

(Printed with the demonstration version of Fade In)

ACT ONE

SCENE ONE

Natural lighting fills the cabin with warm and cool tones. Traditional furniture and decor fills the living area.

Next to the couch is a side table with an ALEXA device.

MELINDA and HAYDEN enter the cabin with their luggages.

MELINDA
(slightly annoyed)

Damn it's freaking freezing out there.

HAYDEN
Yeah, I'm just glad we got here before the storm got heavier.

MELINDA
True.

MELINDA puts down her luggage near the coffee table and looks around the cabin.

HAYDEN
Something the matter?

MELINDA
No. It's nice. Cozy. A bit like a scene before a masked man or creature slices your throat open-

HAYDEN
(holds throat)
Ugh stop that.

MELINDA
(slightly laughing)
Babe, I'm just messing around. No this place is nice, thank you for booking this place.

HAYDEN

It'll be nice to get away from work and city life for awhile.

MELINDA

No distractions- especially from your mom.

HAYDEN

Hey my mom is just- she's mom.

MELINDA

Last week she sent me a picture of a wedding venue. A wedding venue Hayden. We aren't engaged or even thinking about it right now. I just feel like I don't get any say in our relationship when your mom's around.

HAYDEN takes MELINDA'S hand and both sit on the couch.

HAYDEN

I know. I'll talk to her. After we get back. Let's just enjoy our weekend. The owner said they stocked the fridge. I'm going to see if there is any wine.

HAYDEN exits stage left to the kitchen.

MELINDA

(yelling to HAYDEN)

Bring the whole bottle!

MELINDA

(sighs)

I know I definitely need it.

MELINDA takes off her coat. She rubs her left ring finger. She looks around the cabin again. She looks to the right of her. An ALEXA device sits on the side table unplugged.

MELINDA

Hmm. An Alexa?

MELINDA goes over and plugs the ALEXA in.

MELINDA

Alexa, how can I get my partner's mother off my back?

Alexa answers "I'm not quite sure how to help you with that."