

"The Class Clown and The Beauty Queen"

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FADE IN:

EXT. TENNIS COURT- NIGHT

JAKE (mid-20s) and LILY (mid-20s) are pretending to have a really quiet game of tennis.

Lily pretending to bounce a ball before serving.

LILY

So...why'd you bring me here?

JAKE

What don't like a little game of night tennis?

LILY

No, it's just an odd place for a date. Especially here.

JAKE

I mean, it's not that odd.

Lily pretends to serve and they have a few back and forths before Jake "misses" the ball.

Lily congratulates herself.

LILY

You don't think having a date on my family's court would be weird. What if someone sees us?

Jake prepares to serve.

JAKE

Like the butler?

Jake throws her a smirking grin.

LILY

I think the butler already knows.

She returns his smirk.

Jake is about to serve.

LILY (CONT'D)

At least the junior butler. But seriously why here?

Jake pauses.

JAKE

I'm not sure about you, but I'm kind of tired of being a secret. I mean how long can we keep this up.

LILY

That's why? That's why you brought me here? Oh, come on dude!

Lily pretends to serve, but Jake doesn't respond.

LILY (CONT'D)

You know why we have to keep this a secret. You'll get fired if my parents find out. Then who will get my morning coffee.

Lily gives him a grin. But Jake is still unresponsive.

LILY (CONT'D)

Okay, so what's your plan?

JAKE

Um...I don't know. Maybe, I don't know. I just if we were caught here it would...I don't know.

LILY

That's why you brought us here? You were hoping we'd get caught?

Lily starts to storm off toward the house uphill.

JAKE

Wait, I just...I was just tired of being a secret and I thought if we accidentally got caught it would just force everything out into the open.

Lily keeps walking away she starts to climb the fence separating the court from the lawn, when her sneakers get caught on a link.

JAKE

Can we just talk about this for just a second?

Lily struggles to break free.

LILY

You can get one second.

JAKE

I'll take one...two seconds.

Jake gives her a grin. She looks back at him still mad.

Jake walks up to her.

JAKE

Do you need some help?

Jake gives her a huge, caring smile.

Just as she starts to smile back the tennis court lights turn on.

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THE END