

Broken Candy

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INT. BEDROOM - LATER THAT DAY

CANDACE JONES (21) is screaming and crying. She is wearing a red dress and is covered in bruises, blood, and has shards of glass sticking out of her.

CANDACE
(Yelling)
Conrad!
(Beat)
Conrad!
(Beat)
Conrad!

INT. BEDROOM - DAY

CONRAD MEYER (22) and Candace are laying in bed. Candace is holding Conrad, then wakes up. There is a calendar on the wall and the date is November 25, 2016. The date is marked "6 YEAR ANNIVERSARY." Candace kisses Conrad's cheek and gets out of bed. She EXITS.

INT. BATHROOM - DAY

Candace splashes water on her face from the sink.

INT. BEDROOM - DAY

Conrad wakes up. He sees a teddy bear on the floor. He picks it up and puts it on the bed. He EXITS.

INT. BATHROOM - DAY

Candace is checking herself out in the mirror.

INT. KITCHEN - DAY

Conrad is eating toast. TIBBY, a calico cat, is looking up at Conrad.

CONRAD
What?

Tibby meows.

CONRAD (CONT'D)
Okay, I'll feed you breakfast.

INT. BATHROOM - DAY

Candace is checking herself out in the mirror. She EXITS.

INT. KITCHEN - DAY

Conrad is feeding Tibby. He pets Tibby.

CONRAD

Okay Tibs, I gotta get ready for
work. Don't hack up any fur balls
without me.

Conrad EXITS.

INT. BEDROOM - DAY

Candace is comparing dresses.

INT. BATHROOM - DAY

Conrad is taking a shower.

INT. BEDROOM - DAY

Candace is comparing dresses. She notices a tear on one of
the dresses.

CANDACE

(Whispers)

Damn.

Candace EXITS.

INT. COMPUTER ROOM -DAY

Candace ENTERS. She looks through an open drawer. She finds a
sewing kit. When she takes out the sewing kit, a picture
falls down. Candace picks it up. The back of the picture
reads "November 25, 2010" in pen. The picture is of her and
Conrad sitting on a curb, while Candace is holding the same
teddy bear from earlier.

EXT. BLOOMBERRY PARK - NIGHT (FLASHBACK)

Candace (16) and Conrad (16) are sitting on a curb. Conrad
has pimples and glasses.

Candace has braces and is holding the teddy bear. Conrad is taking a picture of him and Candace.

CANDACE

That was fun.

(Beat)

I liked when Katie Whelms threw up after the Tilt-A-Whirl.

CONRAD

Me too. That was so funny!

There is a beat. Candace looks at the teddy bear.

CANDACE

Thanks.

CONRAD

Please, all I had to do was throw balls and hit three bottles. Easy stuff. If I had more tickets, I'd win you more bears.

CANDACE

Really?

CONRAD

Well yeah...you're pretty and all. And...I don't know. I like you.

CANDACE

(Embarrassed)

Well, I like you too. And I think you're cool. But not just cool cool, like, really cool. You're rad.

CONRAD

(Embarrassed)

Rad? This isn't Full House.

CANDACE

It's in your name. Con-rad.

CONRAD

I guess you're right. I'm Rad Conrad.

(Beat)

Umm. I uhh-

CANDACE

What is it?

CONRAD
I want to kiss you, but I'm nervous
and I-

Candace kisses Conrad.

CONRAD (CONT'D)
(Embarrassed)
Wow.
(Beat)
You taste like cotton candy.

CANDACE
Rad.

Conrad kisses Candace.

INT. COMPUTER ROOM - DAY

Candace is smiling at the picture.

CANDACE
Rad.

Candace puts the photo back in the drawer.

INT. BATHROOM - DAY

Conrad gets out of the shower. He wipes the fog off of the mirror.

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

Candace ENTERS and sits down on the couch. Tibby is also on the couch. She starts sewing up the tear on her dress with a sewing needle.

INT. BATHROOM - DAY

Conrad is brushing his teeth. His phone rings. He answers it.

CONRAD
Hey Rich, what's up?
(Beat)
Actually, I can't stay later
tonight. I have something...

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

Candace is sewing her dress. She hears Conrad talking on the phone. She looks up and smiles. Tibby is on the couch.

CONRAD
(O.S.)
...important to do.

CANDACE
(Whispering to Tibby)
I think he's gonna propose, Tibs.

INT. BATHROOM - DAY

Conrad is on the phone.

CONRAD
I'll pick up Barry's shift next
week?
(Beat)
Okay, thank you. Be there in 20.
Bye.

Conrad hangs up the phone. He combs his hair.

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

Candace looks at her dress and smiles.

CANDACE
All fixed.
(Beat)
Hmm...maybe I'll go with red
instead.

Candace looks at Tibby.

CANDACE (CONT'D)
What do you think?

Tibby meows.

CANDACE (CONT'D)
Yeah, I agree. Red it is.

Candace smiles and pets Tibby.

INT. BEDROOM -DAY

Conrad ENTERS. He gets dressed. He is looking in the mirror.

CONRAD

Tonight. You're doing it tonight.

Conrad EXITS. Candace ENTERS. Candace lies down on the bed and looks lovingly at the calendar as she falls asleep.

CANDACE

I'm just gonna rest my eyes for a second.

EXT. BLOOMBERRY PARK - DAY (FLASHBACK)

Candace (17) and Conrad (17) are walking. Candace is holding a clipboard.

CANDACE

Okay, so for the theme, I'm torn between "Black and White Ball" and "A Night in Paradise." What do you think babe?

CONRAD

I think you've been planning way too hard for everyone else's prom experience instead of your own.

CANDACE

I...I don't know if I wanna go. I'll be too exhausted from planning and-

CONRAD

And nothing Candy. Get a dress and tell me what color it is so I can get a matching tie.

There is a beat. Candace smiles.

CONRAD (CONT'D)

I like a "Night in Paradise."

CANDACE

Me too.

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY (FLASHBACK)

Conrad (19) and Candace (19) ENTER and are each carrying a box. One box reads "BEDDING" and the other one reads "KITCHEN SUPPLIES." There are other boxes on the floor. They both put down the boxes they are holding. Conrad grabs Candace's shirt and pulls her close to him. He kisses her. He spanks her butt.

CONRAD
Our first place, roomie.

Conrad kisses Candace. Candace unpacks a box.

CANDACE
Do you think pets are allowed here?

CONRAD
Maybe. But we are not getting a
pet!

EXT. BLOOMBERRY PARK - DAY (3 MONTHS LATER)

Conrad and Candace are walking.

CONRAD
I hate summer. I'm sweating out of
my fucking nipples.

Conrad stops. Candace turns around and looks at him. He
points to his chest.

CONRAD (CONT'D)
Do you see that? Sweat. They're
like pit stains on my nipples.

CANDACE
If you say nipples one more time, I
will cut yours off.

CONRAD
Holy shit!

Candace and Conrad stop walking. We see a WOMAN WALKING A
CAT. The woman is wearing a bright pink track suit with a
matching fannypack. The cat is wearing a harness and leash.
Candace and Conrad laugh to themselves.

CONRAD (CONT'D)
I bet her husband ran off with a
pair of fake tits and now she pries
that poor thing around.

Candace looks distracted and is smiling. The woman walking a
cat smiles and waves. Candace waves back.

CANDACE
He's kinda cute.

CONRAD
Yep, nothing cuter than cleaning up
shit up out of a sandbox.

Conrad kisses Candace's cheek and checks his watch.

CONRAD (CONT'D)
 Movie's in 45 minutes, Candy.
 Better go now so we can get good
 seats.

Candace and Conrad are walking again.

CANDACE
 Can we get a cat?

CONRAD
 No.

INT. CAR - DAY (SAME)

Conrad is driving and Candace is sitting in the passenger seat holding Tibby. She is smiling.

CANDACE
 I love him.

Conrad half smiles.

CONRAD
 If he scratches me up, I'm blaming
 you.
 (Beat)
 I mean it.

Candace kisses Tibby on his head. Conrad smiles and shakes his head.

INT. BEDROOM - DAY (FLASHBACK)

Conrad (20) is folding laundry. Candace (20) is pacing back and forth while looking at a phone. Tibby is on the bed.

CANDACE
 Why the fuck did you like Katie
 Whelms pic on Instagram?

CONRAD
 Because she was at the beach and it
 was pretty!

CANDACE
 Oh, so now she's pretty?

CONRAD
 No I said the beach was pretty!

CANDACE
 Whatever, you're not supposed to
 like other girls pics on Instagram!

CONRAD
 You had coffee with Ronnie last
 week!

CANDACE
 He's gay! And we were best friends
 before you and I started dating! I
 don't recall you and Katie palling
 around during lunch freshmen year!

Tibby meows.

CONRAD AND CANDACE (CONT'D)
 What?!

There is a beat. The two look at Tibby confused.

CANDACE (CONT'D)
 I think he's hungry.

CONRAD
 I'll feed him.

Conrad and Tibby EXIT.

CANDACE
 (Yelling)
 Katie's boobs aren't even that
 nice.

CONRAD
 (Yelling O.S.)
 Let it go!

INT. LIVING ROOM - LATER THAT NIGHT

Candace and Conrad are snuggled up on the couch with Tibby,
 watching television.

CANDACE
 I'm sorry.

CONRAD
 Me too.

Conrad kisses Candace on the forehead. He looks at her chest.

CONRAD (CONT'D)
 You're right, your boobs are nicer.

Candace hits Conrad with a pillow.

CANDACE

Shut up.

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY (5 MONTHS LATER)

Conrad and Candace are cuddling on the couch in their pajamas with Tibby. There is a Christmas tree in the background. Conrad kisses Candace.

CANDACE

We should probably get dressed soon and head out to your mom's.

CONRAD

Nah. Let's stay here and cuddle more.

Candace smiles. She gets up.

CANDACE

Come on, lets get ready, or else we'll be late.

INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

Candace is asleep on the bed.

CANDACE

(Sleep talking)
We'll be late.

Candace wakes up.

CANDACE (CONT'D)

Shit!

Conrad ENTERS. He is carrying a box. Candace is frantically walking around.

CANDACE (CONT'D)

Babe, I am so sorry! I fell asleep while you were at work. Lemme put on my make up and dress and we can go on our anniver-

Candace notices the box.

CANDACE (CONT'D)

What's that?

Conrad packs up Candace's stuff, including her clothes, the teddy bear, books, and vanity items.

CANDACE (CONT'D)

Babe what are you doing? Babe stop.
Stop it!

(Beat)

Are you leaving me? Don't leave!

Candace looks through the box. She notices a news paper article that reads, "21-year old Candace Jones, Dies in Tragic Drunk Driving Accident!" The newspaper issue is dated November 25, 2015.

CANDACE (CONT'D)

What the fuck?
(To Conrad)

Babe? Babe!

We no longer see Candace. Conrad is still packing.

We see Candace again. She is crying and panicking.

CANDACE (CONT'D)

(Yelling)

Babe, what happened? I can fix
this! Babe stop it! Babe please.

Candace screams.

EXT. APARTMENT BUILDING - NIGHT (FLASHBACK)

Conrad (21) is walking Candace (21) to his car. Conrad is wearing a nice white shirt and black slacks. Candace is wearing a red dress.

CONRAD

Have I told you how beautiful you
look tonight?

CANDACE

Hmm, I don't think so.

CONRAD

Well, you do!

(Beat)

Sexy too. Very sexy.

Conrad admires Candace's outfit.

CONRAD (CONT'D)

You should wear this dress more
often.

CANDACE
Cheese ball.

CONRAD
Seriously, you look beautiful.
Well, you always do. Even when
you're not wearing any makeup and
you're gassy and Tibby is laying on
you.

CANDACE
Gassy and covered in cat, that sure
sounds like me.

Conrad and Candace reach Conrad's car. Conrad opens the
passenger door. Candace gets in.

INT. CAR - LATER

Conrad is driving with one hand, and holding Candace's hand
with the other.

CONRAD
Babe, you're gonna love tonight! I
got you something special.

CANDACE
Oh really? Hmm...is is another cat?

CONRAD
Hell no!

CANDACE
Hmmm...is it a necklace?

CONRAD
No, but you're close.

Conrad looks at Candace.

CONRAD (CONT'D)
Trust me, Candy, tonight is a night
that you'll never forg-

CANDACE
(Yelling)
Babe, watch out!

CONRAD
(Yelling)
Fuck!

We hear car's honking and a crashing sound.

INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

Conrad is finished packing. Candace is no longer there. Conrad gets out his phone and makes a call.

CONRAD

Yo, it's me again. I packed up all of her stuff. Took a year, but I did it. I'm gonna put it away in storage. Today would've been our 6 year.

(Beat)

I don't wanna be alone tonight, can we grab a beer afterwards?

(Beat)

Okay, thanks. You've been a really good friend to me since...well, you know. I appreciate it, really. I'll see you tonight. Bye Katie.

Conrad hangs up the phone. He picks up the box and EXITS. We see Candace again. Candace is wearing the same red dress. She is covered in bruises, blood, and has shards of glass sticking out of her. She pulls out a glass shard.

Tears roll down Candace's face.

THE END