Asking For It

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MIKE

JOEY Cheeseburger deluxe? Bloody rare? BBQ on the side? Regina smiles and points at Joey enthusiastically. REGINA Ayyye! You know your girl's order. JOEY I wouldn't be good at my job if I didn't. REGINA Well I'm gonna throw in a wild card and order a slice of cherry pie. JOEY If I can be honest, the cherry pie is trash. They just buy it from Foster's and microwave it. But the Key Lime is legit homemade. REGINA Thanks for the pro tip. Key Lime sounds great. MIKE (O.S.) Joey? Joey turns to see MIKE, 22, handsome with a charming smile and a trustworthy face.

JOEY

Mike? Hey!

MIKE It's great to see you, you look great!

JOEY Thanks. What are you doing here?

MIKE

I got into Law School and wanted to have some time before my social life is completely gone, so I graduated a semester early. I'm throwing a party tonight, you gotta come and hang.

JOEY Depends on what time but yeah... 6.

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MIKE Well I'll stop gettin' in your way, but I hope I see you there.

They share a smile. Mike walks back to his table, Joey acknowledges Regina who gives her an encouraging smile.

7 INT. MIKE'S HOUSE - NIGHT

The front door opens to reveal an intoxicated and excited guy. A group of girls enter, with Joey behind them, AJ gives each of the women a high five, when Joey walks passed, he shifts and gives her a pound instead. People drink and dance a bit. MIKE sees Joey and brings A BEER over to her.

> MIKE You want a drink?

She smiles and accepts.

MIKE (CONT'D) This song reminds me of formal, when we had that dance battle.

Joey laughs loudly.

JOEY

Battle? I would call it an ass whoopin' not a battle. I remember you doing the worst robot I've ever seen.

Joey does an impression of it, they both laugh, eyes locked. Wide shot of the dance floor, everyone at high energy.

> MIKE How 'bout that drink.

INT. MIKE'S HOUSE - LATER

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The party has thinned out. Joey is laughing at Mike's story.

MIKE ...What about you though? I mean you're not planning on serving coffee forever are you?

Joey smiles, but this clearly hits her a little.

MIKE (CONT'D) Sorry I didn't mean to... JOEY No it's okay, and you're not wrong. I sometimes feel like I'm gonna be stuck here forever.

Joey shakes her head, she's clearly feeling the booze.

MIKE

I don't think so.

JOEY

I never told anybody this. But I want to be a nurse. You can get a license without going to college. There's these online classes...

Mike smiles. Joey stumbles a little.

MIKE

Sounds like something you'd be great at.

Joey kisses Mike, they make out for a minute, Joey pulls back * and looks around.

JOEY Shit it's late, I gotta go home.

MIKE You can crash here if you want.

Joey shoots him a look, 'It's not like that'. He laughs.

JOEY

I'm having fun and I like you, but I'm too drunk tonight.

MIKE I hear you. Let me walk you home.

End

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INT. JOEY'S BEDROOM - LATE NIGHT

The room is dark. Joey stumbles into frame, Mike holds her up. With her last ounce of energy, Joey kisses Mike, then flops down onto the bed. Mike sits at the foot of the bed.

MIKE

You okay?

No answer. He sits on the bed.

MIKE (CONT'D) Hey. (louder) Hey. 9