11 Karate Stuff"

INT. BROOKLYN NEW YORK, BROWNSTONE APARTMENT, BEDROOM-NIGHT

Lynnette enters and tip toes over to her boyfriend laid out on a mattress in the middle of the floor. She kisses him. He awakens. They exchange kisses through whispers.

RODERICK

I had to catch the subway. You know I hate that.

LYNNETTE

The show ran late. It'll never happen again.

RODERICK

You're lying. (Pause) You stink. You been at that Do Jo again...

LYNNETTE

It's a Dojang...and yes...I thought I'd wait to take a shower so you could join me.

They get up from the mattress and make their way to the bathroom through the bedroom.

LYNNETTE (CONT'D)

From now on...no more subway...I'm your lady cab-driver.

RODERICK

I like that. (Pause) Wait. To what do I owe this honor?

LYNNETTE

I uh...I quit my job at the Opera House.

RODERICK

What you go and do something like that for?

LYNNETTE

I thought you would be happy. You're always talking about how much you don't want me to work...

RODERICK

Yeah...but I meant in the long run. HOw are we suppose to make it on one salary?

(MORE)

RODERICK (CONT'D)

out here to be with you.

LYNNETTE

Really? Well what did you go and do that for? So you can mess around get me pregnant, while I clean up after you in this dump.

RODERICK

You know this is temporary. We just need to stick to the plan and play our parts...the soon to be Mr. and Mrs. Johnson.

LYNNETTE

I'm going to try out for the Olympics.

RODERICK

What? Hold up! Doing what? That karate stuff?

LYNNETTE

It's Tae Kwon Do. And yes, they're having a team this year.

RODERICK

So this is what this is all about? (Pause) I mean I know you won your little medals back then but...don't you think 30 is a little too old for this?

LYNNETTE

You wanna try me?

RODERICK

No. I don't hit girls. How much they gon' pay you?

LYNNETTE

Nothing. It's a demonstration.

RODERICK

So you'd rather bust yo ass for free than...

LYNNETTE

If Imma bust my ass for something, I'd rather do it for something worth worth my time.