

## SCENE FOUR

*Later. Lisa is looking out the window. Boyd enters from the back room.*

BOYD  
Everything okay?

LISA  
Yeah.  
No.  
I don't know.

*A beat.*

LISA  
We're stuck here.

BOYD  
No.

LISA  
Yeah. We are.  
Look.

*Boyd joins her at the window.*

BOYD  
Wow.  
That's a lot of snow.

LISA  
Yeah.

BOYD  
When did it get so

LISA  
Who knows.  
Apparently this storm is like  
It's massive.  
Peg's flight was rerouted.

BOYD  
Oh no! To where?

LISA

Far.

She won't make it tonight.

Not that it would matter.

BOYD

Have you talked to her?

LISA

Couldn't get through.

BOYD

Maybe she'll call.

I'm sure she'll call when she

LISA

I don't know.

I don't

It's all white out there.

*Boyd joins her at the window.*

BOYD

Yeah.

It's pretty bad.

LISA

What a mess.

BOYD

She'll be okay.

LISA

What about me?

BOYD

You?

You're always okay.

LISA

I don't want to sleep here, Boyd.

I don't want to sleep here on Christmas Eve.

BOYD

It'll be okay, Leese. It'll be like

It'll be like a slumber party.

LISA

This was supposed to be a good Christmas.

BOYD  
I know.  
I know.  
I'm sorry.  
Maybe it still could be.

*A beat.*

LISA  
Do you think  
Do you think this is like

BOYD  
What?

LISA  
The apocalypse?

BOYD  
Is that your new hypothesis?

LISA  
I don't know.

BOYD  
I don't know either.

*They look out the window for a bit.*

LISA  
Where's Grace?

BOYD  
She said she was gonna call her mom.

LISA  
Oh.

BOYD  
But  
It's been kind of a while.

LISA  
I'm sure she's okay.

BOYD  
Yeah.

*A beat.*

BOYD

Hey, what's your favorite planet?

LISA

Um. I dunno. Venus?

BOYD

Venus?

LISA

Sure.

Venus is the Goddess of Love.

BOYD

Oh. Yeah. Cool.

Mine's Pluto.

LISA

I know.

I remember how upset you were when they said it wasn't a planet anymore.

BOYD

It is a planet.

It's a dwarf planet.

The word planet is right there in the title.

LISA

I remember how upset you were.

BOYD

I'm okay about it now.

*A beat.*

BOYD

What do you think Grace's favorite planet is?

LISA

I don't know.

BOYD

We should ask her.

Do you think she likes planets?

LISA

I don't know, Boyd.

BOYD

You think her favorite is also Venus?

LISA  
I don't know.

BOYD  
The Goddess of Love.

LISA  
Venus is mine, she can get her own favorite planet.

BOYD  
Well, I don't think you're the first and only person to like Venus. I mean, there are only nine planets. You don't have a monopoly on Venus-liking.

LISA  
There are eight planets.

*Boyd takes a long, deep, very controlled breath.*

LISA  
I'm just joshing ya.

*A beat. They look out the windows.*

BOYD  
Should I  
Should you  
Should we check on her?

LISA  
Just give her a bit, okay?  
It's been  
I think it's been a kind of weird day for her.

BOYD  
Yeah.  
For all of us, really.

LISA  
Sure, but for her...  
I think she's a little...

BOYD  
What?

LISA  
I don't know.  
If I were her, I'd be like  
I dunno.

BOYD  
What?

LISA  
I don't know.  
Embarrassed, I guess?

BOYD  
Embarrassed? What does she have to be embarrassed about?

LISA  
Nothing!  
But maybe she thinks she does.

BOYD  
I don't think that makes sense.

LISA  
I just  
I don't know!  
I guess...  
I mean, all she ever wanted to do was get out of here.

BOYD  
And she did!

LISA  
Yeah. That's what I'm getting at.

BOYD  
And now she's like  
Back!

LISA  
Yeah. Exactly.

BOYD  
So?

LISA  
I don't know.  
Maybe I'm being too  
I don't know. What do I know?

BOYD  
Hm. I dunno, maybe you're right.  
You're good at that stuff.

LISA  
What stuff?

BOYD  
Like...  
People stuff.

LISA  
Eh.

BOYD  
I hope she's not embarrassed, though.

LISA  
Me too.

*Another beat.*

BOYD  
Do you believe in fate?

LISA  
Fate? Like destiny?

BOYD  
Yeah, like destiny.  
Fate.

LISA  
I don't know.

BOYD  
I think I do.

LISA  
Oh yeah?

BOYD  
Like, think about all the things that had to happen to lead us to this place.

LISA  
Snowed in at a bank?

BOYD  
Yeah, snowed in at a bank.  
And with Grace.

LISA  
You think it's fate?

BOYD

I think so.

I think there's a reason for everything.

LISA

Hm.

Maybe.

Maybe we have unfinished business.

BOYD

Maybe someone put us here to finish some business.

LISA

Maybe it was Venus.

BOYD

The Goddess of Love?

You think there's some Love Business to attend to?

LISA

Boyd!

BOYD

You said it!

*She shoves him playfully.*

*A beat.*

LISA

How come you never asked me out, Boyd?

BOYD

Hah.

I asked you out all the time!

LISA

But never seriously.

BOYD

I asked you out all the time!

I'd say, "Lisa. Let's go out on a date."

And you'd say, "Ha ha ha, Boyd you are a nut."

LISA

Well, come on Boyd! You weren't serious!

BOYD

Maybe I was.



LISA  
Were you?

BOYD  
I don't know.  
I don't remember.

LISA  
Boyd!

BOYD  
I once asked Grace out.

LISA  
No you didn't.

BOYD  
I did.  
I asked her out and she went out with me.

LISA  
You're  
You *are* a nut.

BOYD  
I think it was probably the best date of my life.

LISA  
Boyd!  
You are the worst!

BOYD  
I'm very charming.

LISA  
Sure you are.

*A beat.*

BOYD  
Anyway.  
...  
I think I do.  
I think I do believe in fate.

*Grace enters. She goes to her teller station and puts her head down on the desk. Boyd and Lisa look at her. Then at each other. They don't know what to do.*