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SAMPLE SCRIPT



LIGHTS UP

Jenny gets out of bed and sits on the side of the bed...her eyes are still half shut.... She stands up and walks to a chair at a nearby table....she sits...she thinks....she realizes that her feelings are the same as the day before...God has done nothing to change the way she feels....she talks to him....

JENNY: *(smiles at the thought)* Tell me, Lord...How hard is it for you, huh? Moses only asked you once and you let him see you....why are you hiding from me? You refuse to even show yourself in my dreams. *(pause, heavy sigh)* Oh, What's the use..!

She gets up and exits, but re-enters quickly, realizing that the bible was sitting on the table before her.

She stops a little way from the table. She just stands there staring at it.

She goes to the table, picks it up and opens it.

JENNY: *(reads)* Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name....*(Psalms 97: 12)*

She slams the bible shut.

JENNY: *(fake laugh)* You're funny, God. *(pause)* Don't you see my tears anymore Lord...don't you care? How can I possibly rejoice feeling like this? Why are you always so silent? Where is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob...the God who used to answer when men called you by name? Where are you? I am sorry if my prayer is not the way you like it...but you...you still don't listen, even when it is. Ahh!

She exits.

She re-enters.

JENNY: Tell me Lord...if my life is like this now...today....where will I be tomorrow, huh? Care to share that little info with me so I can have something to look forward to. A future perhaps...maybe, my destiny even!

Silence.

JENNY: Uhm. The sweet sound of silence.

She dons her robe...ties it at the front....reaches for her guitar...

She sings....

She exits....comes back with a cup of tea.

She listens to her voice messages (pre-recorded) as she sips from the cup.

(beep)

MOTHER'S VOICE: Hi Jen...this is your mother...I'm sorry you had to be there last night when...you know, your father and I...well, it wasn't really an argument...it...

JENNY: *(rolls her eyes)* ...was an argument.

MOTHER'S VOICE: I admit it was a bit loud....and you may have been embarrassed...but it happens sometimes. (pause) I don't really want to talk about this over the phone...hopefully I won't have to work late tonight...so later...if you're still up when I get home. Bye. Love you.

(click)

(beep)

MOTHER'S VOICE: Me again. I don't want you to be worried too much...whatever is happening between me and your father...just don't worry about it....God knows best....and...well, later.

(click)

Jenny retrieves some files and sit at the table rummaging through the Paperwork.

(beep)

MARIE'S VOICE: Why won't you answer the phone girl? We need to talk. Call me back, okay.

(click)

(beep)

PAUL'S VOICE: Hey babe...I'm sorry I stood you up last night...but you know how it is. Anyway, I really wanted to make it up to you tonight. We have some things to talk about. But, I have to work...so...*(pause)*...call me. Oh, oh...by the way I left a letter in your precious bible. I hope you already found it. We'll talk about it later.

(click)

(beep)

(beep)

(phone rings)

Jenny considers before answering it.

JENNY: Hello.

Pause.

JENNY: Yes sir...I have the file before me right....sir....yes sir.....yes, I plan to have the contract ready today.....I'm....sir, ...I.....yes sir, twelve noon.....yes sir.....*(bites her lips and continues to listen)*.....

(hangs up)

She almost throws the phone against the wall but decides against it.

Bows her head in exasperation.

JENNY: I hate that man.

Looks up to Heaven.

JENNY: Is this your will for my life....this constant hell? Is this how you want me to live? *(pause)* An answer would be good.....oh the Bible! Okay. You speak to your children through the word. Alright.

Goes for a bible.

JENNY: Let's see what you have to say.

Opens the bible and points her finger.

The words cut deep into her soul.

JENNY: *(reads)* Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may be blameless and pure.....*(Philippians 2)*

Tears come to her eyes as she considers these words.

JENNY *(closes bible)* I guess I have been a little ungrateful.

She falls to her knees in prayer.

JENNY: I never meant to hurt you, Lord. All I want is your attention and it hurts not feeling you...not hearing you and yet you're there. How is it possible to believe something I can't see or touch? How do I fall in love with you? How do I interact with you? Teach me these things; Lord...I am willing to learn.

She stays there for a beat.

A song comes to her heart and she sings.

*At the end of the song, she resumes her work...but something
Keeps drawing her eyes to the bible sitting at the end of the
Table.*

She reaches for it a few times, but decides against it.

(phone rings)

JENNY: What? Oh, hi Grace.....no, I'm actually working.....not a good idea. I really wanted to go to Bible Study tonight.....what?....hello....I'm a Christian remember....what do you mean 'so.' Hey, I was having a bad enough day...this is just not the time. What?.....Did Paul tell you that....What? Listen.....What? No.....We are engaged to be married...he wouldn't do that.....I said.....aren't you engaged to James....? My God....

Jenny throws down the phone.

She cannot sit still as the adrenaline pumps through her veins.

She paces back and forth.

Remembering something she goes to her bible and flips clumsily through the pages.

She finds a letter. She tears it open and reads.

JENNY: My dearest Jen...I am sorry, but there are just some things I have been unable to say face to face. I do love you....but love is not enough sometimes....it seems, anyway...I've made some mistakes and I hope you'll be able to forgive me....someday....it's just that...I'm just not so sure we're.....right for each other.....*(Jenny breaks down again)*

She tears the letter and throws it away.

She picks up the phone and dials and waits.

JENNY: Don't 'hey babe me'.....why are you doing this to me....of course I wanted you to be honest....but....What? No, no...I don't want to hear it....I gave you everything you bastard. I gave you my body....isn't that sacrifice enough....what? you little.....

Removes the phone from her ears and try to regain control.

JENNY: *(puts the phone to her ears)* I am a Christian, Paul. I put that on the line just to please you and you went and slept with Grace....she's engaged for god's sake. You are engaged! What kind of man are you?...Don't....

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