

Life in Between

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CHARACTERS

Donnie - Cynical, yet optimistic.

Michael - Donnie's fiancé. Bubbly. Perfect.

Troy - Tough. Grounded. Realist.

Becca - Donnie's best friend; emphasis on best.

Hailey - Michael's best friend. Craving adventure.

ACT 1Scene 1

The bedroom of Donnie and Michael.

Michael and Hailey are on the bed surrounded by envelopes and invitations.

They have a system in place. One writes the address on the envelope, the other stuffs it and seals it.

They're in sync. It's almost a musical.

After some time, they hear a door open and close.

MICHAEL

Was that...

HAILEY

...the door?

MICHAEL

Crap. Hide!

HAILEY

I'm a grown adult. I'm not hiding.

MICHAEL

He can't know you're here. He'll know we're working on wedding stuff, and he just can't see these invitations.

DONNIE

(Off stage)

Babe? You here?

Michael starts to panic and looks for a place to hide the invitations.

MICHAEL

I'm...uh...in the room! Don't come in!

DONNIE

(Off stage)

What do you mean don't come in? What are you doing in there?

Michael gestures to Hailey to hide in the closet.

MICHAEL

Would you believe me if I said Paul Rudd? We're having a secret affair, and it won't be secret if you come in!
(To Hailey) Closet!

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DONNIE

(Off stage)

He's not even on your celebrity sex list! What's going on?

HAILEY

I'm only doing this because I want to see how this works out.

Hailey hides in the closet.

MICHAEL

Just stay out there. Five minutes.

DONNIE

(Off stage)

I'll give you five seconds and I'm coming in. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.

Michael, not having found a place to hide the invitations, just pulls the covers over them.

He positions himself nonchalantly on the bed.

Donnie comes in and starts to look around.

DONNIE

You're up to something.

MICHAEL

I don't know what you mean. I always do yoga on the bed like this.

DONNIE

Uh huh.

Donnie continues to look around the room.

MICHAEL

What do you think you're going to find?

DONNIE

Truthfully, hoping for Paul Rudd.

Donnie starts to get closer to the closet.

MICHAEL

Shower!

DONNIE

Shower?

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MICHAEL

Shower. You. Shower.

DONNIE

Me. Donnie. You. Crazy.

MICHAEL

You just got home. Why don't you take a shower?

DONNIE

Can't I unwind first?

MICHAEL

I'm already starting it.

Michael rushes into the restroom and turns on the shower.

MICHAEL

(Peeking out of the restroom)

If you're lucky enough, I'll even join you.

DONNIE

You are up to something. What did you do?

MICHAEL

(Still peaking out of the restroom)

It's not what I did, it's what I want to do to you.

DONNIE

Say no more.

Donnie rushes into the restroom.

MICHAEL

(Off stage)

Great. Stay here. I'll be right back.

Michael exits the restroom and closes the door.

DONNIE

(Off stage)

This is why we're getting married! You know exactly what I need after a long day at work.

Michael tries to find a place for the invitations again.

He remembers Hailey in the closet.

He opens the closet door.

She closes the closet door.

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