## ZOE EVER AFTER - "PILOT

XAVIER (CONT'D)

I know the money tree dad gave me for 6EMIN Christmas didn't come from nature. It Rev 6/12 was made by under-aged kids in China, and I feel real guilty about that.

But Dad's a giver and it's really important for our relationship that I

GEMINI, STINL TEXTING ON HIS PHONE CHIMES IN WITHOUT LOOKING UP.

GEMINI

Yeah buddy.

ZOE

be a taker. It's our thing.

(TO XAVIER) I'm going to count to three. You'd better be packing your old stuff by two and a half. (BEAT) One...

XAVIER ROLLS HIS EYES AND HEADS BACK TO HIS ROOM TO PACK.

ZOE (CONT'D)

(CALLING AFTER HIM) And pack your underwear. I'm not raising no commandos around here.

AFTER A BEAT, GEMINI FEELS ZOE'S EYES BURNING A HOLE IN HIS SOUL. CAUTIOUSLY, HE STOPS TEXTING AND LOOKS UP.

GEMINI

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What?

ZOE

Can you have my back like once?

GEMINI

I got your back, Baby. (STEPPING TO HER) I got your front, too. (RE: HOW HOT SHE LOOKS) I see you.

SHE TRIES TO PUSHES HIM AWAY BUT HE STAYS CLOSE.

ZOE

This is not for you. And, if we are going to co-parent we need to be on the same page. Just because we're divorced doesn't mean--

GEMINT

First of all, we're not divorced yet.

ZOE

Sign the papers.

GEMINI

(SEXY) You sign the papers.

SHE PUSHES HIM AWAY.

SFX: GEMINI'S PHONE RINGS. HE TAKES THE CALL.

GEMINI (CONT'D)

(INTO PHONE) What up? Mmm hmmm. No. I've got my boy this weekend. I'll holla at you later. Peaaace.

HE HANGS UP THE PHONE.

GEMINI (CONT'D)

(RE: PHONE) That was my agent.

ZOE

Umm hmm. It's not my business anymore. And you need to mind yours. You knew I had a date tonight.

(MORE)

You stuck around here on purpose just to spy on me.

HE PICKS UP THE MAIL ON A NEARBY TABLE AND CASUALLY LOOKS

GEMINT

If you want to dip your pinky toe back into the man pool, go ahead and dip. I ain't mad at you. But, it is my business if you're bringing some strange dude up in my house, around my son. And that... was a strange dude.

(GRABBING THE MAIL) Stay out of my business.

HE NOTICES SEVERAL LIPSTICK COUNTER-TOP DISPLAYS.

GEMINT

(RE: DISPLAYS) Speaking of "your business." How's your little lipstick thing going?

HE BEGINS OPENING THE LIPSTICKS AS SHE GRABS THEM FROM HIM.

ZOE

My "little lipstick thing" is fine. Matter of fact, it's so fine that we're expanding into a full fledged cosmetics company.

GEMINT

Cool cool.

ZOE

I'm actually really excited. If

things go like I want them to go, we--

ANGLE ON: GEMINI AS HE IS TEXTING ON HIS PHONE.

ZOE (CONT'D)

(PISSED) Gemini!

HE HOLDS UP A FINGER AS IF TO SAY, "ONE MINUTE, BABY." HE FINISHES HIS TEXT, THEN FLASHES THAT SMILE AT ZOE.

GEMINI

What were you saying?

ZOE

Nothing. Go back to sexting your

agent.

AS GEMINI GOES BACK TO HIS TEXT, ON ZOE'S FRUSTRATION, WE;

DISSOLVE TO:



GEMINI TAKES ZOE'S HAND AND BEGINS TO DANCE WITH HER.

ZOE

Where's X?

GEMINI

In his room listening to music.

ZOE

Are you sure?

GEMINI

I have Amir watching all exits and a SWAT team on the roof. We're good.

ZOE ROLLS HER EYES, THEN TAKES EVERYTHING IN. SHE WAVES TO QUESTLOVE. QUEST WAVES BACK.

ZOE

(TO GEMINI) Don't think you're slick.

GEMINI

Slick?

ZOE

You always do this. When you know I'm about hand you your ass, you try to butter me up with some grand gesture.

GEMINI

Wow. Wow. Now my feelings are hurt.

ZOE

You're lucky that's all that's hurt. Where do you get off calling your contractor/spy when I specifically--

GEMINI

Remember the first time we heard this song?

ZOE

What?! Yeah, I remember. Do YOU remember?

GEMINI

You came to watch me spar after school. You had to creep because your mom hated me.

ZOE

Sometimes mother knows best.

GEMINI

You were wearing a pink dress.

ZOE

I was wearing purple culottes. (THEN) It was the 90's.

GEMINI

Whatever. You looked good. You had one of those two length haircuts.

ZOE

(LAUGHING) Like Jada Pinkett back in the day. I was fly. I should bring that back.

GEMINI

Naw. You're good.

THEY LAUGH AND IT IS CLEAR THERE IS STILL CHEMISTRY BETWEEN THE TWO.

GEMINI (CONT'D)

I kissed you on the walk home.

ZOE

You didn't have a car.

GEMINI

I got that bad Mustang coop after I won the Olympics. We did more than kiss in that bad boy.

ZOE

Yeah, we made X.

GEMINI

We had some good times.

ZOE

And we had some bad times, too.

GEMINI

Okay, buzz kill. But we can get the good times back.

ZOE CAN'T HELP BUT GET A BIT CAUGHT UP AS GEMINI THEN TAKES HER HAND, KISSES IT, THEN LEADS HER OUT TO THE TERRACE.

RESET TO:

EXT. ZOE'S TRIBECA LOFT - TERRACE - CONTINUOUS (DAY 2)

ZOE AND GEMINI STEP OUT ONTO THE BALCONY. THE NEW YORK SKYLINE CAN BE SEEN BEHIND THEM.

GEMINI

Today, in the teacher's office, I felt like a fool. And not just 'cuz I was sitting in them itty bitty chairs. I feel like a fool for letting things get to this point. For almost losing my family. (TAKING OUT HIS PHONE) Look up.

HE QUICK DIALS HIS PHONE.

ZOE

(SOTTO) Here we go again with the phone.

GEMINI

(INTO PHONE) Yo. Let 'em go.

AFTER A BEAT:

SFX: BIRDS FLYING.

ZOE

Are those doves?

GEMINI

Twenty of 'em. One for each year

we've been together.

HE KISSES HER.

GEMINI (CONT'D)

How 'bout we make it twenty more.

Let's keep our family together, Baby.

HE KISSES HER AGAIN. THIS TIME, SHE KISSES HIM BACK. THINGS GET HOT UNTIL GEMINI'S PHONE RINGS. HE STEALTHY PRESSES IGNORE, THEN PUTS THE PHONE BACK IN HIS POCKET.

GEMINI (CONT'D)

Where were we?

HE GOES TO KISS HER AGAIN, BUT HIS PHONE ALERTS THAT HE HAS AN INCOMING TEXT.

GEMINI (CONT'D)

One sec.

HE QUICKLY LOOKS AT HIS PHONE, THEN TYPES A QUICK RESPONSE AND GOES BACK TO ZOE.

ZOE

(RE: PHONE) Is there something you

need to take care of?

GEMINI

No, baby. You got me. Get it? Like

the song.

HE TAKES HER FACE IN HIS HANDS AND KISSES HER. AGAIN, SHE KISSES HIM BACK. THEY GET LOST IN EACH OTHER FOR A MINUTE, THEN THEY FINALLY PART. THEY LAUGH.

ZOE

You still got it.

GEMINI

Never lost it, Baby.



ZOE TAKES HIS HAND AND GUIDES HIM AS THEY TAKE A SEAT ON A BENCH AND LOOKOUT OVER THE CITY. ZOE LAYS HER HEAD ON

ZOE

You know, when we first moved here... after you won your first title fight, I thought that was our happily ever after.

GEMINI

It was.

ZOE

Yeah, for you. You're living your dream. You're the hamp. I just became (PANTOMIMING A PHOTOGRAPHER)
"Out of the way, please. Just one with the champ alone. Thanks." Do you know you it feels to be invisible?

GEMINI

Uh, not really.

ZOE

exactly. Let me tell you, it's not a good feeling. I lost sight of myself for a minute. Life was all about you and x... and that was cool because I love my family and I love being a mom

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