**hollywood college tales**

**EPISODE 1**

**WELCOME TO THE ACADEMY OF CINEMATIC ARTS**

**BY**

**KRISTEL LLESHI**

**Shyqyri Berxolli Street**

**Tirana-Albania**

[**kristelalleshi@hotmail.com**](mailto:kristelalleshi@hotmail.com)

**oo355 0674046650**

**Copyright 2013**

**ACT ONE**

FADE IN

estabilishing shot.l.a

EXT.ACADEMY OF cinematic ARTS.CAMPUS-DAY

The campus is full of students talking with each-other. It seems like it’s the first day of college.

We notice ROSANNA MCNEIL (19) in the middle of the crowd of the students. She’s got black long hair, dark eyes and a well-built body wearing a brown jacket and a pair of jeans. She is beautiful enough to study acting here. She is holding a map guide of the campus and it’s clearly the first day for her here. She looks at the students and at the building in front of her. Then she smiles to herself and walks toward the building. Here we go!

a bench

SARAH IVANKOV (19) is seated on a bench. She has covered her face with her hands and is crying desperately. We can see her blond hair and her casual outfit. It’s not that she is familiar with this place.

Rosanna notices this girl crying. What is wrong with her? She decides to walk toward her.

rosanna

Hi. Are you ok?

Sarah looks at Rosanna. We see her face. She has blue eyes and a sweet face. It looks like she’s been head of the cheerleaders back in high school. Her eyes are wet from crying.

sarah

I just need my mum.

Sarah bursts in tears again.

sarah

(CONT’D)

She forgot to give me my teddy bear.

Rosanna sits next not knowing how to comfort this girl.

rosanna

Your teddy bear?! Aren’t you a bit old for that?

sarah

CONTINUED

(MORE)

I’ve never slept without it.

rosanna

Ok, I get it. Where is your mom right now?

sarah

She left.

rosanna

But maybe she hasn’t left. You may still have time to take your teddy bear from her. Listen, I’ll be waiting you here. You can go, look for your mom and you might find her. If you don’t, it won’t be a big deal. I guess you’ll survive without your teddy bear.

Sarah considers Rosanna’s idea.

sarah

Ok. I’m going.

Sarah stands up from the bench.

sarah

I’ll be right back.

Sarah goes. Rosanna remains seated. She doesn’t have what to do expect waiting for that girl.

Sarah is walking in campus while scanning people’s faces around hoping to find her mum.

A COFFE is split on her blouse. She stops and looks at her huge dot of coffee on her blouse. She sees the boy in front of her with the empty cup of coffee. DEREK MOORE (19) has brown hair, green eyes and a well-built body. He has a kind and carrying look on his eyes and a bag hung on his shoulder. The same writers carry usually. He is sorry for this.

Sarah can’t believe this happened to her.

sarah

Where is your mind?

derek

I’m sorry. I didn’t see you coming.

CONTINUED

sarah

How you didn’t see me coming? You should see people coming. Look at what you did.

Sarah points at the coffee dot on her blouse.

derek

Ok. First of all, I’m really sorry. Second of all, you can come with me at the cafeteria. We can wash it up and I can offer you a coffee to make it up to you.

Sarah gives him a nervous look. But this boy is kind. She considers his offer.

sarah

Ok.

They walk together headed at the building.

the bench-continous

Rosanna is still sit on the bench waiting for Sarah. She is getting a bit bored. She notices a CELL PHONE next to her. She wonders who’s this cell phone is and realizes it’s Sarah’s. She turns her look in front of her and sees JACK GALLAGHER (19). He’s been staring at her all along. He is handsome, the bad boy type of boy that girls would die to be in the back of his motorcycle. He has dark hair, deeply blue eyes and the leather black jacket of all the rebellious boys. They lock their eyes for some seconds. There’s an undeniable chemistry for some seconds between them.

JACK

Hi, beauty chick. What are you doing all alone?

ROSANnA

I’m waiting for someone.

jack

Everyone who may have left you alone is dumb, believe me.

rosanna

And you are?

jack

Jack Gallagher, in your service!

CONTINUED

Jack bends down in front of her with an old princely manner.

rosanna

Nice to meet you! I’m Rosanna McNeil.

jack

Nice to meet you, Rosanna! I have to inform you that you have in front of you the most wanted guy in United States. Do you know that I’ve been to 24 different prisons in 16 different states of the States?

rosanna

This is pretty interesting. My friend forgot her cell phone here and she hasn’t returned yet.

jack

Why don’t we go and look for your friend?

rosanna

I don’t know if it is a good idea. I told her I would be waiting for her here.

jack

Oh, c’mon! You and I are going to find your friend. Now come with me.

Rosanna doesn’t know what to do. Sarah isn’t coming. She is considering his suggestion. She stands up, decides to go with him. Jack puts his arm around her shoulder. Rosanna is surprised with his confidentiality. But she is cool with this and leaves him to do that anyway. They walk together ahead.

jack

I’m going to show you how it feels like being in jail, beauty chick. The food isn’t great but you can make lots of good friends…

**END OF ACT ONE**

**ACT TWO**

int.academy of cinematic arts.cafeteria-day

The cafeteria is a spacious place with tables and a long counter. It’s also a small improvised stage in front of the many tables.

Sarah and Derek are seated at a table. They’re drinking a cup of coffee. The dot on Sarah’s blouse is still there but is more faded now.

sarah

As I said I’m so close to my mother but this is because I’ve never had a father.

A beat. Sarah lets Derek absorbs the story of her life.

sarah

Yeah. We live together in Denver, Colorado. I don’t know how I’m going to get used with L.A’s hotness. I’m in love with the cold. My body temperature is used with under o degree. This may be also because I have Russian roots. I forgot to mention you that my mum is Russian. She came in Denver when she was very young and gave birth to me there.

derek

You said that you were looking for your mom when we came here.

sarah

She may have left now. Anyway! I’m going to survive here without my teddy bear.

derek

Maybe you can call her.

sarah

Ok. Maybe she is freaked out and bursting into tears right now.

Sarah puts her hand into her jeans pocket. She gets a worried panicked expression when she realizes her CELL PHONE isn’t there. Then she checks the other pocket. She is totally freaked out.

derek

What’s wrong?

CONTINUED

sarah

I think I’ve forgot my cell phone at the bench. Oh, the bench! The girl with dark hair! The one that was nice with me. I forgot I told her to wait me there. I had my phone when I was at the bench. She has my cell phone.

Sarah realizes this and is totally panicked and freaked out.

derek

We’re going to find her. She may still be at the bench.

sarah

What if she isn’t there?

Sarah checks the time at her hand-watch.

sarah

Has passed more than thirty minutes! I don’t know if she is a student here. Maybe she is a thief and she has my phone and my mom is ringing continuously. She might be freaked too. Like I am now!

derek

We’re going to the bench. It’s worth trying. We’re going to find her. She must be here in the campus.

Sarah nods extremely worried. Nothing can calm her down right now.

int.somewhere in campus-day

Rosanna and Jack are walking together. Jack is in the middle of telling a story to Rosanna. Her mind is somewhere else and it’s not that it’s so focused anymore in his story.

jack

…And my cellmate was behind me and he was pushing me to hit that horrible snake with the piece of iron in my hand. I stared at it for some time and I then I did the final hit. The body’s snake was split in two parts. The part of the tail was still moving, shaking. The part of his head was completely dead. It turned out to be a cobra. Mexico has this stuff.

Jack notices that she isn’t so focused in his story.

CONTINUED

jack

Hey, beauty chick. Is there something wrong?

rosanna

No, it’s not. But I keep thinking about the blond girl. I don’t know her name. She doesn’t know mine.

jack

We looked everywhere in the campus. We are sure that she isn’t outside.

rosanna

Maybe she doesn’t study here in the academy at all.

jack

You said that she was blond. She definitely studies here. Maybe she studies acting. Of course she isn’t as beautiful as you.

Rosanna smiles satisfied from this compliment.

rosanna

You really are a gentleman underneath your careless manners and you black jacket, aren’t you?

jack

Not with all the girls.

rosanna

I guess we have to look inside. What about the place that I met with her?

jack

Are you kidding? We went there a gazillion of times.

rosanna

I don’t know what to do. I’m stuck with her cell phone here.

jack

We’re going to find the crying blond. Maybe she

CONTINUED

(MORE)

is inside. I would like to tell you about my foster care stories. They’re interesting…

Jack continues with his story and they keep walking.

int.hallway-day

Sarah is standing across the receptionist desk. She is talking to the RECEPTIONIST a twenty year old girl, slim, brown straight hair and a simple look on her face. Derek is standing near Sarah.

sarah

I met her at the bench, somewhere in the campus.

receptionist

Can you describe her again?

sarah

She was tall about my height, black long hair and dark eyes. What can I say else?

receptionist

You just described the half of the people in the world and in this academy.

sarah

Oh, you are useless!

Sarah is angry with this girl. The Receptionist does an expression inducting that she doesn’t have what to do.

sarah

(CONT’D)

She has my cell phone and you stand there kidding with what I’m saying.

derek

(to the Receptionist)

I’m sorry. She has had a tough day. If you see her, let us now.

sarah

She has to do something.

Derek takes Sarah some steps away from the desk afraid that she might do a scandal there.

derek

Hey, chill out! We can call your mother from my cell phone.

sarah

This is the problem. I don’t remember my mother’s cell phone number. I have had always registered it there, in my cell phone. Now I don’t have it anymore.

derek

Do you remember anything else from her, any special feature?

sarah

She was a human being like everybody else, a human being that I badly need to find now.

derek

Listen, you’re so stressed out right now. The best thing that you can do is to go in your room, unpack your clothes and relax. You’ll see that after some time you’re going to find her. Or she’ll find you.

sarah

Oh, can I relax right now? Do you know that my mother has called the special units of L.A PD, FBI, CIA. They’re coming here because she probably has told them that somebody kidnapped me.

derek

Ok. I can’t do anything about this.

sarah

What about going again to the point where I and she met each-other? Maybe she has come back there.

derek

Maybe! Are you sure she is a student here?

sarah

She didn’t mention anything but she was good-

CONTINUED

(MORE)

looking. I’m praying to God she is a student here. I’m going back to the bench again.

Sarah heads to the door convinced about what she’ll do. Derek gives her an ‘’I’m tired of you’’ look but Sarah walks ahead.

sarah

(O.C)

Come with me, Derek.

Derek is forced to follow her despite everything.

cafeteria

Rosanna and Jack are seated at an empty table in the cafeteria.

jack

I went to the first and second floor. I looked everywhere. I knocked in every door that I saw. There were blond girls but they were blond girls with their cell phones.

rosanna

It wasn’t anything in the third and fourth floor either. We have seen in four floors and we are already exhausted.

jack

This place is huge and we’re both freshmen. We have never been there. I didn’t think my first day in the academy would be like that.

rosanna

I didn’t imagine my first day like that either. But if you are bored by this you can go. You don’t have to do this.

jack

I’m seeing it as a way to get familiar with this place.

Their conversation is interrupted by Sarah’s CELL PHONE RINGING in Rosanna’s hands. The cell phone has a ring tone of a scary movie with beasts. Rosanna sees the picture of a monster creature on the screen and the name ‘’Mama’’ written down.

CONTINUED

jack

That’s a hell of a ring tone.

rosanna

We don’t have to open it.

jack

Look like this girl really loves her mama.

Another NORMAL SOUND OF RING TONE is mixed with that of Sarah’s cell phone. Rosanna realizes that is her cell phone in the pocket. She takes it out and answers it.

rosanna

Hi, mom.

intercut between two scenes

michigan, detroit

int.mcneil’s house.kitchen-day

WENDY MCNEIL (46) looks younger for her age with black long hair and dark eyes. She is mixing something boiling into a stew-pan.

wendy

Hi, darling.

rosanna

How are you doing, mom?

wendy

Already missing you! How is L.A?

ROSANNA

Not so cute when you live there.

wendy

You got bored already?

rosanna

No, just that I am used to take hundreds of scarf when I get out of my house in September. This isn’t Michigan.

wendy

CONTINUED

(MORE)

You must be busy taking care of the things there. It’s your first day. I’ll talk to you later.

rosanna

Guess I am. I’ll call you. Love you. Bye.

wendy

Love you too. Bye.

Rosanna hangs up her cell phone and puts it back into her pocket. Sarah’s CELL PHONE KEEPS RINGING.

jack

You didn’t mention you are from Michigan.

rosanna

I’ve spent my entire life there. Suddenly I found myself in Hollywood.

jack

You choose to come here.

rosanna

Yeah I did. I got a scholarship, but it’s just that it has been only me and my mum during all this time. My father left us when I was eight years old. She cheated on my mom and moved somewhere else. It has been hard for both of us since then.

jack

I didn’t know this. I’m sorry.

rosanna

I’m used with this now.

ext.campus-day

Derek and Sarah are walking there. She stops a SENIOR BOY carrying some books on his hands.

sarah

I’m sorry. Have you seen around a brunette girl, tall?

CONTINUED

senior boy

No, I haven’t. There are millions of girls like her here.

Sarah breathes a sigh of bother hearing this answer many times.

Sarah keeps walking. Then she stops a SOPHOMORE GIRL with black long hair and a smiley face.

sarah

Hey, I’m sorry. Have you seen around a girl tall with black long hair, dark eyes, wearing jeans and a brown jacket?

sophomore girl

No, I haven’t. Sorry to disappoint you.

The Sophomore Girl walks ahead.

sarah

Thanks.

derek

You can’t stop everyone in the campus and ask them for her. This is insane. That was your genius idea?

sarah

Oh, look! Let’s ask him.

A CUTE BOY tall, blond and blue eyes that seems to be studying acting walks near them.

sarah

(CONT’D)

I’m sorry to bother you. Have you seen a girl tall, dark hair, dark eyes with jeans and a brown jacket?

cute boy

I haven’t seen her. But is she hot?

sarah

Never mind.

The Cute Boy keeps walking. Sarah has a hopeless expression on her face of a child that hasn’t got what wants most.

derek

Listen, I’m not going to continue with this. You keep asking everybody in the campus if they have seen that girl. We have asked dozens of people. I’m informing you that there are more than dozens of people in this place.

Derek is fed up and bothered. Sarah doesn’t pay attention to his words and keeps looking for people to ask.

derek

You need to stop now with this!

Derek gets her attention. She notices he is angry and turns to him.

sarah

I’m sorry I’m bothering you. If you want to go, you can go. Nobody is keeping you by force with me.

derek

Good, because this is what I was thinking right now.

sarah

I’m going through something now. I can’t deal with you too.

derek

Ok. I’m going.

Derek heads away from her. Sarah is regret already that let him go away. He looks at him going with an upset look. Her eyes are filled with tears. She then sits desperately on the grass and bends her head on her lap and starts crying.

After one minute, a hand touches softly her shoulder. She raises her hand and sees DEREK. He has changed his mind.

derek

Get up now! We’ve got a cell phone to find.

Sarah looks at him like he is her only saver. She stops crying and stands up. She hugs Derek thankfully. Derek hugs her back.

sarah

Oh, thank you very much.

CONTINUED

derek

I saw that you were very upset. But the idea of asking the people around the campus wasn’t such a great idea. Not when we are talking about the campus of the ‘’Academy of Cinematic Arts’’ in Los Angeles.

Sarah nods wiping her tears by her hands. Then her face lightens suddenly.

sarah

I’ve got an idea.

Sarah grabs Derek by his hand and they keep walking on a mission.

int.jack’s dorm room-day

Jack puts his suitcases on his bed. Rosanna sits on a chair near to the bed.

The room isn’t so large and it’s got two beds in front of each-other, nightstands for each of them, closets and a door inside the room. There is also a table with two chairs. A TV is on the wall. Jack has chosen the bed in front of the TV.

Jack gives a look to the room around.

jack

It looks great.

rosanna

It seems spacious.

jack

There are also two beds. This means that I have a roommate that I haven’t still met.

rosanna

I wonder if I have a roommate. How she might look like?

jack

Hope our roommates aren’t like one of those freaks from those horror movies.

rosanna

Yeah. I’ve always been scared of those movies.

CONTINUED

jack

Look, beauty chick! I’ve got an idea.

rosanna

What idea?

jack

We have just arrived in L.A. We are in the fabulous ‘’Academy of Cinematic Arts’’ in Hollywood. The college will start pretty soon and we’ll be busy with other stuffs. Why don’t we chill a bit out?

rosanna

What do you mean with this?

jack

I mean we can relax by walking along the shore. It’s fantastic. You haven’t seen it yet. We are going to find the girl of the cell phone. Maybe not today, maybe someday! You should enjoy the place around now.

Rosanna considers his idea. It’s tempting.

rosanna

Maybe you’re right. I’ve been stressed out with the story of the cell phone since I stepped foot here. But I can’t stop thinking about finding that girl and give to her the cell phone.

jack

Believe me. We’re going to find her. But let me show you a few things about this place first, beauty chick.

Rosanna considers his words and seems like a good idea to her.

cafeteria

Sarah is on the small stage in the middle of the cafeteria. She has a microphone on her hands.

sarah

Please, can I have your attention?

The microphone doesn’t make any sound and doesn’t take the attention of any of the students that are there. Sarah realizes

CONTINUED

this. She gestures to a guy in the backstage to switch on the microphone.

Derek is looking at her. The guy gives to her a LOUDSPEAKER. Sarah accepts it because it’s not like she has another choice. She starts talking with it.

sarah

Can I have your attention, please…

The LOUDSPEAKER does a DEAFENING NOISE. The people around are bothered by this noise and looks from Sarah at the stage.

sarah

Hello to you all. My name is Sarah. I’ve lost my cell phone today. The person who accidentally has it, is a girl who’s I don’t know the name. She is a student here I guess. She has black hair, dark eyes…

The LOUDSPEAKER produces a MORE DEAFENING NOISE making harder to hear what she is saying.

sarah

(CONT’D)

…tall, with jeans and a brown jacket. If any of you see her, please say to her to leave the cell phone at the reception desk. Thank you.

The people nod even though they didn’t get anything from her last words.

Sarah climbs off the stage. She goes to Derek.

derek

Nice speech.

sarah

Did they get what I said?

derek

The loudspeaker made some noises at the end but I guess they got the point. I got it.

sarah

Hope we have luck with this. I told you it

CONTINUED

(CONT’D)

would be a good idea.

derek

They’ll notice her somewhere here.

sarah

I hope my mom is alive till then.

ext.l.a BEACH.SHORE-day

Rosanna and Jack are walking along the shore.

jack

What do you think about the ocean, beauty chick?

Rosanna gives an evaluating look to the ocean.

rosanna

It’s beautiful here.

She gives a look to Sarah’s CELL PHONE in her hand.

rosanna

Now there are more than 50 missed calls from ‘’mama’’. I don’t know if to answer to her or not. The girl of the cell phone must be so freaked out right now.

jack

But we were at the college, we checked the floors, the campus. We didn’t notice anyone who was looking for his cell phone.

rosanna

I know but I just keep thinking what that girl may be thinking now, that a stranger took her phone.

jack

If this girl wants to talk to her mum, she would find a cell phone somewhere and she’ll talk to her.

rosanna

But why her mum keeps calling her?

CONTINUED

Sarah’s CELL PHONE RINGS with that beastly ring tone again.

jack

Maybe you should answer that phone.

rosanna

I don’t know what to say to the person at the other side of this cell phone.

jack

Maybe the person that is calling is not her mom. ‘’Mama’’ may be a nickname.

rosanna

A nickname for what?

jack

I don’t know what it may be.

They stop walking and look at each-other.

jack

(CONT’D)

But listen to me. You promised me that we were going to relax.

The CELL PHONE stops RINGING.

jack

That’s good. Now we should forget for some time about that ring tone and try to visualize some good things.

They continues walking.

rosanna

I’ll do my best.

int.derek’s dorm room-day

Derek and Sarah walk into Derek’s dorm room. The dorm room is the same with the one where Rosanna and Jack were earlier. Jack’s suitcases are on his bed.

sarah

Look like someone has been there before you.

CONTINUED

Sarah lies in Jack’s bed comfortably.

sarah

You’ve got a nice dorm room. Are all the dorm rooms like that in this college?

Derek drags his suitcases from the door and puts them on his bed. He takes out from there a triangle flag written NORTH CAROLINA on it. Sarah notices that it must be his hometown.

sarah

North Carolina?

derek

Durham.

Derek takes a nail and starts imprinting the triangle flag on the wall by a hammer.

sarah

You must be used with the ocean.

derek

Yeah. I took my first surf lesson when I was five years old.

sarah

I took my first ski lesson when I was seven years old.

Derek finishes hanging the small triangle flag of North Carolina on the wall.

derek

Now it’s done.

sarah

You really love the place where you’ve came from, don’t you?

derek

It’s a nice place.

sarah

You seemed to me more like a New York guy. Born and raised there, or from Connecticut.

CONTINUED

derek

When I first saw you, you seemed to me more like a California girl.

sarah

It must be from my blond hair.

derek

Or because you were crying and vexatious.

Sarah fakes to be offended.

sarah

I’m not like that! Even if you aren’t the first to say this to me.

derek

I think that people say to you this a lot.

Derek heads to her. He sits at the edge of the bed.

sarah

People don’t have always right.

derek

Mostly of the time don’t.

sarah

Am I going to find my cell phone?

derek

I have a feeling you will.

Sarah smiles thankfully and softly to him. He smiles back at her.

ext.l.a BEACH-day-MOMENTS LATER

Rosanna and Jack are seated on the sand staring at the ocean in front of them.

jack

You know before I choose directing I wanted to be an actor. I first applied in acting. Then I send to them my short-feature movie ‘’Go to hell’’.

Rosanna chuckles after hearing the name of the movie.

CONTINUED

jack

It was about my neighborhood. Cause of that movie they decided to give me a full scholarship.

rosanna

That’s nice. I’ve always wanted to be an actress. I’ve taken part in all the plays in my school since I was five. My mum believed that someday I was going to become a great actress. Then I decided to give a shoot in here. I wasn’t sure if I was getting in. My mum couldn’t afford this school. I send them all the plays that I took part and I won the scholarship. My mum says to me that I’ve taken this passion for cinematography from my father. When he was young he used to direct some plays and had done some roles in theatre.

jack

Maybe one of my parents has been involved in cinematography. I would never know this.

rosanna

I love acting. When my life has been messed up it felt good to pretend to be somebody else. It feels great to pretend to be another person doing another life when you don’t like the things in your life, to be in somebody else’s skin. This is why I love acting.

Jack is hypnotized from her. He comes closer to her. He gives to Rosanna a slight kiss on her lips. He can’t go further because Rosanna immediately backs away and pushes him slightly back. She didn’t expect from him to do such a thing. She is angry with him.

rosanna

You had no right to do that.

Rosanna stands up from there nervously and walks ahead along the shore.

jack

Hey, Rosanna! Wait for me!

Jack stands up from there and he walks after her, regret from what he just did.

int.academy caffeteria-day

CONTINUED

Derek and Sarah are seated at a table eating a burger.

sarah

The girl with my cell phone hasn’t showed up and nobody has noticed her around.

derek

I’m curious about something: How you can’t remember the cell phone’s number of your mom?

sarah

I don’t remember because I’ve had always my cell phone with me. It was in my contact numbers there and I didn’t have to memorize it. I would give anything to remember that number right now.

derek

I hope you remember that number.

sarah

It’s going to be hard but I hope too. Maybe the girl with my cell phone is violating my privacy by looking into it. You know this is a bit your fault. If it wasn’t you that poured the coffee in my blouse, none of this would happen. I said to that girl to wait for me at the bench and that I would come. It was her idea in the first place to go and look for my mum.

derek

I think that was your fault for forgetting your cell phone there.

sarah

I was so stressed and confused. I’m not like that usually.

derek

All the actresses are like that.

sarah

How did you find out that I’m studying acting? It must be from my blond hair. Again!

derek

…And from your behavior.

CONTINUED

sarah

Hitchcock liked the blond girls. Merlin Monroe was a great actress. Let me guess. Judging from the bag that you were carrying before, you definitely want to be a screenwriter. I’m just guessing.

derek

I may have underestimated you.

sarah

Why screenwriting? I’ve heard is a tough job here in Hollywood.

derek

Because I like it! Is this enough?

sarah

You’re sort of a writer.

derek

Sort of!

sarah

Do you think you’ll become famous some day?

derek

I’ll not become the new Woody Allen but I’ll become Derek Moore. A famous screenwriter!

sarah

I wish I’ll get an Oscar or a nominee as best actress in a leading role.

derek

Bet you will.

Derek and Sarah share a smile with each-other while talking about their dreams.

ext.l.a BEACH.SHORE-day-MINUTES LATER

Rosanna is walking angry along the shore. Jack walks after wanting badly for her to stop and forgive him. Sarah’s CELL PHONE in Rosanna’s hand RINGS constantly the ‘’mama’’ ring tone.

CONTINUED

jack

Please stop! I know I did a mistake. But you’re so cute and I couldn’t resist you. We bonded today in the search of the owner of that cell phone. We became friends. And I know that I was the one who blew things off. So please forgive me. I regret for the mistake I did but don’t blame me for this.

Rosanna softens from his words. She stops and seems that changed her mind about him. She turns to Jack. He is relieved she turned to him.

rosanna

Look, I don’t know what I’m doing today with you in the shore in the first day of college and with somebody else’s cell phone in my hand. I want to throw this away and stop hearing this ring tone but I can’t do that because it isn’t mine.

jack

You seem to be one of those kinds of persons that get mad easily.

rosanna

You don’t know me, Jack.

jack

But you know my name.

The CELL PHONE stops RINGING.

rosanna

You shouldn’t have kissed me back then.

jack

I know I shouldn’t.

rosanna

We don’t know each-other so well.

jack

We spent half of the day together.

Rosanna gives him a ‘’I can’t go on like that with you’’ look and rolls her eyes. She turns the back to him and keeps walking ignoring him. He doesn’t give up and continues walking after her.

CONTINUED

jack

Are you sure we’re going to do this again?

int.academy caffeteria-day-MOMENTS LATER

Derek and Sarah are seated at the same table as before. The table is empty.

sarah

I’ve always thought that screenwriters are weird.

derek

Why do you think like that?

Sarah’s attention is taken from a girl wearing a white T-shirt where the numbers 4599877 are written in black and some other designs are on it. She stares at the numbers on her blouse like she has just discovered something very important.

sarah

Derek, I remember the number.

derek

What number?

sarah

I remember my mother’s number.

derek

That’s great. You can call her from my cell phone.

Derek takes out his cell phone from his pocket immediately. Sarah is excited for discovering such an important thing for her.

sarah

Oh, my God! I can’t believe this.

Derek handles his cell phone quickly to her as long as she has the number in her mind. Sarah dials the number quickly. She presses it on her ear.

sarah

It’s ringing, it’s ringing.

intercut between two scenes

colorado, denver

CONTINUED

int.sarah’s house.living room-day

KATIA LIRKOV (45) with long red hair, blue eyes and with the charm and strength of her Russian ancestry is pacing at the living room. She is nervous and worried. She takes a glass of vodka that is on the small table there. Next to it is a half drunken bottle of vodka. She drinks a sip from it wanting to calm herself down as she continues pacing around the room. Her cell phone in her hands RINGS. It’s music for her ears. She answers it immediately.

katia

(Russian)

Where the hell you’ve been? How you haven’t answered to any of my calls till now?

sarah

(Russian)

I’m fine. I’ll explain you everything.

Katia is yelling from the other side of the cell phone. Derek can hear her.

Katia now talks English with Russian accent.

katia

(CONT’D)

I almost died. I’m finishing my second bottle of vodka. I’ve been calling you every second except the time when I was on the plane.

sarah

Listen to me! None of this has been my fault. I forgot my cell phone and apparently someone has taken it. I’m trying to find the person who has it.

katia

Oh, how can you be so stupid?! How can you forget your cell phone?

sarah

It wasn’t my fault, all right?

Katia softens relieved and glad to hear her daughter’s voice.

katia

CONTINUED

(MORE)

I’m glad that you’re ok.

Sarah is touched and emotional from talking with her mom. She’s ready to burst in tears.

sarah

I’m glad I talked to you too.

Katia is touched and emotional too.

katia

I feel so relieved now. Are you alright? How is the college? Are you having fun? Did you meet any actor or actress there?

sarah

No, I haven’t met anyone yet. Mum, I’ve got to go now. If you want to call me, call me in this number.

katia

Ok. I’ll talk to you later.

sarah

(Russian)

Love you, mom. I miss you. Bye.

katia

(Russian)

I miss you too. Love you.

Sarah hangs up the phone and handles it to Derek.

DEREK

It seems like you two are close with each-other.

Sarah is still emotional from the talk.

sarah

Yeah we are.

derek

You speak good Russian. Maybe you can teach me some day.

CONTINUED

sarah

Maybe! Now I have to find my cell phone.

int.academy hall-day

Rosanna heads to the receptionist desk. Jack is after her. Apparently they’ve been walking like that all the way to the academy. Rosanna keeps ignoring him.

The Receptionist is typing at the computer and doesn’t have the attention on her.

rosanna

Can you give me the card of my room? I’m Rosanna McNeil.

The Receptionist handles the card to her without even looking at her. Rosanna takes it.

rosanna

Thank you.

Rosanna walks to the elevator and pushes the button. Jack is with her but she acts like he isn’t. After some seconds the elevator doors open. Rosanna goes into. Jack goes into too.

Rosanna pushes a button into the elevator. The elevator starts moving.

rosanna

Are you stalking me or something?

jack

I’ll be with you until you’re not mad with me anymore and leave my attempting to kiss you behind us.

rosanna

You’re pretty stubborn, aren’t you?

The elevator doors open. They walk out from there. Rosanna walks along the hall surrounded by dorm rooms. Jack is after her. Rosanna stops in front of her room number 600. She walks into.

The dorm room has two beds in front of each-other, two closets, a table with some chairs, nightstands, the TV on the wall and a door in the front.

Rosanna lies on the bed in the right wanting to relax for a beat. She then leans in the headboard of the bed. She totally ignores

CONTINUED

Jack that is standing in front of her, not giving up. He looks at her. Rosanna looks him back and they lock their eyes. She’s feeling sorry for him wanting desperately her forgiveness.

rosanna

Ok. I forgive you and I leave what happened behind us.

Jack breathes a sigh of relieve. Now he can continue with his life.

jack

All right! Now I can go on with my life.

rosanna

You got what you wanted.

jack

If you need me, I’ll be in my room.

Rosanna nods. Jack heads toward the door. He gives a general look to the room.

jack

Nice room by the way.

Jack walks out and shuts the door.

Rosanna lies comfortably on the bed. She puts Sarah’s CELL PHONE on the nightstand.

cafeteria

Sarah and Derek are still seated at the table eating an ice-cream.

sarah

It’s been years since I’ve eaten ice-cream. You know, when your goal is to become an actress and go in Hollywood, you give up from these things.

Sarah points to the ice-cream that she is enjoying so much.

derek

When I was in North Carolina back home I used to eat an ice-cream every Saturday.

A SPICY HAIR BOY, dark hair and eyes, holding some invitation cards comes closer to them. He handles to them two invitation cards.

CONTINUED

SPICY HAIR BOY

The freshmen’s party! If you two are freshmen you have to come. It will be great.

The Spicy Hair Boy walks ahead and handles to various people the invitation cards.

Sarah and Derek look at the cards.

derek

I’ve never been to a college party before.

Jack passes near to their table glancing at the invitation cards on their hands.

jack

(to Derek and Sarah)

A party for freshmen! Are you two freshmen?

sarah

Yes we are.

jack

This party must be fun.

derek

It would be full of actors, directors and writers to be.

jack

Finally something interesting! I’ve spent all the day with someone who was dealing with something. Only because was cute. Sorry to bother you. Bye.

sarah

Bye.

Jack walks ahead.

Sarah keeps eating her ice-cream hungrily.

rosanna’s dorm room-moments later

Rosanna lies on the bed with a thoughtful expression on her face. She takes Sarah’s cell phone from the nightstand. She holds it on her hand not knowing if to open it or not. She hesitates. Then she opens it. She goes to the contact numbers. She sees that the only

CONTINUED

name and number there is ‘’mama’’. Rosanna opens her message lists. She sees that all the messages sent are from ‘’mama’’. She reads some of them. ‘’Don’t be late tonight’’. ‘’I thought about what you said for applying in that acting school in L.A. Consider this again’’. ‘’We need to see that acting college in Denver tomorrow. Be ready’’. ‘’Sarah, I’ve done the botchi soup. Come early tonight’’. Rosanna’s expression changes when she reads the girl’s name. She just discovered the cell phone girl name.

rosanna

Her name is Sarah.

She stands up quickly from the bed with the cell phone on her hand. She hurries outside and runs into the invitation card for the freshmen’s party on the ground. She looks at it for a second. She can’t lose more time. She hurries to the elevator.

cafeteria-counter

Jack is seated at the counter. The bartender puts in front of him a beer. Rosanna heads to him hurrying. In the background, behind Rosanna and Jack, are Derek and Sarah going into the elevator. They don’t notice each-other or even look at each-other. Rosanna sits on the chair next to Jack.

jack

You can’t stay away of me for such a long time, can you?

rosanna

I know the girl’s name. It’s Sarah.

jack

Sarah? Nice name. You looked into her cell phone, didn’t you?

rosanna

I couldn’t resist. It was on the nightstand and I thought I could find something. I found something. Now it would be easier for me to find her if I know her name.

jack

Maybe you can run across her at the freshmen party. Did you take an invitation card?

rosanna

Yeah. I saw it. I’ll be there tonight.

CONTINUED

jack

I’ll be there too. Maybe we can act like a couple there, beauty chick?

rosanna

Keep dreaming, Jack.

(to the bartender)

A beer for me, too.

jack

Nice. I hope we find that girl tonight.

Jack smiles optimistically to her and raises the beer.

sarah’s dorm room

Sarah walks in her dorm room with her two large suitcases. We see that the room is the same with Rosanna’s dorm room. Sarah puts one of the suitcases on her bed. She unzips it. Inside there are her clothes packed. She takes out from inside a bag a FRAME OF HER AND HER MOM SMILING HAPPY TOGETHER. She stares at it for some seconds nostalgically. Then she puts it back on the suitcase.

She notices something else inside the bag where is the picture. She takes out from there a teddy bear. She makes her mouth in an o shape and is touched to see it. She realizes the teddy bear was with her all the time and she did this over nothing. She puts it back on the bag. She breathes a sigh of ‘’How things would be from no one in this place?’’. Then she lies on her bed. She covers her face with her hands and relaxes. She shuts her mind for a second.

sarah

That’s a hell of a day!

derek and jack’s dorm room

Derek walks into his room. He heads to his suitcase on the bed and takes from there a blouse.

Jack walks out from the bathroom door. Derek has turned his back and doesn’t notice him. Jack looks at his roommate from behind.

jack

Hi.

Derek turns to him.

derek

CONTINUED

(MORE)

Oh, hi. You’re the boy at the cafeteria.

They shake their hands.

jack

And you are without the girl at the cafeteria. Jack Gallagher.

derek

She was just someone I met around. Derek Moore. Nice to meet you!

Jack notices the flag of North Carolina on the wall.

jack

I see you’re from North Carolina.

derek

Yeah. And you’re from?

jack

I’m from all around U.S.A.

DEREK

That’s nice.

jack

So we share the same room.

derek

Yeah. I was so curious to meet my roommate.

jack

You met me. Don’t worry. I’m a quiet person. I won’t bother you. And I’m not a psychic freak.

Derek smiles forcibly not being so into Jack’s jokes.

derek

Oh, that’s good. Are you studying acting?

jack

That was my first goal. I am studying directing.

CONTINUED

derek

Screenwriting!

jack

Oh, that’s great. I’ve got to go now. I’ll see you around at the party. And mostly of the time here, I guess.

Derek smiles nodding. Jack smiles friendly.

derek

Yeah, see you.

Jack walks out of the room. Derek remains there thinking about his roommate.

caffeteria-night

The cafeteria is totally transformed for the party. There are freshmen around with cocktails on their hands wearing fancy clothes. Pop-modern music is heard. The lights are low and mixed with other lights like in a disco. There are balloons for décor. A banner is hanged on the top of the wall where is written ‘’Welcome in the Academy of Cinematic Arts’’.

We see Rosanna leaning at the counter with a cocktail on her hand and wearing an elegant party dress. Jack comes near her. He is wearing a black suit. Jack looks carefully to Rosanna stunned by her.

jack

Hey, beauty chick! Are you enjoying the party?

rosanna

Seems like a nice party.

jack

Sarah must be somewhere here. She has to be if she wants her cell phone.

Jack points to the cocktail on her hands.

jack

Is this a ‘’Sex on the Beach’’?

rosanna

No, it’s a ‘’Bloody Merry’’.

CONTINUED

jack

(to the bartender)

A ‘’Bloody Merry’’ for me, please.

A SPICY BLOND HAIR BOY comes closer to them. He studies Rosanna like he recognizes her. Rosanna doesn’t understand what he wants.

SPICY BLOND HAIR BOY

I’m sorry. Are you the girl that has Sarah’s cell phone? Because you match with the identikit that she made in the announcement.

rosanna

She made an announcement?!

jack

Where is Sarah now?

spicy blond hair boy

I don’t know where she is. She came here and announced that her cell phone, was in someone’s who looked like you, hands.

Spicy Blond Hair Boy goes ahead and mixes with the crowd.

jack

So Sarah is definitely here.

rosanna

She must have done the announcement when we were at the beach.

ext.campus-night

Sarah is seated on the bench where she met Rosanna in the morning. She is smoking a cigarette.

Derek comes and sits next to her.

derek

Hi.

sarah

Hi.

derek

CONTINUED

(MORE)

Why aren’t you at the party? It’s your chance to find the girl with your cell phone.

sarah

This day was pretty exhausting for me. I’ve been walking around the college all morning and I’ve been afraid of my mom’s reaction for not answering the phone.

derek

When have you started smoking?

sarah

When I was seventeen. Do you want to smoke one?

derek

No. Thanks.

sarah

Don’t tell me that you’ve never smoke in your life?

derek

Once or twice! I’m not a regular smoker.

sarah

I’m not a regular smoker either, only the times when I have a rough day. Like today for example!

derek

Let’s go inside. The party seems great.

academy caffeteria-night

All the freshmen are gathered there. At the improvised small stage of the cafeteria climbs in MARGARET THOMPSON (43). She is elegant, charming and authoritarian in her black Chanel dress and her blond club hair. She takes the microphone and starts talking.

margaret

Hi, freshmen! My name is Margaret Thompson and I’m the dean of this college, both dean of faculty and dean of students. I’m want to welcome you all to the ‘’Academy of Cinematic Arts’’. All of you should feel lucky that have gotten in

CONTINUED

(MORE)

here. Each year gazillions of aspiring actors, writers or directors apply to us. A small amount of them are accepted. All of you here are that amount. Getting here is the begging of a long, long but very long journey that you start today in the film industry. You all are talented and very good in what you do but there will be always someone who is going to come out and do something that you can’t do, exactly in the time that you are thinking that you can do everything.

Rosanna and Jack are at the counter listening to her.

jack

She seems talky but she is good-looking for a dean.

rosanna

Please, listen!

In the other part of the crowd of freshmen listening, come Derek and Sarah.

SARAH

It looks like the dean is talking.

derek

Do you see somewhere the cell phone girl?

Sarah scans the people faces there. She can’t notice Rosanna.

sarah

I can’t see her anywhere. I don’t know even if I have a roommate. I saw her things in the dorm room but I haven’t met her yet.

derek

I met my roommate. He is a director to be.

Derek scans people faces in the cafeteria for Jack. He can’t see him either.

derek

(CONT’D)

I’m not seeing him around here.

CONTINUED

sarah

How you’ll survive with him?

derek

Time will show.

Sarah’s attention is grabbed by a girl that has turned her back to her and looks the same as Rosanna from behind. She has black hair in the same length as Rosanna. Sarah heads toward her and touches her shoulder to see her face.

sarah

Hey, you…

The girl turns her head and isn’t Rosanna. Sarah does a disappointed sigh.

SARAH

Oh, I’m sorry. I mistook you with somebody else.

margaret

(CON’D)

Enjoy the college because you’re going to have a lot of fun here and you’ll meet a lot of great people. I wish you all have luck and I wish you all be holding an Academy or Oscar Award someday. Have fun!

Margaret climbs off the stage cheerful.

The freshmen students remove the attention from her and continue partying. The music starts.

Rosanna and Jack are walking somewhere at the cafeteria. Rosanna crashes with a girl holding a cocktail. The cocktail is poured accidentally on Rosanna’s dress.

cocktail girl

Oh, I’m so sorry.

rosanna

That’s no problem. I’ll fix it.

The Cocktail Girl goes ahead.

rosanna

Jack, I got to go and change this dress.

CONTINUED

jack

Go. I’ll be here.

Somewhere at the cafeteria are Derek and Sarah.

derek

I’m going to take something to drink.

Sarah nods. Derek heads to the counter.

Rosanna is headed to the elevator out from the crowd that is partying. Sarah directs her look to the elevator. She notices Rosanna.

Sarah hurries to catch her. She can’t call her because the music is too loud. She passes some drunk freshmen and is headed to Rosanna.

Rosanna continues walking to the elevator. Sarah walks after her trying to catch her.

Rosanna stops at the elevator and pushes the button. The elevator’s doors open immediately.

Sarah runs to catch Rosanna.

Rosanna goes into the elevator. She pushes the button into the elevator. Sarah arrives at the elevator. She is in front of Rosanna. They see each-other, recognize each-other. The doors of the elevator are getting closed. Sarah and Rosanna share a look. The doors are closed completely. They can’t do anything now. Sarah gets a hopeless expression on her face. Then she raises her head and sees an electronic table in the top of the elevator showing the floors. 1,2,3… Sarah’s expression shifts from hopeless into pleased.

sarah and rosanna’s dorm room floor.hall-MOMENTS LATER

Sarah is walking through the wall. She has to find the dorm room where Rosanna is.

sarah and rosanna’s dorm room

In the meantime, Rosanna rubs the dot of the cocktail in her dress. She looks it at the mirror near to her bed. She does a bothered sigh seeing the cocktail dot on her dress.

hall

Sarah stops walking. She sees that is surrounded by dorm rooms. She has a hopeless and bothered expression being in the middle of all those dorm rooms and not knowing where the cell phone girl is.

CONTINUED

Sarah knocks in the first dorm room written 594 on the door. The door is opened from a SPICY BLACK HAIR BOY with thick glasses. Sarah looks at him shaking her head negatively.

Sarah knocks in another dorm room where is written 595 on the door. The door is opened from a BARBIE GIRL with blond long hair, wearing pink clothes and with an enthusiastic smile on her face.

sarah

I’m sorry.

Sarah knocks at another dorm room where number 596 is written on the door. The door is opened from two WEIRD GIRLS. Both of them have a short weird haircut and have a lot of piercings in their face and ears. One of them gives a punk ‘’what the hell do you want?’’ look to Sarah.

sarah

(CONT’D)

I must have mistaken the dorm room.

Sarah knocks at another dorm room where is written the number 597 on the door. The door is opened from a STONED BOY with long hair and beard and with a joint between his fingers. Sarah smiles embarrassed. He gives to her a ‘’do you want to join me?’’ look.

sarah

Sorry. Wrong dorm room!

Sarah knocks at another door where the number 598 is written on the door. The door is opened from a PUNK GIRL with long black hair, heavy black make-up and piercings. She gives an arrogant and scary look to Sarah.

sarah

Wrong dorm room!

Sarah knocks at another door where the number 599 is written on it. The door is opened FROM a MAKING OUT BOY AND GIRL.

sarah

Sorry. Go on.

Sarah walks hopelessly through the hall. She has nothing left to do except going to her dorm room. She heads tiredly and sadly to her dorm room. She opens the door. Sarah is surprised and can’t believe her eyes when she sees ROSANNA seated on her bed and rubbing the dot on her dress with a wet piece. Rosanna and Sarah lock their eyes. Rosanna smiles relieved.

**END OF ACT TWO**

**ACT THREE**

INT.SARAH AND ROSANNA’S DORM ROOM-night

sarah

You are the girl of the cell phone!

Rosanna stands up forgetting about the dot on the dress.

rosanna

I’ve been looking for you everywhere. I’ve got something to give to you.

Rosanna takes the cell phone from the nightstand and handles it to Sarah. Finally, the nightmare is over for both of them. Sarah is pleased and relieved to have her CELL PHONE on her hands. She holds it like she is holding a rare antique piece of art.

sarah

(to the cell phone)

Oh, honey. Come to mama. I’ve missed you so much. I’ve been looking for you everywhere.

(to Rosanna)

You had the cell phone all this time?

rosanna

Yeah. When you went looking for your mom, you left the cell phone on the bench. Then I met a guy that helped me looking around for you.

sarah

I crashed with a boy that threw me his coffee when I left you at the bench. I completely forgot about you waiting me there. You know how I was this morning. Then I realized I hadn’t my cell phone. I assumed you had it.

rosanna

That’ so ironic, isn’t it?! We’re roommates. How we didn’t meet each-other all day long?

sarah

Because when I came here, you weren’t. And when you came here, I wasn’t.

rosanna

I couldn’t stay here more than two minutes

CONTINUED

(MORE)

without thinking about the girl of the cell phone so I keep walking around the campus and the academy hoping to see you.

sarah

Me too.

rosanna

Rosanna McNeil.

sarah

Sarah Ivankov. Nice to meet you!

They shake their hands with a slight pleased smile on their face.

cafeteria

Jack is leaning at the counter drinking a cocktail and staring at the people around. Derek comes to him.

derek

Hey, Jack.

jack

I didn’t notice you around.

derek

I was with my friend. The girl you saw me earlier. I don’t know where she went.

jack

My friend went to her dorm room. Someone threw the cocktail on her dress.

derek

So she is a girl.

jack

It’s weird how we met.

derek

It met with that blond girl in a very weird way too. She forgot her cell phone on a bench when she was talking with a brunette girl. I accidentally met her and I ended up looking for

CONTINUED

(MORE)

that girl everywhere in the academy.

Jack is putting the pieces of the puzzle together.

jack

Wait, wait a second! Is this girl name’s Sarah?

derek

How do you know this?

jack

Because I’ve spent all the day with the brunette girl who has Sarah’s cell phone.

Derek and Jack stare at each-other surprised from this weird coincidence.

jack

I’ve got to find Rosanna and explain to her everything.

derek

I’m going to Sarah’s dorm room. Maybe she’s gone there.

elevator-MINUTES LATER

Sarah and Rosanna go out from the elevator.

In the next elevator are Derek and Jack into it. They push the button and the doors of the elevator are closed. None of them have the chance to see each-other.

Sarah and Rosanna heads toward the cafeteria where the party is going on. They walk to the counter.

sarah

I’m going to offer you a cocktail. It’s the least I can do after you took care of my cell phone.

Rosanna smiles friendly to her. They’re standing at the counter.

sarah

(to the bartender)

Two cocktails please!

Rosanna scans people faces at the party trying to see Jack.

CONTINUED

rosanna

I’m not seeing Jack around. He told me that he would wait me here.

sarah

You told me the same thing when we were at the bench.

rosanna

I was waiting for you but I told you once. I run into Jack.

sarah

I run into Derek. By the way, I’m not seeing him either.

rosanna

Maybe they have are mixed with the crowd.

Sarah takes the cocktails. She handles one of them to Rosanna.

rosanna

(CONT’D)

Thanks!

They drink a sip from the cocktail.

sarah

It seems easy to get lost in here.

rosanna

Yeah, this place is huge.

outisde of sarah and rossana’s dorm room-hall

Derek and Jack are headed to the same dorm room without knowing this. They stop at the same dorm room. They realize this thing.

derek

So Sarah and Rosanna are roommates.

jack

Apparently none of them know this.

They walk into the room.

CONTINUED

jack

Rosanna isn’t here.

derek

Sarah isn’t here either.

Jack looks to the nightstand next to Rosanna’s bed. The cell phone isn’t there. He processes what might have happened.

jack

Sarah’s cell phone isn’t either. She must have taken it.

derek

This means that they are at the party.

jack

So we’ve got to go back there.

derek

Listen, what if they have run into each-other and she might have given the cell phone to Sarah?

jack

I hope it’s like this.

cafeteria-continous

Sarah and Rosanna are still standing at the counter with the cocktails on their hands. Sarah gives a look to the CELL PHONE on her hand glad that it’s with her. She widens her eyes when she looks at the screen.

sarah

OMG! Fifty phone calls from my mother! She just set a new record.

rosanna

You and your mom seem to have a pretty close relationship.

sarah

Cause there is always been me and my mum. I’ve never known who my father is.

rosanna

CONTINUED

(MORE)

Oh, I’m sorry. My father left me and my mother when I was eight. I’ve never seen him since then.

sarah

That must have been hard for you and your mother.

Rosanna nods.

rosanna

You’re from Denver, am I right?

sarah

Born and raised.

rosanna

So we’re both used with the cold. Michigan, Detroit.

sarah

Nice. You know what? This music is causing me a migraine.

elevator-MINUTES LATER

Derek and Jack are inside in the elevator.

Sarah and Rosanna are going out from the next elevator.

Derek and Jack’s elevator doors are closing.

Sarah and Rosanna walk through the hall. The fourth of them don’t have the chance to notice each-other. Again!

sarah

Finally, I’m away of that noise.

rosanna

It’s been a long day.

They walk into their dorm room.

sarah and rosanna’s dorm room

Sarah heads to her bed and lies on it. Rosanna lies to hers. They’re finally in peace.

rosanna

CONTINUED

(MORE)

Oh, finally I can rest in peace.

sarah

It’s soon to say that. I’ve got to meet Derek and explain him that I found my cell phone. And you need to meet Jack to tell him everything.

Rosanna does a ‘’isn’t over yet?’’ sigh.

rosanna

I didn’t think I would lose Jack now. I’ve looked with him for you all day long and now I’m wondering with you where he might be.

sarah

It’s the same thing for me, darling. Stop worrying now. We are going to run them into somewhere here, maybe not today, but some day.

rosanna

Yeah we will.

cafeteria

The party is still going on and a more rhythmic music is played. The freshmen around look more drunk and more cheerful.

Derek and Jack are somewhere in the crowd. They’re forced to speak with a louder voice cause of the music.

derek

I’m not seeing them anywhere.

jack

Maybe they’re having a fight in the beach.

derek

Looks like it’s impossible to find them here, in the middle of this crazy crowd of drunk college freshmen.

jack

Maybe they have joined the drunk crowd and don’t recognize us anymore.

derek

CONTINUED

(MORE)

Maybe they haven’t met each-other in the first place at all.

Margaret walks to them.

margaret

Hi, guys. Are you enjoying the party?

jack

(No!)

Yeah.

Jack and Derek force smiles.

derek

Nice party. We are having a lot of fun.

margaret

I’m leaving you having fun. See you around!

Margaret walks ahead.

jack

She is so open-minded considering she is a dean.

derek

Listen, Jack. This party has overheard songs, bad drinks and crazy students and what’s more important Sarah and Rosanna aren’t here. If we don’t meet them here, probably we’re going to meet them tomorrow morning. We know where their dorm room is.

Jack considers what he said.

jack

You got a point.

Derek does an expression like he knows he is right.

jack

Let’s go to our room.

sarah and rosanna’s dorm room-MOMENTS LATER

Sarah is leaning on the headboard of her bed with her cell phone

CONTINUED

pressed on her ear.

sarah

(talking to the cell phone)

Yeah, I know. I found the cell phone. Everything is alright. I miss you.

Rosanna is standing next to the bathroom door listening to Sarah thoughtfully.

Sarah is now crying in a baby way.

sarah

(CONT’D)

You know this academy is a shit. The people here are weird. They’re crazy artists. I know I’m an artist too. But I’m an actress. This is different. I miss Denver already. This time is the best time of the year in Colorado. And I’m missing it.

Sarah bursts in tears again.

Rosanna hears the conversation with a pity look on her face. She feels like this too, even if she doesn’t show it that much.

Sarah pulls herself together and stops crying.

sarah

Ok, ok. I know I have to calm down. I’ll talk to you later. Bye. I love you.

Sarah hangs up. Rosanna walks to her bed.

sarah

Hey. I was talking to my mom. I’m sorry. I’m such an emotional wreck.

rosanna

Don’t worry about that. You’ve been through a lot today. You remembered me to call my mother.

sarah

I need to wipe my tears.

Sarah heads to the bathroom door.

Rosanna sits on her bed and takes her cell phone from the

CONTINUED

nightstand. She dials a number and presses the cell phone on her ear.

michigan, detroit

int.wendy’s house.living room-night

Wendy is seated on the couch with a glass of wine on her hands. Her cell phone RINGS. She opens it and answers.

wendy

Hi, honey.

intercut between two scenes

rosanna

I just wanted to say ‘’good night’’ to you.

wendy

How are things around there?

rosanna

There are good. The college starts officially tomorrow so this is the last day when I can enjoy this place.

Wendy smiles softly.

wendy

I know. You’re going to like the college. I know I’ve enjoyed it.

Rosanna leans on the headboard of the bed.

rosanna

I hope it is like that. I love you.

wendy

I love you too. If you need anything, don’t forget that I’m just a phone call away.

rosanna

I know this. Good night.

wendy

Good night, honey.

Rosanna hangs up her cell phone. She remains with a thoughtful

CONTINUED

expression not knowing how college life would be from no one.

derek and jack’s dorm room

Derek is seated on a small couch near his bed holding is cell phone. Jack is seated on the chair.

jack

Till now the college seems great.

derek

This is because you haven’t started it yet.

jack

See the bright side here. There are great chicks, including the dean.

derek

Seriously, are you thinking about her right now?

Jack does an expression like he has to include her too.

jack

This place is big enough to get lost.

derek

The girls may be in their room. We’re going to talk to them tomorrow morning. What I’m worried right now is that my mom isn’t answering her phone.

jack

Maybe there might be a connection problem with North Carolina.

derek

Her cell phone is turned off. She never does that.

jack

I guess the good thing of being a homeless kid is to not have to call your parents when you are in high school or in college. Never mind. I think I left my pocket of cigarettes at the party. I am not finding it anywhere.

Jack stands up and starts scanning the room for his pocket of

CONTINUED

cigarettes. They don’t seem to be there.

jack

Maybe I’ll look for them downstairs.

derek

Maybe you should.

Derek looks at his cell phone with a worried confused look.

north carolina, durham

int.moore’s house.marrital room-night

In a simple small bedroom are ling in the bed KELLY MOORE (45) and PETER MOORE (49) reading books. KELLY seems the perfect housewife of Durham with blond hair and with a sensitive soft expression on her face.

Peter is the man of the house who works with black hair and eyes and a beard around his mouth. He has a masculine, disinterested expression on his face.

peter

Don’t answer to our stupid son, darling. He has to learn his lesson. He can’t do a thing without us.

kelly

What lesson, Peter? He went to that school with a scholarship. He has worked so hard all these years.

Peter removes his look from the book and looks straight in Kelly’s eyes.

peter

This is what makes him stupid. He is working for something that isn’t going to lead him anywhere.

kelly

He followed his dream. What’s wrong with that?

peter

You don’t know anything about the world, Kelly. You think that following your dream is the right thing to do now days. This is not a world of dreams, honey. He could go to a med or law school and he would have a perfect cozy life. Instead he

CONTINUED

(MORE)

chose to go to that school of cheap actors.

kelly

You can’t forbid me to talk to my son. Derek is my son.

peter

I think I’m going to sleep now.

Peter switches off the light on his nightstand finishing this conversation. It remains only the light on Kelly’s nightstand. He turns his back to her and covers his self with the sheets. Kelly remains awaken with a thoughtful expression on her face staring at the ceiling and thinking about her son.

CALIFORNIA,los angeles

int.OUTSIDE OF sarah and rosanna’s dorm room- hall-elevator-night

Rosanna is standing in front of the elevator waiting for it to open. The doors of the elevator open. Jack appears on it. Both of them have a surprised reaction to see each-other and don’t know what to say. Jack goes out from the elevator.

jack

Hey, beauty chick. I’ve been looking everywhere for you.

Jack gives to Rosanna an instinctive hug.

rosanna

You told me to wait for you at the party.

jack

I met Derek there, who is my roommate, and we found out that you and Sarah were roommates too.

rosanna

Derek is your roommate? Sarah hasn’t stopped talking about how nice he was helping her finding the cell phone.

jack

So everything is finished. You gave her the cell phone?

rosanna

CONTINUED

(MORE)

Yeah. Apparently we’ve been looking for each-other all day. How weird is it? Where were you headed to?

jack

I was going to take my pocket of cigarette downstairs but apparently this thing dragged me here.

Jack points to the elevator.

rosanna

For a good reason! I was going to take a cup of the. I can’t sleep tonight. It must be the change of place.

Jack nods.

derek and jack’s dorm room

Derek and Sarah are seated on the floor talking to each-other. Rosanna and Jack walk into with some boxes of Chinese food. They sit on the floor with them and put the boxes there.

derek

(to Rosanna)

So Rosanna! Tall, black hair and eyes!

Rosanna does an expression like she is the one they have been looking for.

derek

We’ve been looking everywhere for you.

jack

We’ve been doing the same thing. It’s nice to meet the Cell Phone Girl.

Jack looks at Sarah. She does a slight smile.

jack

(CONT’D)

It’s my fault she moved from the bench.

sarah

CONTINUED

(MORE)

No, I messed up things. I forgot the cell phone, I forgot about Rosanna. None of this would happen, if it wasn’t for me.

derek

Let’s forget whose fault it is and let’s eat. I’m starving.

Derek takes one of the boxes with Chinese food. The others do the same thing. They keep talking with each-other while we move outside of the dorm room and stop at the Academy of Cinematic Art’s campus. There aren’t students outside and everything is dark and in quiet.

**THE END OF ACT THREE**

FADE OUT