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PEARL

INT. ZOE MOON COSMETICS - ZOE'S OFFICE - DAY (DAY 2)

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→ **VALENTE'**, ZOE'S FABULOUS AND GAY ASSISTANT IS AT HER DESK SWIPING THROUGH MEN ON THE TINDER APP ON HIS PHONE AS **PEARL**, ZOE'S PUBLICIST LOOKS ON.

PEARL

Tinder? Really? I want to find a man, but shouldn't it be a little bit harder than ordering a pizza? (THEN)
Ooo, let's order a pizza.

VALENTE'

Girl, you need to focus! You're the one who wants to get married this year. You're the one with the vision board.

PEARL

It's a Pinterest board, and I do want a man. I'm going to be thirty five this year and all I've got to show for it is a contact list full of regrets. This is the year for my happy ending.

VALENTE'

Well, no better place for a happy ending than Tinder.

PEARL

It's just that when I imagined the story I would tell my children about how I met their father, it didn't include swiping left or swiping right. It seems so desperate.

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VALENTE'

You are a thirty five year-old,
single, Black woman living in
Manhattan, wearing Tory Burch flats.
It doesn't get more desperate than
that, Dahling.

ZOE ENTERS AND VALENTE' AND PEARL SCRAMBLE TO COVER.

ZOE

Morning, Team. What 'chall doin?

VALENTE'

You're early! I thought you had to
drop little X off at school.

ZOE

He was with his dad this weekend, so I
thought I'd come in early and get a
jump on the week.

VALENTE'

Sweet. (SOTTO TO PEARL) I need to put
a bell on her.

PEARL

(QUICKLY) Hey, good news re: Last
week's pop up boutique in the BK.

(CONSULTING HER SMART PHONE)

Everything sold out except "Zoe Moon
Go Ahead Make Me Blush Blush"...

Evidently the brown girls in Brooklyn
don't do rosy cheeks. But here's the
silver lining. Lupita's makeup artist
was there.

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ZOE

Really?

PEARL

Yep, and she loved all of the new products. What do you think about approaching Lupita's people about her being the very first face of Zoe Moon cosmetics?

VALENTE'

Other than your face of course.

PEARL

She'd be the "up-front" face.

VALENTE'

The "hot, young" face. Not that you're not hot and young.

PEARL

(TO VALENTE') Stand down. I got this.

SFX: THE PHONE RINGS.

~~VALENTE'~~~~She got this. I'll get the phone.~~

AS VALENTE' ANSWERS ZOE'S PHONE, ZOE CELEBRATES WITH PEARL.

ZOE

Pearly! This is amazing. This could be exactly what we're looking for to take the company to the next level.

THEY HUG.

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PEARL

I know. I'm so excited for you, girl.
When you first told me you were going
to leave your husband and start a
cosmetics company I was like, "she's
been smoking that 'ish," you know what
I'm sayin? But, look at you. You're
not that crazy after all.

GEMINI ENTERS WITH XAVIER.

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GEMINI

What up good people? Pearl, you're
looking... Pearly. And Assistant Guy,
you're looking super fierce. Isn't
that the word you people like?

VALENTE'

Yes, and thank you!

ZOE

Why are you here? Did you forget X
has school this morning?

GEMINI

Did you forget we have a parent-
teacher conference this morning?

ZOE TURNS TO VALENTE'.

ZOE

Did you forget I had a parent teacher
conference this morning?

VALENTE' COVERS THE PHONE.

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SCENE H

INT. ZOE MOON COSMETICS - ZOE'S OFFICE - LATER (DAY 2)

PEARL IS BACK ON TINDER TEXTING A POTENTIAL "MATCH" AS VALENTE' COACHES HER.

PEARL

#2 → (STARING AT HER PHONE) I don't know
what to say. (TO HERSELF) WWSHD?

VALENTE'

WWSHD?

PEARL

What would Steve Harvey do?

VALENTE'

Chil', he'd put on a purple suit and
keep it movin'. Ain't nobody thinking
about Steve Harvey's bubble ass.

That's the problem with you and every
other single woman of a particular age
these days. Ya'll done drank so much

"Self-Help Koolaid" you can't think

for yourselves. Just free your mind

and text the boy what's in your heart.

PEARL THINKS FOR A BEAT. SHE STARTS TEXTING HER NEW
POTENTIAL AS VALENTE' LOOKS ON.

PEARL

Okay. Here goes. "What are you doing
November 13?"

VALENTE'

Girl, why you gonna ask a man out six
months in advance?

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PEARL

That's my wedding day. November 13,
Four PM at the Plaza.

VALENTE

Damn, girl. I knew you wanted to get
married this year, but I didn't know
you had the date. Why November 13th?

PEARL

It always been my dream to get married
at The Plaza and that was the only
date they had available for the rest
of the year. The downside, it's a
Wednesday. The upside, it's cheaper.
I love me some Zoe, but girlfriend is
not a big payday yet.

VALENTE'

Well, I hope I'm invited.

PEARL

The guest list is kinda tight. If you
'and I are still a thing by Halloween,
you're in.

ZOE ENTERS.

ZOE

Hey, Kids. (NOTICING) It's nice and
cool in here for once.

VALENTE' TAKES ZOE'S PURSE AND SHE HEADS TO HER DESK.

← END

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