

SHIPWRECKED

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EXT. DESERT ISLAND - DAY

A WOMAN, ELIZABETH, 28, AND A MAN, PETE, 28, ARE IN WET CLOTHES AT THE WATER'S EDGE. SHE'S LYING DOWN, WITH JUST ONE SHOE ON; HE'S KNEELING OVER HER, FRANTICALLY TRYING TO REVIVE HER WITH CHEST COMPRESSIONS AND MOUTH-TO-MOUTH RESUSCITATION.

PETE

Come on, Elizabeth... this wasn't part of my plan!... I'm such an idiot!

FINALLY, THERE ARE SIGNS OF LIFE. SHE COUGHS.

PETE (CONT'D)

(looking heavenward)

Thank you!

THEY BOTH BREATHE HEAVILY, RECOVERING. WHEN SHE LOOKS AT HIM, HE RAMPS UP HIS STRUGGLE TO BREATHE FOR HER BENEFIT.

ELIZABETH

Where are we? What happened?

PETE

Our boat hit some rocks. Capsized. You blacked out. I got us here.

ELIZABETH

You got us here?

PETE

Yes, brothers can swim.

ELIZABETH

What about the others?

AT THIS POINT, PETE RETURNS TO HIS PLANNED "SCRIPT"

FOR WHAT HE WANTS TO HAPPEN.

PETE

(looking sadly out at the ocean)

I wish I knew. I was busy saving us. Despite sustaining numerous injuries.

UNDER THE GUISE OF CHECKING HIMSELF FOR INJURIES, PETE FLEXES HIS MUSCLES FOR HER BENEFIT THROUGHOUT THE FOLLOWING.

PETE (CONT'D)

Using all my strength. Summoning virtually superhuman effort. Without
(MORE)

PETE (CONT'D)
 regard for my own safety. Battling
 sharks...

ELIZABETH
 (she gives him a look,
 then, noticing)
 Have you seen my other shoe?

PETE
 (playfully)
 No. Maybe if we retrace our steps
 across the ocean...

ELIZABETH
 Do we know each other?

PETE
 I'm Pete... The high school reunion
 cruise we were just on?... We used
 to be chemistry lab partners?

ELIZABETH
 (looks at him closely,
 then)
 My chemistry lab partner -- Geeky
 Pete! How funny was it when that
 explosion blew your eyebrows off!

ELIZABETH LAUGHS 'TIL SHE NOTICES PETE'S SERIOUS EXPRESSION,
 THEN QUICKLY BECOMES SERIOUS.

ELIZABETH (CONT'D)
 I mean, you look fine now!

PETE
 I'm gonna make a fire and try
 signaling someone.

HE STARTS SEARCHING FOR TWIGS AND BRANCHES.

PETE (CONT'D)
 Did you know I volunteered to hand
 out refreshments at the prom just so
 I could say I went to the prom with
 you?

ELIZABETH
 Well, that is flattering --
 (sotto)
 -- and a little creepy.

PETE
 So, I suppose you ended up marrying
 one of those wealthy Ken Doll types.

ELIZABETH

Yup. And he left me for one of those Barbie Doll types.

PETE

I'm sorry.

ELIZABETH

So is Barbie, from what I hear. And thank you.

SHE CROSSES TO HELP HIM WITH THE BRANCHES.

ELIZABETH (CONT'D)

Yourself? Married? Kids?

PETE

Nah. Just work. Sold an iPhone app. Heard of Angry Birds? I created Pissed Off Pigeons. Made millions.

ELIZABETH

Millions can buy you a lot of Barbie dolls.

PETE

I'm not interested in Barbie dolls.

PETE NOTICES THAT ELIZABETH HAS BEGUN WEEPING.

PETE (CONT'D)

Elizabeth, are you okay?

ELIZABETH

(through her tears)

I'm sorry. I've made a mess of my life.

ELIZABETH (CONT'D)

Failed at my job. Failed at my marriage. Can't even take a simple boat cruise without getting shipwrecked on some godforsaken island!

HE GOES TO HER. SHE EMBRACES HIM FOR COMFORT.

PETE

Hey, come on now. You gotta look to the future, to all the good things that are gonna happen.

ELIZABETH

Like what? Starving to death on this island?

PETE

(breaking apart from
the embrace)

Look, just hypothetically now... Say
one day this guy you used to know
reappears in your life...

ELIZABETH

Yeah, like that's gonna happen here.

PETE

And this dude is so crazy about you
that he stages a fake boat crash
just so he can rescue you...

ELIZABETH

Keep up the stories. They'll be our
entertainment now.

PETE

(pointedly)

...and once he charms you, he takes
you to the resort he owns on the
other side of the island...

PETE (CONT'D)

...where he's arranged the most
romantic and special dinner in the
history of romantic and special
dinners.

ELIZABETH

(a beat, then realizing)

Oh, my god! We're not really
shipwrecked!

PETE SMILES AND SHAKES HIS HEAD NO. SHE ANGRILY GOES AFTER
HIM. HE COWERS.

ELIZABETH (CONT'D)

(upset)

Why, you -- we could have died!
Everybody could have died!

PETE

It was five feet of water. And I
didn't know you couldn't swim. I may
not have thought every detail through
completely.

ELIZABETH

You are something else.

PETE

A good something else?

ELIZABETH

I don't know if I should applaud you
or sue your weasely ass.

PETE

I'd settle for your just looking at
me once like I'm, say, Denzel
Washington.

ELIZABETH

Unbelievable.

PETE

A good unbelievable?

ELIZABETH

(a beat, calming down)
I guess it's flattering that you
would do all that for me.

PETE

Thank you.

ELIZABETH

Bring your weasely ass on over here...
Now, not that I'm getting hungry or
anything, but about that food you
mentioned?

PETE

The romantic and special dinner?
Wolfgang Puck himself is ready to
serve us as soon as we arrive.

ELIZABETH

(playfully)
And you think one fancy meal's gonna
win me over?

PETE

A meal -- and a six-pack.

PETE LIFTS HIS SHIRT TO REAVEAL HIS "SIX-PACK" CHEST.

ELIZABETH

(impressed)
Ooh, Geeky Pete!

AS SHE TAKES HIS HAND AND LEADS HIM OFF, HE LOOKS TO AUDIENCE,
SMILES AND FIST-PUMPS IN TRIUMPH. AND WE:

SFX: ARETHA FRANKLIN'S "RESCUE ME"

FADE OUT.