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PLOT: GEMMA can alternate her appearance from male to female; looking both glamorous. As Julian; she is handsome. But a real man named NICK wants to date her.. will he find the truth on her altering ability???

CHARACTERS:

- GEMMA/JULIAN: blonde hair; blue eyes; charming; beautiful; alternative appearance ability; slim weight female; muscular weight male; 24 years
- NICK: brown hair; blue eyes; retail assistant; crush on GEMMA
- JAX: boss at NIXTON GENERAL STORE: firm; bald head; blue eyes
- BRANDY: blonde hair; blue eyes; 57 years; mother of GEMMA
- ROALD: blonde hair; blue eyes; father of GEMMA/JULIAN; ex-husband of BRANDY

LOCATIONS:

- NIXTON: fictional town; cars, tractors everywhere, NIXTON GENERAL STORE, NIXTON HOSPITAL

FLASHBACK

INT. HOSPITAL ROOM - NIXTON HOSPITAL

(FADE IN the HOSPITAL ROOM of NIXTON HOSPITAL. 5 JUNE; the baby GEMMA is born; the parents BRANDY & ROALD celebrate..)

BRANDY

(smiles to ROALD) Oh our girl... our girl is born..

ROALD

(smiles to BRANDY) Oh yes... she is beautiful.... What shall we name our most beautiful baby girl?

(BRANDY smiles as she looks at ROALD)

BRANDY

(smiles to ROALD) Miss beautiful GEMMA...

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(ROALD & BRANDY embrace each other as they celebrate the birth of their daughter GEMMA... FADE OUT - END OF SCENE)

TO PRESENT

INT. BEDROOM - GEMMA'S APARTMENT

(FADE IN; GEMMA opens her eyes. It is 9am; she is in her female form; wearing a purple nightie. She smiles as she hops out of bed; making her way to the bathroom. FADE OUT; END OF SCENE...)

INT. BATHROOM - GEMMA'S APARTMENT...

(FADE IN; GEMMA walks to the bathroom mirror; and looks at herself. She looks at her self; her body; and alternates herself to her male self JULIAN; taking to himself. Her male self is shirtless wearing red trunk underwear.)

JULIAN

(to himself) Hello MIRROR. I'm JULIAN.. I am muscular; sure I look strong enough to pursue all the girls for sure... but I am really GEMMA..

(GEMMA alternates back to her female self; looking sad at the mirror..)

GEMMA

(Saddened to herself) I hate makeup... I hate wearing makeup.. but I think that's what all the boys like on a girl... I HATE MAKEUP... I ain't going to wear something that I hate... no... no way...

(A pause...)

GEMMA

(saddened to herself) If people.... if a man doesn't accept me for who I am... well stuff them... I'll just live on my own... I don't need anyone..

(GEMMA puts head down in sadness; feeling hopeless for not finding love.)

MINUTES LATER - GEMMA looks back at herself in the mirror; and smiles; thinking of hope in the future...)

GEMMA

(to herself) No I will find someone... I will find someone... I will... some guy will appreciate me... I will not be UNLUCKY in love no more... I will show all my girlfriends I can love a guy... I will prove them that I can have a guy like them... they will not ostracise me anymore... I will be happy and free... free from social exclusion... or bad self-esteem..

(A pause... GEMMA smiles at herself in the mirror...)

GEMMA

(smiles to herself) I will find a man... I swear GEMMA you will...

(A pause...)

GEMMA

(smiles to herself) Now I must find a job to support myself and this apartment in which I live in..

(GEMMA continues smiling at the mirror; and recalls the local NIXTON GENERAL STORE hiring staff on the advertising bullet-board.)

GEMMA

(smiles to herself) Oh wait a minute... that store down the road... NIXTON GENERAL STORE... they're hiring... I must find some work for me there... they've got to be hiring..

(GEMMA looks at herself in the mirror; unsatisfied with her beauty; recalling conversations with her friend JULIE..)

GEMMA

(annoyed to herself) But if this GENERAL STORE demands that I wear MAKEUP... I ain't going for the job... I don't care what JULIE says... what does she know... she's rich; has everything; is beautiful without makeup; and ever has to work in her life... if I can't be myself; if people can't accept me being myself; then bugger them..

(GEMMA stops looking at herself in the mirror; looking at her watch...)

GEMMA

(annoyed to herself) Okay GEMMA... okay... no more looking in the mirror... i have got to hand my resume in down NIXTON GENERAL STORE... let's go and get ready..

(GEMMA proceeds to get changed; and makes her way out of the apartment door; on her way to NIXTON GENERAL STORE. THE SCENE FADES OUT - FADE OUT END OF SCENE)

INT. INSIDE - NIXTON GENERAL STORE

(FADE IN; GEMMA is wearing a pink tank; and green jeans; paired with white sneakers... she walks inside the NIXTON GENERAL STORE: noticing the CHECKOUT CLERK by the name of NICK at the front... GEMMA makes her way to NICK and smiles..)

GEMMA

(Smiles to NICK) Ah hello there... I'm looking for a job here.. I uh...

(NICK stares in love at GEMMA: GEMMA feels uncomfortable and speaks up..)

GEMMA

(annoyed to NICK) What... what are you looking at...?

(NICK instantly falls in love with GEMMA's natural beauty; continuing to smile at GEMMA..)

NICK

(SMILES TO GEMMA) OH NOTHING... (CALLS ON PHONE) YES JAX... SOME GIRL IS OUT THE FRONT LOOKING FOR A JOB... CAN YOU COME OUT AND TAKE HER RESUME...?

(GEMMA looks at her resume; and back to NICK. She smiles. JAX answers "YES" on the phone to NICK: alerting NICK that he will be at the front within seconds to talk to GEMMA. The phone call ends; NICK smiles at GEMMA once again..)

NICK

(smiles to GEMMA) Ah.. the boss will be out any minute... I uh...

(NICK's staring continues; GEMMA grows annoyed...)

GEMMA

(annoyed to NICK) Ah... dude... your staring is annoying me... and it is kinda freaking me out.

(NICK becomes embarrassed...)

NICK

(embarrassed; to GEMMA) ah... sorry... Sorry.. I just appreciate a girl not wearing a makeup... I see a lot of girls today... full of it... I don't understand the concept..

(GEMMA relates to NICK's comment..)

GEMMA

(to NICK) Ah yeah... society tells us we should wear makeup; in jobs; in schools - to fit in... I don't agree with the crap whatsoever.. and I hate wearing makeup to... damn I hate it... I will never conceal my beauty... (embarrassed) Well I think I have beauty as a girl... sometimes I..

(NICK speaks up..)

NICK

(smiles to GEMMA) I think women without makeup look so much cuter... just saying..

(GEMMA smiles at NICK's comment..)

GEMMA

(smiles to NICK) Ah thanks... I like hearing a guy say that... uh..

(THE BOSS by the name of JAX enters the scene; noticing the young woman GEMMA; and approaches her. NICK keeps staring at GEMMA with love..)

JAX

(smiles to GEMMA) So you uh.. you're looking for a job I hear.. good to know.. we're hiring... weekend work is available... it would be a good helping hand for NICK here.. (chuckles) he does sure tell me he's lonely at checkout; so i'm sure he'd love your company...

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(GEMMA & NICK look awkward at each other; on the statement made by JAX. JAX notices the awkward situation; and apologises for his figure of speech..)

JAX

(Apologises to GEMMA & NICK) Oh... oh sorry... sorry... wrong statement sorry....

(THE AWKWARD situation continues. JAX is totally embarrassed; but returns to a professional speaking manner...)

JAX

(to GEMMA) So you interested in your job?

GEMMA

(Smiles to JAX) Yes... here's uh... here's my resume..

(GEMMA hands her resume to JAX. JAX reads the RESUME; and notices CERTIFICATES in RETAIL WORK; with an impressive RETAIL resume. JAX smiles at GEMMA)

JAX

(smiles to GEMMA) Quite an extensive resume you've got there... it's quite good I must say..

(GEMMA smiles at NICK; then back at JAX)

GEMMA

(Smiles to JAX) Thanks..

(JAX stops looking at the resume; and hands it back to GEMMA)

JAX

(smiles to GEMMA) Okay good... I'll see you this SATURDAY 9am... have a good day..

(GEMMA & NICK exchange smiles; then heads out NIXTON GENERAL STORE... FADE OUT END OF SCENE)

INT. OUTSIDE - NIXTON GENERAL STORE

(FADE OUTSIDE NIXTON GENERAL STORE... GEMMA notices her mobile phone is ringing; she answers the phone; noticing it is her rich, friend JULIA)

GEMMA

(on phone) Hello Julia... what's up?

JULIA

(on phone) Hey GEMMA... we haven't talked to each other since... since...

(JULIA tries to recall the conversation she had with GEMMA: but struggles. She continues speaking to GEMMA via the phone..)

JULIA

(on phone) Damn... Damn I can't remember... I just wanted to ring you up; and see how you are... so how are you?

GEMMA

(on phone) Fine JULIA... I am just fine? I got a job...

(JULIA is intrigued to find out what job GEMMA had got; and where in the city of NIXTON)

JULIA

(intrigued on phone) Oh really... where? Where's the job at? And what job are you doing?

GEMMA

(on phone) it's just a retail assistant job at NIXTON GENERAL STORE... selling basic convenience items... that's all..

JULIA

(On phone) Oh amazing... amazing GEMMA... but uh.. you know you need to wear makeup.. you're representing the company..

(GEMMA become annoyed with JULIA on the phone; with her constant bickering on wearing make-up constantly...)

GEMMA

(annoyed on phone) Yes JULIA..

(JULIA notices GEMMA's annoyance on the phone and worries; speaking her concerns..)

JULIA
 (WORRIED TO GEMMA) WHAT GEMMA? WHY DO YOU
 SOUND SO ANNOYED?

GEMMA
 (annoyed on phone) It's just nothing..

(A pause..)

JULIA
 (on phone) Please come see me again...
 GEMMA... please.. please we have so much to
 catch up on..

(GEMMA does not want to go; but
 agrees reluctantly to make JULIA
 happy...)

GEMMA
 (annoyed on phone) Okay... okay.... but just
 for a bit... I need to prep myself for work;
 and I want to tell my mother on the phone..

(JULIA smiles...)

JULIA
 (annoyed on phone) Just get YOUR BUTT
 here... we have MUCH... and I MEAN MUCH to
 discuss... so come on..

(THE PHONE CALL ENDS... the scene
 ends with GEMMA making her way to
 JULIA'S HOUSE)

(FADE OUT: END OF SCENE)

MINUTES PÄSS
 INT. LIVING ROOM - JULIA'S MANSION

(FADE IN - JULIA'S HOUSE. JULIA
 is laying down on her red couch;
 dressing in a purple nightie;
 watching the television. She sits
 up and notices GEMMA)

JULIA
 (smiles to GEMMA) Oh
 GEMMA... HEY... HEY... HOW ARE YOU GIRL?

GEMMA
 (smiles to JULIA) Oh good... just good..

(JULIA smiles; and invites GEMMA
 to sit down beside her..)

JULIA
 (smiles to GEMMA) HEy... sit down beside
 me... come on..

(GEMMA sits down beside JULIA on
 the red sofa. JULIA begins
 talking...)

JULIA
 (SMILES TO GEMMA) So you've got yourself a
 job girl.. I am so happy for you... yes
 GEMMA..

GEMMA
 (smiles to JULIA) Yes... to pay for that
 crumby apartment.. it'll have to do..

JULIA
 (questions GEMMA) Doesn't your MUM want you
 to stay with her?

GEMMA
 (to JULIA) Mum wants me to have
 independence... she practically forced me
 out... but I love her to death....

JULIA
 (to GEMMA) Oh... well that's kinda good... I
 couldn't leave my parents... I love my
 mansion.... I love my parents so much...

GEMMA
 (Smiles to JULIA) Yeah...

(A pause...)

JULIA
 (smiles to GEMMA) So how is your mother?

GEMMA
 (smiles to JULIA) Yeah... she's good...

JULIA
 (questions GEMMA) Still working in community
 service?

GEMMA
 (to JULIA) Yeah she loves it..

JULIA
 (smiles to GEMMA) Yeah I see... and I can
 tell...

(A pause... time has passed
 swiftly. GEMMA looks at her clock;
 and decides to leave..)

GEMMA
 (to JULIA) Look it's getting kind of late..
 I want to go home now and tell my MUM I got
 the job..

JULIA

(Smiles to GEMMA) Yeah.. she would be so happy... but you can't compete with me and my wealth..

(THIS COMMENT annoys GEMMA. GEMMA brushes the comment off; and responds to JULIA)

JULIA

(to GEMMA) I know GEMMA... I'm off now..

JULIA

(smiles to GEMMA) Bye.... bye GF..

(THE SCENE ENDS WITH GEMMA making her way home... FADE OUT - END OF SCENE)

INT. LIVING ROOM - GEMMA'S APARTMENT..

(FADE IN: the LIVING ROOM of GEMMA'S APARTMENT. GEMMA enters her apartment by the keys; and puts her backpack on the green sofa.... and lays down)

GEMMA

(annoyed to herself) Damn.. damn I hate being a girl... all this makeup and shit... it all sucks... I hate it..

(GEMMA sits back up; and turns the television on by the control. A comedy show plays; GEMMA sits annoyed by herself at society's expectation of women..)

GEMMA

(annoyed to herself) I mean.. we don't live in the 1950's... I don't have to be in the kitchen and cook.. and I certainly don't have to wear shit makeup i don't want to wear...

(A pause)

GEMMA

(Annoyed to herself) I wonder what it's like to be a man... I just wonder..

(GEMMA alternates her appearance to her JULIAN self. JULIAN is wearing a green shirt; and black jeans. GEMMA thinks to herself in her JULIAN state and voice...)

JULIAN

(thinks to himself) Yeah... I... being a boy... seems so much easier... no makeup requirements... none of this bitchy attitude I have to put up with friends... sometimes I think it's better being JULIAN..

(SUDDENLY JULIAN's phone rings; and picks up his phone; noticing it is his mother.... BRANDY. JULIAN picks up the phone and speaks..)

JULIAN

(On phone) Uh MUM... how.. how are you?

(BRANDY notices his daughter is in his male state; identifying her masculine voice. She speaks her mind..)

BRANDY

(Annoyed on phone) GEMMA... please. I'd like to speak to your female self please..

(GEMMA alternates her appearance to her female state; talking to her mother...)

GEMMA

(on phone) Sorry MUM.... look I..

(BRANDY seems worried on the phone..)

BRANDY

(worried on phone) Darling GEMMA... i hope you don't become JULIAN in public.. People will question it... I don't want the authorities finding out about you darling... God... what they would do to you... a manhunt..

(GEMMA notices her mother overreacting on the phone... GEMMA speaks up...)

GEMMA

(Annoyed on phone) Mum... you're overreacting again..

BRANDY

(firm on phone) DARLING... I just...

GEMMA

(Annoyed on phone) I KNOW MUM... I know... I'm not stupid.... I wouldn't want to draw attention to myself... damn... all the other guys and girls... i'd have all the gangs wanting to beat me up...

BRANDY

(worried on phone) I'm more concerned with what the government would do... but yes that to..

(A pause..)

GEMMA

(On phone) So uh... anyway... how are you MUM?

BRANDY

(on phone) Oh.... just busy helping... well uh community service... charity work... helping out the needy..

GEMMA

(On phone) I see... damn MUM... it must be sad seeing needy people everyday..

BRANDY

(on phone) It is.. but I feel happy helping people GEM... I really do...

(A pause..)

BRANDY

(on phone) What about you DARLING? Any luck on a job?

GEMMA

(on phone) Yeah... NIXTON GENERAL STORE... they're looking for weekend staff... I signed up; they hired... finally... more income..

BRANDY

(smiles to GEMMA) Oh that's good.... that's good sweetie....

GEMMA

(smiles to BRANDY) Yeah...

(A pause... GEMMA speaks her concerned mind...)

GEMMA

(concerned on phone) Mum... can I ask you something/

BRANDY

(worried on phone) Yes darling... you can ask me anything? What's wrong with my girl?

(GEMMA breathes and speaks..)

GEMMA

(saddened on phone) Sometimes I think I have toxic friends you know.... I feel like I do sometimes..

(BRANDY automatically knows GEMMA is talking about her gloating, rich-friend JULIA)

BRANDY
(worried on phone) It's JULIA isn't it?

GEMMA
(saddened on phone) Yeah.... yeah it is.. I hate her gloating MOTHER... like... good for her... she's got money; wealth; the boys... all things a girl can dream of... I don't have to have it shoved in my face all the time... I hate it..

(BRANDY understands her saddened daughter on the phone..)

BRANDY
(to GEMMA) Don't let it get in your head sweetie...

GEMMA
(saddened on phone) it's a bit hard MOTHER you know.. when I constantly hear it... like all the time...

BRANDY
(worried on phone) I know darling... but just remember darling... people like that... they'll struggle if things went tough... or if they had to struggle... and could no longer live luxurious lives and get the things they want... it would be you who would come out stronger.

(GEMMA smiles at her mother's words..)

GEMMA
(on phone) You're right... you're right MOTHER... sometimes... sometimes I just need MUM and daughter talk.. thanks..

BRANDY
(on phone) No worries GEMMA... I love you.... never forget that..

GEMMA
(smiles to BRANDY) I won't... I love you the most pretties woman in the world..

(BRANDY smiles..)

BRANDY
(on phone) You know darling girl GEMMA... you have called me that since you were a little girl... thank you.. I love it... Bye now..

GEMMA
(on phone) BYE MAMA.... love you...

(THE PHONE CALL ENDS. THE SCENE ENDS WITH GEMMA laying on the green sofa; falling asleep... FADE OUT; END OF SCENE)

#TITLED ON SCREEN "THAT WEEKEND"
INT. INSIDE - NIXTON GENERAL STORE

(FADE IN the FOLLOWING SATURDAY - GEMMA's first workday has begun; she is dressed in a casual red top; black jeans and white sneakers; with her tiny brown backpack on her back. GEMMA makes her way to the checkout desk; noticing NICK yet again. They both exchange smiles and greet each other..)

NICK
(smiles to GEMMA) Oh hello there GEMMA.. How are you?

(JAX makes an entrance; noticing GEMMA ready for her first day of work. JAX greets GEMMA..)

JAX
(greet GEMMA) Hello there GEMMA... I see you are ready for work are you?

GEMMA
(smiles to JAX) Yes sir... i am... i'm ready to start my day...

(JAX smiles..)

JAX
(smiles to GEMMA) Good to hear... I just want to make sure you are familiar with the cash register and all that..

GEMMA
(smiles to JAX) Yes... yessir.... I used one in my last job..

JAX
(QUESTIONS GEMMA) WHY DID YOU LEAVE YOUR LAST JOB MAY I ASK?

GEMMA
(to JAX) Well uh... not a lot of work was going... the workload declined... there was no need for me anymore..

(JAX understands..)

JAX

(to GEMMA) Well I uh... well I understand... we've got plenty of weekend work to keep you busy.... so enjoy whilst you can... (to NICK) Nick.. give GEMMA the introductory induction please... and show her the ropes... I'll be in my office..

(JAX makes his way into the office. NICK smiles whilst making his way toward GEMMA. GEMMA smiles in sight)

NICK

(smiles to GEMMA) Oh that backpack can just go under the counter..

(GEMMA puts her tiny brown backpack under the counter. She smiles back at NICK. A customer approaches the checkout; NICK notices...)

NICK

(smiles to GEMMA) Well uh.. a customer is waiting for their order to be processed... follow me..

(GEMMA follows NICK to the checkout desk. GEMMA smiles whilst watching NICK serve the customer; scanning the items of purchase; following the process of transaction. The customer leaves happy; NICK looks at GEMMA and smiles..)

NICK

(smiles to GEMMA) So uh... that's it... I'll let you have a go next..

(THE NEXT CUSTOMER enters the scene... GEMMA serves the customer with confidence; scanning the items; following by processing the transaction. The customer leaves happily; leaving a comment for GEMMA..)

CUSTOMER

(smiles to GEMMA) Well done... I see your confidence well... I'm proud to have been served by you..

(THE CUSTOMER leaves... GEMMA smiles at the compliment... NICK looks at GEMMA; envious. GEMMA questions NICK..)

GEMMA
(questions NICK) What.. what?

NICK
(envious to GEMMA) i've never had a customer say something like that to me before... damn... I've never been complimented like that before... and i've been here for years...

GEMMA
(to NICK) Oh..

NICK
(to GEMMA) And you acted so confidently with that nice smile of yours... maybe that's how you get a compliment...

(BOTH GEMMA & NICK begin to feel the love between themselves; and exchange smiles...)

NICK
(Smiles to GEMMA) Well uh... well it's good to see someone with that much confidence.. i could get more confidence from you...

GEMMA
(Smiles to NICK) Yeah... yeah...

(THEY GIGGLE with LOVE. NICK moves towards GEMMA's face; kissing her on the lips. GEMMA smiles from the kiss; satisfied in finding love for the first time...)

NICK
(chuckles to GEMMA) I uh... I hope you don't mind that I kissed you...

(THEY BOTH CHUCKLE. GEMMA speaks...)

GEMMA
(smiles to NICK) Oh no... it's okay... it's okay... it's actually... it's fine... it's fine..

(GEMMA and NICK kiss again.. JAX walks out and is disgusted..)

JAX

(shouts to GEMMA & NICK) Hey... you BOTH... I'm not paying you both to kiss your hearts out... my GOD... you are representing my COMPANY... represent my COMPANY in a GODDAMN professional MANNER please... damn... GODDAMN..

(JAX walks back to his office; eating a ham/cheese sandwich... GEMMA & NICK giggle..)

NICK

(smiles to GEMMA) Well i uh... I guess we are a thing..

GEMMA

(chuckles to NICK) A thing... a thing...

NICK

(to GEMMA) Well uh... boyfriend and girlfriend... you know...

(GEMMA & NICK both declare themselves as boyfriend and girlfriend; smiling at each other in the process...)

GEMMA

(smiles to NICK) Yes... I... I'm your girlfriend...

NICK

(Smiles to GEMMA) And I uh... i'm your boyfriend..

(GEMMA & NICK squeal quietly in excitement of their love... an angry customer approaches them a minute later... GEMMA approaches the angry customer..)

GEMMA

(To ANGRY CUSTOMER) Hello there... how can I... how can I HELP YOU?

ANGRY CUSTOMER

(angrily to GEMMA) I bought this useless TOASTER the other GODDAMN day... faulty... pathetic... brand new and its faulty..

GEMMA

(apologises to ANGRY CUSTOMER) Oh I'm so sorry for your unhappiness with this product... I'm going to do everything possible to assist you with this complaint... I can organised a replacement..

(NICK interrupts GEMMA)

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NICK

(To GEMMA) Uh GEMMA... we have a 30-day refund policy here... if it's been longer than 30 days since she purchased the item; we do not take refunds or returns..

(THE ANGRY CUSTOMER hears and grows more enraged....)

ANGRY CUSTOMER

(shouts to NICK) Yes it has been more than 30-days... so I can't return it...

(NICK speaks up...)

NICK

(apologises to ANGRY CUSTOMER) No I'm sorry....

ANGRY CUSTOMER

(shouts to NICK) Fuckin PATHETIC... the other retail store up there takes 45-day returns and refunds... what FUCKIN BULLSHIT... no I won't accept that..

NICK

(apologises to ANGRY CUSTOMER) I'm sorry sir... there is nothing that I or GEMMA can not do... company policy...

ANGRY CUSTOMER

(shouts to NICK) Well your company policy is GODDAMN BULLSHIT... it's not good enough..

(GEMMA speaks up; expressing her confidence to the ANGRY CUSTOMER...)

GEMMA

(apologises to ANGRY CUSTOMER) I am... I'm very sorry SIR... there is nothing we can do... if you want to fill in this complaint form; we could take it to HR...

(NICK is impressed...)

ANGRY CUSTOMER

(angrily to GEMMA) I FUCKIN WILL... your policy stinks. RIP OFF NIXTON GENERAL STORE... heap of shit...

(ANGRY CUSTOMER leaves enraged... NICK looks back at GEMMA and is impressed..)

NICK

(smiles to GEMMA) Well... well uh that's impressive..

(GEMMA smiles as she looks at NICK)

GEMMA
(questions NICK) What's impressive?

NICK
(to GEMMA) Your confidence with aggravated customers... damn....

GEMMA
(chuckles to NICK) What... what are you a pussy when it comes to angry customers... are you BOY?

(GEMMA chuckles as she lightly smacks NICK's arm; NICK laughs...)

NICK
(chuckles to GEMMA) Uh... some are aggravated... I've had death threats from some before..

GEMMA
(shocked to NICK) Oh shit... now that is too far... some customers... and their anger gets extreme hey...

NICK
(smiles to GEMMA) Yeah... yeah that's true..

(GEMMA & NICK smile at each other.... HOURS PASS - GEMMA's shift ends. JAX makes his way towards GEMMA & NICK..)

JAX
(to GEMMA & NICK) Righto.... both your shifts are finished... I'll close up... head home lovebirds..

(NICK & GEMMA smile at each other; then back at JAX)

GEMMA
(smiles to JAX) Thanks sir for the job... today was a fantastic first day..

JAX
(firm to GEMMA) Well I just hope you did more work than kissing NICK there... (firm to NICK) That says the same for you NICK..

(NICK stands up for himself and GEMMA)

NICK
(to JAX) No JAX... GEMMA and I did work... she's really good at handling difficult customers... she's good...

JAX

(firm to NICK) Toughen up son... you'll... you're gonna get difficult customers all the time...

(NICK smiles to JAX)

NICK

(confident to JAX) Oh i will toughen up JAX... I will... with GEMMA by my side..

(GEMMA smiles and makes a joke...)

GEMMA

(Chuckles to NICK) Damn what is it with you MEN... I'm a woman... I must be tougher than a man... like I feel like I'm JOAN of ARC... and I'm leading and teaching you how to handle difficult customers.. (lightly smacks NICK's shoulder) Toughen up boy...

(NICK laughs. JAX chuckles..)

JAX

(chuckles to GEMMA) Good on ya GEMMA... (to GEMMA & NICK) now both leave now... I don't want to pay you overtime today..

(THE SCENE ENDS with NICK and GEMMA leaving the scene. FADE OUT; END OF SCENE)

INT. OUTSIDE - NIXTON GENERAL STORE

(FADE IN OUTSIDE - NIXTON GENERAL STORE. GEMMA & NICK smile at each other with love... then kiss)

GEMMA

(smiles to NICK) It was... it was a fantastic day today... thank you....

NICK

(smiles to GEMMA) i finally meet a girl... who refuses to cover her face... a girl of true beauty... i love it..

GEMMA

(Smiles to NICK) Oh stop being so flirty...

NICK

(Smiles to GEMMA) It's true... it's true babe..

(GEMMA & NICK smile at each other. NICK pulls out his phone from his pocket; and shows GEMMA)

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NICK

(smiles to GEMMA) Well uh... since we're boyfriend and girlfriend now... I must keep in touch with you BABE... let's exchange numbers..

(GEMMA smiles as she pulls out her phone from her pocket; exchanging numbers with NICK minutes later. They smile at each other..)

NICK

(smiles to GEMMA) Well i shall keep in touch BABE... see ya later... I'll text ya soon..

(NICK kisses GEMMA goodbye... GEMMA smiles as she watches the medium-build NICK leave the scene. FADE OUT; END OF SCENE)

INT. LIVING ROOM. - GEMMA'S APARTMENT

(FADE IN the LIVING ROOM at GEMMA'S APARTMENT. GEMMA is happy and elated to finally have met her significant other; and sits happily on her green sofa. She picks up her landline phone; ringing her mother to break the news. BRANDY answers the phone.)

BRANDY

(On phone) GEMMA.. GEMMA girl... How is my GEMMA girl today?

(GEMMA talks excited on the phone...)

GEMMA

(on phone) Amazing MOTHER... it was so good... so GOOD...

(BRANDY appears happy to know her daughter is happy...)

BRANDY

(on phone) You sound so happy darling GEMMA... did you have a first day at work?

GEMMA

(excited on phone) Even better... I met a guy... and he appreciates me... FINALLY..

(BRANDY is happy to hear the news on the phone...)

BRANDY

(on phone) Oh that's good GEMMA... i'm so happy to hear...

GEMMA

(On phone) Someone who appreciates my beauty... he even told me he likes girls without makeup... that we will be expressing our true inner beauty if we don't wear makeup... damn MOTHER... i never thought the day would happen... but I have finally met the man of my dreams..

BRANDY

(on phone) I'm so happy to hear DARLING.... I'm so happy... Have you got his number so you can keep in touch with each other?

GEMMA

(on phone) Yes... yes we did exchange numbers... we are officially boyfriend and girlfriend...

BRANDY

(on phone) That's great DARLING... sounds like you want to celebrate... shall I COME OVER?

GEMMA

(on phone) No it's okay MOTHER... you're busy with community service work... i'd leave you to it... I just want to watch a romantic flick... relax and help those who need it..

BRANDY

(On phone) I'm just so happy for you GEMMA darling... I've never heard you speak this happy for a while..

GEMMA

(On phone) Well all that is going to change MAMA... i won't stop talking about this NICK of mine.

BRANDY

(on phone) So that's his name NICK... as in NICHOLAS....

GEMMA

(on phone) Yes...

BRANDY

(on phone) NICHOLAS is a bible name... is he a CHRISTIAN no?

GEMMA

(on phone) I don't think so MAMA... I mean I don't know.. have to ask..

BRANDY

(On phone) Okay... then... well I'll have to meet him one day..... I'll leave you to it... so you can enjoy that romantic flick you'd like to watch....

GEMMA

(on phone) Okay MAMA... Love you.... love you MAMA..

BRANDY

(on phone) Love you to my precious GEM...

(THE PHONE CALL ENDS. GEMMA squeals in excitement; putting the landline phone back on the coffee table. GEMMA stands up; then jumps with joy on the green sofa; excited to be in love. She relaxes minute later; and lays down on the sofa; watching a romantic flick. She alternates her appearance to her male JULIAN self; and speaks...)

JULIAN

(to himself) No... i like being GEMMA now... GEMMA is better..

(GEMMA reverts back to her original female self; and smiles...)

GEMMA

(smiles to JULIAN) Sorry JULIAN... there's no need for you anymore... I have NICKY boy..

(GEMMA smiles as she continues watching the romantic flick; falling asleep minutes later...)

(THE NEXT MORNING - GEMMA wakes up and smiles. Her mobile rings; noticing the number is her friend JULIA... she appears annoyed...)

GEMMA

(Annoyed to herself) Oh what's the gloating bitch want this time? To gloat of another Lamborghini she got; to gloat about her handsome man in her life... i don't want to hear her..

(GEMMA answers the phone anyway...)

GEMMA
(on phone) Hello JULIA..

JULIA
(on phone) Oh GEMMA... why don't we talk anymore? You didn't tell me last night how your first day went... how could you leave your friend in the dark... we've been buddies since school; and you just don't talk to me..

GEMMA
(annoyed on phone) JULIA... i'm busy... okay...

JULIA
(Annoyed on phone) Too busy for me really..

GEMMA
(Annoyed on phone) No JULIA... it's not that at all...

JULIA
(Annoyed on phone) Look if you want to show me how much of a friend you are... come over now... it's MONDAY... no weekend work... come over now..

GEMMA
(on phone) Okay... okay JULIA... I'll be over..

JULIA
(on phone) Good... goodie... we have much to discuss..

(THE PHONE CALL ENDS. GEMMA changes into a pink short dress and black sandals; preparing to leave for JULIA'S MANSION. The scene closes..)

INT. LIVING ROOM - JULIA'S MANSION

(FADE IN the LIVING ROOM of JULIA'S MANSION. GEMMA enters; and notices her shirtless boyfriend KENT kissing over JULIA; with whom is wearing a green bralette and black panties. JULIA notices GEMMA)

JULIA
(smiles to GEMMA) Oh GEMMA... GEMMA... hey... damn you came quick... how did you get here again?

GEMMA

(to JULIA) The cab.... what else..

(JULIA laughs at GEMMA's poor life standards..)

JULIA

(chuckles to GEMMA) Oh yes... what else... that's right... a poor bitch can't afford good clothes; good makeup.... not even good transport... damn it must such being poor...

(GEMMA is offended once again; but brushes the comment off. GEMMA watches KENT hug JULIA with his bodybuilder-like strength; kissing her with love and affection. JULIA smiles at KENT's love... GEMMA sits silent and looks away.. CUT TO JULIA & KENT)

JULIA

(romantic to KENT) Kentie boy... slow down there... I need to talk to GEMMA honey... later baby.

(KENT stops then looks at GEMMA: smiling at her...)

KENT

(smiles to GEMMA) Hiya... i'm KENT... as you know... I love my baby JULIA...

JULIA

(smiles to KENT) Kentie boy... go outside and sunbathe... I shall join you later...

(KENT smiles and makes his way outside to sunbathe... JULIA looks at GEMMA)

JULIA

(smiles to GEMMA) So... tell me how was it yesterday? And sit down...

(GEMMA sits at the brown recliner change; opposite the red sofa lounge where JULIA is seated)

JULIA

(To GEMMA) So how was it?

(GEMMA becomes annoyed with JULIA)

GEMMA

(to JULIA) Good Julia... good... Of course it's not as good as what you do... living a luxurious life; getting everything you want... some of us pay rent and bills you know.

(JULIA is offended; looking at GEMMA annoyed)

JULIA
(annoyed to GEMMA) Do I sense... and did I hear a rude remark from you?

(GEMMA changes the conversation)

GEMMA
(to JULIA) Nevermind... look...

(JULIA demands answers..)

JULIA
(annoyed to GEMMA) NO GEMMA... do not CHANGE the CONVERSATION please? DO NOT... YOU WERE OFFENDING ME...

(GEMMA speaks her mind..)

GEMMA
(annoyed to JULIA) Well JULIA.... i must say... i'm getting really sick of you gloating to me you have this man... all these materialistic things... how do you think it makes me... some poor struggling young person feel... I don't have the looks of you; the wealth like you.... I FEEL LIKE YOU TREAT ME LIKE A PEASANT... and I hate it.

(JULIA understands GEMMA's hurt; and emphasises. JULIA speaks in a saddened voice..)

JULIA
(saddened to GEMMA) Gemma... Gemma I...

(A pause..)

JULIA
(saddened to GEMMA) I don't mean to brag on how better I am than. you... that is not my intention at all.. I.... I envy you sometimes.. sometimes being rich is so dull... sometimes I get jealous of not living an everywoman's life... that's all.

(GEMMA doesn't speak; and continues listening to JULIA)

JULIA
(saddened to GEMMA) I sometimes wish I was you... you don't wear makeup and you're so proud of that... I've been technically told for years to wear makeup or I will be an outcast... I know you HATE makeup yourself; but i only sort of forced you to wear it... because I didn't want you to be ostracized like i fear I would be...

(GEMMA speaks and comforts JULIA)

GEMMA

(To JULIA) Julia... if anyone doesn't appreciate your inner beauty; then they're toxic. They're people you shouldn't surround yourself around...

(JULIA appreciates GEMMA's comment..)

JULIA

(smiles to GEMMA) You know what.. that is kinda true GEMMA.. that is true... I mean i'm like you in a way... i never liked makeup but wore it to fit in..

GEMMA

(smiles to JULIA) You don't have to do that anymore JULIA... you don't... NEVER change yourself for other PEOPLE. ALWAYS BE YOURSELF...

(JULIA appreciates GEMMA's comment; and hugs her. GEMMA smiles; JULIA speaks..)

JULIA

(smiles to GEMMA) For now on; I won't change myself... i will be happy JULIA... that's who I'll be...

GEMMA

(smiles to JULIA) That's what I like to hear JULIA..

(JULIA & GEMMA look at each other with love; JULIA speaks again...)

JULIA

(questions GEMMA) So was it in an awkward first day...

GEMMA

(smiles to JULIA) Actually... remarkably it was great..

JULIA

(questions GEMMA) Great boss... i've heard of shit ones..

GEMMA

(To JULIA) No the boss was alright... he was fine... but I uh.

(GEMMA excitedly reveals the news to her friend JULIA... of the man she has fallen in love with..)

GEMMA

(Excited to JULIA) I met a guy... he was so good... so nice..

(JULIA smiles at the news GEMMA has finally found a man she loves..)

JULIA

(smiles to GEMMA) Oh that's great GEMMA... that's great...

GEMMA

(Smiles to JULIA) He even said to me that he appreciates women without makeup... that's my kind of man..

JULIA

(smiles to GEMMA) Oh really... that's so great to hear JULIA... it's so great.. it's great you have found a man...

GEMMA

(smiles to JULIA) Yeah thanks... thanks.

(A pause)

JULIA

(to JULIA) Well uh GEMMA.... it is kind of getting late. KENT is going to make me a RED LENTIL CURRY tonight.... so I'm gonna have to let you go.... he likes cooking for me in silence... and where it's just me and him...

GEMMA

(to JULIA) I understand... I have to go to..

(GEMMA stands up; prepping to leave JULIA's mansion. GEMMA questions JULIA once again...)

JULIA

(to GEMMA) Wait a second GEMMA... when do you work again?

GEMMA

(to JULIA) Um tomorrow... with NICK...

JULIA

(Smiles to GEMMA) Oh romantic.. romantic girl... have fun..

(GEMMA smiles at JULIA)

GEMMA

(smiles to JULIA) Yes... I can't wait to see him again..

JULIA

(smiles to GEMMA) Yes... just make sure he treats you right... there are some prick women out there... but also prick men.. coming from a girlfriend to another girlfriend... make sure he treats you well..

(GEMMA appreciates the comment; smiling at JULIA)

GEMMA

(Smiles to JULIA) Thanks JULIA... thanks...

(THE SCENE ENDS with GEMMA making her way out JULIA's mansion)

JULIA

(smiles to GEMMA) Bye girlfriend..

GEMMA

(smiles at JULIA) Bye....

(GEMMA official leaves JULIA's HOUSE. FADE OUT; END OF SCENE)

INT. INSIDE - NIXTON GENERAL STORE

(FADE INSIDE - NIXTON GENERAL STORE. GEMMA makes her way to work; noticing NICK. NICK smiles as he notices GEMMA)

NICK

(smiles to GEMMA) Hey GEMMA... hey BABE I mean..

(NICK & GEMMA chuckle in love..)

GEMMA

(smiles to NICK) Hey babe..

NICK

(smiles to GEMMA) Ready for your next day of work here..

GEMMA

(smiles to NICK) Oh you bet... another day with you... let's start..

(MINUTES PASS; a customer fronts GEMMA & NICK. NICK scans the items; and processes the transaction.

The happy customer leaves. ANOTHER CUSTOMER fronts GEMMA & NICK. GEMMA serves the customer; scans items; processes the transaction. The CUSTOMER speaks...)

CUSTOMER 2

(speaks to GEMMA & NICK) It's good to see young people with a smile on their faces today... times are getting tough and hard... and things are getting stressful... but it's always good to see someone smile; rather than be angry... keep smiling...

(CUSTOMER 2 leaves. NICK & GEMMA look at each other; whilst no customers are in store..)

NICK

(smiles to GEMMA) Not a busy day it seems like..

GEMMA

(Smiles to NICK) Yeah... yeah it doesn't seem that busy at all...

NICK

(Smiles to GEMMA) Care to come to my place later after work..

GEMMA

(smiles to NICK) Really... I can..

NICK

(smiles to GEMMA) Yes... i'd love to...

(NICK & GEMMA squeal in love and affection...)

GEMMA

(romantic to NICK) Our first date... is it?

NICK

(loving to GEMMA) Yes.. may you come to my place?

GEMMA

(Loving to NICK) I will... I will BABY...

(GEMMA & NICK kiss each other on the lips. JAX enters the scene; and looks in disgust..)

JAX

(Shouts to GEMMA & NICK) Gemma... NICK... again... the second time i caught this... YOU BETTER be meeting your KPIS..

GEMMA

(Apologises to JAX) Sorry sir... and yes we are... we're working swiftly and efficiently...

JAX

(annoyed to GEMMA) Well I don't see that... every time I walk out here... i see a couple kissing... I TOLD YOU BEFORE... if you can't maintain a PROFESSIONAL MAMNER in representing this company... LEAVE...

NICK

(Apologises to JAX) I'm sorry JAX... if you don't believe we are meeting our KPIS; check out the transaction history on the POS system..

JAX

(firm To NICK) Oh I will... later today.... stop kissing and KEEP WORKING or out... both of your performance reports aren't looking good so far...

(JAX exits the scene. GEMMA smiles at NICK)

GEMMA

(Smiles to NICK) Damn.... damn... the boss is such a GRUMPY BUM..

NICK

(Chuckles to GEMMA) yeah... yeah i think all bosses tend to be...

GEMMA

(smiles to NICK) yeah....

(Another customer approaches. GEMMA serves the customer; scans the items; and processes the transaction. GEMMA smiles at NICK once again)

NICK

(Smiles to GEMMA) Okay MISS CONFIDENCE..

(HOURS PASS: the shift-work hours for NICK & GEMMA are complete. GEMMA smiles at NICK)

GEMMA

(Smiles to NICK) Well both our shifts are over..

NICK

(Smiles to GEMMA) Yes it most surely is... now come on MISS BEAUTY to my place...

GEMMA

(Smiles to NICK) Oh I will...

(THE SCENE ENDS WITH GEMMA & NICK making their way to NICK'S APARTMENT. FADE OUT; END OF SCENE)

INT. LIVING ROOM - NICK'S APARTMENT

(FADE IN THE LIVING ROOM AT NICK'S APARTMENT. GEMMA smiles at the sight of NICK'S APARTMENT... filled with train memorabilia. GEMMA talks..)

GEMMA

(smiles to NICK) Well... nice trains everywhere... you must be a train lover... since you were a boy..

NICK

(smiles to GEMMA) Yes... yes I was... I still love trains... I was going to become a TRAIN DRIVER... but that all stopped..

GEMMA

(QUESTIONS NICK) WHY... WHY DID IT STOP...? WHY DON'T YOU WANT TO BE A TRAIN DRIVER ANYMORE?

(NICK becomes saddened; preparing to tell GEMMA his reasoning why..)

NICK

(saddened to GEMMA) Well i uh... I was involved in a train accident when I was a child. My mum and dad died... I was the mircale survivor.. I was taken to an orphan and it was hell. The goal... the dream of becoming a train driver died..

(GEMMA sympathises with NICK)

GEMMA

(saddened to NICK) Oh... I'm so sorry to hear that...

NICK

(To GEMMA) It's okay... I'm happy just working at a retail shopfront... and I'm even more happy I met you..

GEMMA

(smiles to NICK) Oh that... that is nice... thank you BABE..

(GEMMA & NICK share a kiss on the lips; and kiss again and again. GEMMA then looks at NICK)

GEMMA

(Smiles to NICK) Cutie man..

(NICK & GEMMA chuckle in love...)

GEMMA

(Smiles to NICK) Handsome man...

(GEMMA takes NICK's shirt off; NICK smiles as GEMMA drops the shirt on the floor. GEMMA puts her hand on NICK's stomach; feeling the six-pack abs. GEMMA smiles with love...)

GEMMA

(Smiles to NICK) Oh my boy works out... huh..

NICK

(smiles to GEMMA) Yes... I'm a big exercise junkie... I love sit-ups...

GEMMA

(loving to NICK) Oh I know that... I see the proof... the hardcore proof...

(GEMMA presses the ABS down on NICK's stomach. NICK giggles... GEMMA looks up...)

GEMMA

(SMILES TO NICK) DOES THAT TICKLE BOY?

NICK

(loving to GEMMA) Yes... yes..

(NICK falls into a romantic spree; and kisses GEMMA; carrying her; making his way to the bedroom... FADE OUT; END OF SCENE)

INT. BEDROOM - NICK'S APARTMENT

(FADE IN; the BEDROOM at NICK'S APARTMENT. NICK carries GEMMA into the room; on his SUPER KING BED. NICK lays GEMMA down; they kiss...)

GEMMA

(kissing NICK) Come on NICKY BOY... kiss MORE..

(NICK continues kissing GEMMA passionately with love on the bed.... NICK smiles; looking at GEMMA)

Made in Highland

GEMMA

(smiles to NICK) This is the best DAY OF MY LIFE... ah... ah..

(GEMMA pulls her casual red-shirt off; then proceeds to take her pink bra off; exposing her breasts. NICK smiles; GEMMA continues kissing NICK; holding NICK's head. NICK drops GEMMA's clothes on the floor..)

NICK

(kisses GEMMA) Sexy woman...

(GEMMA flirts with love; making sexual sounds..)

GEMMA

(kisses NICK) Sexy boy... get more sexy..

(NICK smiles with love; and lays beside GEMMA kissing her. GEMMA leans to the side; with love and affection..)

GEMMA

(smiles to NICK) I finally found the PERFECT MAN... never THOUGHT it would happen... so perfect...

(NICK & GEMMA continue kissing in love; kissing and making out for 10 mins straight; rolling along in the bed - making sexual sounds...)

NICK

(flirty; to GEMMA) Ms GEMMA.... i love you MS GEMMA... so damn MUCH... so MUCH...

GEMMA

(loving; to NICK) I love you to pretty b... I love you to...

(NICK & GEMMA continue kissing and rolling in bed; falling to the floor. NICK grunts from the fall to the floor; GEMMA smiles though questions if NICK is alright...)

GEMMA

(Worried to NICK) Nick... NICKY... are you okay?

(NICK grunts but smiles at GEMMA)

NICK
 (Smiles to GEMMA) Yeah fine... just... let's
 keep going..

(GEMMA lays her chest on NICK's
 barechest; kissing NICK with love
 and affection. NICK smiles; GEMMA
 stops; they both smile at each
 other with love. NICK wraps his
 arms around GEMMA's bare back..)

NICK
 (Flirty to GEMMA) Pretty woman...

GEMMA
 (Flirty to NICK) Handsome-looking man..

(GEMMA hugs NICK's barechest; NICK
 smiles and continues talking to
 GEMMA in a flirtuous voice..)

NICK
 (flirty; to GEMMA) Never leave me BABY
 girl... you will NEVER leave me right...

GEMMA
 (Loving; to NICK) I promise BABE.... I will
 NEVER.. ever LEAVE you..

(GEMMA tumbles over; falling flat
 on her bare back on the floor.
 NICK smiles and bends over; facing
 GEMMA's topless body. NICK smiles
 and kisses GEMMA: GEMMA kisses
 NICK; holding NICK's head with
 love and affection...)

NICK
 (Loving to GEMMA) I could do this all day...

GEMMA
 (Loving; to NICK) Come on then... don't
 stop... keep going..

(GEMMA & NICK continue to smile
 and make-out. NICK & GEMMA make
 sexual sounds; as NICK carries the
 topless GEMMA to the bed once
 again; laying her down.... then
 tilting to the side looking at
 her...)

NICK
 (flirty to GEMMA) God... I know I've said
 it... but you are so good-looking... DAMN
 BABE.. the one... I've found the one..

(GEMMA smiles and chuckles with
 love. She puts her hand on NICK's
 barechest... and smiles...)

GEMMA

(Flirty to NICK) You promise me you'll keep that barechest of yours strong for me..

(NICK looks down at his barechest; holds GEMMA's hand; then looks back at her..)

NICK

(Smiles to GEMMA) I promise... I promise you that forever... to the moon and back... I will defeat all the bad thugs and freaks who dare stands in our way... i promise you that...

GEMMA

(loving to NICK) Thank you BABY...

(THE SCENE ENDS with GEMMA & NICK continuing to make out; tilted to their sides; falling asleep minutes later. FADE OUT; END OF SCENE)

(FADE IN THE NEXT MORNING; GEMMA unconsciously has alternated her appearance to her male identity; a shirtless JULIAN in her sleep. JULIAN smiles with love; and thinks of the night he had just had with NICK. NICK is still asleep; JULIAN turns her head; facing NICK; unknowingly talking in his masculine voice...)

JULIAN

(whispers to NICK) I love you baby... I love you so much... the night we had last night... was glorious... so glorious..

(NICK begins to hear the masculine voice; and is in shock. NICK wakes up; with the face of JULIAN staring at him... NICK looks in shock, and anger...)

NICK

(SHOUTS TO JULIAN) WHAT THE FUCKIN FUCK.. WHAT THE... WHAT THE...? WHO THE FUCK ARE YOU?

(GEMMA begins to realise she unknowingly and unconsciously transformed into her male-self during her sleep. She worries at the shocked, angry sight of NICK. NICK believes GEMMA is had to be killed by JULIAN himself. NICK demands answers...)

NICK

(Shouts to JULIAN) WHO THE FUCK ARE YOU... where is GEMMA? What have you done with her...?

(GEMMA STARTS TO FEAR NICK HATING HER. JULIAN SPEAKS...)

JULIAN

(Worried to NICK) Nick... Nick... I can explain..

(NICK in shock and disgust; shouts verbally at JULIAN; wanting more answers; grabbing JULIAN's throat; JULIAN panics; and tries to defuse the angered situation.)

JULIAN

(panicking; to NICK) Nick.... NICK... please do not HURT Me... PLEASE DO NOT HURT ME... PLEASE.. (cries) It's GEMMA.. It's GEMMA... I can change into a boy..

(NICK grows annoyed with JULIAN; pushing his throat harder; bruising it. JULIAN cries at the struggle..)

JULIAN

(begs NICK) Nick... i'm not lying... i'm telling you the truth... I..

NICK

(CHOKES JULIAN) WHERE IS GEMMA YOU FUCK? DON'T GIVE ME SCI-FI MOVIE TALK? WHERE IS MY FUCKIN GEMMA?

JULIAN

(cries; begs NICK) I will prove to you I am GEMMA... I will prove.... please.

(NICK lets JULIAN go with force. NICK looks enraged at JULIAN; and notices JULIAN's shiftlessness... JULIAN coughs...)

NICK

(firm to JULIAN) I hope you got bloody shorts on...

JULIAN

(scared to NICK) i do... I do.... please...

(JULIAN with fear; stands up; beside the SUPER KING BED. NICK notices the body of JULIAN and looks in shock; as it shrinks and alternates to the topless body of GEMMA. GEMMA cries... NICK looks in shock and disgust..)

NICK

(disgusted to GEMMA) What.... What are you? WHAT THE FUCK are you?

(GEMMA grows fearful of NICK)

GEMMA

(Cries to NICK) Nick... please don't hate me... I can explain..

NICK

(Disgusted to GEMMA) You're a GODDAMN FREAK GEMMA... i thought I was falling in love with a girl.. but I'm falling in love with an intersex girl and guy... you're not GEMMA. You're GEMMAN..

(GEMMA is hurt by the insult of being called a "GEM-MAN." She cries at the insult;...)

GEMMA

(cries to NICK) Nick... please... please don't call me that... that is not VERY NICE..

NICK

(shouts to GEMMA) Well you are.. I can't believe this..

(GEMMA explains her history of her ability..)

GEMMA

(Cries to NICK) Nick... I know this is a shock... please... I was born with this ability.. it's terrible.. I hate it... I..

(NICK in disgust refuses to look at GEMMA: but listens as he looks down at his hands..)

GEMMA

(Cries to NICK) I hate it.... you have no IDEA how much I HATE IT NICK..

NICK

(disgusted to himself) I can't believe I wasn't kissing a woman... I was kissing a whole new species... (looks at GEMMA) Are you a FUCKIN alien?

(GEMMA is insulted once again..)

GEMMA

(cries to NICK) Please don't call me an ALIEN NICK.. please... please don't CALL ME THAT... please.. it's upsetting me..

NICK

(shouts to GEMMA) You're upsetting me... I can't believe what you are... we're over.. YOU AND I... we're over... GET CHANGED.. GET YOUR TOP back on... and get THE FUCK away from me.. you IMPOSTER WOMAN...

(GEMMA cries at the insults; NICK mocks her...)

NICK

(shouts to GEMMA) Get THE FUCK away FROM ME FREAK.... GET OUT OF MY HOUSE FREAK... ALIEN..

(GEMMA grows furious at the insults; shouting back at NICK)

GEMMA

(furious to NICK) STOP INSULTING ME... STOP INSULTING ME..

(NICK becomes aggressive; and shouts at GEMMA; hopping off the bed; grabbing GEMMA's clothes...)

NICK

(furious to GEMMA) GET OUT OF NY HOUSE... GET CHANGED and LEAVE...

GEMMA

(furious to NICK) YOU Wouldn't EVEN let me explain... YOU WOULDN'T LET ME FUCKIN EXPLAIN... I HATE You.. I HATE YOU..

(GEMMA furiously; throws NICK's red lava lamp at him. NICK gets hit and looks at GEMMA furiously)

NICK

(Shouts to GEMMA) you FUCKIN...

(MORE)

NICK (CONT'D)

BITCH-ASS... you FUCKIN INTERSEX FUCK... GET
OUT... NOW..

(GEMMA furiously grabs the broom;
NICK takes the broom off of GEMMA
and smacks her bare-back with it;
GEMMA screams as NICK holds
GEMMA's arm hard; pressing it
firmly. GEMMA cries..)

GEMMA

(Screams to NICK) You're HURTING ME...

NICK

(shouts to GEMMA) GET OUT... GET OUT NOW...
or I'm calling the cops.... GET THE FUCK
AWAY FROM ME..

(NICK let's go of GEMMA. GEMMA
cries as she holds her bruised
throat; then grabs her pink-bra
and red casual t-shirt; slipping
it back on herself. GEMMA cries as
she takes her tiny-brown backpack;
and leaves NICK's apartment...
crying. NICK in shock screams at
himself in disgust...)

NICK

(screams to himself) FUCK... FUCK..

(FADE OUT; THE SCENE ENDS...)

FLASHBACK - 10 years ago

INT. LUNCH ROOMS - NIXTON HIGH SCHOOL

(FADE IN the LUNCH ROOMs of NIXTON
HIGH SCHOOL. The 14-year-old GEMMA
sits alone; friendless with social
anxiety. She eats her ham-cheese
sandwiches; along with an apple.
Schoolmate bullies approach
her...)

MALE BULLY 1

(shouts to GEMMA) Hey GEM... LONER
actually... you always sit alone... hey..
hey you LONER... what's up?

(GEMMA worries; but remains calm
and ignores the situation. MALE
BULLY 1 grows annoyed with GEMMA's
ignorance..)

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MALE BULLY 1

(annoyed to GEMMA) Hey... it's not nice to ignore people... i'm talking to you... DON'T IGNORE ME..

(GEMMA begins to panic and continues eating the apple; MALE BULLY 1 grows annoyed; grabs the apple - and throws it away. GEMMA panics..)

GEMMA

(scared to MALE BULLY 1) Leave me alone please... please... Please..

MALE BULLY 1

(mocks GEMMA) Oh please.. please..

(THE OTHER BULLIES BYSTAND and WATCH...)

MALE BULLY 1

(shouts to GEMMA) Oh poor girl... lost an apple... HA... HA..

(THE MALE BULLY 1 grabs GEMMA's hand; and squeezes it tightly; GEMMA begins to cry...)

GEMMA

(Cries to MALE BULLY 1) Ow.. stop hurting my hand... please.. you're hurting me..

FEMALE BULLY 1

(Encourages MALE BULLY 1) Squeeze it tighter... come on..

GEMMA

(Cries to MALE BULLY 1) No.. no please... please don't.... Please..

(THE MALE BULLY 1 squeezes GEMMA's hand harder; GEMMA screams at the intense pain; GEMMA screams even louder. The bystanders watch... GEMMA speaks to MALE BULLY 1; begging him to stop..)

GEMMA

(cries to MALE BULLY 1) Please.. please... stop it... STOP IT.. stop it..

(GEMMA feels the testosterone in her body; evoking her male self JULIAN to be revealed. She fights the transformation; and continues screaming at the MALE BULLY 1)

GEMMA

(cries to MALE BULLY 1) Please... please... your mother wouldn't like this... this is not how you treat WOMEN.. please..

(THE BYSTANDERS laugh...)

MALE BULLY 1

(hurts GEMMA) Oh stop being my mother
BITCH... LONER... I mean..

GEMMA

(cries to MALE BULLY 1) Please that girl...
she is not right for you... don't do what
she says... please..

FEMALE BULLY 1

(shouts to GEMMA) Oh SHUT UP LONER..

(MALE BULLY squeezes GEMMA's hand
harder; GEMMA loses control as
JULIAN's testosterone takes over;
squeezing the MALE BULLY 1. THE
MALE BULLY 1 groans from the
squeeze and is in shock..)

MALE BULLY 1

(shouts to GEMMA) How are you squeezing this
hard? You're a GODDAMN FEMALE... I'm a
male.. I've got testosterone... you've got
oestrogen..., WHAT THE FUCK?

(GEMMA loses control; as her
JULIAN self is revealed;
overpowering the strength of the
squeeze; the MALE BULLY 1 fails
and looks in shock. The whole
school pupils look in shock at
GEMMA's alternate self JULIAN..)

FEMALE BULLY 1

(shouts to GEMMA) What the FUCK? What THE
FUCK are you?

(GEMMA panics inside as JULIAN is
revealed. JULIAN stands up; and
walks away from the bullies. MALE
BULLY 1 grows annoyed in
defeat...)

MALE BULLY 1

(shouts to JULIAN) Hey GEMMA... whatever
FUCK you are..... we're not done here..

(JULIAN walks away from the
situation; the MALE BULLY 1 grows
annoyed and pulls JULIAN's arm
back; forcing him down. JULIAN
falls on his bottom; JULIAN tries
to escape the MALE BULLY 1; but
his foot is stomped on. JULIAN
grunts...)

MALE BULLY 1

(Taunts JULIAN) GEM... I should have WON...
I'm a real male.. you're an intersex FUCK...
(laughs) GOD You ARE DEAD NOW....

(THE MALE BULLY 1 presses JULIAN's leg down hard. The bystanders cheer on MALE BULLY 1 for the upper-hand. JULIAN groans but grows enraged - standing back up; pushing MALE BULLY 1 to the tree; choking him. MALE BULLY 1 in shock laughs... then looks at JULIAN's angered face...)

MALE BULLY 1

(laughs to GEMMA) Hey... I like the FEMALE GEMMA better.. she's easier to pick on..

(JULIAN angrily knees MALE BULLY 1 in the groin; MALE BULLY 1 grunts from the pain. THE TEACHER runs to the situation; dividing JULIAN and the MALE BULLY 1 between each other. The TEACHER looks in shock at never seeing the face of JULIAN before; and questions him...)

MALE BULLY 1

(Firm to JULIAN) Wait... who are you? You're not a student... I can have you up for trespassing....

(MALE BULLY 1 speaks up; FEMALE BULLY 1 runs to the MALE BULLY 1 for support...)

MALE BULLY 1

(Speaks to TEACHER) It's GEMMA Mister... it's GEMMA..

(THE TEACHER is in shock; looking at JULIAN; questioning his true identity..)

TEACHER

(shocked to GEMMA) Gemma... are you okay?

(GEMMA reverts her appearance back to her female self. THE TEACHER looks in shock..)

GEMMA

(cries to TEACHER) Yes... I... I just want to go home....

TEACHER

(to GEMMA) Yes... yes.. of course... go to the reception office; I'll organise your leave..

(MALE BULLY 1, FEMALE BULLY 1 and all the other school pupils look in shock. THE SCENE ENDS with the TEACHER guiding GEMMA to the reception desk to be organised to be taken home.... FADE OUT; END OF SCENE...)

BACK TO THE PRESENT

INT. LIVING ROOM - GEMMA'S APARTMENT

(FADE IN the LIVING ROOM at GEMMA'S APARTMENT. GEMMA cries as she opens the front door; slamming it hard - devastated by NICK finding out her altering ability... she regrets everything that had happened; and starts to hate on herself..)

GEMMA

(Shouts to herself) I'm AN IDIOT... an IDIOT... a FUCKIN IDIOT... damn.... NICK hates me... HE HATES ME... I'm a FREAK... I want to DIE... I want to DIE..

(GEMMA contemplates electrocuting herself; and proceeds to do so but is interrupted by a phone call. She checks her phone; and notices it is her mother calling. Upset and devastated; GEMMA answers the phone call in a crying voice..)

GEMMA

(Cries on phone) Mumma... Mumma..

(BRANDY notices her daughter crying on the phone; and worries...)

BRANDY

(worried on phone) Gemma.. Gemma darling... what's happened? What's happened?

(GEMMA bursts on crying at the phone)

GEMMA

(cries on phone) he found out... He found out..

(BRANDY is confused... she questions GEMMA more...)

BRANDY

(Confused on phone) Who found out? What are you talking about sweetie?

(GEMMA cries as she confesses...)

GEMMA

(cries on phone) NICK... I... I was with him last night... he... we made out... slept together... and..

(BRANDY knows where the conversation is going; and finishes the conversation..)

BRANDY

(worried on phone) He found out about JULIAN..

GEMMA

(cries on phone) Yeah...

(BRANDY sympathises with her daughter...)

BRANDY

(worried on phone) Oh no... oh no DARLING... come to my place... come on... you need family..

GEMMA

(cries on phone) Mum... he called me the worse names ever... the worse names...

(BRANDY understands GEMMA's sorrow..)

BRANDY

(worried on phone) I know darling... some fear those who are different... come here DARLING... come here.... you need me... you need your MOTHER...

GEMMA

(cries on phone) Okay MOTHER... okay... I'm coming....

(THE PHONE CALL ENDS. GEMMA changes into a brown tank shirt; and black casual shorts with pink sandals. She makes her way to her MOTHER'S HOME... FADE OUT END OF SCENE)

INT. DINING ROOM - BRANDY'S HOME

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(FADE IN THE DINING ROOM at BRANDY'S APARTMENT. GEMMA storms in crying; noticing her mother cooking a THAI SALAD for lunch... BRANDY stops making the salad as she hugs her devastated daughter..)

BRANDY

(hugging GEMMA) Oh GEMMA girl... oh GEMMA darling...

(GEMMA cries to her mother as she hugs her...)

GEMMA

(cries to BRANDY) Why me Mum... Why did I have to be born with this? No one likes or appreciate me... they ostracise me; cast me as a freak... I don't want to be alone.. I don't want to be alone.. Julia's got a man... why can't I... (hates self) Because I'm half-one.. i don't want to be half-one... I just want to a woman with a man..

(BRANDY sympathises with her daughter; still hugging GEMMA)

BRANDY

(Hugging GEMMA) Gemma... don't hate yourself. You're different... it's okay to be different.. if we're all the same; damn it'll be a boring place..

(GEMMA grows annoyed with her mother..)

GEMMA

(annoyed to BRANDY) But MOTHER... i don't want to be different... I want any normal girl's life.. happiness... a partner... kid... I don't even know if i can have kids... I'm half-man... I'm half-woman..

(BRANDY grows saddened at her daughter taunting her self-esteem. BRANDY stops hugging GEMMA; and speaks her mind...)

BRANDY

(Worried to GEMMA) gemmma. Please don't say those things about yourself..

GEMMA

(cries to BRANDY) But Mum... it's true... I can NEVER have a guy... they will all HATE Me... like NICK said... he thought he was dating a real woman... and I'm not one.. I hate my LIFE... I hate it... I HATE IT...

(BRANDY grows more concerned over her daughter's self-esteem. BRANDY comforts GEMMA and holds her hands; speaking to her daughter with lovingly guidance...)

BRANDY

(loving to GEMMA) Gemma.. you are NOT A FREAK... I love you VERY MUCH... always have you... always will. I gave BIRTH to you because I love you... I love you forever as my daughter; couldn't care less if you're fat, skinny, red-head, black hair, big eyes, small eyes - if you're no good at sport, maths, reading... or if you've got a certain skill or quality no one else has... I love you VERY much... don't ever FORGET THAT... if no one accepts you... it's their problem.. DO NOT.. and I MEAN... DO NOT... and NEVER EVER.. change yourself for others... it is a game you will not WIN...

(GEMMA cries at the loving, guidance comments she had received from her mother...)

GEMMA

(cries to BRANDY) Thanks MUM..

(BRANDY reassures her words and comments to BRANDY)

BRANDY

(to GEMMA) Gemma... please I want you to remember that... TO NOT CHANGE FOR ANYBODY.... I just want you to be GEMMA... okay...

(GEMMA continues to cry at her mother's loving words; wiping the tears off her face...)

GEMMA

(Smiles to BRANDY) Thanks MUM...

(BRANDY hugs her daughter GEMMA)

BRANDY

(hugging GEMMA) I love you VERY much GEMMA... NEVER... EVER... FORGET IT...

GEMMA

(hugging BRANDY) I won't... I won't..

(A pause. BRANDY & GEMMA continue hugging...)

BRANDY
(hugging GEMMA) Now let's go watch a movie darling... let's go...

GEMMA
(hugging BRANDY) Okay...

(THE SCENE CONTINUES...)

INT. LIVING ROOM - BRANDY'S HOUSE

(FADE IN the LIVING ROOM of BRANDY'S HOUSE. BRANDY and her daughter seat themselves on the pink two-seater sofa; watching a comedy flick - laughing at the comedic, laughing scenes. BRANDY talks to her daughter...)

BRANDY
(smiles to GEMMA) Do you want to know why I called you GEMMA?

(GEMMA is intrigued to know why...)

GEMMA
(intrigued to BRANDY) Why MA? Why...

BRANDY
(smiles to GEMMA) Because you are a precious gem to me... when you were in the womb; to now... to see you have grown up... I love you...

GEMMA
(smiles to BRANDY) Do I look a lot like you MA?

BRANDY
(smiles to GEMMA) Oh you most certainly do? You very most certainly do?

(GEMMA thinks back to her hateful father...)

GEMMA
(smiles to BRANDY) Well I'm proud to look like you... and not HIM..

(BRANDY automatically knows GEMMA is referring to her father; and agrees with her daughter's statement...)

BRANDY
(smiles to GEMMA) Yes.... thank GOD... he was awful...

GEMMA
(smiles to BRAND) I'm glad I have you MUM... the BEST MUM..

(BRANDY smiles at her daughter's love for her...)

BRANDY
(loving to GEMMA) Oh thank you DARLING..

(GEMMA & BRANDY cuddle. A FLASHBACK scene occurs..)

FLASHBACK - 14 YEARS AGO - GEMMA's 9th. BIRTHDAY

INT. LIVING ROOM - BRANDY'S HOUSE

(FADE IN; the LIVING ROOM of BRANDY'S FATHER'S HOUSE. The 9-year old GEMMA is playing with her dolls on her 9th BIRTHDAY. GEMMA & ROALD watch their happily daughter play with the dolls..)

GEMMA
(role plays with dolls) Okay girls... today.... the fashion wear of the week is casual... so...

(GEMMA dresses the dolls up in the doll clothing...)

GEMMA
(role plays with dolls) We have to look nice for all the handsome men.. so let's go... let's go look nice...

(GEMMA continues playing with her dressing dolls; and smiles at both her parents..)

GEMMA
(smiles to ROALD & BRANDY) Thanks MUMMY and DADDY. Thank you... thanks... these dolls are amazing.. the best birthday GIFT EVER... the BEST BIRTHDAY GIFT EVER...

(BOTH BRANDY & ROALD smile at their daughter's happiness...)

BRANDY

(smiles to GEMMA) We're happy you like your dolls GEMMA...

GEMMA

(smiles to BRANDY) They are so cool..

(ROALD smiles at BRANDY)

ROALD

(smiles to BRANDY) I think we just buy dolls for our darling GEMMA for now on..

(BRANDY smiles at ROALD)

BRANDY

(smiles to ROALD) Yes... that is what I think...

(BRANDY and ROALD continue to watch their daughter GEMMA role-play with her dolls. They smile...
CUT TO: GEMMA)

GEMMA

(roleplays with dolls) Okay... let's go to the CAPITAL CITY and meet the boys... okay... HERE WE ARE... oh what a handsome boy....
(roleplays as guy) Now... I am DEREK... DEREK... DEREK the KING... I am...

(BRANDY & ROALD look in shock as their 9-year-old daughter transforms into her male identity... ROALD looks in scarce and disgust)

ROALD

(shocked to himself) Oh my GOD.... GEMMA..
(shouts to GEMMA) Gemma... Gemma... come back to me GEMMA..

(THE WORRIED ROALD steps forwards to her male-altered daughter; yelling at her daughter's male identity. GEMMA in her male-self panics)

ROALD

(shouts to MALE-SELF GEMMA) Gemma... GEMMA... give me back my GEMMA...

(GEMMA mentally fears and worries over her father yelling at her...)

GEMMA

(male-self; cries to ROALD) Father...
FATHER... no.. I...

(GEMMA picks up her doll mirror; and notices her male identity for the first time. She panics and screams in fear..)

GEMMA

(male-self; scared to ROALD) ROALD.. I'm a boy... help me... i don't want to be a boy..

(ROALD is shocked and steps backwards; noticing his daughter's ability to change into her male self. She panics and looks at BRANDY worried.. BRANDY looks shocked.0

ROALD

(scared to BRANDY) What have we BRED?

(GEMMA screams at looking at her male-self; panicking in sight as she tries to revert back to her female self. She cries and cries; BRANDY looks worried; making her way to the afraid; screaming GEMMA)

BRANDY

(Worried to GEMMA) Gemma.. GEMMA darling..

(GEMMA's male-self cries as she looks at her mother in fear..)

GEMMA

(male-self; cries in fear to ROALD) Mummy... what's wrong with me? I'm a girl... I'm supposed to be a girl... not a boy... I'm scared.. I'm so scared.

(BRANDY comforts her male-self daughter; holding her hands..)

BRANDY

(comforts GEMMA) Darling GEMMA... listen to me..

(ROALD looks in shock and disgust; as he watches BRANDY comfort their daughter down...0

ROALD

(scared to BRANDY) My god...

(CUT TO - GEMMA & BRANDY. BRANDY begins comforting GEMMA)

BRANDY

(comforts GEMMA) Darling... Gemma... whatever has happened... it's going to be okay...

GEMMA

(male-self; cries to BRANDY) I want to be a girl.. I want my girl self..

BRANDY

(comforts GEMMA) We will get her back DARLING... we will... just.... focus your mind on girly things... like you and me shopping for fashion pieces..

(GEMMA cries though listens to her mother; focusing her mind on shopping adventures with her mother. GEMMA changes and reverts minutes later back to her female self. GEMMA notices her female self by the doll mirror; and cries as she hugs her mother..)

GEMMA

(hugging; Cries to BRANDY) Mummy... what... what's happened to me?? I'm scared.. i'm... I'm not normal... i'm not.

(GEMMA looks to her fearful father ROALD. ROALD still looks in shock and fear...)

GEMMA

(hugging BRANDY; cries to ROALD) Daddy... I'm sorry... I... I don't know what happened... me sorry... I'm sorry... I'm... I'm a freak... I'm freaky...

(ROALD ignores his daughter's words; and begins to fears his daughter's ability... and communicates with BRANDY)

ROALD

(fearful to BRANDY) Brandy... I want to talk to you... alone..

(BRANDY looks at ROALD; then back at GEMMA)

BRANDY

(comforts GEMMA) Gemma darling.. GEMMA.... stay here... I'll be back..

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GEMMA

(Cries to BRANDY) Okay MUMMY... okay...

(GEMMA look as her mother walks to ROALD at the dining room. GEMMA has a saddened expression on her face...)

INT. DINING ROOM - BRANDY'S HOUSE

(FADE IN THE DINING ROOM. A shocked and disgusted ROALD waits for his wife BRANDY... BRANDY arrives; ROALD speaks his worried mind...)

ROALD

(worried to BRANDY) Brandy... I want to adopt GEMMA out... i can't... I can't be the father of that child..

(BRANDY is hurt by ROALD's words and feelings; and grows enraged..)

BRANDY

(Shouts to ROALD) Did you just say what I think you said?

(MEANWHILE: the upset, scared and timid GEMMA walks towards the dining room; hiding behind the wall separating the living room and dining room. She cries as she listens. CUT TO ROALD & BRANDY)

ROALD

(FIRM WITH BRANDY) I'M BEING SERIOUS BRANDY... I... DO YOU KNOW WHAT OUR DAUGHTER IS? WHAT HAVE WE BRED?

(BRANDY grows even more enraged at ROALD)

BRANDY

(Shouts to ROALD) HOW DARE YOU? DON'T YOU CALL OUR DAUGHTER THAT....

(ROALD grows annoyed with BRANDY)

ROALD

(shouts to BRANDY) I don't want to associate with GEMMA any more.. it's over... I want out... I refuse to be her father anymore..

(BRANDY remains disgusted; shouting verbally at ROALD)

BRANDY

(shouts to ROALD) I can't believe you ROALD... like they say; people are afraid of someone different... how DISGUSTING ARE You... as a father... if things get hard; you just get the SHITS and run away... rather than confronting a situation; you run and hide..

(ROALD ignores BRANDY; and runs to his room to pack his bags...)

(MINUTES LATER - ROALD returns from his room to the DINING ROOM with the suitcase. GEMMA makes herself seen; crying over her father with a suitcase..)

GEMMA

(Cries to ROALD) Daddy... DADDY.... were are you GOING? Where... Where are you GOING?

(ROALD ignores GEMMA and walks away. The upset 9-year-old GEMMA grabs her father's leg; begging him not to go...)

GEMMA

(cries to ROALD) Daddy... Daddy... please don't go..

ROALD

(firm to GEMMA) Gemma... (insults) IT (speaks) let me go GEMMA..

GEMMA

(cries to ROALD) Why have you got a suitcase? Why .. Where are you going DADDY? Don't leave me and MUMMY?

(BRANDY notices her upset daughter crying over her leaving father. BRANDY speaks up to ROALD)

BRANDY

(firm to ROALD) Roald... you're going to break your daughter's heart...

ROALD

(firm to BRANDY) She is not my daughter... (insults) It is not my daughter... i did not plan on having a double-sex child...

(BRANDY grows enraged with ROALD over his insults...)

BRANDY

(Shouts to ROALD) You know what... ROALD... just leave... i can't believe I married you..

ROALD

(shouts to BRANDY) I can't believe I had
(points at GEMMA) that with you... we sure
had a freak child.

(The 9-year-old GEMMA is hurt by
her father's comments; believing
herself to be a FREAK...)

GEMMA

(cries to herself) You're right DADDY... I
am a freak... I am sorry...

(ROALD ignores GEMMA. BRANDY gets
angry at ROALD)

BRANDY

(Shouts to ROALD) SEE what our daughter is
believing... that she is A FREAK.. she IS
NOT.. she is OUR DAUGHTER... WE BROUGHT her
into the world.... WE...

(ROALD walks out the door with his
suitcase; slamming the door on his
way out... BRANDY is enraged; and
looks at her daughter GEMMA - with
whom is upset by her father
abounding her; as well as
discovering her ability for the
first time... Her self-esteem is
extremely low as she speaks her
mind...)

GEMMA

(cries; to BRANDY) Daddy hates me... i think
I should die... MUMMY... he thinks I'm a
freak... he thinks I'm double-sex... i'm
not.. I want to be a girl... i want to be a
girl...

(BRANDY is upset by her daughter's
hatred of herself... She comforts
GEMMA; and speaks her mind...)

BRANDY

(comforts GEMMA) No darling GEMMA... don't
EVER SAY THAT..

(The WORRIED BRANDY bends down;
and comforts the upset GEMMA)

BRANDY

(comforts GEMMA) Gemma.. Gemma it's going to
be okay..

GEMMA
 (cries to BRANDY) Will you EVER leave me
 MOTHER? Will you?

(BRANDY IS HURT BY GEMMA'S FEAR;
 AND REMAINS FIRM WITH HER
 WORDS...)

BRANDY
 (firm to GEMMA) Gemma... GEMMA darling...
 Don't you EVER think like that... don't you
 EVER... you listen to me carefully...
 (pauses) I love you VERY MUCH... very MUCH..
 We will get through this together.. I
 promise.

(GEMMA remains unsure..)

GEMMA
 (cries to BRANDY) You sure MUMMY... will we
 get through this together...

(BRANDY REMAINS CALM AND CERTAIN.
 SHE SPEAKS HER WORDS TO HER
 DAUGHTER...)

BRANDY
 (determined; to GEMMA) I PROMISE...

(THE SCENE ENDS with the 9-year-
 old GEMMA & BRANDY hugging.. FADE
 OUT; THE FLASHBACK ENDS - END OF
 SCENE...)

BACK TO PRESENT

INT. OUTSIDE - NIXTON GENERAL STORE

(FADE IN; GEMMA stands outside
 NIXTON GENERAL STORE; prepping for
 a day of work. She grows concerned
 over the hatred NICK has over; she
 breathes and walks in... TO BE
 CONTINUED...)

FLASHBACK - 14 YEARS AGO - SET 2 DAYS
 AFTER THE PAST FLASHBACK

INT. LIVING ROOM - BRANDY'S HOUSE

(FADE IN the LIVING ROOM. The scared and timid 9-year-old GEMMA sits next to her mother BRANDY in her male self; as they work on controlling the altering transformation from GEMMA's male side to her female identity...)

BRANDY

(guiding GEMMA) Gemma darling... Relax... relax... we breathe..

(GEMMA breathes and breathes; listening to her mother's guidance...)

BRANDY

(SMILES TO GEMMA) NOW DARLING.... DARLING JULIAN?

(GEMMA is shocked to hear her mother calling her JULIAN. GEMMA questions her mother the reasoning of the name..)

GEMMA

(male-self; concerned to BRANDY) julian... what..

BRANDY

(Smiles to GEMMA) Well uh Gemma darling... if we had a boy... his name would be JULIAN... I'll call your male identity JULIAN; and you my darling, my daughter GEMMA... because she's a gem..

(GEMMA smiles; BRANDY comforts GEMMA)

GEMMA

(Comforts BRANDY) Now darling... relax..... we need GEMMA back not JULIAN... imagine... mentally think of yourself painting nails..

GEMMA

(annoyed to BRANDY) Mother... I hate makeup..

BRANDY

(to GEMMA) Oh that's right darling... well think of us... painting a portrait together... mother and daughter time..

(GEMMA smiles as she visualises her daughter and herself painting a portrait together; fast forward to cooking together. BRANDY looks in shock as her male-self shrinks to the true female identity of her daughter GEMMA. GEMMA smiles as she opens her eyes; then looks at her mini mirror; relieved she is her female self..)

GEMMA

(thankful to BRANDY) Yes.. I'm me again... I am ME.... I am ME... finally... I'm ME again... ME..

(BRANDY smiles at her daughter's happiness; hugging her daughter..)

BRANDY

(hugging GEMMA) it's going to be okay GEM... we can control this..

(GEMMA is thankful for her mother's help; as she remains hugging her mother)

GEMMA

(hugging BRANDY) Thanks MUM... thanks... thank you so much..

(BRANDY smiles as she lets go of her daughter..)

BRANDY

(worried to GEMMA) But GEMMA... you must promise me this one thing..

(GEMMA looks at her mother; awaiting her mother's wish and direct rule..)

GEMMA

(WORRIED.. TO BRANDY) WHAT IS IT MUM?

(BRANDY starts to fear her daughter being taunted, abused and used for government, private investigation gain. She speaks her worries to BRANDY)

BRANDY

(worried to GEMMA) Gemma.. will you promise me this one thing?

GEMMA

(to BRANDY) Yes MUM...

BRANDY

(to GEMMA) You must never ever alter your appearance in public... only around me... We must do this... and control this thing daily as a daily ritual... so it never happens. DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

GEMMA

(to BRANDY) Yes... yes I understand... Yes MUM.. I understand..

(THE SCENE ENDS with BRANDY embracing her daughter GEMMA. FADE OUT; END OF SCENE)

#BACK TO PRESENT -

INT. INSIDE - NIXTON GENERAL STORE

(THE NEXT DAY - FADE INSIDE - NIXTON GENERAL STORE. THE NERVOUS AND ANXIOUS GEMMA enters the store; noticing NICK. NICK looks in disgust as he looks at GEMMA: distancing herself from her; as she approaches him. GEMMA instantly apologises...)

GEMMA

(upset to NICK) Nick... I just... I want to apologise for yesterday morning... I had no idea it happened in my sleep..... I'm.. I'm sorry...

(NICK doesn't respond; still in disgust. A customer approaches; NICK serves the next customer...)

NICK

(to CUSTOMER) Hello.. how can I help you sir?

CUSTOMER

(annoyed to NICK) Oh I've had such a shitty day... it's been so shit..

NICK

(apologises to CUSTOMER) Oh I am so sorry,... I'm so sorry sir...

CUSTOMER

(to NICK) It's okay.... things will get better... I have to hope..

(NICK smiles as he scans the items; then proceeds to process the transaction via the POV system. The transaction is complete the customer leaves. GEMMA looks on and concerned at NICK: NICK still refuses to look at GEMMA. GEMMA reluctantly speaks..)

GEMMA

(worried to NICK) Nick... Nick... please don't ignore me... I know you may... you may not have feelings for me anymore.

(NICK swiftly responds to GEMMA: with a continued disgusted look on his face..)

NICK

(firm to GEMMA) Oh damn right... I ain't interested... it's over GEMMA... you and me... We are over..

(GEMMA appears saddened at NICK: and continues explaining her situation..)

GEMMA

(saddened to NICK) I know we're over... it's just... it's been hard for me... living like this... it's horrible... i don't wish it on anyone... it is so horrible.

(NICK serves another customer. GEMMA worryingly watches; NICK waits for another customer; though continues listening to GEMMA speak her concerned mind..)

GEMMA

(Worried to NICK) I.... I can't help what I am... or what I was born as... I can't..

(NICK speaks his mind; still with a disgusted voice..)

NICK

(disgusted to GEMMA) Still... Do you want to know what I am most pissed off about?

(GEMMA worries..)

GEMMA

(Worried to NICK) What?

NICK

(disgusted to GEMMA) That you didn't tell me this before... all this time I was... I mean i thought I was dating a girl.. when in fact I wasn't... I was dating a doubl-

(NICK stops himself from calling GEMMA vile, insulting names; though is still very disgusted. GEMMA expresses her dismay..)

GEMMA

(Worried to NICK) I know.... I should've told you... you're right... that is my fault... I was just scared to see what you would think of me... we had such a great date-night... it was great... I've never loved a guy that much like yourself last night... i didn't want to spoil it..

(NICK continues speaking firmly to GEMMA; expressing his dismay..)

NICK

(Firm to GEMMA) Still.... I... I am not happy.... we're still over.... i just don't want to talk about it... I'm trying so hard to forget it...

GEMMA

(worried to NICK) I know... I know... I don't blame you...

(Another customer approaches the check-outs at NIXTON GENERAL STORE. Nick speaks to GEMMA)

NICK

(speaks to GEMMA) Okay GEMMA... you can serve the next customer..

(GEMMA nods her head in agreement; as she heads to the counter - serving the customer; processing the transaction; scanning items etc. NICK looks on; GEMMA finishes minutes later; the customer walks off happily. GEMMA looks anxiously back at NICK)

NICK

(to GEMMA) Just... please... we shall be workmates in the future.. nothing more..

(JAX enters the scene; noticing the busy NICK & GEMMA talking but distancing themselves from each other. JAX communicates with GEMMA & NICK)

JAX

(communicates to NICK & GEMMA) NICK ... GEMMA... both of your employer performance review is looking bad... I don't see any communication at all... what's going on?

(NICK speaks in defence..)

NICK

(to JAX) Nothing sir... just being professional... you've complained in the past about our love-dove sessions; but we've decided to be more professional in our workload... and keep that to ourselves..

GEMMA

(worried to JAX) yes JAX... that's right... that is right indeed..

(JAX eyes GEMMA & NICK)

JAX

(to GEMMA & NICK) Understood... well... keep on working...

(JAX leaves for the office.... the anxious GEMMA looks at NICK. NICK speaks firmly to GEMMA)

NICK

(to GEMMA) Just... let's just keep on working...

(THE SCENE ENDS with NICK & GEMMA serving customers; remaining distant but professional in their work deliverance... FADE OUT - END OF SCENE....)

HOURS PASS

INT. LIVING ROOM - GEMMA'S APARTMENT

(FADE IN THE LIVING ROOM AT GEMMA'S APARTMENT. GEMMA HAS ARRIVED HOME FROM WORK; AND LOUNGES ON HER SOFA. SHE REMAINS ANXIOUS AND GUILTY OVER THE LOSS OF LOVE SHE HAS EXPERIENCED WITH NICK. GEMMA SPEAKS SORROW TO HERSELF)

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GEMMA

(worried to herself) My chance of love.. it's gone... it's gone... it is SO GONE... I hate myself... I hate myself... (looks at ceiling...) WHY COULDN'T YOU MAKE ME NORMAL GOD? Why not... It's not fair... I just want a life any girl wants... a man.. a wedding... kids... I can't if I'm two sexes... (cries) no one wants me... no one wants me...

(THE UPSET GEMMA THROWS HER LANDLINE PHONE AT THE TV; EFFECTIVELY SMASHING THE TV SCREEN; BREAKING THE PHONE LINE. SHE CRIES TO HERSELF; SUDDENLY HER MOBILE PHONE RINGS. SHE DISCOVERS it IS JULIA; and isn't in the mood to talk - though reluctantly agrees to take the call; speaking in a saddening voice...)

GEMMA

(saddened on phone) What JULIA? I'm not really in the mood to talk.... I'm upset...

(JULIA sympathises with GEMMA on the phone; and questions GEMMA what is wrong..)

JULIA

(concerned to GEMMA) Gemma... Gemma... what happened?

(GEMMA begins to burst crying on the phone. JULIA appears worried on the phone..)

GEMMA

(cries on phone) You're right JULIA.... you're right...

JULIA

(confused on phone) what do you mean I was right?

GEMMA

(Cries on phone) About some prick men... NICK... he hates me,...

(JULIA remains confused on the phone; questioning GEMMA more..)

JULIA

(confused on phone) What do you mean? What happened?

(GEMMA tells the truth....)

GEMMA

(upset on phone) It's nothing... it's just... he found a secret about me I didn't want to share as of yet...

JULIA

(confused on phone) What secret?

(GEMMA refuses to tell JULIA her secret of her physical altering appearance ability. She continues crying on the phone..)

GEMMA

(concerned on phone) I... I don't want to share... I don't want to share JULIA...

JULIA

(saddened on phone) But why..

GEMMA

(cries on phone) I just don't want to... i don't want to share... please...

JULIA

(Saddened on phone) Okay... well I just... i'm sorry GEMMA... I'm sorry for what happened...

GEMMA

(Cries on phone) The secret is too big to share... I was going to tell him later in the future as our relationship would develop... but it never went that far..

JULIA

(Concerned on phone) Again GEMMA... I'm sorry... when would you share the secret with me?

(GEMMA cries at keeping the secret; but vows not to tell)

GEMMA

(cries on phone) One day... look JULIA... look... I just want to talk to someone... I want sympathy..

JULIA

(saddened on phone) I know... and I'm here for you bestie... I'm here... I assure you..

(A pause...)

JULIA

(calm on phone) You will find a man... i promise... I promise you that..

(GEMMA remains unsure on the phone...)

GEMMA

(Cries on phone) You think I will..

JULIA

(calm on phone) I promise.

(A pause.... JULIA continues to speak...)

JULIA

(speaks on phone) I'm sorry for what happened... I'm sorry..

GEMMA

(cries on phone) It's okay... it's okay... i will get through it.

(A pause... GEMMA speaks..)

GEMMA

(on phone) Julia... I rang up to tell you... I really thought about what you were telling me about make-up... like female expectations in society... I just want you to know... that it's making me more sense to me more than ever...

(GEMMA smiles)

JULIA

(speaks on phone) and that I shouldn't have to dress myself up to impress others... if people can't accept me for who I am... well stuff em'...

(GEMMA continues to smile; and wipes her tears..)

GEMMA

(on phone) That's what my MUM used to tell me all the time..

JULIA

(smiles to GEMMA) Well it's true... and it is always good to learn something from a poor person... a lot of times... poor people have good sayings and belief systems..

GEMMA

(On phone) Yeah...

(A pause...)

JULIA

(on phone) Well GEMMA... I really do hope you get through your relationship breakdown with NICK... and I assure you... you will get through it... yes the bad times come... but the good time will come again..

(GEMMA wipes more of her tears)

GEMMA

(on phone) Thanks JULIA... thanks...

JULIA

(on phone) No worries bestie... but please...

(A PAUSE)

JULIA

(cont'd on phone) But please promise me to tell me this big secret of yours... I won't judge..

(GEMMA remains reluctant to tell JULIA her secret. JULIA continues speaking...)

JULIA

(cont'd on phone) I won't... you're my bestie....

(A pause)

JULIA

(cont'd on phone) All I know is.... keeping secrets is not good.. and it could potentially be the death of you... and I wouldn't want that for my best friend...

GEMMA

(on phone) I know Julia... I know...

JULIA

(cont'd on phone) Just tell people that secret someday.... it will relieve that big stress from your mind..

GEMMA

(on phone) I understand...

(A pause..)

JULIA

(cont'd on phone) Well I'm going to have to go now... take care of yourself bestie... take care..

GEMMA
(on phone) I will... I will...

JULIA
(cont'd on phone) Bye now..

GEMMA
(on phone) Bye...

(THE PHONE CALL ENDS. GEMMA wipes more of her tears and smiles lightly..)

GEMMA
(assures self) it will be okay... I will get through this... I will... I will..

(GEMMA continues lounging; and wipes the rest of her tears... THE SCENE CONTINUES)

(MINUTES PASS. GEMMA LOOKS AT HER MOBILE; AND NOTICES IT IS HER MOTHER RINGING. GEMMA PICKS UP THE PHONE; AND ANSWERS IT... SPEAKING IN A SADDENED VOICE; recalling the event with NICK: making her upset; and breaking down in tears once again)

GEMMA
(cries on phone) Mum... MUM..

(BRANDY notices the saddened voice of her daughter on her phone... BRANDY speaks worryingly..)

BRANDY
(worried on phone) Darling GEMMA... oh no...

(GEMMA continues speaking on the phone)

GEMMA
(cries on phone) It will never get fixed up... the romantic bond I had with NICK... it's gone... not repairable... he despises me..

(BRANDY sympathies with her upset daughter on the phone..)

BRANDY
(saddened on phone) Oh no darling.. darling..

(A pause)

BRANDY

(assures GEMMA) Darling... darling... girl... you will find another man... i promise.... I promise you will find another man... I promise..

GEMMA

(cries on phone) You think so MUM...

BRANDY

(Assures on phone) I assure you DARLING... you will find a man... who loves you... who will take care of you... who will take on your challenges like any husband should..

(GEMMA cries via the phone at her mother's words. She speaks..)

GEMMA

(cries on phone) Thanks MUM... thanks..

BRANDY

(assures on phone) We all have our problems.... and the best people in the world... help take care of our problems... and offer a supporting hand.... that is the man that will come to your doorstep one day...

(GEMMA thinks back to the fairytale reading she had listened to her mother as a child. She smiles but still cries..)

GEMMA

(cries on phone) Like a fairytale... my handsome PRINCE CHARMING will come..

BRANDY

(proud on phone) I promise... I promise you that...

GEMMA

(cries on phone) Thanks MUM... thanks..

(SUDDENLY GEMMA hears a knock on the phone; she looks at the front door; shocked by the knock.. BRANDY having heard the knock on the phone; questions GEMMA)

BRANDY

(worried on phone) Oh GEM... you've got visitors... I will let you go..

(GEMMA swiftly responds on the phone; afraid and shocked by the knock - expressing her concerns to her mother...)

GEMMA

(afraid on phone) Mum... don't leave.. don't leave..

(BRANDY is shocked of her daughter's afraid voice; but agrees to stay on the phone..)

BRANDY

(worried on phone) Okay darling... okay...

(An afraid GEMMA opens the door; and is shocked to learn it is the police at the door. GEMMA panics as she notices the armed police and panics on the phone. BRANDY speaks via the phone; with the phone held down; worried of GEMMA's silence..)

BRANDY

(worried via phone) Darling... GEM... GEM.. what's there... who's there?

(The worried GEMMA doesn't respond; looking fearfully at the police officers. The police officers look firmly at GEMMA)

POLICE OFFICER

(firm to GEMMA) You must be GEMMA... am I right? Am I?

(GEMMA looks in fear; answering the POLICE OFFICER. GEMMA hangs the phone up... the POLICE OFFICER speaks..)

POLICE OFFICER

(firm to GEMMA) We have reports of you... mystery report it is... a man by the name of NICK has contacted me about you. And it is quite an interesting report..

(GEMMA looks even more fearful. POLICE OFFICER continues talking...)

POLICE OFFICER

(firm to GEMMA) The report states that you forcefully slept with a man in which he refused in your male identity... now male identity meaning... he found you the next morning bare chested in your male identity. The report states that you can alter your physical appearance... AM I RIGHT?

(GEMMA looks fearful; and speaks..)

GEMMA

(scared to POLICE OFFICER) Yes... yes... that's right...

(POLICE OFFICER demands GEMMA to show proof..)

POLICE OFFICER

(firm to GEMMA) I must say when I received the report... I didn't believe it.. but SHOW ME for proof... this guy may be telling me a false narrative... but if I catch you lying; it's a falsehood crime for you..

(THE FEARFUL GEMMA agrees to showcase her altering ability to POLICE OFFICER. POLICE OFFICER looks in shock; as he notices GEMMA's body metamorphosing into JULIAN... the POLICE OFFICER looks stunned..)

POLICE OFFICER

(shocked to GEMMA) Shit... the dude wasn't bluffing..

(JULIAN then shrinks his body to his original FEMALE SELF GEMMA. GemMA looks fearful at POLICE OFFICER..)

GEMMA

(fearful to POLICE OFFICER) Okay... Am I getting an

POLICE OFFICER

(firm to

(THE SCENE ends with GEMMA leaving handcuffed in shock; the police sedan car at the front of her property... FADE OUT; END OF SCENE..)

INT. RECEPTION - NIXTON POLICE STATION

(FADE IN the RECEPTION AREA of NIXTON POLICE STATION. A scared and timid GEMMA walks in the police station with handcuffs; noticing her panicking mother BRANDY stand ups. BRANDY speaks fear in her voice..)

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BRANDY
 (worried to GEMMA) Gemma.... GEMMA darling..
 DARLING..

(THE POLICE OFFICER stands up
 blocking BRANDY from her
 handcuffed daughter..)

POLICE OFFICER
 (firm to BRANDY) Sorry ma'am... your
 daughter is being arrested... please go...

(BRANDY speaks in defence;
 displaying her protectiveness of
 her daughter..)

BRANDY
 (shouts to POLICE OFFICER) No I will NOT
 leave... I WILL NOT LEAVE... Let me come
 with my daughter... what do you plan to do?
 Question her.....

POLICE OFFICER
 (firm to BRANDY) As a result yes... I advise
 you to stay away and not intervene. You will
 be harbouring and hindering a fugitive if
 you do..

(BRANDY isn't afraid and stands
 her guard; speaking firm to the
 POLICE OFFICER...)

BRANDY
 (firm to POLICE OFFICER) I don't GIVE a shit
 whether you throw me in a cell... enough of
 this... my daughter is very different yes...
 do not destroy a young woman's life... what
 happened was an accident....

(POLICE OFFICER grows annoyed with
 BRANDY; handcuffing her. GEMMA
 screams in sight at fear....)

GEMMA
 (Screams to BRANDY) Mother... mother...
 No... NO..

BRANDY
 (comforts GEMMA) Darling.. it's going to be
 okay..

POLICE OFFICER
 (firm to BRANDY) We may need to question you
 anyway... in the QUESTIONING ROOM.. follow
 me.

BRANDY

(chuckles to POLICE OFFICER) How can we go anywhere when you've tied us both up?

(POLICE OFFICER feels dumb...)

POLICE OFFICER

(dumbed; to BRANDY) yeah.. true... Pretty stupid I am... all well... let's go.

(THE SCENE ENDS with POLICE OFFICER guiding the handcuffed mother-and-daughter to the QUESTIONING ROOM. FADE OUT; END OF SCENE)

INT. QUESTIONING ROOM - NIXTON POLICE STATION

(FADE IN; the QUESTIONING ROOM at NIXTON POLICE STATION. The scene begins with the concerned GEMMA sitting by her mother's side... facing the firm POLICE OFFICER. The POLICE officer speaks..)

POLICE OFFICER

(firm to GEMMA) Okay miss GEMMA... questioning time...

(A PAUSE. GEMMA looks and feels concerned at the questions she will be asked by the POLICE OFFICER. THE POLICE OFFICER begins questioning...)

POLICE OFFICER

(firm to GEMMA) So as I stated in the report filing to you.... a man named NICK: states you forcefully slept with her in her male identity..

(BRANDY looks worried for her daughter's wellbeing. The scared GEMMA speaks..)

GEMMA

(worried to POLICE OFFICER) I slept with him in my female state; I woke up with him the next morning... unknowingly in my male state... (upset) I realised I was JULIAN with the disgusted look on NICK's face..

(THE POLICE OFFICER looks stunned..)

POLICE OFFICER
(questions GEMMA) So you changed in your sleep and had no idea? And who is JULIAN?

(BRANDY speaks up to POLICE OFFICER)

BRANDY
(speaks to POLICE OFFICER) Julian... JULIAN... is the male identity of GEMMA... her male self....

(POLICE OFFICER still looks stunned. GEMMA answers the question..)

GEMMA
(worried to POLICE OFFICER) Yes... i did change in my sleep.. unknowingly and unconsciously.. I was dead asleep.. I had no idea.

(POLICE OFFICER with a stunned look; looks at BRANDY)

POLICE OFFICER
(stunned to BRANDY) How long... How long has she been doing this?

BRANDY
(to POLICE OFFICER) Her father and I discovered it when she was 9.... that was when i first saw it.

POLICE OFFICER
(questions BRANDY) And you.... and her father... can you both do what she does?

BRANDY
(to POLICE OFFICER) No... not at all... just GEMMA..

(POLICE OFFICER looks stunned; continuing to question both BRANDY and GEMMA..)

POLICE OFFICER
(firm to GEMMA) Okay now GEMMA... now yes a restraining order has been held against you.. meaning you will not be able and you ARE NOT allowed be near MR NICK...

(GEMMA appears saddened and confused - speaking her mind to POLICE OFFICER..)

GEMMA

(concerned to POLICE OFFICER) But how
how can I do that? When I work with him...

POLICE OFFICER

(Firm to GEMMA) You're going to ahem to
leave your job or search for hours when he's
not on... he is DEAD set on not seeing you
again,...

(GEMMA appears saddened; and puts
her head down; in deep regret of
everything that has happened;
though still completely
understands..)

GEMMA

(upset to POLICE OFFICER) It took me ages to
get that job.... but I will just quit... I
honestly.. I honestly...

(BRANDY comforts her daughter;
rubbing her back. GEMMA continues
speaking; lifting her head up;
looking at POLICE OFFICER...)

GEMMA

(upset to POLICE OFFICER) No I will quit....
i can not bare the thought of working with
that man... i can't believe he's done this
to me.. making me go thorough this pain...
why couldn't he just forget it and move on..
(cries to herself) Why...

POLICE OFFICER

(Firm to GEMMA) Well a restraining order
will not be enough for MR NICK.

(BRANDY looks worried at the
possible legal consequences her
daughter would have to appear..)

BRANDY

(worried to POLICE OFFICER) Oh no. OH NO..
WHAT OTHER LEGAL RAMIFICATIONS ARE AT STAKE
FOR MY DAUGHTER... OH NO... WHAT ELSE?

POLICE OFFICER

(Firm to BRANDY) Mr NICK has sued your
daughter... for PERJURY... of her identity
and appearance... I am sorry.

BRANDY

(worried to herself) OH NO... oh NO..

(GEMMA begins to hate MR NICK; and cries to herself; regretting every moment. She cries as she speaks the POLICE OFFICER..)

GEMMA

(cries to POLICE OFFICER) How much does he want in damages?

POLICE OFFICER

(firm to GEMMA) \$100 000.... that's it..

GEMMA

(Cries to POLICE OFFICER) I don't have that sort of money... I don't... why couldn't he just forget it... it's... it wasn't my fault I was born like this.

(BRANDY yet again worries of her daughter's self-esteem; comforting GEMMA as she speaks her concerns..)

POLICE OFFICER

(Firm to GEMMA & BRANDY) I'm sorry... (to BRANDY) 2 weeks time.., the court date begins at 11am... on the dot..

(GEMMA cries in fear...)

GEMMA

(Cries to POLICE OFFICER) Is there anyway you can give my word to MR NICK?

POLICE OFFICER

(firm to GEMMA) I am not his LAWYER GEMMA... i'm sorry..

GEMMA

(Scared to POLICE OFFICER) Oh no... oh no...

(BRANDY becomes even more concerned over her daughter's wellbeing; and tries to stay calm; as she speaks to her upset, disturbed, disheartened daughter...)

BRANDY

(confident to GEMMA) Gemma darling... GEMMA.. GEMMA... this was not your fault... we WILL get through this.. i will organise a top lawyer..1

GEMMA

(Upset to BRANDY) How MUM... How??You don't earn enough in COMMUNITY SERVICE... (cries) I just... I just can't believe this is happening... I can't believe it.

(BRANDY continues comforting her daughter; remaining confident she and GEMMA will win the legal battle... POLICE OFFICER remains silent...)

BRANDY

(Confident to GEMMA) Gemma... we are going to get through this... we've been through many challenges..

(GEMMA interrupts..)

GEMMA

(Upset to BRANDY) not any legal battles.. not any legal battles..

BRANDY

(confident to GEMMA) gemma... I will put all my retirement savings to this battle... i will not see my daughter be put in prison..

(POLICE OFFICER SPEAKS UP)

POLICE OFFICER

(Firm to GEMMA) Questioning time is over.. you may leave..

(BRANDY & the upset GEMMA stand up; looking at the POLICE OFFICER...)

POLICE OFFICER

(firm to GEMMA) Make sure you attend court... or contempt of court penalty will apply...

(BRANDY speaks for her disheartened daughter..)

BRANDY

(to POLICE OFFICER) We will attend... thank you...

(THE SCENE ENDS with GEMMA, BRANDY leaving the POLICE STATION... FADE OUT: END OF SCENE)

2 WEEKS LATER - NICK vs BRANDY CASE...

INT. COURT ROOM - NIXTON COURT HOUSE

(FADE IN THE COURT ROOM AT NIXTON COURT HOUSE.

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THE ROOM IS FITTED WITH THE 4 JURORS SEATED IN THE JURY BOX; THE JUDGE'S SEAT; THE JUDGE ASSOCIATE'S SEAT; THE LAWYER PANEL AND THE AUDIENCE BOX. GEMMA SITTING AT THE DEFENDANT CAGED SQUARE-BOX; PANICS AS SHE LOOKS AT NICK BY THE CROWN LAYWER'S SIDE. JUDGE OINK BEGINS THE CIVIL TRIAL...)

JUDGE OINK

(addresses court) NIXTON COURT HOUSE... the case for NICK vs. BRANDY. LAWYERS from both sides. CROWN and DEFENCE... speak your minds and your defence...

(THE CROWN LAWYER speaking in the offence side of the case; stands up; facing JUDGE OINK from his seat..)

CROWN LAWYER

(announces to JUDGE OINK) I... as CROWN LAWYER of this CASE - find Ms GEMMA guilty of perjury sir... it is with great evidence that my client MR NICK... was extremely disturbed after he had waken up next to the male identity of the defendant MS GEMMA.. perhaps MS GEMMA should have discussed her altering physical ability to MR NICK before she agreed to sleep with him.. my CLIENT sees this case fit as perjury with a forceful act...

(THE CROWN LAWYER looks at the JURY; speaking in the offence side of the case of NICK vs GEMMA..)

CROWN LAWYER

(To JURY) Member of the jury.... i call for the offence of MS GEMMA... My client MR NICK was most disturbed of MS GEMMA's altering ability. MS GEMMA should have told MR NICK about her altering ability before she and he agreed to sleep with each other that night.. i mean it couldn't be that hard to alert could it.

(THE JURY Thinks as they continue to listen to the CROWN LAYWER..)

CROWN LAWYER

(to JURY) MS GEMMA did not use common sense and decency in this short-lived romantic relationship. But instead involved perjury; which she knew would most likely disturb the man..

(GEMMA looks down in sadness;
fearing her future...)

CROWN LAWYER

(To JURY) As for my client; i call for \$100,000 in damages... for this disturbing sexual encounter that had gone wrong... please make your decision wisely... AS members of the jury - it is your right.. and your repsonsbillity to decide whethet this altering-appearance woman should be fit with damages... please make your decision wisely..

(CROWN LAWYER takes his seat.
MEMBERS of the jury write down jury jurisdiction notes pertaining to the case. GEMMA looks fearful at her mother; BRANDY lip syncs "I LOVE YOU." GEMMA cries in her defendant cage box; and looks back at JUDGE OINK.)

JUDGE OINK

(To CROWN LAWYER) thanks CROWN... okay... to the defence LAWYER.... put to the JURY your side and your opposition to the case..

DEFENCE LAWYER

(To JUDGE OINK). Very well your honour.

(DEFENCE LAWYER stands up; and speaks up to the JURY in the defence of the case NICK vs GEMMA...)

DEFENCE LAWYER

(To JURY) Members of the jury... all members.. I will discussing by the defence of this case on apart of my client MS GEMMA... yes... what happened was a most shocking and disturbing situation... some of these unfortunate things happen.... but let me explain GEMMA's side... and why I think you should discharge these accusations and charges relating to my client MS GEMMA..

(THE JURY listen on to the DEFENCE LAWYER..)

DEFENCE LAWYER

(to JURY) Okay.. we've all had secrets to keep.. some to not share because you're afraid of what others think; how they perceive you; or if you will be ostracised. Yes... sometimes you wish not to share because you want to fit in..

(A pause..)

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DEFENCE LAWYER

(to JURY) We all never wanted to be loners in school; so we did whatever we had to do to fit in.., whether its bad or not... because we were too scared to speak up.. but what if there was one big secret... was one you had that no one on the planet will have... or ever experience.. HOW WOULD YOU FEEL?

(A pause..)

DEFENCE LAWYER

(To JURY) IMAGINE BEING a lone woman; searching for love; never fitting in... seeing friends who are more happily than you... living their best materialistic life with the one they love... and you are romantically hopeless; seeking love; but yet afraid if you will ever find love...

(A pause..)

DEFENCE LAWYER

(to JURY) Then a love comes.. you become lucky... and your secret becomes your deepest fear.... the secret most people will think is unbelievable; freakish; in which you know you will immediately ostracised if that person was to find out...

(A pause..)

DEFENCE LAWYER

(to JURY) But were certain in making your own vow - that you promise you will tell your significant other the TRUE TRUTH About you when the time is right...

(A pause..)

DEFENCE LAWYER

(to JURY) AND SO you CONTINUE ON WITH YOUR ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIP. THINGS GO WELL... you sleep... as any normal couple would..

(THE CROWN LAWYER grows annoyed with the DEFENCE LAWYER's side; and objects; standing up....)

CROWN LAWYER

(firm to JUDGE OINK) Ah... objective. your honour.. this man is talking about a romantic love session... not attaining or pertaining to the case at all. (repeats) OBJECTION YOUR HONOUR..

(JUDGE OINK listens to the OBJECTION; speaking his words to the CROWN LAWYER)

JUDGE OINK

(firm to CROWN LAWYER) I understand your objection sir CROWN... but the evidence pertains this happened after a romantic nightly session... Am I right...?

(THE CROWN LAWYER appears dumbfounded; feeling dumb; and immediately apologies to JUDGE OINK..)

CROWN LAWYER

(to JUDGE HONOUR) Yes your honour... yes.... no more objections.....

(CROWN LAWYER takes his seat. JUDGE OINK looks at the DEFENCE LAWYER...)

JUDGE OINK

(to DEFENCE LAWYER) You may continue DEFENCE...

(THE DEFENCE LAWYER continues in his defence to the JURY for GEMMA on the case..)

DEFENCE LAWYER

(cont'd to JURY) Imagine being a woman who has found love... had a romantic night with the man you fell in love with... and something went awry wrong... the secret becomes your worst nightmare.... and the person your with... no longer loves you... and your truth is told way before you planned. The guy tells you to leave; all love is lost... because no one and that person will NEVER understand you...

(A pause...)

DEFENCE LAWYER

(cont'd to JURY) That man tells you to leave.. you think the man would move on and forget it; but yet is determined to destroy a young woman's life over something she can not change about herself... how would you feel?

(A pause..)

DEFENCE LAWYER

(cont'd to JURY) I ask you members of the jury... to make an informed decision... you've heard the evidence... now you are tasked with deciding the fate of this young woman's future...

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(THE DEFENCE LAWYER FINISHES HIS DEFENCE SPEECH; COMFORTING BRANDY. GEMMA BREATHEs IN HER CAGED CELL; THOUGH REMAINS VERY SCARED... JUDGE OINK TALKS TO THE JURY; facing the JURY)

JUDGE OINK

(to JURY) Now members of the jury. As the defence LAWYER and the CROWN have stated... you are tasked to decide the future of MS GEMMA... is she GUILTY or NOT GUILTY... you must decide with the evidence that is of provided.. with the speech notes you have made from the CROWN and the DEFENCE LAWYER.. make your decision wisely... the bailiff will lead you to the JURY room for deliberations...

(THE BAIliFF takes and guides the JURY to the JURY ROOM for jury deliberations...)

(15 MINUTES LATER - THE JURY make a return after their jury deliberations. They return to the JURY BOX; JUDGE OINK speaks..)

JUDGE OINK

(SPEAKS TO JURY) MEMBERS OF THE JURY. HAVE YOU MADE YOUR DELIBERATIONS AND COME UP WITH THE VERDICT OF YOUR CASE...?

ALL JURY MEMBERS

(to JUDGE OINK) Yes..

JUDGE OINK

(to JURY) Good.. now the selective member that you have all selected to state the verdict must stand... is the DEFENDANT MS GEMMA guilty or not guilty of perjury with MR NICK? If yes; please state damages involving the payout or not...

(ONE MEMBER of the JURY stands and speaks; with support from the other members of the JURY. THE MEMBER speaks the verdict..)

JURY MEMBER

(speaks to JUDGE OINK) Your honour.. we find MS GEMMA guilty of this civil case... we grant the damages of \$100,000 to the CROWN's client MR. NICK...

(GEMMA is and appears disheartened and distraught by the case.. she is heartbroken... BRANDY looks concerned as she looks at her daughter GEMMA: concerned of her saddened; and damaging wellbeing..)

BRANDY

(whispers to herself) GEMMA..(saddened)
no... no.

JUDGE OINK

(to JURY) Thank you JURY... the case has been solved... you may leave... the bailiff will guide you out..

(MINUTES LATER - the JURY have been guided out of the COURTHOUSE by the BAILIFF. GEMMA cries in the cage; disheartened by the news... afraid of the payout she is unable to pay..)

GEMMA

(cries to herself) NO.... NO... no... this can't be happening... this can't be happening... NO... NO...

(THE CROWN LAWYER and NICK are both relieved of the verdict outcomes.. THE SCENE CUTS TO A FLASHBACK... A FLASHBACK OCCURS..)

FLASHBACK - 2 YEARS AGO

INT. GEMMA'S ROOM - BRANDY'S HOUSE - 6AM DAYTIME

(FADE IN: GEMMA'S ROOM at DAYTIME sleeping; though tossing and turning as she suffers from a dream. GEMMA tosses and turns in bed; as the nightmare involves herself and her mother being separated. She screams as she wakes up in bed; BRANDY meanwhile out the living room hears. She hurriedly makes her way to GEMMA'S room; noticing her frightened daughter..)

BRANDY

(worried to GEMMA) Gemma.. GEMMA darling..
GEMMA...

(GEMMA has a scared expression on her face; as she looks at BRANDY)

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GEMMA

(scared to BRANDY) Mum.. Mum... the dream..
it was scary... I had a scary nightmare...
(cries) it was scary..

BRANDY

(Comforts GEMMA) But it wasn't real
darling... it wasn't... it's okay darling...

(BRANDY makes her way to an
ottoman; sitting besides GEMMA's
bed; comforting her daughter more)

BRANDY

(comforts GEMMA) It's okay I'm here..

(GEMMA cries in her mother's arm.
BRANDY continues comforting her
daughter; hugging her..)

BRANDY

(comforts GEMMA) IT's okay DARLING.. it's
okay.. it's not real..

(A pause.)

BRANDY

(QUESTIONS GEMMA) WHAT WAS THE DREAM ABOUT
DARLING?

(GEMMA thinks back to the dream
and panics; as she recalls the
dream... she speaks to BRANDY in
an upset; scared voice..)

GEMMA

(scared to BRANDY) That you and I would be
separated... (cries) That somehow... the
police would separate us.... it was scary..

BRANDY

(comforts GEMMA) Gemma... Gemma darling...
it's okay... it's all fine... I am here..
I'm here..

GEMMA

(cries to BRANDY) I'm scared. MUM... why do
the dreams seems so real... like it may
happen..

BRANDY

(to GEMMA) Darling BRANDY... nothing is
going to happen... I promise.., Dreams and
nightmares are not real... they are just a
figment of your imagination.. it's not
real... I promise you..

(A pause... BRANDY continues
comforting her upset and scared
daughter GEMMA..)

BRANDY

(comforts GEMMA) It's okay.. it's all good... it's not real... that will never happen..

(GEMMA continues crying in her mother's arms; afraid. THE FLASHBACK scene comes to a close. FADE OUT: END OF SCENE)

BACK TO PRESENT

INT. COURT ROOM - NIXTON COURTHOUSE

(FADE IN; CUT TO THE COURT ROOM. THE CRYING GEMMA in her cage; struggles with the verdict and begins crushing her head on the cage doors; trying to avoid paying the payout. MR. NICK and the CROWN LAWYER stands in shock; they look at JUDGE OINK..)

JUDGE OINK

(to CROWN LAWYER & NICK) You may both leave the courthouse...

(AS THE CROWN LAWYER and NICK leaves - an enraged GEMMA screams in hatred at the passing NICK... cursing at him..)

GEMMA

(shouts to NICK) I HATE YOU NICK... I HATE YOU.. you have DESTROYED MY LIFE... I HATE You... ROT IN HELL.. rot in HELL you prick.

(THE CROWN LAWYER begins comforting the shaken NICK...)

CROWN LAWYER

(comforts NICK) Ignore her NICK.. let's leave... the case is over.... let's leave..

(GEMMA continues cursing at the leaving NICK)

GEMMA

(shouts to NICK) I HATE YOU... you are the WORSE PERSON IN THE WORLD.... I can NOT CHANGE WHO I AM... I HATE YOU..

(THE CROWN LAWYER and NICK have officially left... GEMMA continues screaming. JUDGE OINK grows enraged at the screaming GEMMA)

JUDGE OINK
(shouts to GEMMA) SHUT UP.... SHUT UP..
SHUT UP NOW..

(GEMMA refuses to shut up; and continues screaming..)

GEMMA
(screams to JUDGE OINK) No MY life is in ruins... I CAN'T AFFORD THAT PAYOUT... I don't want to go to jail... I don't want to go.. this was an all complete accident.. I can't believe this... (enraged) I can't believe this... NO... NO..

(BRANDY speaks up to JUDGE OINK; upset to see her daughter in a bad mental state....)

BRANDY
(Shouts to JUDGE OINK) Stop this... stop this.. PLEASE... please... I'm asking as a mother..

JUDGE OINK
(furious to BRANDY) I couldn't GIVE A shit if you are her mother... do not question or change the court tribunal and civil law legislation system... DON'T EVER question the JUDGE... you HEAR..

BRANDY
(shouts to JUDGE OINK) This is destroying my daughter..

(JUDGE OINK grows annoyed at BRANDY; shouting at the PRISON GUARD..)

JUDGE OINK
(furious to PRISON GUARD) Lock her up.. LOCK HER UP..

(GEMMA noticing her mother on the verge of being taken by police; screams in shock...)

GEMMA
(screams to PRISON GUARD) No... no... not my MOTHER... what are you going to do to my MUM?

JUDGE OINK
(shouts to GEMMA) In a cell... now SHUT UP..

(GEMMA screams in fear. Another PRISON GUARD prepares to open GEMMA's cage; GEMMA screams as she fights the legal system with physical force; kicking the PRISON GUARD in the groin. THE PRISON GUARD groans by the pain...)

PRISON GUARD
(shouts to himself) FUCK... FUCK....

(THE PRISON GUARD falls on his knees. GEMMA kicks the PRISON GUARD once again; making him fall on his back; defence-less. GEMMA then disarms the PRISON GUARD: and arms herself. GEMMA then aims the armed gun at the OTHER PRISON GUARD. THE PRISON GUARD notices he is unarmed; and panics....)

PRISON GUARD
(worried to himself) SHIT.. SHIT..

(jUDGE OINK watches in shock; and picks up his phone; contacting security staff for more assistance on the situation,...)

JUDGE OINK
(shouts on phone) ASSISTANCE.... HELP...
assistance... ASSISTANCE.

(THE PRISON GUARD at the present; makes his way to the other prison guards arming himself. JUDGE OINIK speaks firmly to GEMMA)

JUDGE OINK
(firmly to GEMMA) Gemma... GEMMA...
enough... don't you dare try to avoid the
court's rules... the jury has found you
guilty... don't make things any harder for
yourself... STOP NOW... STOP...

(GEMMA screams as she grabs her mother's hand; making her way outside the COURT HOUSE. THE PRISON GUARDS make their way to handcuff both GEMMA & BRANDY; aiming a handgun at them both. GEMMA notices and panics..)

PRISON GUARD(S)
(firm to GEMMA) STOP... STOP... STOP
THERE... STOP RIGHT NOW..

(GEMMA screams at the PRISON GUARD(s) and continues on hr way out. BRANDY worries on the outcome; the PRISON GUARDS follow. GEMMA notices an idle darkened room; where she hides herself in; and alters her appearance to JULIAN. BRANDY worries...)

BRANDY

(whispers to GEMMA) Gemma... GEMMA... what are you?

(GEMMA whispers in her male identity JULIAN...)

JULIAN

(whispers to BRANDY) Mum... getting us out of here.. getting us out of here..

(JULIAN ducks his head outside the idle room; noticing all the prison guards' are searching elsewhere for BRANDY and himself. JULIAN grabs his mother's hand; and escapes. THE PRISON GUARDS notice the escape of BRANDY; and are confused on the appearance of JULIAN. They proceed to stop BRANDY)

PRISON GUARDS

(shouts to BRANDY) Hey... HEY... stop... you to young guy...

(JULIAN finds another escape of the COURTHOUSE: and proceeds to make the escape with his mother BRANDY. The scene ends with the PRISON GUARDS stunned as they notice the mother-and-daughter have escaped and can not be seen. THEY LOOK in shock..)

(FADE OUT; END OF STORY...)