

"Baseball Wives"
7 December 2001

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15 EXT. JAKE'S BAR - TUESDAY, 11:45 P.M.

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A few PATRONS come and go. NICOLE leans against parked Ford T-Bird, waiting, her bulldog BUSTER sitting at her feet. YOUNG MALE FAN walks by, does a double take.

YOUNG MALE FAN
Hey, isn't that Buster? Mike Camden's dog, right?

NICOLE
Actually, no --

YOUNG MALE FAN
What're you doing with Camden's dog? You his girlfriend?

NICOLE
Mike Camden's married.

YOUNG MALE FAN
Oh.

NICOLE
And this is my dog. I've had him since he was a puppy.

YOUNG MALE FAN
Oh... Sorry.

NICOLE
S'okay.

YOUNG MALE FAN
He looks exactly like Buster. Mike Camden, plays for the Kings?

NICOLE
Yeah, I know.

YOUNG MALE FAN continues on. NICOLE sighs, pats BUSTER. MIKE approaches.

MIKE
What're you doing here?
(suspicious)
What're you, checking up on me now?

NICOLE
Didn't you get my messages? I called your cellphone.

MIKE
No.

NICOLE
I just wanted to talk to you.

MIKE
I'm not fucking around, Nicole.

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NICOLE

I didn't think you were --

MIKE

I'm not Kip --

NICOLE

And I'm not Diane. I'm not me --

(tugs on leash)

Buster's not my dog -- he's your dog,I'm your wife --

MIKE

Nicole --

NICOLE

Next, I'll be serving caviar for
lunch, I won't recognize a Renoir --

MIKE

What?

NICOLE

You'll have your shirt off in People
magazine, and you'll look right
through me -- --

MIKE

What are you talking about?

NICOLE

I want to go back to school.

A beat. MIKE looks at her, confused.

MIKE

You hated school.

NICOLE

I want to finish, get my degree. Do
something with my life. Anything.

A beat. MIKE looks at her, nods.

MIKE

Fine.

NICOLE

Fine?

MIKE

Fine.

(beat)

Does it have to be right now?

NICOLE

Why not now?

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MIKE

I know it's tough, being on the road... the fans, the wives being psycho... But what did we always talk about? The odds I was gonna make it to the majors --

MIKE takes her hand, makes his case.

MIKE (cont.)

I made it. We made it. Things are starting to heat up, this is my year, I can feel it. I need you with me.

NICOLE

This is not about me leaving you.

MIKE

Then, don't... You can wait till off-season, at least, right?

A beat.

NICOLE

I'm not gonna change my mind, Mike.
October --

MIKE

November.

(off her look)

We're gonna make it to the series.

NICOLE

November. Then we're gonna talk about this again.

MIKE

Absolutely.

(kisses her)

We're going to L.A. tomorrow, and we're gonna have a good time. Just you and me, after the games, we'll go to Fat Burger, maybe see a movie, forget about Rip and Diane and all this shit.

NICOLE, reluctant, smiles.

NICOLE

Fat Burger. You really know the way to a girl's heart.

MIKE

I'll even throw in some curly fries.

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NICOLE and MIKE head to Car, as two MALE FANS, walking by, recognize him.

MALE FAN

Yo, Camden --

MIKE reflexively starts to respond, NICOLE sighs, pulls BUSTER to side door. MIKE sees NICOLE, waves MALE FANS off.

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