I Kiss, You Cry

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EXT. SUBURBAN STREET- DAY

JESSICA, STANDING OUTSIDE CIGARETTE HANGING OUT OF HER MOUTH, HER HAIR IS MESSY LIKE BED HAIR. WE HEAR A DOOR SLAM AND ANOTHER WOMAN COMES OUT OF HER HOUSE. THIS IS SAFFY, WHO IS CLOSING HER EYES REALLY TAKING IN THE FRESH AIR.

JESS

Valentine's Day passions? We haven't argued yet. It takes the passion out of ... you know

JESS

Doing anything special?

We hear a door slam and SAFFY has left

JESS (to herself)

Rude

INT. BEDROOM

CAMERA PANS UP TO NICK, JESSICA'S BOYFRIEND LYING IN BED. SHE CREEPS UP TO HIS FACE SO THEY ARE NOSE TO NOSE.

SHE SMILES, KISSES HIM ON THE LIPS. AND THE CAMERA FADES OUT FROM THEM.

INT. BEDROOM- LATER IN THE DAY

THE TWO OF THEM ARE LYING IN EACH OTHER'S ARMS.

NICK:

This is better than any Valentine's Day, I've ever had. No dinner, no presents

JESS:

What?

NICK (worried look on his face):

Joking, joking

WE HEAR FAINT SOUNDS OF SHOUTING AND BREAKING OF GLASS

INT. LIVING ROOM

JESSICA IS IN THE KITCHEN MAKING COFFEE AND DROPS THE CARDBOARD BOX.... BECAUSE IN THE GARDEN, SHE CAN SEE SAFFY'S HEAD IN THE NEXT DOOR POOL

JESS

Saffy!

SHE GETS NO RESPONSE-BEGINS TO PANIC - CLIMBS OVER THE FENCE- SHE HURRIES INTO THE POOL. **CUT TO:** AN UNDERWATER SHOT AND SAFFY, FLOATING, EYES CLOSED PEACEFUL. JESS BEGINS TO PULL ON HER TOWARDS THE SURFACE

CUT TO: ABOVE GROUND JESS PERFORMS CPR-ONE-TWO-THREE, ONE-TWO-THREE-GOES ON FOR MINUTES.

SAFFY'S EYES BURST OPEN.

JESS:

Hey, it's okay, I got you. I got you.

SAFFY LOOKS AT JESS AND THEN HER EYES BEGIN TO WATER.

JESS

Does it hurt? Oh, God. Where? Where does it hurt?

VOICE IS HEARD FROM THE HOUSE. IT'S SAFFY'S HUSBAND, NOEL.

NOEL:

Saf!

JESS:

Noel! Noel!

NOEL RUSHES OUT AND WITNESSES THE SCENE OF JESS HOLDING SAFFY.

JESS:

I saw her ... from my house ... drowning.

THERE'S A MOMENT WHEN NOEL LOOKS AT SAFFY, SAFFY LOOKS AT NOEL AND JESS STARES BETWEEN THE TWO OF THEM TRYING TO UNDERSTAND

EXT. SUBURBAN HOUSE- NIGHT

JESS OUTSIDE SMOKING. SHE LOOKS ACROSS- HEARS SOBBING. IT'S SAFFY. NICK APPEARS OVER HER SHOULDER.

NICK

Here's your present.

JESS LOOKS AT NICK SLIGHTLY SAD, SLIGHTLY HAPPY AND HUGS HIM TO THE CRIES OF SAFFY.