

Chase Of Paradise

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INT. SCHOOL BUS - MORNING

The school bus door opens. OCTOBER JAMES (20), Who has Autism walks onto the bus very nervously. He sits in the empty seat in the middle of the bus.

OCTOBER (V.O.)

It's the first day of school and I'm nervous as hell. My story, you may ask? I do not have one unless if you count my past, but it will not be told.

The bus starts moving when a CARLY, 20 and a perky girl, sits next to October.

CARLY

Hi, are you new here?

OCTOBER

Yes. I moved here over the summer.

CARLY

I'm Carly. Carly Hull.

OCTOBER

October James.

Carly shakes October's hand.

CARLY

I'm so glad that you're here.

OCTOBER

Me too. I heard that August Martin was the best school.

CARLY

(Shaking her head)

Not really, October.

OCTOBER

(Exclaiming)

Why wouldn't August Martin be the best school?

A water bottle lands in October's lap. A group of kids laughs from the back of the bus.

KID #1 (O.S.)
(Yelling)
Fresh-meat season.

Carly stares at the spot on October's jeans.

CARLY
October, you can't walk into school
like that. We have orientation today.

Carly digs into her bag and hands October a towel. October
pats his jeans dry.

CARLY
Keep the towel. You may need it in the
future.

OCTOBER
Thanks, Carly.

The bus stops moving.

OCTOBER (V.O.)
The bus stops at the place that I call
it...school.

INT. AUGUST MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM - CONTINUED

October and Carly sit in the auditorium as the students fill
up the seats.

OCTOBER
What's going on?

CARLY
Mr. Summers is going to give a welcome
speech. He is our principal.

MR. SUMMERS, 40s, who has a short stature with grey hair in
his beard, walks to the microphone.

MR. SUMMERS
Good morning, students. I hope that
you had a lovely summer. Our guest of
honor will be here shortly...

OCTOBER
What does he mean by "guest of honor"?

CARLY
Someone new came to our school.

MR. SUMMERS

Without further ado, I present the special education kids to the stage.

Eight kids walk onto the stage. REBECCA "BECKY" WILLIAMS (20), who has Down Syndrome walks to the microphone.

BECKY

My name is Becky, and I prefer to be called ma'am by all of you.

CARLY

I don't believe this! She expects us to be loyal to her.

OCTOBER

(Mumbling)

I don't know Carly. I think she's kind of cute.

CARLY

What did you say, October?

OCTOBER

I said "I agree with you".

KID #2

(Sarcastically)

We're being watched by people who are mentally challenged.

The crowd erupts into laughter.

BECKY

You have a month of detention.

The crowd stops laughing.

BECKY

Good. You are excused to your first period class. Scram!

The auditorium quickly empties.

OCTOBER (V.O.)

It was from that moment I was in love with Becky. I thought it was about my past, it's a lot to say right now.

INT. CLASSROOM - CONTINUED

October walks into the classroom. CREATIVE WRITING TEACHER, 30s, sets down the marker.

CREATIVE WRITING TEACHER
Sir, do you have a late pass?

October shakes his head.

CREATIVE WRITING TEACHER
It's okay. It's the first day. Please
find a seat.

October sits down in a chair in the back of the classroom. The creative writing teacher finish writing on the smart board.

CREATIVE WRITING TEACHER
Today is the first day of class, and I
want all of you to do a free write on
anything. You can write it in any
form.

The class opens their notebooks and begins writing. The creative writing teacher walks over to October's desk and reads October's journal. The creative writing teacher clears her throat. October looks up.

CREATIVE WRITING TEACHER
Can you stay after class?

OCTOBER
Okay.

The creative writing teacher walks to her desk.

BECKY (O.S.)
I'm normally not like this.

October turns towards Becky.

OCTOBER
I'm sorry. Were you talking to me?

BECKY
You heard me?

OCTOBER
Well, yeah, you talked to me.

BECKY
Who are you?

OCTOBER
I'm October James.

BECKY
(*Whispering*)
This isn't possible!

OCTOBER
I know that you are trying to-

BECKY
Great, a new kid and still running a school? Having Down syndrome sucks.

OCTOBER
(*Saying with a smile*)
I really don't think that Down syndrome can put anything in your life.

BECKY
Thanks, kid.

CREATIVE WRITING TEACHER (O.S.)
The Holiday kids may be excused for the period.

Becky gets out of her seat.

OCTOBER
When will I see you again?

BECKY
I'm all over, kid. You'll know when it comes. See you later.

Becky and her classmates leaves the classroom as the bell rings. The classroom empties as the creative writing teacher pulls up a chair to October's desk.

CREATIVE WRITING TEACHER
I can see you're a creative writer.

OCTOBER
I like to write during my spare time.

CREATIVE WRITING TEACHER
I know why you wrote the poem.

OCTOBER

You do?

CREATIVE WRITING TEACHER

You're channeling your thoughts on paper rather than saying it. Your poem is a love poem for our leader. If it is, then your secret is safe here.

OCTOBER

Why are you helping me?

The creative writing teacher walks over to her desk. The creative writing teacher pulls out a notebook out of her desk. She walks over to October and hands the notebook to October.

CREATIVE WRITING TEACHER

Read this on your spare time. This is one of their classmates from five years ago. Her name was Rose. Rose was like you before it happened.

OCTOBER

What happened?

The creative writing teacher shakes her head.

CREATIVE WRITING TEACHER

I can't explain that. You have to make sure that no one else sees that journal, but you.

The school bell rings.

CREATIVE WRITING TEACHER

I will tell your teacher that you were with me.

October leaves the classroom quickly.

INT. AUGUST MARTIN CAFETERIA - AFTERNOON

Food plops onto October's tray as he walks down the lunch aisle. October walks to the end of the line.

OCTOBER (V.O.)

Where to sit?

October turns to one end of the cafeteria. The Holiday class was eating at their table.

OCTOBER (V.O.)
 Every table is full, and even the
 Holiday kids have their own restricted
 area.

October turns to the other end of the cafeteria and walks to an empty table. He sits down. The table fills up with Carly and her three friends.

CARLY
 October, I can't believe we have the
 same lunch. Do you mind if we sit
 here?

OCTOBER
 Sure. You can sit here.

Carly and her three friends was talking while October was eating.

CARLY'S FRIEND #1
 Do you like it here, October?

CARLY'S FRIEND #2
 How are your classes and teachers,
 October?

CARLY'S FRIEND #3
 Do you like anyone, October?

OCTOBER
(Getting out of his chair)
 Excuse me.

October grabs his tray and walks towards the garbage can. A kid trips October. October lands face first into his tray.

KID #3
(Dumping his tray onto October)
 Sorry about that. Here's your tip.

October stands up. The whole cafeteria laughs at October. October rushes out of the cafeteria.

INT. OCTOBER'S FOSTER HOME - AFTERNOON

October opens the door to his foster home. He walks inside and shuts the door.

OCTOBER (V.O.)
 I don't have a home where I live with

my parents. I live in foster care with other people and my foster mom Angelica.

CUT TO:

INT. BATHROOM - MOMENTS LATER

October walks to the bathroom. He takes off his clothes and turns on the shower. The water falls onto October as he steps into the shower. There was a knock on the door.

OCTOBER
(*Shouting*)
Come in.

The door opens. ANGELICA, 40, steps into the bathroom.

ANGELICA
I heard what happened.

OCTOBER
(*Shouting*)
I don't want to talk about it.

ANGELICA
Well, you have new foster siblings here that I want you to meet. Come downstairs whenever you're free.

Angelica leaves the bathroom.

CUT TO:

INT. KITCHEN - CONTINUED

October walks downstairs into the kitchen. Angelica frosts some cookies.

OCTOBER
Where are they?

ANGELICA
Unpacking. I made cookies for everyone.

LEE-LENA, 20, and TERESA, 20, walks into the kitchen.

OCTOBER
(*Exclaiming*)
Oh no! Not these two!

OCTOBER (V.O.)

My ex-girlfriends Lee-Lena and Teresa.
I thought it was really going to be
over, but they came back into my life.

ANGELICA

Girls and October, you'll have to
share the house. You all live here.

INT. OCTOBER'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

October was laying on his bed reading Rose's journal.

ROSE (V.O.)

Dear journal, It's the first day of
school, and I can keep my thoughts in
here. My name is Rose "Pink" Hills.
Pink is my nickname since my cheeks
are always pink. I'm sixteen years old
and in tenth grade. Right now, I'm
pregnant with my boyfriend's baby. I'm
two months into the pregnancy.

OCTOBER (V.O.)

For this reason, I felt that it was
wrong to read this, but I'm doing this
for Becky.

October skips through a few pages.

ROSE (V.O.)

Dear journal, It's my birthday, and I
am alone with my baby. No one came to
my party. People gave me a new
nickname that I don't like. I'm now
Rose "Crybaby" Hills. I get why they
call me that, but why do it to hurt
me?

OCTOBER

Rose you've been through a lot within
your years.

October closes the journal. October lies down and goes to
sleep.

INT. AUGUST MARTIN HALLWAYS - MORNING

October walks to creative writing until VALERIA, 20, who has
Turner syndrome, bumps into him.

OCTOBER
 (Yelling)
 Watch it!

Valeria walks over to October.

VALERIA
 Who are you trying to put up that
 demand?

OCTOBER
 October James. You're Valeria
 Brunette, the guard of the school.

VALERIA
 I saw you puppy-dog eyeing our leader.
 So, I came to pass a message—stay away
 from our leader.

Valeria walks away. Becky approaches October.

OCTOBER
 (Stammering)
 I thought this was—

BECKY
 I wanted to be sure about this.

OCTOBER
 About what?

BECKY
 Do you like me?

OCTOBER
 (Stammering)
 Uh...I don't know.

BECKY
 You can tell me. I mean, I did think
 of you after yesterday. It made sparks
 fly.

OCTOBER
 Ma'am—

BECKY
 It's Becky. Call me Becky, please.

OCTOBER
 Becky, I don't know about what people

will think about us.

BECKY
I wanted to know.

OCTOBER
I do.

Becky holds October's hand.

BECKY
(Moving closer to October)
Do you want to?

OCTOBER
Want to what?

BECKY
Kiss me.

OCTOBER
Yes, I do.

Becky pulls October in for a kiss. Becky slowly pulls away after the kiss.

OCTOBER
Wow. That was cool.

BECKY
(Nervously)
Yeah. Uh see you in class.

Becky rushes away in the other direction. October touches his lips.

INT. AUGUST MARTIN GYMNASIUM - MORNING

October walks into the gymnasium with the class.

CARLY (O.S.)
(Shouting)
October!

Carly runs over to October and hugs him.

OCTOBER
Carly, what are you doing here?

CARLY
I have this class. Isn't it great?

OCTOBER

Well-

Mrs. Holiday's class walks out of the locker room. October turns to Mrs. Holiday's class.

CUT TO:

INT. LOCKER ROOM - LATER

October changes into his regular clothes while October 1 appears.

OCTOBER

What is it, October 1?

OCTOBER 1

Becky has to know about them.

OCTOBER

Look, October 1, they're long gone.

OCTOBER 1

What if they come back?

OCTOBER

They won't. Go away, I'm changing.

OCTOBER 1

But-

OCTOBER

(Yelling)

Go!

October 1 disappears.

FADE TO:

EXT. STREETS - EVENING FLASHBACK

October walks to Lee-Lena's house with flowers and chocolate.

OCTOBER (V.O.)

It was Valentine's Day and I wanted to see Lee-Lena for a romantic night.

CUT TO:

EXT. LEE-LENA'S HOUSE - LATER FLASHBACK

October walks over to the rose garden. October picks up the fake rock from the garden and takes out the key.

OCTOBER (V.O.)

Lee-Lena said if I wanted to come over at any time that she left a key under a rock in her rose garden.

October takes the key and opens the door.

CUT TO:

INT. LEE-LENA'S HOUSE - CONTINUED FLASHBACK

Lee-Lena was on top of a man's lap. She was thrusting on him.

OCTOBER

(Yelling)

Lee-Lena! What the hell are you doing!

Lee-Lena pulls away from the man.

LEE-LENA

October, it's not—

October drops Lee-Lena's presents and walks away.

CUT TO:

EXT. STREETS - MOMENTS LATER FLASHBACK

Lee-Lena follows October and pulls October toward her.

LEE-LENA

Look, you should know how the real-world works. I'm addicted to sex. Besides, you weren't that good in bed anyway.

October punched Lee-Lena in her eye. Lee-Lena falls down onto the street.

OCTOBER

You know that I was good because I was doing all the work! You don't realize that if you are not careful, you will be knocked up!

October walks away.

FADE TO:

INT. OCTOBER'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

October reads Rose's journal on his bed.

OCTOBER (V.O.)

Teresa, on the other hand was really crazy. She drugged me and I regretted dating her.

October sets down Rose's journal.

OCTOBER (V.O.)

Harper is someone that I really would need to worry about. She was treating me like I was her sex slave and just wanted sex from me during our relationship before I moved here.

INT. AUGUST MARTIN HALLWAYS - MORNING

October was at his locker as the morning announcements were going on.

MR. SUMMERS

(Over the P.A. System)

-as of today we are doing the sign-ups for the pie eating contest. If interested please come and sign up at my office.

October shuts his locker and walks away.

INT. AUGUST MARTIN MAIN OFFICE - MOMENTS LATER

October grabs the pen and signs the paper for the pie eating contest.

OCTOBER (V.O.)

Now it's time to prove that I can do anything that I set my mind to.

INT. AUGUST MARTIN HALLWAYS - CONTINUED

Becky walks over to October as he walks out of the main office.

BECKY

So you entered the pie eating contest.

OCTOBER

Yep, I did.

BECKY

You know that the contest will be hard?

OCTOBER

Yes. I have thought about it. Maybe I'm doing it for someone.

BECKY

(Kissing October's cheek)

You're sweet October.

OCTOBER

Well, I try Becky.

As soon as Becky walks away a pie pan hits October in the face.

KID #4

Loser.

The students laughs and takes photos of October with pie in his face. October rushes to the bathroom.

INT. BOYS BATHROOM - MOMENTS LATER

October was in a stall cleaning up the pie off of his face. There was a knock on the stall door.

OCTOBER

(Shouting)

Busy.

BECKY (O.C.)

October?

OCTOBER

Becky, what are you doing here? This is the boy's bathroom.

BECKY (O.C.)

I saw what happened. Come out of there so I can clean you up.

October opens the stall door and walks out of the stall. Becky chuckles.

BECKY

You are a mess. I come prepared.

Becky pulls a kit from her bag and sets it on the sink. She pulls out makeup removing wipes.

BECKY

I'm sorry about what happened.

Becky starts wiping October's face with the wipes.

OCTOBER

It's not your fault. It was some jerk who was being a showoff.

Becky hands October a wet washcloth.

BECKY

This should remove the stickiness of the cream.

October takes the washcloth and wipes his face.

BECKY

October, you know you can-

OCTOBER

Becky, I will not quit! It's not you. It's just that I am nobody to the school. That's what we are. I want to make something of us.

BECKY

We aren't supposed to talk to each other, and we are doing so.

OCTOBER

Then why did you talk to me during creative writing class that day?

BECKY

I was looking for someone to end this feud that we have against each other.

OCTOBER (V.O.)

At that moment, I finally found the reason why the school is in a hell zone.

FADE TO:

INT. AUGUST MARTIN HALLWAYS - MORNING FLASHBACK

ROSE, 16, walks down the hallways of August Martin.

BECKY (V.O.)

Long before the feud there was a girl named Rose. She was bullied by a lot of people.

BULLY #1

Why is she so fucking mentally challenged?

BULLY #2

She's a special education kid.

FADE TO:

INT. BOYS BATHROOM - CONTINUED

Becky continues to tell the story to October.

BECKY

One day she went for a walk, and a car came, and it...

OCTOBER

What happened, Becky?

BECKY

(Sobbing)

She died. The car hit her, and she was ran over. She was rushed to the hospital.

Becky sobs onto October's shoulder. October rubs Becky's shoulders.

OCTOBER

It's okay. I mean, it wasn't your fault.

BECKY

No, but it was the people like you.

OCTOBER

Wait. A group of general education kids killed her?

Becky nods her head slowly.

OCTOBER

(Whispering)

Oh, wow.

BECKY

When I met you, you me reminded of her. That's why we have to end the feud.

OCTOBER

But why now and not then? I mean people change as the year goes by, right?

BECKY

That's why you have to help me.

OCTOBER

I'm sorry. With what?

BECKY

The feud. I mean I don't like the school and the rules. If we end the feud, then we can be a normal school. Will you help me?

OCTOBER

Sure, why not.

BECKY

(Squealing)

Oh, thank you, October!

Becky hands October a bag.

BECKY

It's something to change into. I better get going before someone finds me. Bye.

Becky leaves the bathroom. October opens the bag. He picks up a note.

BECKY (V.O.)

(Reading)

October, I know we just met and you think I'm crazy, but the school's out of hand. I need your help to get it back in control. Becky. PS, Thanks for making me feel like a regular girl.

October holds the note close to his chest.

INT. AUGUST MARTIN GYMNASIUM - MORNING

Everyone was in the gym for the pep rally.

MR. SUMMERS

Good morning, everyone, and welcome to
the school's pep rally!

The crowd roars with excitement.

MR. SUMMERS

We have a lot of things to prepare you
for the pie eating contest, but first
let's give it up for our cheerleaders!

The crowd roars even louder. The cheerleaders walk over to
the center of the gym and performs their routine. The school
mascot runs in at the end of the routine.

MR. SUMMERS

Wasn't that great? Now it's time for...

CROWD

(Yelling in unison)

Pie eating contest!

MR. SUMMERS

That's right. Now when I call your
name, please come down to the gym
floor. Teresa Lyman.

The head comes off from the mascot and Teresa walks over to
the center of the gym. Mr. Summers continues calling names
from the list.

MR. SUMMERS

October James.

October walked off the bleachers and over to Mr. Summers.

MR. SUMMERS

These are the kids for the contest.
Let's give a nice-

The crowd roars with excitement.

CROWD

(Chanting in unison)

Eat that pie! Eat that pie!

CUT TO:

INT. AUGUST MARTIN GYMNASIUM - CONTINUED

The teachers fill the pie pans being with whipped cream.

MR. SUMMERS

This is how we do this. We have the kids put their hands behind their backs and use their faces to find the gummy worms. First one to find all the gummy worms wins. Ready?

The kids put their hands behind their backs.

MR. SUMMERS

Set.

The kids set their faces towards the pie. Mr. Summers blows his whistle, and the kids starts looking for the worms. The kids on the bleachers rapidly chanted for the competition to eat the pie.

CUT TO A SERIES OF QUICK IMAGES: BETWEEN THE CROWD CHANTING AND THE TABLE FULL OF KIDS FINDING THE GUMMY WORMS

Mr. Summers blows his whistle.

MR. SUMMERS

We have a winner! October James!

CROWD

(Chanting in unison)

October! October! October!

October wipes his face. He looks at the side of the gymnasium. Carly was talking to Lee-Lena and Teresa.

INT. AUGUST MARTIN GYMNASIUM - MORNING

GYM TEACHER, 50s, was explaining the rules to the game Poison.

GYM TEACHER

Now we're going to divide you into groups, and I want you to work with your partner for the exercise. Becky—I mean, ma'am—you will be working with October.

The gym teacher kept on pairing people. The students walks to

separate parts of the gymnasium for the warm up.

BECKY

(Nervously)

I have a weird feeling about this.

OCTOBER

About what?

BECKY

Us being exposed like this. I mean, we are a secret.

OCTOBER

It's not like anyone will know.

Becky and October kicks the soccer ball to each other. A ball flies from the other side of the gymnasium and hits October in the eye. October falls to the ground.

INT. NURSE'S OFFICE - CONTINUED

October groans as he opens his eyes.

ANNE

(Voice echoing)

How do you feel, Mr. James?

October looks around until he saw ANNE, 40s.

OCTOBER

Who are you?

ANNE

My name is Anne. I'm the school nurse.

OCTOBER

What happened?

ANNE

You were hit in the eye by a soccer ball.

OCTOBER

(Yelling)

What!

October sits up and looks at his eye in the window.

ANNE

Well, it's not worse than I thought it

could be. You have a visitor. I'll
leave you two alone.

Anne leaves as Becky walks in.

OCTOBER
Becky. What are-?

BECKY
I came to check on you. I had to lie
to my class, but the teacher knew what
I was doing.

OCTOBER
Your teacher knows?

BECKY
Nope. She just knew I was checking on
you.

OCTOBER
Oh.

BECKY
Yeah, Valeria was the one who kicked
the ball.

OCTOBER
Why would she do that?

BECKY
She's a difficult type of person.

OCTOBER
You got that right.

Becky puts her fingers on October's black eye.

BECKY
Does it hurt?

OCTOBER
No, not anymore really.

Becky leans forward and kisses October. October brushes his
hand on Becky's cheek. Becky tips October back, but October
kicks the metal tray. Becky clears her throat after letting
October up.

BECKY
I'm sorry, I didn't-

OCTOBER

You have a lot of love and energy for me. You should save it for another time.

BECKY

Yeah what's the big rush? I mean, really.

Becky helps October up. October stands up in front of Becky.

BECKY

I guess that this is goodbye again.

OCTOBER

For now.

BECKY

Well goodbye.

Becky leaves the nurse's office.

INT. AUGUST MARTIN CAFETERIA - AFTERNOON

October walks down the lunch aisle. Carly walks behind October. October turns around.

CARLY

Hey, October. How are you doing?

OCTOBER

Okay, really.

Food plops onto October's and Carly's trays.

CARLY

October, I have a question for you, and I need your answer.

OCTOBER

Yes.

CARLY

Do you like me?

October chuckles.

OCTOBER

Cute. I do as a friend.

CARLY

I mean, like more than friends.

Carly rubs her hand on October's arm. October moves his arm from Carly's reach.

OCTOBER

I haven't gotten that far into it.

Carly grunts. Carly stands in front of October.

CARLY

Do you love me or not, October? I want answers!

OCTOBER

I want a friend who's not a stuck up-

Carly dumps her tray on October's shirt. Carly leaves the cafeteria.

INT. ARCADE - AFTERNOON

October and Becky were playing the games at the arcade. Soon they were in front of the laser tag room.

OCTOBER

I don't know about this, Becky. It's a small room.

BECKY

Please? Pretty please?

OCTOBER

Okay. Then we'll have cake because I'm starved.

Becky pulls October into the laser tag room.

INT. LASER TAG TRAINING ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

Everyone in the room was picking their colors for the laser tag game. October picks out a red vest. Becky was about to pick up the red vest until an asshole took the last one. The instructors went over the rules for the laser tag game and tips on how to score points.

INT. LASER TAG ROOM - CONTINUED

Everyone went to the laser tag room. Everyone's vests and laser guns lit up.

ANNOUNCER

Welcome to laser tag. Try to survive
if you can.

October looked at Becky who was looking at him. Soon the
countdown began. After the countdown music was playing and
the game began. October went for cover. He saw Becky who was
standing nearby. He pulls Becky to the side.

BECKY

Octo-

October shushes Becky by placing his finger on her lips.

OCTOBER

I'm not going to shoot you.

BECKY

How-

OCTOBER

I saw how you wanted to be on my team,
but that jerk took the last vest. I'm
going to help you.

BECKY

Isn't that-

OCTOBER

Becky it's not cheating unless they
find out, but everyone is distracted
on the field.

BECKY

Octob-

OCTOBER

Becky don't make me change my mind.
Don't provoke me please.

October peeked his head out of the corner of the cover.

OCTOBER

Look everyone will keep shooting at
things until the time runs out. If you
get hit the game won't be over and you
won't be out. I know everything about
laser tag because I played this
before. I can tell that this is your
first time doing this.

BECKY
How can you tell?

OCTOBER
First off, you're holding the gun wrong. If someone comes over to shoot you then you have to be ready to pull the trigger.

October set his gun down and sits in front of Becky.

BECKY
What if someone-

OCTOBER
No one ever comes back here to aim at the home base. It's a secret place to hide.

October holds out his hands.

OCTOBERE
May I?

October takes Becky's hands and place one under the gun and the other on the trigger. Becky's finger accidentally slipped and she pulled the trigger. The laser hits October's chest.

BECKY
Oops. Sorry October.

October chuckle softly and place his lips near Becky's ear.

OCTOBER
(*Whispers in Becky's ear*)
Nice shot.

October brushes his hand across Becky's cheek and kiss her. October's hand traces up her shirt and under her bra. Right when the moment was getting good the lights came on.

ANNOUNCER
This round of laser tag is over.
Please return your vests to the waiting room and have a nice day.

Becky and I stood up and fixed ourselves.

INT. AUGUST MARTIN HALLWAYS - MORNING

October walks down the hallway of August Martin.

MR. SUMMERS

(Over the P.A. System)

Don't forget that our trip is to Darien Lake this year, juniors and seniors.

October rushes over to Becky.

BECKY

Hey, October. What's up?

OCTOBER

Would you like to come over for dinner at my house?

BECKY

October, you can't ask that out in the open!

OCTOBER

No one cares remember?

BECKY

The rules, remember? If this relationship is to survive, then the rule applies to it too.

OCTOBER

Fair enough.

BECKY

Besides I have a school to run and you on the side.

OCTOBER

It can be with two friends.

Becky sighs.

BECKY

Your house at 7. I'll bring my parents.

OCTOBER

Deal.

INT. DINING ROOM - NIGHT

Becky, BECKY'S MOM, 60s, BECKY'S DAD, 60s, Angelica, and October was sitting at the table. Becky's dad was eating his food off his plate.

BECKY'S DAD
Angelica, this is the best meal that I
have ever eaten.

ANGELICA
I love to see people enjoy my cooking.

BECKY'S MOM
Thanks for the invite, October.

OCTOBER
It was my pleasure.

CUT TO:

INT. DINING ROOM - LATER

October and Angelica cleaning off the table.

ANGELICA
Those are nice people, October.

OCTOBER
I know. They even loved your cooking.

ANGELICA
You do know that Becky has-

OCTOBER
Down syndrome? Yes, I do know that.

ANGELICA
Don't sass me, October James! I don't
need any more trouble before Harper
comes.

OCTOBER
(Yelling and panicking)
She can't stay here! I have my life
on-

ANGELICA
That's enough! No exceptions! She's
coming.

INT. AUGUST MARTIN CAFETERIA - AFTERNOON

October eats his lunch until Becky sits at his table.

BECKY
I'm sorry. Is this seat taken?

OCTOBER
No. It's fine. Please sit.

BECKY
Thanks.

October nods his head.

BECKY
I don't know what people are-

OCTOBER
You have to rely on your area. It's
the cafeteria. No one cares.

Lee-Lena walks up to the table. She sits down.

LEE-LENA
Hi, October.

OCTOBER
I'm busy.

LEE-LENA
Not much really.

BECKY
Hello, I'm-

LEE-LENA
Becky, the leader who takes people's
boyfriends.

BECKY
October is my one and only.

LEE-LENA
Well, that's what someone says when
you date someone's sloppy seconds.

OCTOBER
(Yelling)
That's disgusting! We're eating here.

LEE-LENA
October, you had better with us, and
you choose someone with Down syndrome.

Lee-Lena walks away.

OCTOBER
I'm sorry about that. She's-

BECKY
She's right.

OCTOBER
Wait, what?

BECKY
My Down syndrome can affect everyone I
love, and even you. I can't be seen
with you.

Becky rushes away sobbing.

INT. AUGUST MARTIN HALLWAYS - MORNING

October walks to his locker. He picks up an envelope. He
opens it.

CARLY (V.O.)
Merry Christmas. I hope you find
everything in your need. Carly. PS,
Meet me at my locker after the bell.

CUT TO:

INT. AUGUST MARTIN HALLWAYS - CONTINUED

October walks over to Carly's locker.

CARLY
Hey, October.

OCTOBER
(Waving the note)
Hi. What's this?

CARLY
Can't I say "hi" to you? Jeez.

Carly looks up and then looks at October.

CARLY
Mistletoe.

OCTOBER
You're crazy. I'm not falling for it.

CARLY
Christmas rules.

October groans.

OCTOBER
Fine.

Carly pulls October in for a kiss. October pulls away after the kiss.

OCTOBER
Carly, I what I wanted to say was that I will go to the dance with you.

CARLY
Are you okay, October?

OCTOBER
I'm fine.

CARLY
Are you on drugs or something?

OCTOBER
No! Heavens, no.

CARLY
Walk me to class, and I'll tell you what the requirements for me are.

INT. AUGUST MARTIN HALLWAYS - MORNING

Becky walks over to October's locker while October was taking things out of the locker.

BECKY
Hey, October.

OCTOBER
Hi, Becky.

BECKY
I thought about what you said, and I wanted to ask you something.

OCTOBER
What is it?

BECKY
Do you want to go to the dance with

me?

OCTOBER
I'm already going with Carly, Becky.

BECKY
You're joking, right?

October shakes his head.

BECKY
(Sobbing)
You betrayed me and my trust. I am
breaking up with you.

Becky sobs. October grabs Becky's wrist to coax her.

OCTOBER
Becky I'm-

Becky slaps October across the face.

BECKY
October, I'm-

Becky rushes away sobbing.

INT. OCTOBER'S BEDROOM - EVENING

October was talking to Carly on the phone. He was pacing the room.

CARLY
October, I've heard about what
happened. Are you okay?

OCTOBER
Well, the fucking kids won't leave me
alone on Facebook.

CARLY
Listen, maybe it's time for you to get
back out there and find someone.
There's a dance that I go to, and I
want you to come.

OCTOBER
Where's your boyfriend, Carly?

CARLY
We had a fight. Please just show up,

October.

OCTOBER

All right, you win. Where is it located?

CARLY

I'll send you the details.

Carly hung up.

EXT. QCP - NIGHT

October gets off the bus. He coughed. The air smelled like marijuana and cigarettes. October walked to the side of the building and saw that Carly was talking to a man who was really tall. Carly had her back pressed against the wall, and the guy was face-to-face with Carly really close. The guy was smoking marijuana.

GUY

I'm sorry. I don't mess with women like you.

Carly looked at the promise ring that was given to her by her boyfriend.

CARLY

(pulling off the ring)

This doesn't mean anything. We broke up.

GUY

That's too much baggage for me to deal with.

October shoved the guy away from Carly.

OCTOBER

(shouting)

Hey! Accept the fact that she's not into you!

The guy punched October in the face. Carly ran over to October, but the guy slapped Carly across the face. October got up.

GUY

You didn't have enough? You are the easiest person that I can fuck up.

The guy pulled up his fists. The guy tried to punch October. The guy missed a few punches until he hit October in the jaw. Right after October fell to the floor, October saw this woman with the biggest build on her beat up the guy. The guy ducked away from the fight. The woman rushed over to October.

WOMAN

Hey, are you okay?

OCTOBER

Yeah. Thanks.

WOMAN

You're going inside soon?

OCTOBER

Yeah. I'm looking for a new—A new friend.

WOMAN

I know this one person at the dance that fits you. She's a sweetheart, and I heard that she'll be here tonight. Her name is Lexi Lynn Clarke. She has a disability, so don't take advantage of her, please.

INT. QCP - MOMENTS LATER

October walked into the building. He paid five dollars to get in the dance. The room was jam-packed with different people with disabilities like him.

OCTOBER (V.O.)

My story was that I was born with autism from my father and I didn't get to know much about it until I found out that I have the brain of a prodigy.

The songs were blasting on the speakers. Soon the song ended.

DJ

All right, all right, welcome back to the Friday night social. Let's burn the joint with some new music of this year!

The new song began.

October felt a tap on his shoulder. When he turned around, he

saw a girl dressed all sexy in black.

GIRL

Hi. I'm looking for an October James.

OCTOBER

I'm him.

GIRL

I'm Lexi Clarke. I heard a bit about you from my friend. You seemed to fit the part.

The song changed to the next song.

OCTOBER

Oh, I love this song! Do you want to dance with me, Lexi?

October took Lexi's hand and led the dance. After that song, another song played. When it came to the bridge of the song, Lexi was twerking on October slowly. The next song starts plays.

LEXI

Come on October. We have to.

Lexi places her hands in October's and lead the dance. As October dances with Lexi he thinks about Becky and the future that they could of have if they didn't break up.

EXT. ROY WILKINS PARK - MORNING

October paid for the tickets. While October was playing a game to win Lexi a big stuffed teddy bear, he saw Becky walking with another guy.

EXT. ROY WILKINS PARK - AFTERNOON

October and Lexi were in line to get their lunch from a vendor.

OCTOBER

I have enough money for two hot dogs and sodas for us, Lexi.

LEXI

But I want to Lady and the Tramp the same hot dog as you, October.

October thought about it for a moment.

OCTOBER

You only live once so let's do it.

October ordered one large hot dog and one Coke with two straws. October and Lexi sat down at a table near more food attractions. October started on one end of the hot dog, and Lexi followed on the other side. When they got to the center of the hot dog, their lips met. October pulled away.

LEXI

What's wrong, October?

OCTOBER

What are you doing tonight?

Lexi raised an eyebrow at October.

LEXI

I have a Christmas show that I'm going to in Manhattan. Do you want to go with me and my mom?

OCTOBER

Sure, Lexi, I'll go. I have an idea to finish off the day here.

We walked to the Ferris wheel. The car was waiting for us. Lexi and October got in the car. The Ferris wheel went up.

LEXI

So, October, you haven't told me what you want to do after you graduate.

OCTOBER

Well, I do want to get married. Writing books is a good passion that I have.

LEXI

Promise me one thing, October.

OCTOBER

Sure, anything, Lexi.

LEXI

If you write a book, be sure to add me to the book.

INT. OCTOBER'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

October's phone rings. He groans out of his sleep and answers

the phone.

OCTOBER

Hello?

WOMAN

October?

OCTOBER

Yes?

WOMAN

Lexi is in the hospital. She wants to see you before it's too late.

OCTOBER

I'm on my way.

October gets out of bed.

INT. HOSPITAL - LATER

October walked into the emergency room.

OCTOBER

Hi, I'm looking for Lexi Clarke.

The nurse typed the name into the system.

NURSE

You know visiting hours are almost up.

OCTOBER

I figure.

NURSE

Room 216. Take the elevator to the second floor, and the room is on your left.

OCTOBER

Thank you.

INT. HOSPITAL ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

October reached the room. Lexi was lying in bed while a woman was sitting in the chair next to the bed.

OCTOBER

It's hard to get an Uber around here.

WOMAN

October, can I talk to you in the hall?

October walked out of the room with the woman. She cracked the door.

WOMAN

She was asking about you nonstop since she came home. I wanted to thank you for today, October. You gave her the best day that she would have asked anyone for. I was wrong to judge you for what's best for her because—

OCTOBER

It's okay. I did question some things, but when it happened, I got over it.

WOMAN

She never had a chance to get a boyfriend before, but you gave her that wish. Thank you!

October and the woman walked back into the room. Lexi was looking at the woman and October.

LEXI

October, thanks again for today. I go to that social event, and I never find anyone to date. I'm glad that I met you, and you gave me the best day for me.

October handed Lexi sheets of paper.

OCTOBER

I started writing my life story, and you're in the story.

Lexi read the story. October saw the expressions from Lexi after she read some parts of the story. After reading the story, Lexi asked the woman to leave the two of us alone. The woman left the room.

LEXI

October, you should get the story published when you finish it. I mean it's really great to read.

OCTOBER

I never thought about being a great writer when I wrote this story, but as long as someone likes it.

After the sentence, Lexi's lips met my cheek. Lexi also hugged October.

LEXI

Just as I'll remember you by. A tall guy who smelled like Axe chocolate spray.

Lexi's heart rate dropped as she lay in the bed. The machine flatlined. Tears fell down October's cheeks.

INT. AUGUST MARTIN HALLWAYS - MORNING

October walks over to his locker.

OCTOBER (V.O.)

Hmm. No note from, Carly. I think that I should check on her even though she got me high.

October walks to Carly's locker. He stops when he sees Carly kissing another guy. He walks away.

INT. AUGUST MARTIN CAFETERIA - AFTERNOON

October was eating lunch alone until Carly sits down at the table.

CARLY

Hi, October.

October continues eating his lunch.

CARLY

(Scoffing)

Is it Becky? I mean come on! She has to deal with a little jealousy.

OCTOBER

(Snapping)

You set me up? You just ruined the deal for the school to end the feud!

CARLY

For one, don't snap at me, and two, she won't end the feud. It's in their

history.

OCTOBER

Well, I'm sorry, but I don't want to see you again.

CARLY

You don't break up with Carly Jane Hull for a girl that doesn't even love you.

OCTOBER

She does love me. She told me herself.

CARLY

October, you are the biggest loser I have ever met!

OCTOBER

Bye, Carly.

Carly grunts and leaves the table.

INT. AUGUST MARTIN HALLWAYS - AFTERNOON

October was packing up his book bag.

MR. SUMMERS

(Over the P.A. system)

Just a quick note. The school's talent show is coming up. If you want to audition, please sign up.

OCTOBER (V.O.)

That's it. A song for the talent show. I know one song that would win her over.

October shuts his locker. He walks down the hall.

INT. AUGUST MARTIN AUDITORIUM - CONTINUED

October walks into the auditorium.

MR. SUMMERS

Ah a person that wants to audition?

OCTOBER

Yes I do.

MR. SUMMERS
Name please.

OCTOBER
October James.

MR. SUMMERS
All right October get on stage and
show me your talent.

October rushes on stage.

OCTOBER
Just to let you know that I am singing
acapella for now.

MR. SUMMERS
Fine by me.

OCTOBER
All right.

October sets down his book bag. October sings a song. October
stops singing.

OCTOBER
That's all I have so far.

MR. SUMMERS
October, that song was really
powerful. You have a spot on the board
for the show.

OCTOBER (V.O.)
Now all I have to do is win Becky's
heart back.

INT. AUGUST MARTIN AUDITORIUM - NIGHT

October was backstage warming up his vocals as everyone was
performing on stage. Carly walks up to October.

OCTOBER
What is it, Carly?

CARLY
I wanted to say I'm sorry.

OCTOBER
For using me or for-

CARLY
Everything.

OCTOBER
Carly, I have bigger things to worry
about than you.

CARLY
But, October-

OCTOBER
Please leave, Carly.

Carly leaves. October sighs.

OCTOBER (V.O.)
Well here I go.

Two kids rush off the stage after their performance.

MR. SUMMERS
Now it's time for our final act.
Please welcome October James.

October walks on the stage. October walks over to the
microphone.

OCTOBER
I fell in love with a girl, and I
betrayed her. I found out that I have
true feelings for her, and she was all
I wanted. This song is for her.

The song begins. October starts singing. As he was singing he
was having flashbacks of him and Becky together.

OCTOBER
(Singing)
August Martin High School, how are you
today?

The crowd cheers loudly. October finishes the song on a long
note.

INT. AUGUST MARTIN HALLWAYS - MORNING

October was at his locker getting the things he needs for
class until Becky walks over to him.

OCTOBER
Becky, what are you doing here?

BECKY

I wanted to say, "I love you too." I was at the talent show and saw you perform that song.

OCTOBER

You did? I thought-

BECKY

You really cared about me, and you stuck up for me during any situations. What I am saying is that I've missed you. We're also back together, as in now.

OCTOBER

Thanks.

BECKY

Hey, listen my mom is taking me to Maryland over spring break and she wanted to know if you wanted to go.

OCTOBER

Sure. I would love to.

Becky chuckles and then kisses October.

BECKY

My house after school on Friday.
Here's my address.

Becky hands October a sheet of paper. Becky walks to class.

EXT. BECKY'S HOUSE - AFTERNOON

Becky's dad was packing the bags into the car while Angelica was talking to Becky's mom.

BECKY'S MOM

We'll be back in town next week. We gave you all the numbers to reach us in case of anything.

ANGELICA

Thank you for inviting, October.

BECKY'S MOM

It's our pleasure.

Becky's dad shuts the trunk of the car.

BECKY'S DAD
Ready to go?

BECKY'S MOM
Coming dear.

Angelica walks over to October.

OCTOBER
I'll see you in a week, Angelica.

ANGELICA
Make sure you behave yourself.

OCTOBER
I will.

ANGELICA
Alright. I'm leaving.

Angelica gets in her car and drives off.

BECKY
She's really nice to you, October.

OCTOBER
Yeah. I know.

CUT TO A SERIES OF QUICK IMAGES: BECKY, HER PARENTS, AND
OCTOBER ON THE ROAD TO MARYLAND

INT. HOTEL ROOM - NIGHT

Becky and October enters the hotel room. Becky paces in the center of the room. October sets the bags down. Becky looks at October.

BECKY
October, what's going to happen to our relationship?

OCTOBER
I don't know. I thought we were okay.

BECKY
I mean we need to get serious about our relationship.

OCTOBER
Are you saying what-

BECKY

Yes. Love. I trust you to have full control.

Becky walks over to the bed and takes off her shoes.

OCTOBER

Gee, thanks Becky, but what about your disability?

BECKY

Is that what you're worried about?

OCTOBER

Yes. No. I mean, I don't know.

BECKY

Think of it like chess. The queen wants the king, who makes the first move?

OCTOBER

I found your opening to a move, Becky.

BECKY

Exactly what I want for you and me to have.

October walks over to Becky and starts kissing her. They fell onto the bed. The lamp knocks over. They laugh. October takes off Becky's pants and shirt.

OCTOBER

We are a total mess.

BECKY

Yeah, we are.

October slips out of his pants and threw them on the floor. Becky slips out of her bra and panties. October removes his shirt.

OCTOBER

Becky—

BECKY

Get over it. I love my fashion, October.

October lays Becky on the bed.

OCTOBER

I do too. Slowly this will be done. I will make love to you.

October thrusts slowly into Becky. Becky moans. October stops.

OCTOBER

Are you okay, Becky?

BECKY

Yeah. Just go slow please.

OCTOBER

Okay.

October continues to thrust slowly. October kisses Becky.

CUT TO:

INT. HOTEL ROOM - LATER

After a while Becky lies on October's chest while he brushes her hair with his fingers.

OCTOBER

How long have you waited for sex, Becky?

BECKY

Well, since middle school I was curious, but then I met you, and I wanted you in the nurse's office. So since then actually.

October kisses Becky.

OCTOBER

Well, I'm glad to be your first.

INT. OCTOBER'S DREAM - NIGHT

Later that night Becky and October were asleep. October wakes up in his dream world.

ROSE (O.S.)

Hello, October.

OCTOBER

Rose, where am I?

Rose appears in front of October.

ROSE

Yes, October. I am Rose. I am the kid from the story.

OCTOBER

But you're-

ROSE

Dead? Yes, I am, but it's a dream. Anything is possible if you're dreaming.

OCTOBER

Why did you come here?

ROSE

I know what you are thinking "How does he know me?" I'll show you.

Rose raises her hands. OCTOBER'S DAD, 50s, and OCTOBER'S MOM, 50s, appears.

OCTOBER

Mom. Dad. Rose, how-

ROSE

They have been here longer than me and they introduced me to heaven. That did include knowing about you.

OCTOBER'S MOM

We believe in you, son, and we love you.

OCTOBER'S DAD

We do.

October's mom puts her hand on October's shoulder. A light glows with her hand on his shoulder.

ROSE

Take care of Becky, and we'll be by your side.

INT. HOTEL ROOM - MORNING

October wakes up. Becky's dad was cooking breakfast.

BECKY'S DAD

Good morning, October. How was your night last night?

OCTOBER

Fine. Where's Becky?

BECKY'S DAD

She's with her mother doing some errands. So it's just us. I know what happened last night.

OCTOBER

You do?

BECKY'S DAD

You gave her happiness that she wanted and she wouldn't stop talking about it. Please tell me you were gentle with her.

OCTOBER

Yes I was sir.

BECKY'S DAD

Cut the act. I'm not a strict person. Just call me dad.

OCTOBER

Okay.

BECKY'S DAD

Besides I knew it was happening because Becky planned this for you. She really likes you a lot.

Becky and her mom walks into the room.

BECKY

Morning sweetie.

Becky plants a kiss on October's cheek.

OCTOBER

Good morning, Becky. I see that you're refreshed and relaxed.

BECKY

I am. Thanks for last night. I have a surprise for you later today.

OCTOBER

Becky, you-

BECKY

Surprise. It was a book signing trip.
It's your favorite author too. I
planned the trip.

OCTOBER

Everything?

BECKY

With some help from my parents?

OCTOBER

But why?

BECKY'S MOM

October, you have been very sweet to
my daughter, and I think I can trust
the two of you for a romantic week.

BECKY'S DAD

You've been a great person to Becky,
and you deserve the best.

OCTOBER

Thanks.

BECKY'S MOM

You're welcome. Now you two get ready.
Go!

INT. HOTEL BALLROOM - LATER

October and Becky was standing in line for book signing.

OCTOBER

Who are we even seeing?

BECKY

That's a surprise.

The line moves up. October looks up the line. He sees STEPHEN
LANE, 45, handing a person a book.

STEPHEN LANE (O.S.)

Next!

October and Becky moves up in the line. They walked over to
the table.

STEPHEN LANE

Ah, two love birds. Have you read any of my books?

BECKY

I haven't, but my boyfriend has read most of them.

OCTOBER

It's true. I'm October James. I'm a huge fan.

October reaches his hand out. Stephen Lane shakes October's hand.

STEPHEN LANE

Nice to meet you. Which one was your favorite?

OCTOBER

Romance with me? You must be joking! I read it repeatedly.

STEPHEN LANE

Wow, you're a big reader. How about that book autographed?

OCTOBER

(Surprised)
Autographed?

BECKY

Do it. This for you.

OCTOBER

Yes please!

Stephen Lane signs the book and hands it to October.

OCTOBER

Thank you.

INT. HOTEL - CONTINUED

October and Becky walks out of the ballroom.

OCTOBER

Thanks for this, Becky.

BECKY

You're welcome.

OCTOBER

What now?

BECKY

I have an idea if you're up for it.

Becky whispers the idea into October's ear.

OCTOBER

Oh, ready for round two, are you?
Let's go to the room and get it done.

October pulls Becky inside the elevator.

CUT TO:

INT. AUGUST MARTIN HALLWAYS - MORNING

October walks to class.

OCTOBER (V.O.)

I had a fun spring break with Becky. I couldn't believe she let me take her virginity. It's also the week of the senior/junior trip. Speaking of her there she is.

October walks over to Becky.

OCTOBER

Hey, Becky. Ready for the trip?

BECKY

There's something I need to tell you.

OCTOBER

What's that?

BECKY

I'm pregnant, and it's your child too.

OCTOBER

Do your parents know?

BECKY

Yeah. They're helping me out. What will Angelica say?

OCTOBER

You do have a point. She has to know.

INT. OCTOBER'S FOSTER HOME - NIGHT

October was talking to Angelica in the living room.

ANGELICA

You did what?!

OCTOBER

It happened very fast that it-

ANGELICA

I know. What am I going to do with you?

OCTOBER

I'll take care of the baby.

ANGELICA

You're damn straight you will.

OCTOBER

I'm sorry.

ANGELICA

I know you are. Just don't let the baby live here. Okay?

OCTOBER

Okay.

Angelica hugs October.

INT. AUGUST MARTIN HALLWAYS - MORNING

October was at his locker grabbing books. Carly storms over to October. Carly slams October's locker shut.

CARLY

So I heard from a birdie that you fucked Becky.

OCTOBER

So?

CARLY

You can't do that! You're a fucking disgusting pig!

OCTOBER

Why?

Carly pins October to the lockers and kisses him. Carly storms away.

OCTOBER (V.O.)

Carly was in love with me? She knew about me and Becky, but tried to pull me away from her.

Becky approaches October.

OCTOBER

Hey, I was just about to find you. I wanted to ask you something.

BECKY

Yes, October.

OCTOBER

Will you go to the dance-

Becky kisses October.

OCTOBER

So that's a yes?

BECKY

Yes.

OCTOBER

On one condition.

BECKY

What is it?

OCTOBER

Marry me.

BECKY

I'm flattered by your offer, but I don't know.

OCTOBER

Do you want the feud to end?

BECKY

Yes.

OCTOBER

Well, choose.

BECKY
Yes. Yes, I will!

October pulls out a ring and slides it on Becky's finger.

BECKY
October, the ring is beautiful.

OCTOBER
It was my mom's ring. It was given to me after she died. It was the last thing I have to remember my parents.

BECKY
(Sliding her hand into October's)
I'm sorry to hear that they're dead. I bet they were nice people I would have met.

OCTOBER
Yeah. They are nice people. They would love to meet you if they were alive.

BECKY
Yeah. I wanted to know if you want to be with me when we go on the Darien Lake trip.

OCTOBER
Will your friends be there?

BECKY
I promise to have them behave October. Please?

OCTOBER
Okay I will. For you and you only.

BECKY
Yay! I am excited. We can keep it our secret for right now.

OCTOBER
(Moaning quietly)
Great.

BECKY
I have to go. I'll see you later?

OCTOBER
Yes you will.

Becky walks to class.

INT. BECKY'S LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

October and Becky was in the living room watching *My Fabulous Autism Life*.

BECKY

I can't wait until tomorrow.

OCTOBER

Me too. It's one weekend away in another city.

BECKY

October?

OCTOBER

Hmm?

BECKY

Do you love me?

OCTOBER

I will love you no matter what happens.

Becky kisses October.

CUT TO:

TELEVISION - CONTINUED

ROSE-ANN, 25, who has Autism, appears on the screen.

ROSE-ANN

I went into plenty of interviews for jobs. They have said that they didn't have any spots. I knew it was because of my disability. I didn't give up by then.

CUT TO:

INT. BECKY'S LIVING ROOM - CONTINUED

Becky turns to October.

BECKY

October, do you think I'm her in so many ways?

OCTOBER
(*Sarcastically*)
Minus you baking.

BECKY
Oh, so you don't think I can bake?
Girl Scouts baking champion four years
straight.

OCTOBER
What could you make me if you can
bake?

BECKY
I can surprise you. I'll be right
back. No peeking in the kitchen!

OCTOBER
Yes ma'am.

Becky rushes to the kitchen after planting a kiss on
October's cheek.

ROSE-ANN (O.S.)
I opened up my own bakery in The
Bronx. My store was called Rose-Anny's
Cookies. My cookies have brought
everyone together to know that people
with disabilities can work and live
their dreams. I did live my dream by
getting my own bakery.

Becky returns with a blindfold.

OCTOBER
Are you serious?

BECKY
Yes. Put it on and no peeking.

October puts on the blindfold and Becky ties it.

BECKY
No peeking!

OCTOBER
How can I even peek? I can't see
anything!

BECKY
I will be back.

Becky leaves the living room and comes back with a tray.
October chuckles.

OCTOBER

You're fast.

BECKY

I will feed you the things I have made. The main rule is that you can't look at the food until I say you can. Ready to play October?

OCTOBER

I am always ready for anything.

Becky gives October a bite of food.

BECKY

Good. Want more?

OCTOBER

Yes please.

Becky gives October another bite.

BECKY

Ready to look now?

OCTOBER

Please. I give. Let me see please.

BECKY

I love it when you beg. You're ready for one last one. Close your eyes and keep them close.

OCTOBER

Why?

BECKY

Because I said so. Keep them shut and count to five.

Becky removes the blindfold.

OCTOBER

1,2,3,4,5.

October opens his eyes to see that Becky was kissing him with a mouth full of chocolate syrup. October swallows and pulls away from the kiss.

BECKY
How was that?

OCTOBER
Good.

BECKY
It's my recipe.

OCTOBER
Well I'm delighted to have a cook that
I fell in love with.

October and Becky continues to watch the movie.

INT. HOTEL - NIGHT

October walks into the hotel room with his bags.

OCTOBER
Hi, everyone.

Valeria turns to Becky.

VALERIA
Who invited Mr. Steal-our-leader to
the party?

BECKY
I did and it's my choice.

VALERIA
I still say he can't stay.

October sets his bags down and walks over to the living room.

BECKY
October, come and meet everyone.

Becky points to everyone and tells me their names.

OCTOBER (V.O.)
Ray and Lisa are twins, and they are
autistic. Henry is hard of hearing,
but he does read lips. Ray is dyslexic
and reads to practice reading. Isaiah
is bipolar, but he is high
functioning. Mindy is a shy person who
we don't know much about. Valeria has
a thing called Turner's syndrome.

Valeria walks to October as Becky leaves out of the room.

VALERIA

Don't think I don't know who you are.
October James the guy who likes our
leader due to her condition. We will
not tolerate this, October.

October gulps loudly.

VALERIA

You are in our domain until you walk
across that stage. You better watch
your step.

Becky returns to the room with a platter of snacks.

BECKY

How is everything going?

HOLIDAY STUDENTS AND OCTOBER

(In unison)

Fine!

BECKY

Good. We are going to celebrate my
last year of being at the school and
my birthday early.

OCTOBER

How old will you be?

BECKY

It's my big twenty-one. I will be
living life elsewhere and I will be
having my twins.

VALERIA

Becky, who's the dad?

Everyone was asking Becky who was the father.

BECKY

I can't tell you. I promised to keep
them a secret.

RAY

Please. Can we know?

Becky shakes her head.

BECKY
Not telling.

LISA
Please, Becky, tell.

BECKY
No.

HENRY
(*Typing on his keyboard*)
Please, Becky. We are really dying to
know. Spill the beans.

BECKY
Fine! It's someone who came on the
trip.

Everyone was quiet. Soon Valeria points to October.

VALERIA
Is it him? Is he the dad?

Becky was quiet.

OCTOBER (V.O.)
Oh no. We're in trouble.

LISA
Well, we actually were not expecting
that. Now we have to celebrate.

Valeria went to the kitchen to fix some drinks.

LISA
Beck, we want details.

BECKY
Well, that's—

OCTOBER
We can't share that. We are keeping it
between us.

LISA
You know that we know that you two are
dating now, and the stomach will prove
a lot.

Valeria walked over to me and handed me a cup.

VALERIA

Lisa, you said too much. Let's embrace
having another person in the family.
Drink up, October. It's for you.

October chugged the cup down.

OCTOBER

Whoa. That was good.

After a while October started to feel woozy.

OCTOBER

What's happening?

RAY

Time to party, October. Welcome to
hell!

Suddenly October felt like he was being tied up. October
started to see that makeup was being applied to his body.
October's shirt was being ripped open.

VALERIA

Don't worry about Becky. She won't be
back until later. Lisa and Mindy, have
fun with our subject.

Lisa and Mindy shove October's body onto the bed. Valeria
tied on restraints on October's arms.

VALERIA

It's made special for people like you.
We always label our inventory. You are
in our control now.

Ray set a trunk on the table next to the bed. He opened the
trunk.

OCTOBER

Oh my god. Do you worship punishments?

MINDY

Not always. We were—

VALERIA

Mindy! Shut your trap, and work with
the subject.

Lisa browsed the trunk. Everything was labeled to the last
inch. There was "Cheater," "Beater," "One Nights," "Stand-Up

Dates," and many more.

LISA

A-ha.

Lisa pulled out a whip from the trunk.

OCTOBER

(scoffing)

That's not going to scare me.

VALERIA

Oh, no?

Valeria clipped October's restraints to the curtain rod.

OCTOBER

Not working. Why don't you understand?

Lisa handed Mindy the whip.

LISA

Do it! Whip him.

Mindy looked at the whip, then at October, then back at the whip.

MINDY

No, I'm not going to do it.

VALERIA

What did you say?

MINDY

I said no, Valeria. You can't make me.

Valeria grabbed Mindy's wrist and squeezed it.

VALERIA

I have broken your arm, and I'm not afraid to do it again.

Mindy snatched her wrist back.

MINDY

You can boss me around at home, but I'm not doing this here or to him.

Valeria snatched the whip and knocked over Mindy.

VALERIA
I'll do it myself.

Valeria readied the whip by swinging back. October sighed.

OCTOBER
You make this too easy.

VALERIA
I make it for our protection.

Valeria swung the whip. The whip hit October's chest. October licked his lips.

VALERIA
Did that hurt?

OCTOBER
No. You're wasting your time. Stop
while you're ahead.

The whip hit October's side this time.

VALERIA
I love this whip. It brings me joy.

OCTOBER
Then try getting a hobby. I'm bored
watching you whip me.

The whip scarred October's rib section. The skin tore off.

VALERIA
Understand this. If you are in the
school, you are in my domain.

Valeria turned the bottom of her whip. October jumped.

VALERIA
My special for my whip. It brings pain
out of people, and it electric shocks
them too.

OCTOBER
Why would I go through this?

VALERIA
Because you are one of them.

Valeria pressed the button and whipped October.

OCTOBER
Ahhh! That hurts!

October readjusted himself.

OCTOBER
Look, I know about Rose.

VALERIA
What do you know?

OCTOBER
I know she was hit by a car, and it was by people who were in general education. They must have hated you all to do something like that. I didn't want that between us or your leader. I wanted her because I was in love with her.

Valeria dropped the whip.

OCTOBER
Valeria, are you okay?

Valeria dropped the restraints and took the cuffs off October's wrists. A tear fell down Valeria's face.

VALERIA
I'm sorry. I'm sorry, October.

OCTOBER
It's still a trip. So why cry about it? We should live it up right now.

MINDY
I can agree to that.

VALERIA
Do you think we can pull our trip off for Becky?

OCTOBER
It's for you and me to decide. Make the move already.

Valeria picked up a remote and handed it to October.

OCTOBER
Good choice.

October pressed a button, and the stereo came to life with music. We started to party. Becky came and joined in later.

INT. AUGUST MARTIN HALLWAYS - MORNING

October walks over to Lee-Lena.

OCTOBER

Lee-Lena, I-

LEE-LENA

Yes, I will go to the dance with you!

OCTOBER

That's not what I was going to ask you.

LEE-LENA

What was you going to ask me? You want me to be defenseless for myself as you hit me again?

OCTOBER

No. That was my fault and I'm sorry for your eye. I need your help.

LEE-LENA

Why didn't you say so? I will help you end the feud.

OCTOBER

Really? Why?

LEE-LENA

I owed you from last year. When I cheated on you for a guy much older than me.

OCTOBER

Thanks.

INT. OCTOBER'S FOSTER HOME - EVENING

October walks into the foster home. He sets his keys down.

HARPER (O.S.)

Hello, October. I've been waiting for you.

October turns around and sees HARPER, 20, sitting on the couch.

OCTOBER

Harper. What do you want from me?

HARPER

I live here now. Hailey died last month. She told me I would be seeing you soon.

OCTOBER

What about-

HARPER

Alex is doing fine. She worries about you at times.

OCTOBER

Well, she shouldn't have to. I'm my own person now.

HARPER

But you left her alone as she cried for you every night. I was the one who had to deal with her every single day as you were living your life and now here we are with some unfinished things that needs to be done.

OCTOBER

I know that I shouldn't have left, but its history.

HARPER

It's not history! You made a promise to protect Alex, and you left her. How does it make you feel? Huh? How does it feel to be a liar?

OCTOBER

Stop it, Harper!

HARPER

No, you are going to tell me who you really are! I mean it right now! Who are you?! Are you October James that I met or a Mr. I can change my life in a year?

OCTOBER

I am who I made myself to be. I am October James who was born with parents who died at age three and put

into foster care! I am October James who will make me into whom I want to be! I am me Harper! I changed for me and wanted more than you expect.

Harper brushed a finger across October's cheek.

HARPER

October, you are deciding too soon. Your body is too weak. You are trying to resist who you really are.

Harper drew circles on October's cheek with her finger. October removed the finger off his cheek.

OCTOBER

I said I am not like that anymore. You can't force me into my sensations.

HARPER

Really? I bet you would be in it if I did this.

Harper traced her finger down October's neck. October exhaled slowly.

HARPER

See? I know enough for my mind to find the person's weak point in the body.

Harper traced her hand to October's chest and started to kiss his neck.

OCTOBER

(Grunting)

Augh.

HARPER

(Whispering into October's ear)

Quiet.

October moans. Harper unbuttoned October's jeans. Harper pulled down his pants and boxers.

CLOSE UP: OCTOBER'S FACE AS HE MOANS QUIETLY

OCTOBER

(Yelling)

Shit.

Soon October moans heavily. Harper stands up looking into

October's eyes.

HARPER

I bet that did get you into your sensation.

Harper left the room.

INT. AUGUST MARTIN GYMNASIUM - NIGHT

Becky and October walks into the gymnasium. Everyone was dancing.

BECKY

Wow!

OCTOBER

Yeah. The seniors are saying it's the dance of the year.

October looks around the gym. October spots Carly.

OCTOBER

Bad news. It's Carly alert.

Carly walks over to October and Becky.

CARLY

Well, if it isn't Down syndrome girl and the traitor.

OCTOBER

Just stop it, Carly! She has nothing to do with this. It's just between you and myself.

CARLY

She deals with everything!

The music stops and everyone freezes. October walks to the DJ and takes the microphone.

OCTOBER

Yeah, I came to the dance with the leader. So, what? I'm actually in love with her. She's having my kid and we were dating the entire time. What I will tell you is that this feud is over!

Everyone in the gymnasium applauds. October hands the

microphone back to the DJ and walks back over to Becky.

CARLY

You are the most ignorant person I
have ever met, October! Ugh!

Carly stomps away. A slow song plays.

OCTOBER

May I have this dance?

BECKY

Yes, you may.

October walks Becky to the center of the gymnasium and leads
the dance. Valeria taps October's shoulder. October turns
around.

OCTOBER

Oh Valeria, I'm-

VALERIA

Don't. You deserve it. You deserve
Becky. Thanks for understanding her
and the rest of us.

OCTOBER

No problem.

Valeria walks away.

BECKY

What now?

OCTOBER

Another story to be written.

BECKY

What would this one be called?

OCTOBER

Chase Of Paradise.

BECKY

Love the title.

OCTOBER

Me too.

October and Becky continue to slow dance.

INT. AUGUST MARTIN AUDITORIUM - MORNING

The senior class was in the auditorium waiting for their diplomas. Mr. Summers walks out onto the stage.

MR. SUMMERS

Welcome to the August Martin High School graduation.

The crowd applauds.

MR. SUMMERS

We have a lot of wonderful seniors about to leave the school and be on their way to success in their lives. I would like to have a moment to have October James come out and explain the full story of how he fixed the school and put August Martin back in place.

The crowd applauds as October walks onto the stage. October walks over to the microphone.

KID #5 (O.C.)

(Shouting)

October!

OCTOBER

It was not that easy to fix the school myself. I had a little help here and there from Becky and all of you. Now we are in the peace and harmony with each other. I will tell you the story about how a boy changed an entire school with the help of his new friends.

October tells the story.

CUT TO:

INT. AUGUST MARTIN AUDITORIUM - CONTINUED

The students getting their diplomas.

MR. SUMMERS

October James.

October walks across the stage to get his diploma. After the diplomas were handed out Mr. Summers walks to the microphone.

MR. SUMMERS

I say congratulations to the seniors,
and I wish them good luck with their
futures.

The students throw up their caps.

FADE TO:

INT. HOSPITAL - AFTERNOON FIVE MONTHS LATER

October rushes into Becky's room.

BECKY

You made it, kid.

October walked over to Becky and plants a kiss on her
forehead.

OCTOBER

I'm glad you and the twins. There was
traffic getting here. What were they?

BECKY

A boy and a girl.

The nurse brings over the twins.

BECKY

Any ideas for a girl's name? I decided
that the boy would be October Jr.

OCTOBER

How about Rose?

BECKY

Rose?

OCTOBER

Rose Lynn James.

BECKY

I love it.

FADE TO:

INT. OCTOBER'S HOUSE - AFTERNOON FIFTEEN YEARS LATER

October was baking a cake for the twins' birthday. October's
phone dings. October opens his phone.

BECKY (V.O.)

(Reading)

I'm landing in the airport soon. So, I'll be at the party. Save me a piece of cake. Becky. P.S. Love You.

OCTOBER (V.O.)

Aw! I'm in love with Becky even after nearly sixteen years of us being together.

October's phone beeps again.

CARLY (V.O.)

(Reading)

You thought you have gotten rid of me, but I'm coming back with more power than ever before.

OCTOBER (V.O.)

Oh no! Carly knows about me. She's coming.

The doorbell rings. October opens the door. Carly, Lee-Lena, Harper, Teresa, and ALEX, 35, was at the door.

CARLY

October, I'm sure enough you know why we are here.

OCTOBER

No, I actually don't, but I would like to know why you are here.

ALEX

May we come in and we'll explain.

October let the girls inside. October sits on the couch.

OCTOBER

What's this about?

TERESA

October, do you remember your relationships with us and how you had sex with us?

OCTOBER

Yeah.

HARPER

Well, you have a child by each of us.

OCTOBER

No, that's not even possible. There is no way I could have more children than two.

LEE-LENA

That's what all men says, and he's one of them.

CARLY

The proof is in the birth certificate.

Harper hands October the birth certificates. October snatches them out of Harper's hand. October reads over the certificates.

OCTOBER

(Sighing)

Bring them in.

Harper and Alex leaves the room.

OCTOBER

Lee-Lena I thought we were friends.

LEE-LENA

That was for my black eye.

Harper walks inside.

HARPER

Mr. James may I present to you your children?

Alex wheels into the room with the children.

OCTOBER

Well that's unfortunate.

CARLY

Good luck. Not really.

The girls left the house. The children looked like each of the girls and October put together.

OCTOBER

Okay. I am your father kids. So please go upstairs until I figure out the

sleeping situation.

The children walks upstairs. October's phone rings. October answer it.

OCTOBER

Hey, Becky.

BECKY

Hey, October. I was thinking that after the kids go to bed, we can have alone time.

OCTOBER

Yeah. Maybe.

BECKY

See you when I get home.

October hangs up the phone.

INT. OCTOBER'S HOUSE - LATER

Becky walks into the door. Becky sets down her luggage in the living room. October walks over to her and plants a kiss on her forehead.

OCTOBER

How was the trip?

BECKY

It was normal. I missed you and the kids.

October hears arguments from upstairs.

BECKY

October, what is going on?

OCTOBER

Oh, that was the twins arguing. I should handle it.

BECKY

October the twins stopped fighting when they were ten.

OCTOBER

Really? I must have forgotten.

BECKY
Tell me the truth or I'll go upstairs.

OCTOBER
Really Becky it's the twins. I insist
on handling on it.

A loud crash stops the conversation. October and Becky rushes upstairs. Becky opens the door. The twins' bedroom was destroyed.

OCTOBER
Becky, I can-

BECKY
October, room now!

INT. BEDROOM - CONTINUED

October was sitting on the bed. Becky was pacing the room she yells at October.

BECKY
How could you do this to me, October?
How could you do this to the kids?

OCTOBER
Becky, it was the past catching up
with me. The girls are my past and you
are my present.

BECKY
I can't do this anymore. We can't be
together since these girls are coming
after you.

OCTOBER
Becky, I promise that they won't-

BECKY
I want you and the kids gone by
morning.

OCTOBER
But-

BECKY
It's final! Also you'll be sleeping on
the couch tonight. Take whatever you
need and get set up on the couch.

OCTOBER
We can still...

BECKY
No October. You betrayed me for the last time. We will not share the bed or house. You will be out of here tomorrow morning. Valeria was right about one thing. General education kids are pigs.

October takes his pillow, blanket, and pajamas and walked out of the room.

INT. OCTOBER'S HOUSE - CONTINUED

October pulls out his laptop. He opens a document writing app. He begins typing.

INT. OCTOBER'S HOUSE - LATER

Becky walks into the house.

BECKY
October?

Becky spots an envelope with her name on it. She grabs the envelope and opens it.

OCTOBER (V.O.)
(Reading)
My Dearest Becky, I know that I have failed you twice now and that I don't deserve you.

INT. OCTOBER'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

October was packing his bags.

OCTOBER (V.O.)
(Reading)
When I found out about my extra kids, I was nervous to tell you because I didn't want to lose you. To be honest you are my first love. We're an addiction of pleasure, but now it's just pain.

October and the kids leaves the house.

INT. OCTOBER'S HOUSE - CONTINUED

Becky was still reading the letter.

CUT TO:

OCTOBER (V.O.)

(Reading)

I couldn't sleep on the couch and stay here until morning in the same house as you because we had a fight. The kids know about the situation as I told them the truth. I wished it would have been the same with us, but since it can't we have to be on our separate ways. I love you with all my heart. I always have. I always will. Well, this is goodbye. Not for now this time.
October Samuel James.

Becky lets out a deep scream and sob as she fell to the floor.

INT. PENGUIN PUBLISHING COMPANY - MORNING

October was on his office computer.

OCTOBER (V.O.)

Its day three of post-Becky. Fifteen years of love and everything for it to go all away.

October's computer chimes. October opens his email.

ROSE-ANN (V.O.)

(Reading)

Dear Mr. James, I'm sorry for giving you the wait for my response. I have been busy making my cookies. I'm going to be busy until winter break. Could we meet by then? Please e-mail me back with your response. Rose-Ann Cook.

October starts typing.

OCTOBER (V.O.)

(Typing)

Dear Ms. Cook, I think that winter break would be the perfect time to meet. Sincerely, October James
President of Penguin Publishing, Book

Publishing.

INT. OCTOBER'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

October was setting up for his Skype call with Rose-Ann. Angelica knocks on the door as it opens.

OCTOBER

Hi, Angelica. Thanks again for letting me stay here.

ANGELICA

October, are you going to patch things with her.

OCTOBER

I don't know. I'll think about it, Angelica. I have an important Skype call I have to make.

ANGELICA

I really consider you don't forget about your wife, October.

OCTOBER

I won't, Angelica.

Angelica leaves the doorway. October sighs as he hits the call button. Rose-Ann picks up the call.

ROSE-ANN

Hello, Mr. James. How are you doing today?

OCTOBER

I'm all right, thanks for asking.

ROSE-ANN

You are rather a handsome person, Mr. James.

OCTOBER

Thanks Rose-Ann. You look pretty yourself.

ROSE-ANN

What is the interview for?

OCTOBER

It's for a special edition for my job. Your story will change lives all over.

October starts to drift off thinking about Rose-Ann.

ROSE-ANN
(Snapping her fingers)
Mr. James! We have to focus on the
main point here.

OCTOBER
Sorry, Rose-Ann, I got a little
sidetracked.

ROSE-ANN
Do you have a crush on me or
something, Mr. James?

OCTOBER
I don't know right now.

ROSE-ANN
Well, I have to go back to making more
cookies.

OCTOBER
Okay, see you soon.

October hangs up the Skype call. October closes his laptop
and goes to sleep.

INT. OCTOBER'S BEDROOM - MORNING

October's phone rings. October grabs it and answers the
phone.

OCTOBER
Hello?

VALERIA
October, this is Valeria. You got to
get down to Becky.

OCTOBER
Where are you?

VALERIA
At the hospital. Please hurry.

October hangs up the phone. He throws on his clothes and
leaves.

INT. HOSPITAL - LATER

October rushes to the nurse's station. The nurse was typing on the computer. The nurse was a female with auburn hair and was skinny.

OCTOBER

I'm looking for Rebecca James.

The nurse points down the hall. October rushes down the hall. October knocks on the door.

CUT TO:

INT. BECKY'S HOSPITAL ROOM - CONTINUED

October walks into the room.

BECKY

(Weakly)

Hey, kid, you made it.

OCTOBER

What's going on?

BECKY

(Weakly)

I'm dying. The Down syndrome has caught up with me, and now I have to leave. I knew about this while I was on my business trip. I didn't want to worry you.

A tear falls from October's eye. He sits on the bed next to Becky.

BECKY

(Weakly)

October, I need you to do me a favor.

OCTOBER

Anything for you Becky.

BECKY

(Weakly)

I need you to start your life over, but not forget the fun we had together.

October holds Becky's hand.

OCTOBER
Always.

BECKY
(Weakly)
Lie with me October. I really want you
to before I go.

October lies down next to Becky.

OCTOBER
This is very nice.

BECKY
(Weakly)
Yes, it is, October.

Becky closes her eyes slowly as the heart machine falls flat.
October sobs.

EXT. OCTOBER'S FOSTER HOME - NIGHT

October turns to ROSE-ANN, 40, who has autism, who was
sitting in the passenger seat.

ROSE-ANN
So, October, you haven't told me what
you were feeling about me yet.

OCTOBER
(Putting the car in park)
I don't know. It's just—

ROSE-ANN
Just what?

OCTOBER
Nothing.

Rose-Ann slides her hand into October's hand.

ROSE-ANN
When you think about it, tell me.

OCTOBER
I think we should take this inside.

ROSE-ANN
What about my bags?

OCTOBER
What about them?

CUT TO:

INT. OCTOBER'S FOSTER HOME HALLWAY - CONTINUED

Rose-Ann and October were kissing against the wall.

ROSE-ANN
(Panting)
Wait. Let us not do it out here.

OCTOBER
Okay. To my room.

October and Rose-Ann continue to kiss while walking to October's room.

CUT TO:

INT. OCTOBER'S BEDROOM - MOMENTS LATER

October was laying on his back. Rose-Ann was sitting on top of him.

ROSE-ANN
Are you sure about this?

OCTOBER
I want it all in this moment.

Rose-Ann kisses October. October takes off Rose-Ann's shirt. October saw marks on Rose-Ann's body and arms. October touches Rose-Ann's body and arms where there were marks.

OCTOBER
What are these?

ROSE-ANN
It was hard for me to have everything as a child. Each mark is its own story.

OCTOBER
Wow. I never seen any like these before.

October removes Rose-Ann's bra. October flips Rose-Ann onto her back and starts to thrust into her. Rose-Ann moans. Rose-Ann moans as October thrusts into her.

CUT TO:

INT. OCTOBER'S BEDROOM - CONTINUED

October and Rose-Ann were lying in the bed side by side panting covered under the blanket.

ROSE-ANN

Wow, I never felt like this before.

OCTOBER

I haven't either.

Rose-Ann kisses October.

ROSE-ANN

Does it mean you like me, October?

OCTOBER

Yes, Rose-Ann. I like you.

ROSE-ANN

I like you too, October.

OCTOBER (V.O.)

This was the best night of my life since Becky's death.

EXT. CENTRAL PARK - MORNING

October walks over to a bench. Valeria, 35, who has Turner syndrome, approaches and sits next to October.

OCTOBER

Hi, Valeria.

VALERIA

Hey, stranger. Long time no see.

OCTOBER

Well, I've been busy Valeria. I wish I had time for everyone like I used to.

VALERIA

How have you been holding up after Becky's-

OCTOBER

Fine, Valeria. I really don't pay any attention to that.

VALERIA

You have to not forget about the times you had with Becky and me, October. I mean we are together forever.

OCTOBER

What do you mean, Valeria?

Valeria grabs October's wrists and pins them over his head. She kisses him.

OCTOBER

Valeria, I can't do this.

VALERIA

We can. I love you, October James. I've been in love with you since senior year.

OCTOBER

I'm seeing someone already.

Valeria drops October's wrists. A tear drops from her eye.

VALERIA

I thought you would have feelings for me, October.

OCTOBER

Valeria, you may be my friend now, but you still made my senior year a living hell. I have my life together right now. Wherever that my girlfriend goes is my next step.

VALERIA

Would that means forgetting about Becky? Would that happen too, October?

OCTOBER

Yes, Valeria. I will forget due to her being my first love and many more.

October stands up and turns to Valeria. Valeria lets go of October's wrists.

OCTOBER

Good day to you, Valeria.

October turns to leave and walks away.

VALERIA

You know what, October? I started to believe in you, but now I say, fuck you!

INT. KITCHEN - NIGHT

October was preparing dinner when Angelica came into the kitchen.

ANGELICA

October, I know you miss Becky, but I want you to be careful with this Rose-Ann woman.

OCTOBER

I promise you, Angelica, I will. Do you think I'm falling in love with her?

Angelica shrugs her shoulders.

ANGELICA

You could be, October. You could be falling in love with her and you don't know about it.

OCTOBER

Should I tell Rose-Ann though?

ANGELICA

I think that you should. It would be better if you tell her. You have to decide this on your own, October.

Angelica walks out of the kitchen.

INT. BATHROOM - LATER

October was standing in the shower as the water fell down on his body. Rose-Ann joins October in the shower.

OCTOBER

Rose-Ann-

ROSE-ANN

Look, I do love you and I want you to come live with me in the Bronx.

OCTOBER

I love you too, Rose-Ann. I don't know

about the Bronx. It seems like a new start for me and you being together.

Rose-Ann kisses October. October releases the hair clip from the back of Rose-Ann's hair.

OCTOBER

I'll think about the Bronx for you, Rose-Ann.

EXT. GRAVEYARD - MORNING

October and Rose-Ann were standing in front of Becky's grave. October replaces the old flowers with new ones.

OCTOBER

Hi, Becky. I miss you a lot. Life isn't the same without you. I've brought a friend along to meet you.

ROSE-ANN

Hi, Becky. I'm sure enough that you would have been a great person to meet in person. I'm sorry to hear about your death.

OCTOBER

Anyway, I gave custody of the kids to group homes, except our two. I gave them to your parents. I won't forget senior year at August Martin High School.

October takes Becky's yearbook out of his bag. October put the yearbook on Becky's tombstone.

OCTOBER

Now you can relive the memories in heaven. We all miss you. I miss you.

Tears fell down on October's cheek.

OCTOBER

(Sobbing)

I wish I would have told you about my ex-girlfriends, but I wanted to forget about them because I loved you and the kids. I'm sorry, Becky.

October started crying. Rose-Ann hugs October and brushes his hair with her hand.

ROSE-ANN

(Whispering in my ear)

It's okay, October. I'm sure enough she will forgive you for your mistakes.

OCTOBER

But it's harder to understand life without her. I miss her so much.

ROSE-ANN

I know October, I know.

Rose-Ann kisses October.

OCTOBER

Sometimes the past makes us stronger than the future and present. Think about all the positives and negatives about your past and keep them tattooed on your mind.

FADE TO:

INT. HOTEL ROOM - NIGHT FLASHBACK

October and Becky make love.

FADE TO:

EXT. GRAVEYARD - MORNING

OCTOBER

The spring break trip during my senior trip. It was the first time I knew I was in love with her.

October smiles.

OCTOBER

Thank you, Rose-Ann. I finally understand.

INT. NEW YORK HUNGRY DOG AMERICAN - EVENING

October walks into the restaurant with Rose-Ann.

ROSE-ANN

This is fancy.

OCTOBER

Well, my boss has his connections.
Everything is on him. I have to go to
the restroom.

CUT TO:

EXT. NEW YORK HUNGRY DOG AMERICAN - MOMENTS LATER

October walks to the front of the restaurant. A waiter with
was standing at a table.

WAITER

Is everything alright?

OCTOBER

Yes, sir I have a request. I have a
ring for a special lady that I came
with tonight.

October pulls the ring box out of his pocket. The waiter
takes the box and looks at the ring.

WAITER

Oh, so you want to pop the question?

OCTOBER

Yes, I do. It would be great if you
came on my signal. It would surprise
her well.

CUT TO:

INT. NEW YORK HUNGRY DOG AMERICAN - CONTINUED

October walks back to the table.

ROSE-ANN

So, what will you have to start off?

OCTOBER

I'll take whatever you are having.

ROSE-ANN

I'm thinking about having a bacon and
egg burger with fries and cheesecake.

OCTOBER

Ooh, sounds delicious. Before we
start, I want to thank you again for
coming. You literally saved my job

career doing this.

ROSE-ANN

It's no problem, October. I do it for everyone that is a fan of my story and a lot more people.

OCTOBER

I want to tell you, I have been thinking about The Bronx. Maybe this will tell you my answer.

October signaled the waiter. The waiter walks over to the table.

WAITER

What will you be ordering tonight?

OCTOBER

Two bacon and egg burgers with fries and strawberry cheesecake.

WAITER

Anything to drink?

OCTOBER

Two ginger ales.

WAITER

Coming right up.

The waiter walks away.

ROSE-ANN

What's the big deal, October? I mean Christmas is around the corner.

OCTOBER

Would you like to go to a Christmas party with me?

ROSE-ANN

I love Christmas parties. Why didn't you ask me? Of course I'll go with you.

The waiter returns to the table. The waiter sets down the food and drinks. Rose-Ann looks into her glass.

ROSE-ANN

Waiter, there happens to be something

in my soda. This must be a mistake.

WAITER

No, there isn't a mistake, ma'am. The sir requested something for you.

Rose-Ann uses the straw to pick out the ring.

ROSE-ANN

October James, what is this?

OCTOBER

I told you I have been thinking and I want to ask you something.

ROSE-ANN

What is it?

OCTOBER

Marry me, Rose-Ann.

Rose-Ann looks at the ring, then looks back at October.

ROSE-ANN

October, I really think this sweet, but I don't know what to say.

October lets out a big sigh.

OCTOBER

I really thought we would be perfect for each other, Rose-Ann.

ROSE-ANN

I really need to think about it, October. It doesn't mean I don't love you.

SINGER (O.S.)

(Over the speakers)

Thank you everyone for coming out here to see me. This is my new song called Final Love.

While the singer was singing October was thinking about his future with Rose-Ann.

INT. OCTOBER'S BEDROOM - MORNING

October was tying his tie.

OCTOBER

You're sure that you can't come and support?

ROSE-ANN

Yes. I have to make Skype calls to family and friends. They would worry about me.

October walks over to Rose-Ann and kisses her forehead.

OCTOBER

Okay love. I'll be back after the service.

Rose-Ann smiles.

ROSE-ANN

Call or text me if anything.

OCTOBER

I will.

October leaves the room.

INT. FUNERAL HOME - LATER

October walks into the funeral home. October saw Becky's family. OCTOBER JR., 16, walks over to October.

OCTOBER JR.

Hey, Dad.

OCTOBER

Hey, son. How are you?

OCTOBER JR.

I've been through worse than this.

OCTOBER

Me too, son. Me too. Did Rose come along?

OCTOBER JR.

No, actually. She's at her private school in Plattsburg.

OCTOBER

Thanks for telling me, son.

OCTOBER JR.

Anytime. I heard you met someone new.

OCTOBER

Yes, but that's my business. I was going to tell you and Rose soon—

OCTOBER JR.

That she was going to be our new stepmom? I figured. I don't want a new mom. You already fucked up on keeping Mom.

OCTOBER

Watch your mouth, son! I'm your father! I deserve respect for any decisions I make for my kids and your mom.

OCTOBER JR.

You know what, Dad? I really thought you were my role model, but I don't see the person I saw from months ago.

OCTOBER

October—

OCTOBER JR.

Just stay out of my life, Dad! I don't want you to interfere with Rose's or my personal life!

October Jr. walked away angrily.

INT. FUNERAL HOME - LATER

CUT TO A SERIES OF QUICK IMAGES: FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF BECKY WERE SPEAKING ABOUT BECKY.

October walks over to the microphone.

OCTOBER

Becky was a good friend and good wife to our kids. I'm sure that she will be missed a lot. We all love and care about her. We should just continue to care for her and watch over her. Good-bye, my wife/ best friend.

October walks off the stage.

INT. PENGUIN PUBLISHING COMPANY - MORNING

October walks to his assistant's desk. ALISHA, 30s, was sorting paperwork on her desk.

ALISHA

Morning, Mr. James. I thought I wasn't supposed to see you until the party.

OCTOBER

Plans change sometimes, Alisha. Any updates since I've been gone?

ALISHA

Let's see. You had a meeting that was rescheduled. You had a few phone messages. Also, a gift basket came for you.

OCTOBER

Who's the basket from?

ALISHA

It doesn't say. Oh, and your meeting is scheduled for this afternoon.

OCTOBER

Okay thank you.

ALISHA

Oh, one more thing you have an email that was sent here. I think you know who it's from.

Alisha hands October a slip of paper.

OCTOBER

Thanks again, Alisha.

October grabs the basket and walks into his office.

INT. OCTOBER'S OFFICE - CONTINUED

October shuts his office door.

OCTOBER (V.O.)

It's been a while since I proposed to Rose-Ann. She still hasn't given me my answer. Oh well. I love the basket anyway.

October opens the envelope that was in front of the basket.

OCTOBER (V.O.)

It just says yes. Yes to what? And who
is this from?

October picks up the picture frame and turns it on. Pictures
of Rose-Ann and October appears on the screen.

OCTOBER

(*Whispering*)

Oh, my god.

A tear rolls down October's cheek. There was a knock on the
door.

ROSE-ANN (O.S.)

October, I was hoping that you got the
basket.

October drops the picture frame and runs over to Rose-Ann.
October kisses Rose-Ann.

OCTOBER

I'm glad that you said yes, Rose-Ann.

ROSE-ANN

That's not all. The paper that your
assistant gave you was an email from
my mom.

October opens a slip of paper that was in the basket.

ALOHA (V.O.)

(*Reading*)

Dear Mr. October James, I see that you
have a special interest in my
daughter. She is one of a kind to
everyone. I'm glad enough that you are
keeping her happy. I've booked a
ticket to fly up to Queens to meet
with you in person and celebrate the
holidays with you and Rose-Ann. I'll
be flying in town in the next two
days. Happy holidays. Sincerely,
Aloha
Cook.

OCTOBER

How long did you plan this Rose-Ann?

ROSE-ANN

Since that night at dinner. I really wanted to be sure that we were meant to be together. I knew that you lost your wife, and you are ready to move on, but I was nervous to tell you my true feelings.

OCTOBER

So, you brought in your mom into the conversation to find your answer?

ROSE-ANN

Yes, October. I want to spend the rest of my life with you. I love you and everything about you. That's why I wanted you to come to The Bronx with me.

OCTOBER

(Hugging Rose-Ann)

Yes, Rose-Ann I will go to The Bronx with you. I love you too.

INT. KITCHEN - NIGHT

October prepares dinner. Rose-Ann walks into the kitchen.

ROSE-ANN

October, I have to tell you something.

OCTOBER

What is it, sweetie?

Rose-Ann pulls out a pregnancy stick and shows October.

ROSE-ANN

I'm pregnant, October.

OCTOBER

What will your mom say?

ROSE-ANN

What would your foster mom say?

OCTOBER

We have to tell them, Rose-Ann.

ROSE-ANN

You work on Angelica, and I'll work on my mom.

OCTOBER

Okay.

CUT TO:

INT. DINING ROOM - LATER

Angelica and October were setting up the table for dinner.

ANGELICA

October, I don't know how many times you are going to tell me this.

OCTOBER

But, I know it happened years ago and now it's happening again. I'm ready for the challenge. I've never been this ready since the twins.

ANGELICA

October, I can understand that you're ready, but what about the Rose-Ann lady?

OCTOBER

I don't know really. We just have gotten the news.

ANGELICA

Well you have to tell her mom.

ALOHA (O.S.)

Talk to me about what, October?

ALOHA, 60, walks into the dining room.

OCTOBER

Rose-Ann's pregnant. The baby is mine.

Aloha's face changes to a surprised face.

OCTOBER

She was supposed to tell you while I talked to Angelica.

ALOHA

I didn't know if that was possible.

OCTOBER

Trust me. Not me either at the first.

ALOHA

Well, congrats, October. Just do me a favor and not desert my daughter and make her do this on her own.

OCTOBER

I can promise that, Aloha.

Rose-Ann walks into the dining room.

ALOHA

Rose-Ann, I want to thank you for bringing joy to my heart.

ROSE-ANN

I don't know anything about taking care of a child.

OCTOBER

I can teach you.

ROSE-ANN

You would do that for me, October?

OCTOBER

Yeah, I have experience with children.

INT. OCTOBER'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

October was making up the bed while Rose-Ann was talking with him.

ROSE-ANN

October, do you think we are out of style with our love?

OCTOBER

No. Why do you think our love is out of style?

ROSE-ANN

I mean you and your wife had it all, and I'm just a person just coming into your life. I don't want to be replaced by someone else.

OCTOBER

Trust me, Rose-Ann, you won't be replacing anyone. I can promise you that.

Rose-Ann kisses October's cheek.

ROSE-ANN
Thank you, October.

OCTOBER
You're welcome. Now let's get some sleep. I have to work tomorrow, and you have an appointment tomorrow.

ROSE-ANN
What is the appointment for?

OCTOBER
You have an ultrasound. I set it up at the hospital.

ROSE-ANN
Good night, October.

OCTOBER
Good night, Rose-Ann.

October kisses Rose-Ann's forehead and falls asleep.

INT. PENGUIN PUBLISHING COMPANY - MORNING

October was sitting in his office. There was a knock on the door.

OCTOBER
Enter.

The door opened. OCTOBER'S BOSS, 40s, enters the office.

OCTOBER'S BOSS
Mr. James, I came to inform you about Alisha. She has been relocated to a different publishing company.

OCTOBER
Why didn't anyone inform me about this sooner?

OCTOBER'S BOSS
She was given the job yesterday. It was in your email that I sent you yesterday.

OCTOBER
Well, who's going to replace Alisha?

OCTOBER'S BOSS
I'm sure enough that you know Carly.

OCTOBER (V.O.)
Oh no.

OCTOBER BOSS
Carly, please come in.

Carly walks into the office.

OCTOBER'S BOSS
October, this is your new assistant,
Carly Summers. Carly this your boss,
October.

CARLY
Hey, October.

OCTOBER
(Mumbling)
Hi, Carly.

OCTOBER'S BOSS
I'm sure enough that you two will get
along fine. If you two need me, I'll
be in my office.

October's boss leaves October's office.

OCTOBER
I know what you're all about, Carly.
Don't think that this job is going to
interfere with your crush on me.

CARLY
I already know everything about you,
October. You are too easy to read. You
are an open book.

Carly leaves the office. October stomps his foot.

INT. OCTOBER'S BEDROOM - EVENING

October and Becky was sitting on October's bed talking.

OCTOBER
Becky, I don't know what to do. Carly
invaded my own job, and now she's my
personal assistant. What should I do?

BECKY

She's going to hurt you and Rose-Ann.
She will make sure you will suffer to
the point you don't want to live
anymore.

OCTOBER

How will I know when it's that time?

BECKY

Patience, October. That will help you
find your answer. Remember that.

Becky disappears. Rose-Ann walks into the room.

ROSE-ANN

Talking to your wife again, sweetie?

OCTOBER

Yes. I miss her. What did the doctor
say?

ROSE-ANN

Well, I'm two months into the
pregnancy. I should come back soon.

OCTOBER

Soon we can know what our child will
be.

ROSE-ANN

Yes, that is true, October. How was
work?

OCTOBER

Usual stuff. I was working hard.

ROSE-ANN

So, have we decided on what's next in
our future?

OCTOBER

The Bronx is first. Then we can get
married. Unless you want to get
married here.

ROSE-ANN

Well, we have a choice to do it now. I
mean, do you want to do the wedding
now?

OCTOBER

I mean, we still have to plan, but I do want to do it now.

ROSE-ANN

Let's get married tomorrow and move to the Bronx straight after.

OCTOBER

Do you think we're ready, Rose-Ann?

ROSE-ANN

Yes, I do, October.

INT. OCTOBER'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

October and Rose-Ann were on October's laptop sending out invitations. Aloha walks into the room.

ALOHA

Hey, kids, it's getting late. What are you two still doing?

OCTOBER

We're planning our wedding.

ALOHA

Oh, that's great. At least you two will be ready by the time the baby is born.

OCTOBER

Thanks for that news, Aloha.

ALOHA

No problem. Just don't stay up too late.

ROSE-ANN

Okay, Mom.

Aloha walks out of the room.

OCTOBER

Your mom is pretty nice about letting us do this, Rose-Ann.

ROSE-ANN

I know, baby. Let's get some sleep. We have a big day tomorrow.

October closes his laptop.

OCTOBER
Good night, Mrs. James.

Rose-Ann chuckles.

ROSE-ANN
Good night, October.

Rose-Ann moves closer to October. Rose-Ann lies her head on October's chest and falls asleep.

INT. HONEYMOON AVE. - AFTERNOON

Rose-Ann and October enter their suite.

ROSE-ANN
(*Gasping*)
Wow!

OCTOBER
Thanks to my job I got this hotel room
for us.

October swept Rose-Ann off her feet and carried her to the bed. October lay Rose-Ann on the bed.

OCTOBER
Well, what is the next move, Mrs.
James?

ROSE-ANN
I want all of you right now.

October takes off Rose-Ann's dress. Rose-Ann takes off October's tuxedo.

ROSE-ANN
(*Breathlessly*)
October?

OCTOBER
(*Kissing Rose-Ann's neck*)
Yes?

ROSE-ANN
I want you inside me now.

October slowly pulled Rose-Ann close to him.

OCTOBER

Oh, you want this, Rose-Ann?

ROSE-ANN

Yes. Yes, please, October.

October and Rose-Ann falls onto the bed.

INT. HONEYMOON AVE. - LATER

Rose-Ann was laying on October's chest. October slowly pushes Rose-Ann's hair back and rests his hand on her cheek.

ROSE-ANN

How long did you wait before you did it with me, October?

OCTOBER

Since my wife died. I never thought about love coming my way. I was the odd one out of everyone.

Rose-Ann kisses October.

ROSE-ANN

You're not odd to me. You are perfect.

OCTOBER

Well, there is the Christmas party when we get back. Do you still want to go with me?

ROSE-ANN

Yes, October. My mom is coming too.

Rose-Ann gets out of bed and puts on her clothes.

ROSE-ANN

I'm going to go to the spa. Will you be okay until dinner?

OCTOBER

Yeah. Go ahead, Rose-Ann.

ROSE-ANN

I love you, October.

OCTOBER

I love you too, Rose-Ann. Go and relax. I'll be here watching TV.

Rose-Ann plants a kiss on October's forehead. She walked out. Soon after Rose-Ann left, a breeze came into the room. October gets up and closes the balcony door. Becky appears in the center of the room. October turned around.

BECKY

Hello, October.

OCTOBER

Becky? Becky, what are you doing here?

BECKY

I am now into my ghost form and my soul is free. I have been watching you the entire time.

OCTOBER

You have been?

BECKY

I have. I do miss it here on earth, but I'm great up in heaven with your parents and Rose.

OCTOBER

So, you met my parents. That has to be good.

BECKY

Yeah. Your mom looks exactly like you. I see that the creative side comes from your father.

Becky lifts her hand to October's face.

BECKY

Don't you ever miss us, October?

OCTOBER

Sometimes. I think about that every day. I have remarried and soon will have another child, Becky.

BECKY

October, you have to worry about the other things before you can add on to your life. Like for example the children.

OCTOBER

I took care of them. They will have a

roof over their heads and food on their plates.

BECKY

My parents were not a good idea. They are very strict with rules. I was their only child, and I know about this.

OCTOBER

I couldn't leave them with Angelica at the foster home. She said that the twins or any of my children couldn't live there.

BECKY

If you can't deal with your kids, then how will you deal with your other kid?

OCTOBER

I can manage, Becky. Right now, I would like to relax by myself. I have a certain amount of time before Rose-Ann returns.

BECKY

It's all about that Rose-Ann girl. Rose-Ann this and Rose-Ann that. Rose-Ann that and Rose-Ann this. What has Rose-Ann done for you other than give you her body?

OCTOBER

She is being supportive to me. I have been interested in her since you took my heart and spat on it. I was lonely when you kicked me out of my own house.

October gets up and walks to the mini fridge.

OCTOBER

You have not supported me with my extra children or with what my past was like.

Becky walks over to October.

BECKY

October, that isn't my life, to take everything from a boy whose background

is a living hell.

OCTOBER
What is it for then?

BECKY
It's to help and heal. I'm telling you
to fix everything with everyone that
you crossed including the children.

October opens the mini fridge and pulls out a soda. The hotel
room door closed.

ROSE-ANN (O.S.)
October?

BECKY
I have to go.

Becky disappears. Rose-Ann walks into the room.

ROSE-ANN
Hey, October. We have to go to our
dinner reservations.

INT. DINING ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

Rose-Ann and October were sitting at a table. Rose-Ann was
eating her food while October was staring at Carly who was at
another table. October starts to get out of his seat.

OCTOBER
Rose-Ann, we need to leave.

ROSE-ANN
Why? Is something wrong?

OCTOBER
I'll tell you later. We really need to
leave as of now.

ROSE-ANN
October, I really think we should stay
here.

OCTOBER
But—

ROSE-ANN
That's final.

October sat down at the table, keeping one eye on Carly and the other on Rose-Ann.

ROSE-ANN

October, I swear you have been acting weird since we got here.

Carly got up from her table and walked out of the room.

ROSE-ANN

October, you are making me nervous. What's wrong?

OCTOBER

You wouldn't believe me.

ROSE-ANN

I took a vow to protect you for better or worse. Try me, October.

October sighs.

OCTOBER

I saw someone from my old high school. She knew that I was coming here.

ROSE-ANN

Is it Carly?

October nods his head.

ROSE-ANN

You have nothing to worry about. I'll make sure that you won't cross paths with her.

OCTOBER

Thanks, Rose-Ann. How did you even know it was her?

ROSE-ANN

I read your books, remember? I know some things about you.

OCTOBER

That's true. I forgot about that.

CUT TO:

INT. BATHROOM - LATER

October was urinating in the urinal. October zips up his fly and flushes. The bathroom door locks. October turns around.

CARLY

Hello, October. We are on my court now.

OCTOBER

Carly, even though we graduated, you still don't make any sense.

CARLY

Well, this is my hotel. I own it. Thanks to your boss, Mr. Big Bucks, he had this hotel built for me.

OCTOBER

You're using him?

CARLY

No. Think of it as a loan to people in need. I am a person in need.

OCTOBER

No, you're not. You are a greedy person who's sleeping with my boss.

CARLY

Remind you of something, October?

OCTOBER

I don't know what you are talking about.

CARLY

You and Becky. You broke my heart and went out with that slob. I was hoping you would get over her and choose a better girl, but you are too far gone.

OCTOBER

You mean, you are, Carly? You have been bugging me since graduation and have not left me alone since. I need to get a restraining order on you.

CARLY

Think about it, October. You and I could have it all together. It's your

choice to tell Rose-Ann everything, or I will. Make a wise decision.

Carly unlocks the bathroom door.

CARLY

Good evening.

Carly walks out of the bathroom.

INT. HONEYMOON AVE. - EVENING

October wakes up.

OCTOBER

Rose-Ann, I'm going to be late for dinner.

October gets up out of bed and puts on some clothes.

INT. DINING ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

October walks over to the table that Rose-Ann was sitting at.

ROSE-ANN

Hey, October.

October kisses Rose-Ann's cheek.

OCTOBER

Sorry I'm late. I was asleep.

ROSE-ANN

You needed to catch up on some sleep, October. You are always up all the time.

A waiter brought plates full of food to the table.

ROSE-ANN

I hope that you don't mind that I ordered for us already, October.

OCTOBER

No, it's fine, Rose-Ann.

October picks up his fork and fills it with food.

OCTOBER

Rose-Ann, I need to tell you something.

ROSE-ANN

October, you know you can tell me anything. What is it?

October sighs.

OCTOBER

What if I told you that I have a history before my wife and I had our kids? Would you judge me on my story?

ROSE-ANN

October, I already know about your story. I'm not going to judge or be upset.

OCTOBER

How do you even—the book, isn't it?

ROSE-ANN

Yep. It was a bestseller. I was there when you were signing copies in the Bronx, but I was out in the cold for hours waiting for you.

OCTOBER

I was in the Bronx signing. I guess I might have missed you there.

ROSE-ANN

Are we really going to move to the Bronx to start our new life together?

OCTOBER

Yes, Rose-Ann. We are going. I will have to give my notice to my boss before the New Year, and we can be there after the holiday.

ROSE-ANN

I love you, October.

OCTOBER

I love you too, Rose-Ann. You know there's more than what the book knows about me.

ROSE-ANN

Really like what?

OCTOBER

Well, I was born in New York City, I like the color red, and I love to write—

The conversation continued for a while.

ROSE-ANN

October?

OCTOBER

Yeah?

Rose-Ann sighs.

ROSE-ANN

I used to be one of your stalkers. I was a huge fan of you and now it's crazy that I'm meeting you and—

October puts his finger up.

OCTOBER

I already knew about you. So the letters and everything was put all away somewhere, but after my last wife died I read all your letters. Well the day of her death. It brought me so much tears about seeing someone being a huge fan of me growing up to be a famous person. I'm just so proud of you.

Rose-Ann blushes.

ROSE-ANN

Thanks.

OCTOBER

You're welcome.

INT. PENGUIN PUBLISHING COMPANY - NIGHT

October and Rose-Ann walk into the publishing company.

OCTOBER (V.O.)

It was time for the Christmas party. I had a fun time on the honeymoon with Rose-Ann, but I had to come back for business.

October's boss walks over to October and Rose-Ann.

OCTOBER'S BOSS

There he is! October James and his wife.

October's boss shakes October's hand.

OCTOBER'S BOSS

How was the honeymoon, October?

OCTOBER

It was fine. Nothing much happened.

OCTOBER'S BOSS

Aw, October, I want details.

OCTOBER

You're drunk, aren't you?

OCTOBER'S BOSS

Lighten up. It's the holidays.

OCTOBER

Sorry, sir, but I will pass on that.

October's boss shakes his head.

OCTOBER'S BOSS

No need to apologize, October. Just enjoy the party.

October's boss went back to the party. Rose-Ann grabs October's hand and holds it.

OCTOBER

Are you ready to party, Rose-Ann?

ROSE-ANN

Yes, I am, October!

CUT TO:

INT. OCTOBER'S OFFICE - CONTINUED

October walks into his office and shuts the door. October pushes a button on the phone.

VOICEMAIL

You have three new voice messages.
Message 1.

ALEX

Hey October, it's Alex. I'm calling because I would like to talk. I know you would like to delete this message and ignore me, but we really need to talk. Call me when you get a chance.

VOICEMAIL

End of message. Message 2.

ALEX

October, I really need to talk to you. It's Alex again. When you get this please call me when you get this.

VOICEMAIL

End of message. Message 3.

ALEX

October, we need to talk. I'm tired of calling this phone and getting the voicemail. I heard that you were going to a Christmas party. I will see you there.

VOICEMAIL

End of messages.

OCTOBER (V.O.)

Alex is coming to the party? Oh great. What will go wrong? Hell is the answer.

INT. PENGUIN PUBLISHING COMPANY - MOMENTS LATER

October rushes out of his office. October bumps into Rose-Ann.

ROSE-ANN

What's wrong, October? You look like you've seen a ghost.

OCTOBER

Oh, I think I might have did.

October and Rose-Ann walks to a table. Alex wheels over to them.

ROSE-ANN

I forgot something. This is Alex, October.

OCTOBER

I already know her Rose-Ann. We met years ago in my old foster home.

ALEX

She tells me that you are remarried.

OCTOBER

I am. It wouldn't be anyone's business what happens to me, Alex.

ALEX

All that time that we had in our foster home.

OCTOBER

You taught me to fuck, Alex. Rose-Ann and Becky taught me to love. I don't miss anything that we went through.

ALEX

Rose-Ann. Can you please get me some punch?

Rose-Ann walks over to the punch table.

ALEX

Listen here October James. I didn't come to start anything. I came to give you a heads-up.

OCTOBER

What is the news?

ALEX

I've been trying to call you, but you were on your honeymoon. Carly is planning to kill your children.

OCTOBER

Where is she?

ALEX

She took them to-wait where's Rose-Ann?

October looks around.

OCTOBER

She's not anywhere! Where could she be?

ALEX

Carly must have taken her away. I heard that she was going to be at August Martin. But October I would suggest that you-

OCTOBER

I have to go after her.

October leaves the party.

INT. AUGUST MARTIN HALLWAYS - LATER

October walks down the hallways.

OCTOBER

Alright, Carly, I'm here! I'm here with my decision.

October continues to walk down the hallways.

OCTOBER

Carly, I am really starting to get aggravated!

Carly walks up behind October with a knife at his Adam's apple.

CARLY

Hello, October. Welcome to the party.

October gulps as he exhales.

CARLY

March!

October walks as Carly follows with the knife at his Adam's apple.

INT. AUGUST MARTIN GYMNASIUM - CONTINUED

Carly forces October into the gym. Carly removes the knife from October's Adam's apple.

OCTOBER

Where are they? You promised that they would live if I came alone.

CARLY

Oh, they're right there.

The gym lights flips on. Rose-Ann and the kids mumbled through the tape.

OCTOBER

Kids! Rose-Ann! Let them go!

CARLY

No. Marry me, and then they will be released.

OCTOBER

No.

Carly pulls out a revolver.

CARLY

How about now October?

OCTOBER

Still no.

Carly points the revolver at Rose.

CARLY

Alright. How about I take your kids for a trial?

OCTOBER

You wouldn't!

CARLY

Funny you mention, your daughter's name is the same as the high school loser. She can go first.

Carly shoots the revolver. October jumps in front of the bullet. The bullet goes through October's chest.

ROSE-ANN

(Mumbling through the tape)

October!

CARLY

Wow, I never thought I would hit you. This makes things different.

Sirens wails in the distance.

CARLY

You fuck! You called the police?!

OCTOBER

Nope. I was wearing a wire under my shirt.

The police officers rushes into the gymnasium. October falls to the ground slowly.

POLICE OFFICER

POLICE NOBODY MOVES!

Carly gets handcuffed as October closes his eyes. Rose-Ann rushes over to October.

ROSE-ANN

(Voice echoing)

October! October can you hear me?

CUT TO:

INT. HOSPITAL - MORNING

October moans out of his sleep. October opens his eyes. Rose-Ann was sitting in a chair next to the hospital bed.

ROSE-ANN

How do you feel, Mr. James?

OCTOBER

I'm alright for a person who got shot at.

ROSE-ANN

I want to say thank you for saving me and the kids, but I also came to tell you that I can't stay here with your life in a wreck.

OCTOBER

What do you mean, Rose-Ann?

ROSE-ANN

I can't deal with my first husband who has a backstory that would take a long dramatic movie. I think we need to see other people.

OCTOBER

Please don't leave me. I need you in my life.

ROSE-ANN
Sorry, October. I already made up my
mind. I'm going back to The Bronx
tonight with my mom.

Rose-Ann stands up and grabs her coat from behind her chair.

ROSE-ANN
I'll be in contact while you are still
here, October.

Rose-Ann kisses October's forehead.

ROSE-ANN
Goodbye, October.

OCTOBER
Goodbye, Rose-Ann.

Rose-Ann leaves the hospital room.

INT. OCTOBER'S FOSTER HOME - MORNING TWO MONTHS LATER

October was in the window holding the wedding ring that he
gave to Rose-Ann. October was crying.

CUT TO A SERIES OF QUICK IMAGES: OCTOBER AND ROSE-ANN BEING
HAPPY AND IN LOVE IN THEIR RELATIONSHIP

Angelica walks over to October and hugs him.

ANGELICA
October, I really tell you much, but
you need to fix your life. Rose-Ann
was the one even though you said that
with Becky too, but that's not the
point.

OCTOBER
I can't leave you alone. I need
support.

ANGELICA
October, you need Rose-Ann. You need
to go to The Bronx and get her.

OCTOBER
I don't know where to start.

Angelica hands October a piece of paper.

ANGELICA

I was talking to Aloha. I'll be fine on my own. Go and get her, October.

OCTOBER

Thanks, Angelica.

October hugs Angelica.

INT. ROSE-ANNY'S - AFTERNOON

October walks into Rose-Anny's.

ALOHA

October, we weren't expecting you here.

OCTOBER

I need to see Rose-Ann.

ALOHA

She has an interview with a reporter right now. She can see you afterwards.

OCTOBER

This has to be now.

October walks behind the counter.

CUT TO:

INT. ROSE-ANNY'S KITCHEN - CONTINUED

October walks into the kitchen. A reporter was holding a tape recorder towards Rose-Ann as she was giving her an interview.

ROSE-ANN

-as my workers work with me my recipes are secret that I never... October, what are you doing here? I have an interview.

OCTOBER

I came for you. I wanted to tell you that I don't care about my past anymore. It's the old me.

ROSE-ANN

What about that Carly girl?

OCTOBER

She's long gone. She's in another state. She was also fired from my office, and so was I. I wanted to start over with you with my new life.

ROSE-ANN

October, I don't know if I can do that.

OCTOBER

Please take me back, Rose-Ann. I'm sorry for what happened. I didn't plan for any of it to happen to you.

ROSE-ANN

Where will you live?

OCTOBER

I'll be with you in your house. I'm out of Queens for good. We can have our child together.

Rose-Ann sighs.

ROSE-ANN

You know I can't say "no" to you, October. I hope you are ready for a second chance.

OCTOBER

I am, Rose-Ann. I really want that chance.

Rose-Ann walks over to October and moves her hand over to his.

OCTOBER

I missed you, Rose-Ann.

ROSE-ANN

I missed you too, October, but you promise me that the past is over?

OCTOBER

Yes, Rose-Ann, it is.

Rose-Ann kisses October.

REPORTER

Aw, young romance. I always love a

moment like these.

OCTOBER

Excuse me, sir, can we have some privacy?

REPORTER

Sorry, sir.

The reporter leaves the kitchen. October kisses Rose-Ann.

ROSE-ANN

Do you have the ring still?

October slid the ring on her finger.

OCTOBER

That's better.

ROSE-ANN

I have to tell you something, October.

OCTOBER

What is it, Rose-Ann?

ROSE-ANN

I accidentally slept with my ex-boyfriend after we separated. I hope that you are not mad at me for that.

OCTOBER

What?

ROSE-ANN

I was drugged by him. He forced it on me and when I found out I put a restraining order on him. I'm sorry, October.

OCTOBER

I forgive you. I just want you. That what matters most.

ROSE-ANN

I love you, October James.

OCTOBER

I love you too Rose-Ann James.

October kisses Rose-Ann.

INT. OCTOBER'S OFFICE - MORNING

October paces himself back and forth as he talks to CHRISTI KYRSTEN, 40s, on a Skype call.

OCTOBER

Christi, it would be fun in New York. I can have my staff show you the sights and everything.

CHRISTI

October, I don't know because sometimes I get called out for my weight. Even while I'm in North Carolina.

OCTOBER

Christi, I promise you that nothing will happen to you while you are here. You have my word.

CHRISTI

Well, okay, October. How about next month? I need to prepare some things.

OCTOBER

Fair enough. My staff will see you then, Christi. My staff will make sure you are comfortable here in The Bronx.

CHRISTI

Thank you, October.

October hangs up the Skype call. October's computer swishes. October walks over to the computer. October opens up his email.

OCTOBER (V.O.)

Hmm. An email from Rosealee Garcia.

ROSEALEE (V.O.)

(Reading)

Dear Mr. James, I'm willing to do your interview for your company. I am too busy with filming for a show that I could wish for you to come to Long Island and meet me. I can show you the sites of Long Island and do the interview. I have sent a ticket for your bus. It should be at your office. Until then... Sincerely, Rosealee

Garcia.

There was a knock on the door. ASSISTANT opens the door and pokes her head inside.

ASSISTANT

Mr. James, I hope that I'm not interrupting, but a package has come in for you.

OCTOBER

Please set it on my desk.

The assistant sets the package on October's desk.

OCTOBER

Thank you kindly.

The assistant walks out of October's office. October opens the package. There was a bus ticket.

OCTOBER (V.O.)

Thank you, Rosealee Garcia. I will go to Long Island.

INT. DINING ROOM - NIGHT

October, Rose-Ann, BECKY, 6, October Jr., and Rose were eating dinner. October clears his throat.

OCTOBER

Everyone I have some really good news.

ROSE-ANN

What's the news October?

OCTOBER

I got an interview and I'm going to travel to Long Island.

Everyone drops their silverware.

OCTOBER JR.

Dad, Long Island is full of people on drugs and wannabe actors.

ROSE-ANN

October, I really think it's a bad idea. Long Island is a place of lost dreams.

OCTOBER

Guys I promise to be back in a couple of days. And I promise to be back in one piece.

ROSE-ANN

I still say it's a bad idea. You can't think I can take care of Becky by myself while you're gone.

OCTOBER

You know what? Why doesn't everyone come with me? I'll trade in my ticket in for more tickets and we'll go as a family.

ROSE-ANN

You know that doesn't sound like a bad idea, October. I agree to that idea.

OCTOBER JR.

I am not sure it would fit into my huge college essay I have to write for creative writing class.

ROSE

Me either.

OCTOBER

Kids you would see the sights and stay at a fancy hotel.

ROSE AND OCTOBER JR.

(In unison)

We're in.

OCTOBER

I'll call you both when we are ready to leave for Long Island.

INT. STUDIO - AFTERNOON

October walks into a studio. He sees the cast and crew members working together on the show.

ROSEALEE

Ah, Mr. James.

October turns to see ROSEALEE, 30s, has Down Syndrome, walking towards him.

OCTOBER

Ms. Garcia.

ROSEALEE

I suppose the bus was alright.

OCTOBER

Yes, it was. Thanks for doing this.

ROSEALEE

No problem. I am just doing my job for my fans. Do you want to be in an episode with us? We would love to have you on the show.

OCTOBER (V.O.)

Well I really do love the show and I really would like to be on it. It has been my dream since I could remember.

OCTOBER

Sure, Rosealee. Why not?

INT. HOTEL - NIGHT

October was getting ready to go out for the night in the bathroom while Rose-Ann was sitting on the bed talking to October.

ROSE-ANN (O.S.)

How was Rosealee Garcia, dear?

OCTOBER

She was great. She gave me an extra role in her latest show.

October walks out of the bathroom.

OCTOBER

Where are the kids?

ROSE-ANN

I sent them out for a while, so we can have a little us time. Maybe making love.

OCTOBER

We have to get ready for our reservation.

Rose-Ann leads October to the bed.

ROSE-ANN
October, I want you inside of me.

OCTOBER
Rose-Ann. Are you drunk?

ROSE-ANN
(*Giggling*)
I may have been drinking a little bit.

Rose-Ann hiccups.

ROSE-ANN
Or a lot.

Rose-Ann pushes October onto the bed. Rose-Ann climbs on top of October. Rose-Ann kisses October. October squirms.

OCTOBER
No, Rose-Ann.

ROSE-ANN
I want you, and you should too.

Rose-Ann unzips October's pants. October shoves Rose-Ann to the side of the bed. October stands up.

OCTOBER
Rose-Ann, I don't want to do this. I really need to get ready for this dinner.

Tears falls down Rose-Ann's face.

ROSE-ANN
You don't want me?

OCTOBER
Not like this, I don't. I need to work as well as have time for my family.

ROSE-ANN
October, I came all this way for a romantic vacation with you, but you are pushing me away.

OCTOBER
Why would I push you away? I love you and our life.

ROSE-ANN

October, I really think that we should go our separate ways. I'm taking Becky with me. Enjoy your vacation.

Rose-Ann grabs her bags. Rose-Ann starts packing up her things.

OCTOBER

Rose-Ann, I don't want you to leave.

ROSE-ANN

October, I don't want to be like your ex-girlfriends or ex-wife. I have been thinking about it lately. I really don't think I'm ready for that drama.

Rose-Ann zips up her bags.

ROSE-ANN

I would like to have the key to my house back, October.

OCTOBER

I'll send it when I move out.

ROSE-ANN

Okay.

Rose-Ann walks out the door with her bags.

INT. RESTAURANT - LATER

October, October Jr., and Rose walks into the restaurant.

ROSE

So, Rose-Ann left you, dad?

OCTOBER

Yes, Rose. She wants me to move out.

OCTOBER JR.

Where will you live, dad?

OCTOBER

I need a new start where Carly won't find us, kids. I can't let that happen again.

ROSEALEE (O.S.)

October.

Rosealee walks over to October.

OCTOBER

Rosealee.

ROSEALEE

I didn't know you have kids.

OCTOBER

Well, this is October Jr., my son, and Rose, my daughter.

ROSE

Hi, Ms. Rosealee.

OCTOBER JR.

Hi, Ms. Rosealee.

ROSEALEE

Hi, kids. I hope you are ready for eating food with a celebrity.

ROSE

You bet we are.

INT. RESTAURANT - MOMENTS LATER

October Jr., Rose, and Rosealee were eating their food while October was looking at his plate.

ROSEALEE

October, is everything alright?

OCTOBER

I don't know. I'm just feeling down lately.

ROSEALEE

(Moving her hand into October's)

All I know is that we'll be alright. You'll find someone new to love you and care for you.

October pulls out his wallet.

OCTOBER

Kids, why don't you go to the hotel. I need to speak to Rosealee alone.

October hands Rose and October Jr. some money.

OCTOBER
Go, enjoy Long Island.

October Jr. and Rose leave the table and leave the restaurant.

OCTOBER
So, Rosealee, I really want to ask you something.

ROSEALEE
Yes, October.

OCTOBER
Do you want to leave the restaurant and have some fun?

ROSEALEE
I thought you never ask.

OCTOBER
Where to Rosealee?

ROSEALEE
My house. My bed.

INT. ROSEALEE'S BEDROOM - LATER

October and Rosealee were in bed. They were kissing. October pulls away.

OCTOBER
Is this what you want?

ROSEALEE
I want you right now.

They continued to kiss. They fell onto the bed. October rolls on top of Rosealee. October thrusts into Rosealee. Rosealee moans as October thrusts into her.

CUT TO:

INT. ROSEALEE'S BEDROOM - MORNING

October and Rosealee are lying side by side in Rosealee's bed.

OCTOBER
How long do you think I waited for something like this, Rosealee?

ROSEALEE

A really long time. I have been the same way, October.

October kisses Rosealee's forehead.

ROSEALEE

What time is it, October?

October looks at the clock.

OCTOBER

Oh shit. We have to go to the set for the show.

October and Rosealee gets out of bed and gets dressed.

OCTOBER

We'll take my limo.

October picks up his cellphone and dials a number.

OCTOBER

Yes I am. I'm at Rosealee Garcia's house. Can you pick us up? Okay.

October hangs up the phone.

OCTOBER

My limo is on the way.

October cellphone rings. October answers the phone.

OCTOBER

Hello?

CARLY

Hi, October.

OCTOBER

Carly, what do you want from me?

CARLY

I thought that we should have you rethink your decision for me.

OCTOBER

I already told you my decision. Now leave me alone.

CARLY

What if I was to tell you something? I think that you didn't know that I am nearby. I want to tell you two words that you may understand. Long Island.

OCTOBER (V.O.)

She's here? Shit!

October hangs up the phone.

INT. STUDIO - AFTERNOON

October and Rosealee were sitting in Rosealee's dressing room.

ROSEALEE

Did you know that I'm in the movie based on your book?

OCTOBER

No, I didn't know that. I heard that they were making the movie based off my book when I moved to The Bronx.

Rosealee puts her hand on October's cheek.

ROSEALEE

Do you have a girlfriend?

OCTOBER

No, I don't actually.

Rosealee kisses October.

OCTOBER

Rosealee, what about my kids?

ROSEALEE

They can have whatever they want from us October. I love you.

OCTOBER

I don't want to rush it too soon, Rosealee.

Rosealee gives October a pouting face.

OCTOBER

Rosealee, I don't think that all of that will be possible for us because

we just met.

ROSEALEE

Well, you are telling the truth,
October. I don't want to have a rushed
relationship with anyone that I love.

OCTOBER

I'm glad that you understand.

ROSEALEE

Should we go out on a real date I
should say later today? I have a few
ideas that we can do.

OCTOBER

I accept the invitation.

ROSEALEE

I'll come by your hotel at seven.

INT. ROSEALEE'S PARENTS HOUSE - EVENING

The door opens as Rosealee and October walks inside.
ROSEALEE'S MOM, 65, and ROSEALEE'S DAD, 65, walks over to
Rosealee and October.

ROSEALEE'S DAD

Ah, there he is. I'm Rosealee's
father.

ROSEALEE'S MOM

And I'm her mother.

OCTOBER

Well it's nice to meet you Mr. and
Mrs. Garcia. I have been waiting a
long time to meet you.

ROSEALEE'S MOM

Really now? Do you know that Rosealee
went to all good schools than others?

ROSEALEE

(Groaning)

Mom! You're embarrassing me!

ROSEALEE'S MOM

It's okay, Rosealee. I think that your
friend should know about that.

OCTOBER

I'm actually her boy that is friend.

ROSEALEE'S DAD

Well how about that? Our little princess is growing up.

ROSEALEE

(Groaning)

Dad!

ROSEALEE'S DAD

Sorry, angel. Well what's your name, sir?

OCTOBER

I'm October James.

ROSEALEE'S MOM

The October James of *Chase Of Paradise*?

OCTOBER

Yes.

ROSEALEE'S DAD

Our daughter loved that book that she went to get the role as Becky for the movie.

ROSEALEE

Dad! Please can we have dinner?

ROSEALEE'S DAD

Oh, right this way.

CUT TO:

INT. ROSEALEE'S PARENTS' DINING ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

October, Rosealee, Rosealee's mom, and Rosealee's dad were sitting at the dining room table. October takes a bite of the food.

OCTOBER

Oh, this is delicious. What may we be eating?

ROSEALEE'S DAD

It's duck.

ROSEALEE'S MOM

I make a mean duck with a secret recipe.

OCTOBER

Well, this should be in a cookbook. I'm sure it will be worth a lot.

ROSEALEE'S DAD

So, tell us about yourself October. We're curious to know more about you other than your books.

OCTOBER

Well I live in The Bronx, I work with a publishing company as CEO, I am a hard worker, and I love the show that your daughter does.

ROSEALEE'S MOM

Are you married?

OCTOBER

Single actually. My girlfriend left me.

ROSEALEE'S DAD

Well sorry to hear that. My daughter would be a great girlfriend and wife for you.

ROSEALEE

Dad!

ROSEALEE'S DAD

Well Rosealee I think your boyfriend is alright.

OCTOBER

We're just friends.

ROSEALEE'S MOM

October, with the money that the both of you will make, you can have a big family. We always fear about not being grandparents.

ROSEALEE'S DAD

October, I really think that we found Rosealee's missing piece of her life.

ROSEALEE
Mom, please stop him.

October chuckles. October's phone rings.

OCTOBER
Sorry, I have to take this.

October walked out of the dining room.

INT. ROSEALEE'S PARENTS HALLWAY - MOMENTS LATER

October picked up the phone.

OCTOBER
Hello?

There was heavy breathing on the other end.

CARLY
Hi, October.

OCTOBER
Carly?

CARLY
How the hell are you?

OCTOBER
I'm about to block you from calling
me.

CARLY
I want you to know is that I'm on your
case.

OCTOBER
Where are you?

CARLY
Outside far away from you. You are
least of my worry right now, but that
little celebrity's parents are my
goal.

The silverware clanks onto the floor.

ROSEALEE (O.S.)
Mom! Dad!

Carly laughs on the other side of the phone.

CARLY
Want to know more?

OCTOBER
What did you do to them?

CARLY
I threw poison into the duck. I was hoping to get your little girlfriend, but I missed the target.

ROSEALEE (O.S.)
October.

OCTOBER
This isn't over.

October hung up his phone and rushed to Rosealee.

INT. ROSEALEE'S PARENTS' DINING ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

October rushes into the dining room and sees Rosealee scared as her lie on the ground dead.

ROSEALEE
What do we do?

OCTOBER
Call 911. Tell them what happened.

ROSEALEE
October, I want to know what is going on with you. My parents are dead, and I deserve an explanation.

October sighs.

OCTOBER
There's a girl from my high school that is after me. She wants to make my life a living hell since I wouldn't date her. Now for years she has been on my case and she was shipped to a psychiatric ward in another state, but she was released due to good behavior. Now she will hurt anything or anyone that I love or ever know. It's best if we avoided each other.

ROSEALEE
October I'm not going anywhere because

I love you. Not because you have a disability and secrets that I wouldn't understand. I love you because I love the real you.

October grabs his coat.

OCTOBER

I'm sorry, Rosealee. I can't do this to you. It wouldn't be fair. You're right. There's a lot to tell you that I haven't told you that you wouldn't understand. I'm sorry.

October walks out of the dining room.

INT. HOTEL - LATER

October walks into his ransacked hotel room.

BECKY (O.S.)

Ransacked in a hotel?

October turns around and found Becky.

OCTOBER

Yes, Becky, I was ransacked. The person took the kids.

BECKY

October, can I shine some light onto this?

OCTOBER

Go ahead.

BECKY

Carly came here earlier looking for you, but she found the kids instead. So, she took the kids, and now they're kidnapped.

OCTOBER

What should I do? It was better when you were alive because I didn't have to worry about this situation.

BECKY

You have to confront her, October. She is the biggest part of a disease that you are trying to get rid of.

OCTOBER
How do I find her?

Becky points over to the nightstand.

CARLY (V.O.)
(Reading)
October, If you want to see your brats again, then you must meet me at Long Beach. You must make the right choice, or your family will die in front of you and your wife, including Rosealee Garcia. You have exactly one hour to decide. Don't keep me waiting. Carly.

October picked up his coat and left the hotel room.

EXT. LONG BEACH - LATER

October walks onto the boardwalk. Carly laughs. October turns around.

CARLY
October, you have fallen into my trap.

OCTOBER
All right, Carly, I came alone now let them go.

CARLY
No not until you tell me your choice, but be careful...

Carly pulls out a gun.

CARLY
I make the rules.

OCTOBER
I choose you to take me as prisoner. Just let them go.

Carly sets the gun down and puts October in handcuffs. Carly unties everyone. Everyone runs over to October.

ROSEALEE
October, you saved us.

OCTOBER
If it was me, you would have done the same thing.

Rosealee hugs October.

OCTOBER
Rosealee, I need to tell you
something.

ROSEALEE
What is it, October?

OCTOBER
I love...I love you Rosealee.

Rosealee smiles.

ROSEALEE
I knew that already.

Carly yanks October up and walks him to her car.

CARLY
Any of you pull something stupid I'll
blow your fucking brains out! Don't
follow me.

Carly stuffs October in the trunk of the SUV. Carly gets into
the SUV and drives off.

INT. DUNGEON - NIGHT

October was chained from wall to wall.

CARLY
I never thought that October James
would ever given up from his life of
mentally retarded kids and join the
side of Carly Jane Hull.

OCTOBER
I'll never join you! You're a bully to
all of my past, present, and even my
future.

CARLY
You just did.

OCTOBER
Shit.

CARLY
I even read your dumb book. I want to
torture you in many ways like Valeria

did.

Carly walked over to the side of a wall and pressed buttons. The wall reveals some toys. Carly picked up a whip.

CARLY

Remember this, October? It's the same whip Valeria used on you. I bought it off eBay. I'm going to use it on you.

Carly swings the whip at October. October grunts in pain.

CARLY

Hurts, doesn't it?

OCTOBER

Why must you do this to me?

CARLY

You are different from any of these mentally challenged kids I would date or would try to relate to you. They can't relate to you in any way.

OCTOBER

You know what I say, Carly Jane Hull? Fuck you!

CARLY

All these years of torturing you, I just get a fuck you? Jeez, I should do this more often.

Carly swings the whip at October again. October grunts in pain as blood flows out of his mouth. Carly kisses October's bloody lip.

CARLY

Mm...cherry.

CUT TO:

INT. DUNGEON - LATER

Carly was asleep with the whip across her chest. A whistle was heard. October looks out his cell window.

OCTOBER

(Whispering)

Who's there?

ROSEALEE (O.S.)

October?

Rosealee crouches down to the cell window.

OCTOBER

Rosealee, what are you doing here? You could get killed if Carly finds you here.

ROSEALEE

October, we came to rescue you.

OCTOBER

We?

ROSEALEE

Your family and myself. I already have Rose-Ann in the building looking for a route for you to escape.

OCTOBER

Why did you bring her? She is a target for Carly too. She could get killed.

The door opens slowly. October looks at the door. Rose-Ann walked in the room.

ROSE-ANN

Did someone request a rescue team?

OCTOBER

I did call for one. Get me out of here, but be careful of Carly.

Rose-Ann fidgeted with the shackles. October shushes Rose-Ann.

ROSE-ANN

Sorry.

Rose-Ann used her hairpin to pick the shackles.

OCTOBER

Why did you come back, Rose-Ann? I thought we were done.

ROSE-ANN

Well, I have my reasons. And one of them was that I care about you too much.

Rose-Ann kisses October as a gunshot was fired. Rose-Ann falls to the ground. Carly was standing away from Rose-Ann. October opens the shackles.

CARLY

I thought I told them not to do something stupid, but now I have to deal with you and them.

October grabs the shackles and puts Carly into them. Carly pulls the shackles.

CARLY

October, this isn't funny.

October flips off Carly. October picks up the whip.

OCTOBER

Maybe I can show you what this whip can really do. Then we can wait for the police to lock you up, and I don't have to see you again.

Rosealee rushes over to October and stops him from whipping Carly.

ROSEALEE

She's not worth it. You'll go to jail too if you hurt her, but I won't.

Rosealee slaps Carly.

ROSEALEE

From me to you Carly.

Rosealee and October walk out of the dungeon.

INT. ROSEALEE'S LIVING ROOM - MORNING

Rosealee was sitting on the couch as October walks into the living room.

ROSEALEE

Hey, October. Do you have a minute?

October sits on the couch next to Rosealee.

OCTOBER

Yeah, sure. What is it?

ROSEALEE
I'm pregnant.

OCTOBER
Really?

ROSEALEE
Yeah, I took the test this morning
while you were gone. Do you want to
see the test?

October nods his head. Rosealee pulls out a pregnancy stick.

ROSEALEE
See, two lines means I'm positive and
one means not.

OCTOBER
So, this is real?

ROSEALEE
All of it is. We are ready to have our
celebrity child.

OCTOBER (V.O.)
I need to do something about this. The
last time someone I dated got pregnant
I married them.

INT. KAY'S JEWELERS - MORNING

October was looking at the rings that were on display. The
Jeweler clears her throat.

JEWELER
How may I help you, sir?

OCTOBER
(*Pointing to the ring*)
I would like that ring for my
girlfriend.

JEWELER
Who is the lucky lady if I may ask.

OCTOBER
My celebrity crush. She is actually
having our child, so I wanted to
surprise her with a proposal.

JEWELER

I have just the ring for you.

The jeweler picks up a ring that was on display. She hands the ring to October.

OCTOBER

Wow. This is pretty.

JEWELER

This ring is really popular and it's great for proposals. We have different sizes to match her ring size.

OCTOBER

Do you have a special box for the ring?

INT. STUDIO - NIGHT

Rosealee and October walks inside the studio. Rosealee was wearing a blindfold.

ROSEALEE

October, I'm really getting antsy.

OCTOBER

We're almost there, Rosealee. Rosealee, do you trust me?

ROSEALEE

Yes. You know that I do, October.

OCTOBER

Don't worry, Rosealee. It's only until we get there.

October stops walking with Rosealee.

OCTOBER

Ready to remove your blindfold, Rosealee?

ROSEALEE

Yes, October I am.

October removes the blindfold from Rosealee's eyes. Rosealee gasps as she sees the room was decorated.

ROSEALEE

What's this for, October?

OCTOBER

I told you it's a surprise. I have been working on this for a while now. You got my kids into the best colleges in Long Island and took me in when I did not have anywhere else to go. This is to say thanks for a fresh start.

ROSEALEE

What fresh start, October?

October gets on one knee.

OCTOBER

Rosealee, I know we've known each other for a brief period of time and you are having our child there's one question I have to ask.

October pulls out the ring box and opens it. Rosealee gasps.

OCTOBER

Rosealee Garcia, will you marry me?

October was still on one knee as Rosealee has her mouth opened speechless.

OCTOBER

Rosealee, I said, "will you marry me?"

October's phone rings. October answers his phone.

OCTOBER

October James.

CHRISTI

Hi October. Remember me? We spoke on Skype.

OCTOBER

Hi Christi, I can't talk right now. I'm busy.

CHRISTI

October, I was given a part in your movie based off your book *Chase Of Paradise*. I am in Long Island right now. Can I get something off my chest?

OCTOBER

Sure, Christi.

CHRISTI

I really like you, October. I really want you to date me.

OCTOBER

Christi, have you been drinking?

CHRISTI

Maybe...

OCTOBER

I need you to go to your hotel and rest. You have a key role to play. I can't have anything happen to you.

CHRISTI

October, I'm looking at you right now.

October turns around and sees Christi. October drops his cell phone.

OCTOBER

How did you find me, Christi?

CHRISTI

We have the same driver. I told him to drive me to where you were, and you'll do the rest.

OCTOBER

I will have a talk with him later.

ROSEALEE

October, Who is this?

OCTOBER

Rosealee, this is Christi Kyrsten. Christi, this is Rosealee Garcia.

CHRISTI

More likely the whole different mentally retarded.

OCTOBER

Christi!

ROSEALEE

I may be different from you and October, but I'm not mentally retarded.

OCTOBER

Ladies, this isn't worth it.

CHRISTI

Looks like the bitch wants to fight.

ROSEALEE

You bet right, I do. Cat vs. Cat.

Christi slaps Rosealee in the face.

CHRISTI

You couldn't date October or as well as marry him if you had all the money in the world.

ROSEALEE

That's false! He loves me for being myself.

Christi grabs Rosalee's arm and karate chops it. Rosealee falls to the floor.

CHRISTI

Next time show some respect.

Christi walks over to October.

CHRISTI

Now you're all mine.

OCTOBER

I only wanted you for my job, but you have crossed the line for hurting her. I already have enough pain from my past that I have to deal with.

October rushes to Rosealee.

OCTOBER

Get away from me and my wife. You will never do that to me. I do not need you for the interview anymore. Get away from us!

Christi walks out of the studio.

INT. HOSPITAL - LATER

October paces in the waiting room waiting to hear the news about Rosealee's arm.

NURSE

Mr. James?

October walks over to the nurse.

OCTOBER

How is she?

NURSE

She will be okay. Just some bones fractured. She's still awake if you want to see her.

INT. HOSPITAL ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

October arrives at Rosealee's room.

ROSEALEE

Hey.

OCTOBER

Hey.

ROSEALEE

Was it true when you said that I'm your wife?

October chuckles.

OCTOBER

Yes, it was. I meant it too.

ROSEALEE

Well, I accept that. I broke my arm as you know.

October sits down next to Rosealee's bed.

OCTOBER

I know. I love you, Rosealee.

ROSEALEE

I love you too, October.

October kisses Rosealee's forehead.

ROSEALEE

Lay with me, October.

October lies in the bed next to Rosealee.

OCTOBER

This is our new life together,
Rosealee. You, me, and our little
child.

ROSEALEE

Yes, it is.

FADE TO:

EXT. ROSEALEE'S HOUSE - NIGHT

Rosealee's water broke. Rosealee grabs her pregnant stomach.
October rushes over to Rosealee.

ROSEALEE

October. It's time.

October picks up Rosealee and puts her in the back seat of
his car. October got into the car and drove off.

INT. OCTOBER'S CAR - MOMENTS LATER

October was driving on the road.

OCTOBER

Rosealee, are you okay?

ROSEALEE

Okay? I'm having a baby, and it hurts.

OCTOBER

I thought that you should know I'll be
there for you.

October puts out his hand. Rosealee grabs October's hand and
squeezes it.

OCTOBER

(yelping)
Iron grip on my hand!

ROSEALEE

Sorry.

Rosealee releases the tension of the grip.

OCTOBER

Better.

EXT. HOSPITAL - LATER

October parks his car in front of the hospital. October gets out of the car and carries Rosealee to a wheelchair. The nurse wheels Rosealee inside while October follows them.

ROSEALEE

October, don't leave me.

OCTOBER

I'll always be by your side.

INT. HOSPITAL HALLWAYS - MOMENTS LATER

The nurse was pushing Rosealee through the hospital as she was screaming.

CUT TO:

INT. HOSPITAL DELIVERY ROOM - CONTINUED

October was in the hospital delivery room with Rosealee as she was in labor.

DOCTOR

Hi, Mrs. James, we have to do a cesarean section on you. Your baby is at risk of death in your stomach.

OCTOBER

Breath Rosealee. I'll be here for you.

The doctor picks up a scalpel and cut open Rosealee's stomach. The doctor puts his hands in Rosealee's stomach. The doctor pulls his hands out.

NURSE

Congratulations, it's a boy.

The doctor cleans and wraps up the baby.

ROSEALEE

October, we have a boy and we have a celebration.

Tears fall down October's face.

ROSEALEE

October, why are you crying?

October sniffles.

OCTOBER

I'm crying because I finally understand my life. It was to be successful with writing and being an actor. I'm finally in Paradise. More like I'm forever in Paradise.

ROSEALEE

Oh, October.

October hugs Rosealee.

ROSEALEE

What will we name our son?

OCTOBER

Finn Anthony James?

ROSEALEE

A new member to our family.

INT. PARK - AFTERNOON SIX MONTHS LATER MID-CREDIT

October, Rosealee, October Jr., Rose, Becky, and FINN, 6 months, were having a barbecue. October's phone rings. October answers the phone.

OCTOBER

Hello?

CHRISTI

Thought that you could get rid of us? You're wrong. I know everything now.

OCTOBER

Christi I think that you-

CHRISTI

I know about you, Becky, Rosealee, Rose-Ann, and your kids. All four of them from a special friend of mine.

OCTOBER

How did you get this number?

CARLY

Hello, October.

OCTOBER

Carly.

FADE TO BLACK