

R/o - 'Kat'
Scene I

INT. OAK GROVE HIGH SCHOOL -- HALLWAY

Kat exits class to find Beaver hanging against the wall, waiting for her.

BEAVER
I've never done that.

KAT
Taken a pop quiz?

He leans in close to her, just the two of them, quietly:

BEAVER
Copied someone.

KAT
You mean cheated?

He shrugs.

KAT (CONT'D)
You're a fuck-hole of a liar.

He looks away, busted.

KAT (CONT'D)
It's okay. I've never let a dude
cheat off me.
(then)
You owe me.

She starts walking. He catches up.

BEAVER
Deal. Grab you at eight?

KAT
Whoa. It ain't that easy.

BEAVER
I move fast.

KAT
Well slow it down, killer. I don't
even know you.

BEAVER
That's why we should go out. Get to
know each other.

KAT
Really?

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BEAVER

Yeah. What's your number?

KAT

In your ass. I don't date high school guys.

She shoots him a seductive look, then peels off. He slows, glancing around cautiously. He sees other guys watching, closely monitoring with his flirtation with Kat. He shrugs them off and catches up to her.

BEAVER

Whatever. I just thought we could go somewhere cool and hang-out.

KAT

"Go somewhere cool and hang-out"? Jesus. Save that bullshit pick-up line for the freshmen.

He stumbles, looking for an answer.

BEAVER

Well, what I mean is...

KAT

Never gonna happen. Can you get that through your head? Or are you some kinda retard?

BEAVER

(offended)

I can take a hint, but don't use that word.

He's suddenly deadly serious and hurt.

Kat is caught off guard. She has clearly gotten to this kid. She softens.

KAT

I didn't mean it like that. I --

Beaver begins walking away.

KAT (CONT'D)

Hold up, mister sensitive. I apologize. You were saying?

BEAVER

This place called "Grover's Farm". A few of us chill there...

(MORE)

BEAVER (CONT'D)
Just drink and shit. It's got a
kick ass view.

KAT
You wanna sit outside in the woods
somewhere doing what -- drinking
beers in paper bags? How romantic.

BEAVER
I just thought...

She gives him a smouldering look, causing him to choke up.

KAT
I'll be there at eight.

He's elated.

BEAVER
Cool. You wanna' know where it is?

And she's off, disappearing into the crowd, guys checking her
out the whole way...

END

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Scene II

EXT. PARKING LOT -- DAY

Kat pulls up next to another car, much nicer than hers.

Standing beside it is her ex-husband, JIMMY, and their 5 year old son, NATHAN. Nathan grips a stuffed animal.

JIMMY

You forgot?

KAT

I'm sorry. I overslept.

JIMMY

It's been three weeks.

She exits and hugs Nathan.

KAT

(to Nathan)

Hi honey...

Nathan looks warily at her.

KAT (CONT'D)

Mommy missed you.

Nathan pulls away.

KAT (CONT'D)

Okay. Go wait in the car.

Nathan does as he's told. Jimmy takes Kat aside:

JIMMY

How are you?

KAT

Fine.

JIMMY

I wish you were better than 'fine'.

Jimmy tries to look her in the eye, but Kat turns away.

KAT

I'm in the middle of a job right now. You know how it is...

JIMMY

I do. Yeah.

KAT

How's life? How's Sharon?

JIMMY
Good. Things are good.

Awkward beat, then...

JIMMY (CONT'D)
(re: Nathan)
He misses you.

KAT
I know. I'm sorry.

The one constant in their relationship, Jimmy tries to get close to Kat, but she continuously slides away.

JIMMY
He needs his mother.

KAT
I'm almost done with this one. Then I'll be able to take him more.

JIMMY
You're in deep again?

KAT
This one is different.

JIMMY
How's that?

KAT
I can't really discuss it. It's just taking longer.

Now Jimmy turns away.

JIMMY
I don't know how you do it.

KAT
What do you mean?

JIMMY
I guess I mean, why you do it.

His words hit her hard. She doesn't answer, just looks at Nathan, who sits in the car, waiting.

JIMMY (CONT'D)
You're driven. That's usually a good thing.

KAT

But...?

JIMMY

But... What you do is dangerous.

KAT

Don't lecture me.

JIMMY

I'm not. I'm just saying...

KAT

You're telling me I need to put my job aside and be more of a mom. I get it. I do. And I will... As soon as I finish this one.

Kat breathes, regretting her outburst.

JIMMY

Okay. Do what you have to do. Sharon's fine with me taking him full-time. She loves him and he's starting to warm to her.

Jimmy sees how much this stings and tries to backtrack.

JIMMY (CONT'D)

If you're okay with it, of course.

(no response)

Alright. Have him back tomorrow?

Kat nods. Jimmy leans in to Nathan and squeezes his stuffed animal.

JIMMY (CONT'D)

(to Nathan)

Have fun, kiddo.

Jimmy gets into his car. He gives her another look, then drives away.

END