly and this is my sister Antoinette. I called last night in regards to my sister and some stuff that just happened to her.

The receptionist looks up at Joan after looking up the last name

RECEPTIONIST

Antoinette Prisetly right?

Antoinette nods her head

RECEPTIONIST (CONT'D)

Miss Priestly, you will be under a one-week evaluation and if needed you will be held longer

Antoinette looks over at Joan who then looks at the receptionist

ANTOINETTE

What if I feel like I want to leave beforehand?

RECEPTIONIST

It'll be allowed unless you're a danger to yourself and the people around you. In your case, I would advise not to leave early until the evaluation is finished.

Antoinette nods her head & the Receptionist slides a clipboard

RECEPTIONIST (CONT'D)

This is some paperwork that she'll need to do

Joan hands Antoinette the clipboard hesitant at first, she fills out the paperwork before sighing. Once Antoinette hands it to the receptionist, the two sit in silence until a nurse comes to get her so that she can go to her room. Once they get to her room, Antoinette observes it looking like something straight out of a film.

NURSE

This is your room, on the
nightstand there should be a
schedule and a sheet for when you
want to have some outside time. And
if you need anything, just press
that button. Does she have any
history with mental illness?

JOAN

Just bipolar disorder

NURSE

Does she take medicine?

JOAN

Yes

NURSE

There should also be some taking
medication time too on your
schedule Miss Priestly

Joan looks at Antoinette before she walks into the room

JOAN

I'll visit you

The two hug as Joan walks away & Antoinette walks into her
room

INT. JOAN'S ROOM - MORNING

The phone rings & Joan picks it up to see who it is

JOAN

Hello?

EVELYN (O.S.)

Hi sweetheart

Joan's heart flutters after hearing Evelyn's voice, she
blushes a bit

JOAN

We're on a break remember? That
means no pet names too.

EVELYN (V.O.)

How could I ever forget. Whats been
going on in the States?

JOAN

The Bookends assistant manager is gone

EVELYN (V.O.)

What happened?

JOAN

I'd have to tell you once you get back

EVELYN (V.O.)

I come back tomorrow, which is gladly enough Friday

JOAN

Why were you even in the UK?

EVELYN (V.O.)

My Nan died so, we needed some stuff with her will settled. I got most of the money

JOAN

Awe, I really liked her

EVELYN (V.O.)

It's fine, I got to inherit two of her summer houses, one is in The Hamptons

JOAN

Fun

EVELYN (V.O.)

I was thinking that just the two of us could go there

JOAN

Sounds nice. Are you gonna fulfill everything you said that you would during our last call?

EVELYN (V.O.)

Yes, I'm glad you held up this break pretty well

JOAN

The only thing I lost was one of my only friends

EVELYN (V.O.)
We'll get things settled soon

Joan sighs & kicks her feet back & forth

JOAN
Hopefully, I miss her

EVELYN (V.O.)
But don't worry because remember,
I'll be back tomorrow

JOAN
And I'll be waiting with a surprise

EVELYN (O.S.)
I'm intrigued

JOAN
Let me hang up before it becomes
weirdly sexual

EVELYN (V.O.)
Don't worry right now, I'm at my
cousin Julianna's wedding. It took
me so long just to find a payphone
and someone willing to give up
change.

JOAN
At least you're not one of those
weirdos who indeed touch themselves
in public

Evelyn laughs before letting out a sigh

EVELYN (V.O.)
See you tomorrow sweetheart

JOAN
See you tomorrow, It'll be amazing

INT. BOOKENDS - LATE AFTERNOON

Benny walks into the store looking around noticing Kathy &
how she's the only employee up front

BENNY
Where's Erik

Kathy looks up from her book

KATHY
There's the bastard

Erik walks up from the bathroom & Kathy walks to the children's area not wanting anything to do with this

BENNY
We need to talk Mister Zimmerman

ERIK
I'm all ears

Benny gets closer to Erik before getting the words out of his mouth, he wants to get everything he feels about the whole situation out of his mouth

ERIK (CONT'D)
Listen man, If it's about the rape she asked for it

BENNY
Victims don't just walk around asking for it. She told me everything when I saw her today

Erik's smile drops as he instantly locks eyes with Benny

BENNY (CONT'D)
You're lucky that Antoinette tried her best and that Joan hasn't even confronted you about this whole thing. But, I'm not either of them.

ERIK
You have the balls to fuck me up Mister Apple Watercum? After I fucked you.

Erik scoffs & tries to go restock some stuff but, Benny stops him

BENNY
I'm retiring soon anyway

ERIK
Who even cares pretty boy? If you're quitting over that slut Antoinette, I'm sure that she wouldn't give a fuck about you five years from now.

Benny punches Erik & he adjusts his jaw, Kathy watches from the children's section

ERIK (CONT'D)

I can take you in a fight

Erik aims at Benny's jaw but, he dodges. Benny grabs Erik by the apron-strap & slams him against the bookshelf, He gets back up successfully slapping Benny before getting toppled to the floor.

BENNY

I'm sure you're getting nostalgic

Benny starts to punch Erik back & forth including his nose before he gets off of him, letting him get up.

BENNY (CONT'D)

IF you ever at least look at Antoinette the wrong way. I will find you, and it won't just be a fucked-up nose. I'll make sure to fuck up your arm too.

Erik limps out of the store before walking past Joan, who gives him a side-eye

JOAN

I see you handled him for me

BENNY

I didn't even want to tell him about where she was. He needed to get fucked up.

Benny walks over to Joan who is basically spacing out

JOAN

Antoinettee is getting out Saturday and Evelyn is coming back tomorrow

BENNY

The universe is finally being your best friend again

Joan goes up to the counter so she can get behind it

JOAN

The universe will love me again once she comes back into my life, for good

BENNY

I'm aware of that, he's coming back but she seems to be MIA

JOAN

I just can't resist the urge to
look her in the eyes when we're at
ballet practice

BENNY

It's fine

JOAN

Oh and, thanks for helping at
Bookends

BENNY

No problem

The door opens & Joan doesn't look up but, neither does Benny.
The person who walked in goes to the records while Benny goes
to get some stuff for his knuckles. Joan lights up a
cigarette & Benny comes back holding a can of Dr Pepper

BENNY (CONT'D)

I hate to waste a good can of soda

JOAN

You'll drink it once we get back
home

The two laugh before the person walks up to Joan's register
putting down The Freewhellin' Bob Dylan. Joan & The Person
lock eyes.

JOAN (CONT'D)

I'm named after his Ex girlfriend

RYAN

I'm named after him

JOAN

Ryan

RYAN

Joanie, that's one way of saying
hello

JOAN

I've missed you

RYAN

I didn't go far, maybe back to
Jersey for a week but that's it

JOAN

Evelyn is coming back tomorrow

RYAN
You must be excited

JOAN
I missed the both of you equally

RYAN
Then maybe we should have a hot and
steamy threesome

The two laugh after she says that while Joan starts to blush

JOAN (UNDER HER BREATH)
That dosen't sound like a terrible
idea

RYAN
We should meet up sometime, before
he gets back

JOAN
IHOP after my shift but, we can't
fuck. I'm trying to save myself for
Evelyn.

Ryan laughs at her remark before Joan scans the record

RYAN
Noted

JOAN
See you tonight

Joan hands Ryan the record & the two kiss, Joan's face lights
up after the kiss hoping that things will be normal again but
still feel new

INT. IRISVILLIE PHYSACATRIC WARD (VISITING ROOM) - EVENING

Benny gazes at Antoinette as she walks over to her end of the
visiting table

ANTOINETTE
Hi babe

BENNY
Hi pretty face

Antoinette smiles at Benny as she sits down

ANTOINETTE

How was working at Bookends for a day?

BENNY

It was fun, I got to beat the shit out of Erik

Antoinette laughs before covering her mouth

ANTOINETTE

Wow, I can just imagine it now that I sit here and think

BENNY

He was being a lil bitch

ANTOINETTE

Did you at least run him off?

BENNY

I broke his nose

ANTOINETTE

Holy fuck

Benny looks at Antoinette with loving eyes again

BENNY

I love you so much, Saturday can't even wait

ANTOINETTE

Youre not even proud that I passed my evaluation?

BENNY

Of course I am. You liking it here?

ANTOINETTE

Group therapy is fun and I'm gonna start seeing a physiologist instead of going to a support group

The receptionist gives Antoinette a signal & she hugs Benny

BENNY

Goodbye Annie

ANTOINETTE

Bye Benny, it's time for me to hit the hay

INT. IHOP - NIGHT

Ryan & Joan are sitting in the smoking section, Joan is drinking a milkshake while Ryan is holding a cigarette

RYAN
How long are you just gonna stare
off into space?

JOAN
I'm not staring off into space

Ryan looks at Joan puffing away on her cigarette

RYAN
Then what are you doing?

JOAN
Thinking

RYAN
This can't be good

JOAN
Oh no it is, your threesome remark
is lingering in my head

Ryan almost chokes on her cigarette smoke

JOAN (CONT'D)
I was fully aware that you were
joking but, it sounds kinda hot.
Like every typical man he has a
thing for two girls fucking.

RYAN
Would you let him fuck a guy in
front of you?

JOAN
Yea

RYAN
Oh, elaborate on that claim please
the threesome one

JOAN
Evelyn and I have some complicated
stuff going on but, the break was
triggered by my messy love life.
What if I, combined it?

RYAN

How are you going to suggest this
to Evelyn?

JOAN

I have my ways and I know just
trust me on this, he'll say yes
once the word three comes out of
my mouth

RYAN

So, In a nutshell. You want to have
a threesome with your ex-fiancée
and your lesbian lover?

JOAN

Basically

RYAN

I'm in

Ryan raises her hot chocolate & Joan raises her milkshake,
they make a toast

INT. JOAN'S ROOM - NIGHT

Joan watches TV while trying to get some stuff sorted out
until, the phone rings she picks it up

EVELYN (V.O.)

I'm a bit drunk and I can't sleep
right now

JOAN

Sounds like you whenever you go
back to Manchester

Joan rolls over and lays on her stomach, kicking her feet
again like she's sixteen secretly calling some party-line

JOAN (CONT'D)

You should be sleeping, having some
sort of Austen inspired dream or
something around those lines

EVELYN (V.O.)

I've been dreaming about you,
they've been more pronographic than
Austen

Joan laughs at his remark

JOAN

Oh before I forget, I saw Ryan for the first time in a bit

EVELYN (V.O.)

How is she?

JOAN

She's well but, she suggested something today

EVELYN (V.O.)

Does it involve blood sacrifice or something along those lines?

JOAN

Hotter, she joked about a threesome

EVELYN (V.O.)

Woah

JOAN

Don't act like the concept of the three of us fucking would get you all hot

EVELYN (V.O.)

You serious?

JOAN

I wouldn't be this serious if I were joking

Joan starts to her the same rhythmic clapping from their first call when he landed in the UK

EVELYN (V.O.)

That would be so fucking hot

JOAN

I knew you would like the idea, just you watching the two of us go at it, her watching us. Just think of all the positions

EVELYN (V.O.)

Friday can't come any longer and neither can I

JOAN

Makes sense

Evelyn's moans grow louder while Joan is basically picturing him at the moment, she bites her lip

EVELYN (V.O.)

I swear, you have some sort of sexual power over me. This making me just try to imagine what that would be like.

JOAN

You watching the two of us before you join it, her touching all over me, the two of us kissing. Once you get back to the states, I want you to fuck me until I forget my name.

EVELYN (V.O.)

You're evil Joanie

JOAN

But still, you come to me whenever you want to get off

EVELYN (V.O.)

I wouldn't want to fuck a prostitute and your voice just makes me feel things

JOAN

It's one of my talents

Joan lights up a cigarette & Evelyn breaks the silence

EVELYN (V.O.)

Just a reminder Joanie, I'll be a tad bit jealous

JOAN

You'll have me all day tomorrow

EVELYN (V.O.)

Speaking of, I need to get some rest so I won't be too sleepy. Goodnight babe.

JOAN

Night babygirl

Evelyn laughs after Joan calls him babygirl before hanging up

EXT. BOOKENDS - DAY

Ryan notices Joan sitting down drinking her usual strawberry cheesecake frappe while there's a caramel ice coffee across from her, both of the drinks have breakfast sandwiches right next to them.

JOAN
Morning Dylan

Ryan sits down across from Joan & smiles at her before taking off her sunglasses & putting down her bag

RYAN
Morning Simon

JOAN
So, Evelyn is coming back today and I'm excited

RYAN
Did you ask him about the threesome?

JOAN
Yea

RYAN
What did he say?

JOAN
We had phone sex again so, it's an indefinite yes from him

Ryan laughs before taking a sip of her coffee

RYAN
It was obvious that he would say yes, I just wanted to see what his reaction would be

JOAN
I'm glad we're talking again but, I haven't gotten my shit fully together. Why did you come back?

RYAN
Benny told me what happened to Antoinette and I wanted to see how you were doing

Joan looks down & sighs, Ryan takes a bite from her breakfast sandwich

JOAN
She's doing fine by the way, she comes home tomorrow

RYAN
That's nice to hear. I missed you

JOAN

I missed you too, it was a little weird without you barging into Bookends

Ryan laughs before lighting a cigarette

RYAN

I tried to find a new store but, none of them clicked like here

JOAN

Is it because I got you coffee, is that why you're being sentimental?

RYAN

We'll never know

Joan gets up and wipes off her shirt

JOAN

Gotta get back to work before Evelyn gets back at around one thirty

RYAN

At least you're employed

JOAN

Only temporarily but at the same time, I write break-up letters for a living

RYAN

Which is an amazing job

Joan laughs as Ryan walks into the store behind her

INT. GROCERY STORE - DAY

Benny pushes a shopping cart while Joan grabs some stuff for dinner tonight with Evelyn, Benny is being reckless with the shopping cart

JOAN

If you run over my ankles you're walking home

BENNY

Trust me, I won't

Joan grabs a bag of pepperonis

BENNY (CONT'D)

What are you even making?

JOAN

Evelyn's favorite, pizza

BENNY

Thought it would be something like
beans on toast

Joan laughs & grabs a bottle of red wine while Benny, looks
at some Gatorade bottles

JOAN

I see you're making Antoinette
welcome home present

BENNY

She would probably put me in a body
bag if I didn't

JOAN

It also shows that you care

BENNY

Another thing to add since I heard
that Erik is getting a nose job

JOAN

Hopefully it's botched

The two laugh while Joan looks at the cart: pizza dough,
pepperonis, mozzarella, pizza sauce, red wine, candles, & a
robe

BENNY

No condoms?

JOAN

Birth control is a thing Benjamin

Benny scoffs before looking at the stuff he got for
Antoinette: An Oasis CD, a hello kitty plushie, some candles,
& gatorade

JOAN (CONT'D)

What happened to you getting her a
copy of Less Than Zero?

BENNY

I don't cheat on Bookends when it
comes to buying books

Joan points at the CD

JOAN
But, you cheated when it came to
the CD

BENNY
That's different

The two laugh while getting in line so that they can pay for their groceries. Joan looks down at the stuff she got Evelyn & smiles.

INT. BOOKENDS - AFTERNOON

Kathy is reading from a magazine while Benny on the other hand, is checking out the book for Antoinette

KATHY
I like how dedicated you are to
Antoinette

BENNY
I love her

Kathy puts down her magazine & gets up

KATHY
I'm aware of that, I just hope that
nothing goes wrong again

BENNY
Knowing Antoinette and Evelyn of
course, it won't happen

KATHY
Are you gonna tell him what
happened once he gets back?

BENNY
Yes and hopefully, he'll try to get
HR to start coming around him

KATHY
He still has to get a few more
employees

BENNY
There's enough and don't forget, me
and Joanie are just temporary

KATHY
Sometimes I forget about that

Benny laughs & lights a cigarette before Ryan walks through the door

RYAN

Make sure to give this to Evelyn
when you see him Benny

BENNY

What is it?

Ryan hands Benny a gift bag which is covered in tissue paper

RYAN

Trust me, you wouldn't want to be
aware of what it is

INT. JOAN & EVELYN'S APARTMENT (LIVING ROOM) - LATE AFTERNOON

Joan finishes lighting the candles & starts to spin a Frank Sinatra record . She adjusts her robe while waiting on Evelyn to knock on the door

JOAN (TO HERSELF)

I knew that plane wouldn't land at
one thirty on the dot but, he's
been in the air since around seven
in the morning

After she says that, someone knocks on the door & she jumps to open it. Evelyn, his hair is a bit of a mess but she doesn't care, she helps him with his bags & the two kiss.

JOAN (CONT'D)

You're late babygirl, what
happened?

EVELYN

I couldn't wake up at eleven at
night just to catch a plane at
twelve in the morning

Joan nods her head & they kiss again before hugging, Evelyn walks through the door

JOAN

Pizza, your favorite of course

EVELYN

You read me like a book sometimes

JOAN

We should know each other like
we're an old married couple by now

Evelyn laughs & sits down before taking a bite of pizza

EVELYN

My mum asked about you while I was gone

JOAN

Wow, I thought she hated me

EVELYN

You've grown on her

JOAN

I'll miss your nan though, she gave me some of the best gifts

EVELYN

Me too, at least I got half of the will plus those two houses

JOAN

Of course she'd leave all of that for you, she would always tell me you were her favorite

Evelyn laughs before taking a sip of his wine

EVELYN

I can't wait to see the other surprise you have for me

Joan lifts her eyebrow before kissing his neck

JOAN (TEASINGLY)

Just wait, it's why I didn't make desert

EVELYN

All of that phone sex will be worth it

JOAN

This time it's only been twice

Evelyn kisses Joan again tugging at her robe, she smirks

JOAN (CONT'D)

We should go upstairs loverboy

EVELYN

It would've been my next move if you just waited for a bit

Joan & Evelyn kiss against the wall before going into the bedroom, Joan starts to go down on him

EVELYN (CONT'D)

Fu-u-ck Jo

Joan gets up before taking off her robe revealing some lingerie

JOAN

I had to do something special for you landing back, I even didn't have sex for a week

The two kiss again as Joan starts to take off Evelyn's shirt, Evelyn takes off Joan's lingerie & starts to kiss her neck.

EVELYN

I'm going to fuck you until you forget your name, just like you asked

Evelyn starts to thrust inside of Joan making the two moan with Joan being the loudest of the two

JOAN

You haven't been with anyone else during our break and I can tell

EVELYN

I was saving myself

Joan laughs while Evelyn gets back to work inside of her

JOAN

Mmmmm deeper

EVELYN

Fuck Joanie

Evelyn gets from off of Joan after he finishes

JOAN

Thank the lord for birth control, I would've aborted the crotch goblin anyway

Evelyn lays down next to Joan, she scoots closer to him & lays down on his chest.

EVELYN

I missed you so fucking much, I'm glad that I can say it to your face now

Evelyn kisses Joan's nose

JOAN

Me too, a lot happened at Bookends. I'll tell you once we're clothed.

EVELYN

Did the place explode?

JOAN

I would've called you if it just randomly exploded which would've been a mess

EVELYN

Thanks for keeping everything in check while Antoinette also seemingly left

JOAN

No problem, Benny temporarily worked there too

Joan circles around Evelyn's nipple & kisses his neck again. The two start to make out after she gets on top of him.

EVELYN

I want you to ride me so hard

JOAN

I plan on it

Joan starts to ride Evelyn until he finishes then, she lays down next to him again

EVELYN

No more breaks Jo, I'm sure we can work something out with Ryan

JOAN

I knew it would come to something like that

Joan lays back down on Evelyn's chest tracing around the hickey she gave him

EVELYN

We're both marked up

JOAN

It's a sign

EVELYN

Trust me Joanie, next time I go to
Manchester I'll bring you

JOAN

Hopefully, I'm mad I missed
Julianne's wedding

EVELYN

She was looking for you

JOAN

Evie, I love you so much words
can't even explain

EVELYN

Me too except, I can explain the
word just not right now

The two kiss again before Joan lays down on Evelyn's chest
about how nice things are going to be now that he's back &
once they work stuff out.

EXT. IRISVILLE PSYCHIATRIC WARD - DAY

Joan pulls up & looks outside, Benny looks over at her
sighing

BENNY

I'm glad she got help for what
happened

JOAN

Me too, I hope that she's okay

BENNY

Did you tell Evelyn?

JOAN

It crossed my mind

Joan walks out of the car & into the facility while Benny
stays in the car

INT. IRISVILLIE PHYSACATRIC WARD - DAY

Joan walks to the front desk so that she can finally pick up
Antoinette

RECEPTIONIST

Hello, how may I help you?

JOAN

I'm here to pick up Antoinette Priestly, she should be getting discharged today

The receptionist looks down at the discharge schedule before typing something into her computer. Joan observes the facility in which she sees some patients color while others are watching Sunset Boulevard on the TV.

RECEPTIONIST

If you want to, you can sit down while waiting on Miss Priestly

Joan walks over to go sit down, she looks down at her finge nails before Antoinette walks out with a duffle bag on her shoulder, grey sweatpants & a Bob Dylan shirt on, her hair looks messier than usual. She looks at Joan & smiles as she signs & grabs her discharge papers, she walks over to Joan.

ANTOINETTE

[Jokingly] My lobotomy was successful

Joan looks up at her & laughs before getting up so the two can walk to her car

JOAN

I missed you Annie

ANTOINETTE

Me too Joanie

EXT. IRISVILLE PSYCHIATRIC WARD - DAY

The two hug before walking outside & to Joan's car in which Benny rolls down the window, looking out of it.

BENNY

Welcome back to the real world Annie!

ANTOINETTE

I knew that you would come with her Benny

Antoinette gets in the backseat & stares out of the window

JOAN

Dont do anything crazy back there

ANTOINETTE

I had to take my medication before
I left

JOAN

Good, Evelyn is back

ANTOINETTE

Did you tell him?

JOAN

No, I wanted you to tell him as
long as you feel comfortable

Antoinette looks out of the window again thinking about it
for a second before sighing

ANTOINETTE

I'm ready, the physiatrist really
helped

INT. BOOKENDS (EVELYN'S OFFICE) - AFTERNOON

Evelyn is sitting in his office knee deep with reading
Phantom Of The Opera By Gaston Leroux while also listening to
the Broadway soundtrack, that is until Antoinette walks in.

ANTOINETTE

We have to talk

EVELYN

Okay just, close the door behind
you

Antoinette closes the door & sits down, Evelyn pulls out a
box of cigarettes offering Antoinette one, she accepts. He
also pulls out a flask which is filled with vodka & coffee.

EVELYN (CONT'D)

Want some? It keeps me going

ANTOINETTE

No thanks, I don't think that I
have the same hold as a British man

Evelyn laughs & takes a sip from the flask

EVELYN

Back to what you wanted to tell me

ANTOINETTE

It's about Erik & why he left

Evelyn takes a puff of his cigarette & looks at Antoinette who also takes a puff

EVELYN

Well, I was aware that he would make some creepy remarks to you. What happened?

ANTOINETTE

Erik raped me last week, it was in the employee room and I tried to get away. I was just too scared though and his grip was just, he threatened to kill me you can check the security footage.

Evelyn looks at Antoinette again as she puffs away, he puts his cigarette out & turns on his computer so he can see the security footage. Once he does, he looks at Antoinette again before looking like he wants to do something.

EVELYN

I could kill that fuck-ass bastard

ANTOINETTE

Don't worry, Benny already fucked him up and broke his nose. a ALLEDGLEY he got a nose job

EVELYN

Hopefully it got botched

Antoinette laughs while putting out her cigarette

ANTOINETTE

Joan said the same thing

Evelyn also laughs before sighing

EVELYN

Is that the reason why you went to Irisvillie

ANTOINETTE

Yeah, I told Joan that I wanted to kill myself and she decided it was best for me to get evaluated for a week. And it helped, a lot she always knows when it comes to me though.

EVELYN

I'm glad you're okay and that Joan got you some help, I'll definitely have to start doing training when it comes to sexual harassment. And I'll also TRY to get an HR system.

ANTOINETTE

Thanks, I can help you with some of that stuff

EVELYN

No problem

Antoinette walks out of Evelyn's office & he takes another swig out of his flask before getting back to reading

EXT. BACKYARD - AFTERNOON

Ryan & Joan are sitting on a blanket with a mini picnic just some fruit & champagne, the two are underneath a tree trying to get in the shade while waiting on Evelyn.

RYAN

Exciting night tonight

Joan laughs after she says that, she takes a sip of champagne

JOAN

It'll be amazing, I'll be getting fucked by my fiancée & secret lover

RYAN

Not too secret remember, he knows about us

Joan lays down & looks up at the sky, Ryan also looks at her smiling

JOAN

I'm excited but scared

RYAN

Better be lucky I did my research

The two laugh, Joan playfully throws a strawberry at Ryan before she also lays down. They kiss before Ryan lays next to Joan on the blanket.

JOAN

You're one of my more stable-ish summer flings

RYAN

I'm considering a fling now and not
a friend with benefits?

JOAN

Both but, I just wanted to say
something cheesy

Ryan sits back up & looks around the backyard before getting
up

RYAN

Wanna pre-game before the final
event

JOAN

Yes but, it strictly has to be
making out

RYAN

I'm a pro at it

JOAN

That's why I couldn't say no

Ryan helps Joan get up as they go to Joan's room

INT. JOAN & EVELYN'S ROOM - LATE AFTERNOON/EVENING

Ryan & Joan passionately make out on Joan & Evelyn's bed.
Ryan is going in when it comes to Joan's neck, she lets out a
soft moan.

RYAN

I told you that you couldn't resist
me

JOAN

I told you that's why I didn't say
no

RYAN

You gonna be like this all night
Simon?

JOAN

Maybe Dylan, depends on how I feel

Ryan smirks & begins to kiss Joan again, she has a nice grip
on her waist while Joan plays with Ryan's hair. The two girls
continue making out even when Evelyn walks in, he looks at
them still going at it.

EVELYN

You two couldn't wait on me?

Joan laughs before getting off of Ryan, the two sit down on the bed

JOAN

You were taking too long

RYAN

At least he's here now

EVELYN

Go on ladies, I'll join in later or whenever I get the energy

Ryan & Joan continue to make out while Evelyn looks at them trying not to pleasure himself because he wants to not finish early. It's not until Ryan starts to go down on Joan when he finally joins in kissing all over Joan while her moans are muffled.

EVELYN

[Whispers In Joan's Ear] Joaine,
you should've knew this would turn
me on

Ryan gets up from the bed & starts to undress after finding a strap-on since she's going to fuck Joan with it while Evelyn is getting sucked off by her

JOAN

You know how much I love Paris Evie

Evelyn smirks & also gets undressed, Joan unbuttons his shirt while starting to give him head. Ryan adjusts the strap-on & starts to fuck Joan with it, the two moan in sync while Joan does this. Once Evelyn finishes in her mouth she turns over to Ryan & she starts to fuck her with the strap, Evelyn watches & starts to masturbate.

JOAN (CONT'D)

I've had sleepless nights about
this moment

RYAN

Do you want me to go faster?

JOAN

However fast you want to fuck me
but remember, Evelyn

Evelyn walks over to the bed again & starts to kiss around Joan's earlobes , trying to distract her from Ryan.

Joan looks him in his eyes & he goes in front of her, she starts sucking him off again. Ryan gets done fucking her for now & Evelyn gets onto the job

JOAN (CONT'D)
Fuck Evelyn harder

Evelyn starts to thrust harder inside of Joan while Ryan watches, she looks at her while Joan gives her some hand signals. Ryan starts to kiss Joan all over her neck, marking her up a bit as Evelyn finishes inside of her. The three all lay down in the bed with Joan in the middle of it all.

EVELYN
Had fun Joanie?

RYAN
Look at her

Joan is sleeping, Ryan & Evelyn look at her giggling a but realizing that they just fulfilled one of her dreams.

INT. JOAN & EVELYN'S ROOM - EVENING

Evelyn can't sleep, he's been tracing circles around Joan's shoulder but then, she wakes up

JOAN
What Evie?

EVELYN
I can't seem to sleep

Joan looks over at Ryan who is currently knocked out

JOAN
Couldn't say the same about Ryan

EVELYN
Yea

JOAN
It was fun

EVELYN
Definitely, I think my back hurts a bit though

Joan laughs & kisses Evelyn's cheek

JOAN
You always say that

EVELYN

I mean it this time though

Joan sighs & looks out of the window

JOAN

We have to do it again sometime

EVELYN

Thats what you said in Rome

JOAN

And it happened again

Evelyn laughs & the two kiss again

JOAN (CONT'D)

Make sure to get some sleep
Princess Evy

INT. JOAN & EVELYN'S ROOM - MORNING

Evelyn looks over at Joan who is still sleeping, he's also trying not to disturb her as he walks out of the bed & finds something to put on so he can use the bathroom. Ryan walks out of the bathroom wearing Joan's signature Hello Kitty robe with her hair wet.

RYAN

Needed a good wash after fucking
almost all night long

Evelyn laughs & looks at Ryan again then, Joan

EVELYN

Princess Jo is still asleep

RYAN

I'm sure she is, it was a very long
night

Evelyn walks into the bathroom as Ryan walks downstairs & Joan wakes up rubbing her eye before flipping her hair back.

JOAN

I'm hungry

Evelyn walks out of the bathroom & noticed that Joan is awake

EVELYN

Morning Babe [Kisses Joan] Ryan
went downstairs

Joan nods her head & goes to the bathroom after putting on her robe from the night with Evelyn.

INT. JOAN & EVELYN'S APARTMENT (LIVING ROOM/KITCHEN)

Evelyn walks downstairs & notices Antoinette cooking breakfast: Pancakes, Bacon, Eggs, & Orange Juice. She hands Benny a box of Cinnamon Toast Crunch & milk.

ANTOINETTE
Morning Evie

EVELYN
What are you doing?

ANTOINETTE
Well I was thinking about you three last night and I decided to cook breakfast

EVELYN
You never make me breakfast

ANTOINETTE
And you never shut the fuck up during a threesome

EVELYN
It was my first threesome

Antoinette starts to laugh after looking at Evelyn again & flips a pancake as Joan walks downstairs

ANTOINETTE
You're lying, don't think I forgot about that time in Ireland

EVELYN
One time thing

JOAN
And the time in Italy

EVELYN
Maybe three times

JOAN
So, what's the occasion?

ANTOINETTE
It's a gift since I could hear EVERYTHING

BENNY
Yeah, we heard everything

JOAN
Really?

ANTOINETTE
Do I need to remind you what I
heard?

JOAN
I guess

INT. ANTOINETTE & BENNY'S ROOM (FLASHBACK) - NIGHT

Antoinette is painting her nails black while Benny on the other hand is watching TV. The room is a bit quiet until, Antoinette hears something from next door, moaning.

JOAN (O.S.)
Fuck me harder Evelyn!

EVELYN (O.S.)
Joanie babe I'm about to cum

ANTOINETTE
What the actual fuck?

Benny tries not to laugh while Antoinette stops painting her nails & looks traumatized

BENNY
I have to respect their stamina

ANTOINETTE
Don't you date start laughing again

Benny starts to bust out laughing while the two keep on hearing moaning

BENNY
I'm getting a bit tired

ANTOINETTE
Me too, I should sleep after I kill
them

RYAN (O.S.)
I've always wanted to see you peg
Evelyn, I thought it was too good
to be true

Antoinette's jaw drops & so does Benny's as he stops laughing

BENNY
ARE THEY HAVING A FUCKING
THREESOME!?

ANTOINETTE
Kill me after I finish this album

Benny turns off the TV & starts laughing again as Antoinette plants her face into a pillow & starts to scream while listening to Johnny Cash

INT. JOAN & EVELYN'S APARTMENT (LIVING ROOM/KITCHEN) -
MORNING

JOAN
In my defense, it was Ryan's idea

RYAN (O.S.)
I was actually joking but you took
it seriously

Antoinette laughs as Ryan walks into the kitchen, Antoinette hands Joan, Evelyn, & Ryan a plate of breakfast & a cup of Sunny D

ANTOINETTE
I was on a budget, enjoy

Antoinette puts a bottle of syrup on the table

BENNY
Did you bring up the hotel?

ANTOINETTE
Oh yeah, we got a hotel since you
three were getting a bit loud

EVELYN
Its mainly Joan's fault onto why we
were oh so loud

ANTOINETTE
I would say it was you

Evelyn laughs before looking down at his watch

EVELYN
Remember Annie, you're helping me
open Bookends today

ANTOINETTE
I'm aware of that

RYAN
Speaking of Bookends Joanie, we
gotta talk at my place

JOAN
Am I in trouble?

RYAN
Debatable

INT. RYAN'S APARTMENT (LIVING ROOM) - AFTERNOON

Joan sits down on the couch right next to Ryan after putting
on a record, for some odd reason she decided to choose The
Queen Is Dead By The Smiths

RYAN
I can tell now whenever you wear
one of his shirts

Joan awkwardly laughs & looks at Ryan again

JOAN
Why am I actually here?

RYAN
It's about last night. Do you think
it was a one time thing?

JOAN
You think I regret it, the
threesome?

RYAN
No, I'm just pondering if you would
consider being my girlfriend

Joan's heart sinks a bit & she lights a cigarette, trying to
generate an answer

JOAN
It's complicated right now, I don't
even know what the status is with
Evelyn

Joan takes a puff of her cigarette & Ryan nods her head

RYAN
Fair enough answer

JOAN

I enjoyed last night but, like I said the whole thing with Evelyn and. I'm just out of it

RYAN

He's not even your fiancé anymore, why would you even care. It's not like anyone is paying you to date him again

JOAN

I'm aware of that but, I'm just unsure as of right now

Joan gets up & kisses Ryan, she smiles before putting out her cigarette

RYAN

Understandable Joanie, I'll see you soon though

JOAN

Yea, I'll see you

Joan grabs her keys & walks to her car while, The Smiths still plays in Ryan's living room. It's raining outside but, for the first time in a few weeks or so, Joan feels normal for a change.

EXT. BOOKENDS - LATE AFTERNOON/SUNSET

Evelyn stands outside in the rain, Joan pulls up in her car & looks at him. It's back to the beginning with the two but, this time it's Ryan on her mind & not the other ex. When Joan walks out of the car, she looks at Evelyn & smiles at him.

EVELYN

I've always wondered where my The Smiths shirt went, it looks better on you anyway

Joan laughs for a bit before looking at Evelyn again

JOAN

How long have you been out here? I wouldn't want you to get sick or anything

EVELYN

I've only been out here for around two minutes plus, I'm used to weather like this back home

Joan lets out a chuckle before looking at Evelyn again

JOAN
Why did you wait on me?

EVELYN
I knew you would come here and, I
just love you.

JOAN
So you were aware that I would come
here?

EVELYN
You're always here

JOAN
You sound like a stalker saying
that. Even if it's true

Joan impulsively kisses Evelyn before looking at him again

EVELYN
Listen Joanie, I'm aware our status
is complicated but I have to say
something

JOAN
What is it?

Evelyn fondles with his pockets nervously while Joan just
looks at him

EVELYN
I know that these past few weeks or
month. I'm unsure but, it just
seems like ever since I came back
our relationship has been a tad bit
rocky.

JOAN
I'm sure it's been about a month or
so

EVELYN
Aside from that, I haven't stopped
thinking about you ever since the
break and how exactly our
relationship has shaped since that.
I'm not completely sure what our
status is as of right now but, I
wouldn't be sure if that mattered
or not.

Evelyn gets a brand new ring box out of his pocket, the color is lavender one of Joan's favorites & gets down on one knee as the sun sets. Once she sees the box, she gasps.

JOAN

Evie

EVELYN

I know that our relationship isn't really the same as before like I stated and you don't have to say yes. And if you do, we can get married wherever you're ready so. Joan Simon Priestly as I ask again, will you marry me?

Joan thinks about it for a bit as the rain still falls onto both of them

JOAN

Yes

The two kiss as Joan looks down at the ring, an improvement from her previous engagement ring. She smiles at it as the two walk into Bookends.

INT. BOOKENDS/CHILDREN'S SECTION - EVENING

The store is a bit quiet even with Antoinette still being there, the only thing that someone could actually be able to hear would be a Radiohead record. The two walk towards the back before, Joan picks up a book: Wuthering Heights

JOAN

I finally finished this book, definitely get why Kate Bush made a song about it

Evelyn laughs before hearing a moan from the Children's Section

EVELYN

Do you hear that? Or am I just going insane

Joan hears another moan

JOAN

Yeah, hold on

The two walk towards the children's section then, Joan's face drops

JOAN (CONT'D)

Holy fuck

They walk into the children's section before exchanging a look to see Antoinette & Benny getting it on in the storytime fort

ANTOINETTE

Shit

Benny gets off of Antoinette & looks at Joan & Evelyn

BENNY

Hello

JOAN

Out of all places, you two pick the children's section

EVELYN

And the story-time fort

Antoinette grabs a blanket to cover herself while Benny puts back on his shirt

ANTOINETTE

We thought you were closing up

JOAN

I don't think that would mean fuck in the storytime fort

Evelyn looks at the fort & frowns

EVELYN

I'm gonna have to remake it again after three years

BENNY

We'll help

ANTOINETTE

Okay listen, in my defense at least we weren't upfront or anywhere obvious like the romance section

EVELYN

I haven't even done anything like this here

JOAN

We fucked in your office once

EVELYN

That's one of the best places here
though

Joan laughs while Antoinette & Benny get dressed again, she awkwardly looks at the two

EVELYN (CONT'D)

New rule, no sex here unless it's
the employee room or, I decide to
give you your own office
Antoinette. Also, you two owe me a
new story-time fort.

ANTOINETTE

Noted boss

Evelyn looks at the fort as Antoinette & Benny walk out of
the children's section

INT. JOAN & EVELYN'S ROOM - EVENING

Joan looks down at her ring again while one of her arms is
wrapped around Evelyn

JOAN

It'll work out this time Evie

EVELYN

When are you telling Ryan?

JOAN

Once I see her tomorrow, which
shouldn't really be on your mind
right after we made love

EVELYN

It's been so long since we've made
love. This just felt like the right
occasion

Evelyn kisses the side of Joan's head & smiles at her

JOAN

Even if we've been through so much,
I'm kinda scared about what Ryan
will say. I hope she doesn't freak
the fuck out over it

EVELYN

You shouldn't worry about her that
much

Joan sighs while looking out of the window, trying to think of what she's gonna tell Ryan tomorrow

JOAN

You're right plus, she's gonna be the first person to know which should calm my nerves

EVELYN

I thought that it would maybe make you feel a bit panicky

JOAN

Not really, I'm gonna sleep now

EVELYN

Sweet dreams Jo

Evelyn kisses the side of Joan's head again as she wraps her arms around him & goes to sleep

EXT. BOOKENDS - DAY

Ryan walks up to Joan who is sipping on an iced coffee & eating some breakfast sandwich she put together. She sits right across from her & smiles

RYAN

Whats the big news?

JOAN

Evelyn proposed again and I said yes!

Joan shows Ryan the ring & her face lights up

RYAN

I know

JOAN

What?

RYAN

Yeah, I helped Evelyn pick out the ring. He's actually been planning on it ever since he came back to the US of A, he just wanted to find the right time to actually propose.

JOAN

Well, he proposed again yesterday in the rain

RYAN
How romantic

JOAN
Thats actually pretty clever of him

Ryan leans back in her chair & lights up a cigarette, she looks out at the scenery

JOAN (CONT'D)
So you knew this whole time and didn't tell me?

RYAN
Yeah, I wanted to keep it a surprise

JOAN
Even when you asked me to be your girlfriend?

RYAN
I settled something out with Evelyn but, more on that later

Ryan takes a puff from her cigarette & Joan looks at her in awe

RYAN (CONT'D)
Sounds pretty romantic though, proposing in the rain even if it does sound a bit corny

JOAN
And afterwards we had a dramatic kiss in the rain

Ryan starts to laugh after throwing her cigarette into the grass

RYAN
When's the wedding?

JOAN
He told me in the proposal that it's no rush so, whenever we want or whenever we come to the conclusion

RYAN
You happy about it?

JOAN

Of course I am, this time is gonna be less chaotic. Plus, you're the first person to know about it.

RYAN

Fun

Joan walks into the store with Ryan right behind her so, she can tell Antoinette & Kathy

INT. BOOKENDS - DAY

Joan & Ryan walk into the store, Joan notices that Antoinette nor Kathy are at the counters

KATHY (O.S.)

It's just rearranging the romance section Toni, not fucking rocket science

RYAN

I'll be record shopping

Joan laughs & throws away her iced coffee in a nearby garbage can before walking over to the romance section

ANTOINETTE

Thank god you're here Jo, Kathy is about to explode

KATHY

I'm just telling her to do her job the correct way

JOAN

I'll never understand it whenever Evelyn makes you two rearrange something, always ends in chaos

ANTOINETTE

Even when we had to build Lego sets together it would end in chaos

KATHY

She's right

JOAN

Yeah, I should know. Speaking of, I have huge news

Kathy's eyes widen once she says this, she stops helping Antoinette work on the romance section

KATHY

What is it, are you pregnant and
somehow Ryan is the dad?

Joan & Antoinette laugh while, Kathy thinks about how insane
her statement was

JOAN

No, that's actually peak insanity
Kathryn. Evelyn proposed again and
I said yes!

Joan shows her ring to Kathy & Antoinette who both smile

ANTOINETTE

I already knew from yesterday, I
could see your ring but I just
didn't want to say anything

JOAN

I knew not to put it on right away

KATHY

Holy fuck! Congratulations

Kathy observes Joan's ring while still smiling

JOAN

Ryan picked it out which is, pretty
odd to say the least

ANTOINETTE

It's a very Ryan thing to do

KATHY

It really is

The three hug while Kathy has a pretty tight grip on Joan

JOAN

We don't really have an exact date
yet it's just, whenever we both
feel like is a pretty good time for
it

EXT. GARDEN - NIGHT

Joan & Evelyn lay down on a blanket stargazing, Joan looks up
at the sky like she's in a trance

EVELYN

Some sort of alien hypnotized you?

Joan chuckles after Evelyn says that, she kisses his cheek before sighing

JOAN

Maybe, maybe not. I'm just trying to appreciate how beautiful the sky looks tonight

Evelyn lights up a cigarette before looking up at the sky while Joan looks over at him

EVELYN

You're right about that Joanie, the sky is oddly nice

JOAN

Reminds me of how small the stars look from a far and how big they probably look up close. I'm sure that's how some supernatural creatures would view humans. But, no matter what happens a fight, anything stupid, the sky sometimes humbles me and makes me truly sit and think about how small we are as people.

Evelyn nods his head while also puffing away on his cigarette

EVELYN

Just because we aren't small doesn't mean anything super big wouldn't matter

Joan tilts her head before looking up at the stars again then, at Evelyn

JOAN

You're right about that one Evie. How come you're always right?

EVELYN

Us Brits most of the time, are born correct

JOAN

And then look at the moon too, it makes me want to think of a new word whenever I see the moon and starts align. Moonstar would be a nice word for something like that.

EVELYN

Moonstar is actually a beautiful
word, too bad it isn't real

JOAN

It could be our little new word

Evelyn throws his cigarette into the grass & the two kiss

EVELYN

I think moonstar is a beautiful
word

JOAN

Coming from someone who denied the
word at first

EVELYN

Just trying to get used to it

JOAN

You're right though, moonstar truly
is a beautiful word

INT. KITCHEN - AFTERNOON

Joan, Evelyn, Ryan, Antoinette, Benny, & Kathy all sit at the
kitchen table since Joan decided to make lunch

ANTOINETTE

Jo, you're the only person that at
least I know who would throw an
engagement lunch

Joan laughs before taking a bite from her taco

JOAN

I had to throw one after telling
mom and dad, they flipped once I
told them I said yes

EVELYN

You're parents just knew that I
would be the one to at least tame
you

JOAN

Don't act like you're all innocent
too

Evelyn laughs before taking a sip of apple juice, Ryan lights
a cigarette

KATHY

What did they say?

JOAN

Oh you know almost like last time,
my mom cried happy tears and my dad
just asked me how much I needed.
She also through tears gave me a
full life plan.

KATHY

Sounds like something that she
would do

Ryan sighs before taking a puff of her cigarette & looking
out the window

RYAN

Excited for the future Joanie?

JOAN

Oh of course, I can't wait for ten
years until now when I'm telling my
kids about how I met their father

EVELYN

I only hooked up with your ex
because I was trying to experiment
with guys, unless we're talking
about the coffee incident

Joan laughs after Evelyn says that thinking truly about their
first meeting

JOAN

We hooked up the morning after
then, you decided to explain
everything after I said I don't pay
for sex

EVELYN

You mistook me for a prostitute in
the first place

ANTOINETTE

I think that the coffee incident
would be a nice tip of the iceberg
situation

KATHY

Yeah I agree, it's better than how
Antoinette and Benny met

BENNY

Meeting at a sex toy shop I feel
like was very fitting for our
relationship

Everyone starts to laugh as Ryan puts out her cigarette

ANTOINETTE

Either way, it's going to be very
chaotic to explain everything

KATHY

But, chaos is fitting considering
everything that's happened this
summer

JOAN

Speaking of Kathy, when do you
leave so me and Antoinette can send
you off at the airport

KATHY

Sadly, I leave for San Antonio
tonight. But, I'll be excited to
see everyone during the holidays

Kathy wipes her eyes from laughter while Ryan nudges Joan

RYAN

Before you send of Kathy remember,
we got that meeting with Evelyn

JOAN

Trust me, he's been reminding me
since I woke up this morning

INT. AIRPORT - LATE AFTERNOON

Kathy drags her suitcase as Joan holds the door while smoking
a cigarette, Antoinette walks behind her holding some duffle
bags

ANTOINETTE

I still don't understand why you
packed so much stuff Kathy if you
were only staying for a month

KATHY

Some of the stuff are purchases if
you don't forget

Joan helps Antoinette with some of the bags after she put out
her cigarette

JOAN

She's always been like this though.
Remember that day trip to Houston?

Kathy giggles at that statement after nearly chugging her water bottle

KATHY

I'm always buying stuff to.

PA

Ten minutes until take off for
flight four sixty-five to San
Antonio

KATHY

Shit, I gotta go

Kathy hugs Antoinette & Joan, she tears up as Joan squeezes her

KATHY (CONT'D)

Love you guys

JOAN

Don't get all sentimental before
you leave, We'll meet again during
Christmas

ANTOINETTE

I'm already mentally planning your
gift

Antoinette hands Kathy her duffle bags as she puts on her backpack & starts to drag her suitcase

KATHY

Please give me updates on the house
of chaos

JOAN

Oh I will

The two wave Kathy goodbye as she waves back while walking to her flight

INT. ANTOINETTE & BENNY'S ROOM - EVENING

Antoinette lays on Benny's chest while staring off into space, thinking about her upcoming year of college & changes she wants to make.

BENNY

Hopefully, I won't get into another sophomore slump unlike high school

ANTOINETTE

I'm glad we didn't know each other in high school, I was a completely different person

Benny chuckles while Antoinette lays her chin on Benny's chest & starts to think again

BENNY

You've been thinking almost this whole time. What's on your mind Annie?

ANTOINETTE

I'm changing my major

BENNY

Finally, deep down I knew that you wouldn't stick with something like Pre-Med. I can't even imagine you being a doctor.

Antoinette laughs after Benny sarcastically makes that remark, he leans over to the ashtray & lights up a half smoked joint

ANTOINETTE

You're right, it just doesn't seem that all fitting for someone like me.

Antoinette takes the joint from Benny & takes a hit, she hands it right back to him.

BENNY

So, what's the big shift?

ANTOINETTE

Fashion design, it seems something more up my range considering my incredible wardrobe and the fact that I already design my own wardrobe

Benny sighs, he takes a hit from the joint

BENNY

That actually makes a lot of sense considering you've had an eye for it. I always seemed intrigued by the designs you'd draw during class or even during your breaks.

ANTOINETTE

Plus, if it weren't for me improving your wardrobe, you'd still be looking like you just woke up

Benny puts out the joint & grins at Antoinette, he kisses her cheek

BENNY

Does this mean I'm your muse

ANTOINETTE

At least for now

BENNY

You're gonna kill it once you become famous

ANTOINETTE

I'm already aware of that and you're gonna make a pretty sexy muse

The two kiss before Antoinette thinks about the decision she just made knowing that this will make her happier after the summer she's already had.

INT. JOAN & EVELYN'S ROOM - NIGHT

Joan sits on Evelyn's bed with her legs crossed while Don't Think Twice, It's Alright by Bob Dylan plays, a cigarette dangles between her fingers as Evelyn is sitting right next to her. Ryan is sitting down on the floor since it was her personal decision & Joan decided not to question it.

JOAN

So what did you want to talk about Evie?

Evelyn sighs as Joan takes a puff from her cigarette, Ryan also gazes at him before he actually opens his mouth to say something

EVELYN

It's about you and Ryan in terms of the whole relationship here going on.

RYAN

Oh

JOAN

Wait what?

EVELYN

I mean, it's pretty clear that you two definitely still have something going on. And I'm totally okay with it but, it's just your relationship with her lingers in my mind a lot.

Joan looks over at Ryan & then Evelyn before putting out her cigarette so that she can fully engage with the conversation

JOAN

Makes sense considering how this summer has been, definitely something a tad bit outside of our comfort zone.

RYAN

So, how should we at least settle something down with it?

EVELYN

Unsure about it considering that well, as of right now I think you'd be Joan's fuck buddy

Joan & Ryan laugh once Evelyn makes that statement

RYAN

Wow Evelyn, I didn't think you could unironically say anything funnier than that

EVELYN

I've been doing my research a bit using the sex books we sell

JOAN

I can't even imagine a book at Bookends with the words fuck buddy in them, it just seems unreal

EVELYN

Probably more unreal than when we caught Antoinette & Benny in the storybook fort

Joan laughs again while Ryan sits there looking confused

RYAN

What happened at the storybook fort?

JOAN

Holy fuck I forgot to tell you. So, after Evelyn proposed we walked back into Bookends so that he can close for the night. Turns out, Antoinette and Benny were in there, we proceeded to catch them fucking in the storybook fort.

Ryan's jaw drops before she starts to laugh

RYAN

Holy fucking shit, that sounds like something they would do

EVELYN

They're building a new fort soon though

RYAN

Thank god, I liked reading to the kids in that fort

JOAN

I'm still surprised that you're good with kids Ryan

RYAN

I have a niece back home so, just something that's a bit natural

Joan nods her head before looking over at Evelyn who is clearly trying to get back on topic

EVELYN

Well then, with our side conversation complete back to the main one

JOAN

Yeah, I'm a bit scared to see what you're gonna suggest happens to Ryan

RYAN

I wouldn't be surprised if he said
public execution

Joan & Evelyn both laugh at Ryan's dry joke

EVELYN

That's for another time Ryro

RYAN

Good, I'm too pretty at least for
now

JOAN

So, what's the conclusion?

EVELYN

Still trying to think of something,
I took notes while I read that book
though

JOAN

I need to find this so called book

RYAN

I wouldn't be surprised if he
completely made it up or something
like that

EVELYN

Sex is pretty educational so,
that's why we sell it

Joan nods her head again at that remark before her & Evelyn
share a small kiss, Ryan jokingly gags

RYAN

Get a room you two

JOAN

We will soon, you'll be on
babysitting duty though

RYAN

Oh and It'll be perfect chaos

The three laugh while Joan lays down reminiscing about this
summer

JOAN

I actually had a lot of fun this
summer which is a suprise
considering how shiity the last few
have been

EVELYN

It was because you had a job last time

JOAN

You always remind me of it

Joan rests her head on Evelyn's shoulder before Ryan out of all people in the room taps them back into reality

RYAN

For some odd reason, we're always getting sidetracked by something

EVELYN

Oh fuck I forgot. So Joanie, I think it would be best if you and Ryan could be friends with benefits. How does that sound?

Both Joan & Ryan sit & think about what Evelyn said before Ryan surprisingly is the first person to say something

RYAN

That actually sounds pretty fun at least to me. I've had many friends with benefits in the past even if half of them ended up in some messy falling out.

JOAN

Actually yeah, sounds pretty fun to me and Ryan. I would never have a messy falling out with you Ryro.

Joan & Ryan hug before Ryan sighs

EVELYN

Well ladies, does it sound cool?

JOAN

Yeah, I get to say something stupid like. Hey I'm Joan this is my fiancée Evelyn and this is my girlfriend Ryan.

All three laugh at Joan's statement including herself since it just feels like something she would say

RYAN

Ironically, I could actually picture you saying that

EVELYN

Oh wow me too, I'm just picturing
it right now in my mind

JOAN

Is it at least in a good enough
situation?

EVELYN

Sadly, I'm imagining you saying
that at my family reunion

JOAN

British people have family
reunions?

EVELYN

Sometimes, I usually pop up at one
if I'm not gallivanting here

Ryan laughs after Evelyn says gallivanting

RYAN

Wow Eve, you get more British by
the day. I can't imagine anything
aside from you who still says
gallivanting

JOAN

You may never know Ryro, he might
say pip pip cherrio next

RYAN

Shiver me timbers

EVELYN

Didn't know you were a pirate Ryan

RYAN

Unlike you Evie, most of the time I
ironically say old timey or out of
the blue slang

Joan lays down on her bed & Evelyn looks down at her, she
sighs after looking up at the ceiling

JOAN

This actually seems pretty exciting
if you want me to be honest

RYAN

Oh yeah definitely, hopefully this
will work out though

JOAN

I'd never do anything super fucked
up to you

RYAN

Of course you won't, unless

EVELYN

Well then, I'm glad that my book
could be of assistance when it came
to handling whatever you two had
going on here

Joan nudges Evelyn before they share a small kiss again, Ryan
looks at them

JOAN

You gotta let me borrow a copy of
that book sometime

Ryan grabs three cigarettes & hands two of them to Joan &
Evelyn. She raises her's in the air.

JOAN (CONT'D)

What are we about to do?

RYAN

I saw it on TV once, I'm sure
Evelyn used to do this back in
Manchester

EVELYN

Once you elaborate on what we're
doing then, I'll see if I've done
it or not

RYAN

Oh yeah, we're doing a cigarette
toast since I really don't see
anything else we can use

JOAN

That actually seems pretty fun, I
should do it more

EVELYN

I actually now that I'm thinking
about it probably have done
something along the lines of this

Joan & Evelyn raise their cigarettes in the air alongside
Ryan's

RYAN

To one of my favorite soon to be
married couples and the fact that
Evelyn is letting me fuck Joan

Joan & Evelyn laugh at Ryan's non-traditional-ish toast

JOAN & EVELYN

To us and the fact that Evelyn/I
is/agrees to Ryan fucking me/Joan

EVELYN (CONT'D)

Hopefully I won't regret it

JOAN

Darling, you won't regret one of
the best decisions you've ever made
romantically

Joan & Evelyn kiss again as Ryan lights up all of their
cigarettes, once they take a puff Joan & Ryan kiss

MONTAGE - FUTURE THINGS

LEAVES THAT ARE GREEN BY SIMON & GARFUNKEL STARTS TO PLAY

Joan & Evelyn got married on 6/14/98, they flip flop between
living in New York & Manchester

Joan & Evelyn getting married at Miami Beach, as they kiss
you can see flowers being thrown

Joan became a famous actress on the stage & screen winning a
few awards including an Oscar

Joan while accepting her Oscar, she wipes her tears while
holding it (Theater, LA)

Evelyn expanded Bookends & started writing semi-
autobiographical books, his best seller is called Moonstar

Evelyn signs some copies of Moonstar at the original Bookends
in Miami, Joan & Ryan are also there

Ryan stayed around with Joan since they settled with friends
with benefits, she moved to Paris & became a model

Ryan walking the streets of Paris with a cigarette in her mouth

Antoinette became a fashion designer after changing her major once she went back to school & moved to LA (Ryan is her muse)

Antoinette stitches one of her most recent designs while on the phone with Ryan (Antoinette & Benny's House, LA)

Benny quit doing porn at the age of 22 & started doing serious acting (he & Antoinette don't believe in marriage)

Benny & Antoinette hold hands while walking the red carpet for his film debut (LA, Outdoors)

Kathy graduated both high school & college at the top of her class (she went to Yale), she became a nurse & lives in Boston

Kathy accepting her high school diploma with a smile on her face through tears of sadness & joy (High School Auditorium, San Antonio)

Antoinette & Benny got eloped

Antoinette & Benny kiss after walking out of the courthouse, she hands him her bouquet of flowers (LA Courthouse)

Joan & Evelyn ended up having 3 kids, Ryan most of the times comes around just to help them & babysit whenever she's in town

At their home in Manchester Evelyn & Ryan (who is visiting) are playing with the other two kids a girl who is around 4 & a boy who is around 2, Joan lays on the couch pregnant

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