INT. BAR - EVENING

Nicole sits at the bar with her best friends TESS and SIDD. ARTIE LANGE TYPES play pool. This is definitely Jersey.

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SIDD

No. You can't stay with me.

NICOLE

Why not?

SIDD

Because I live with my parents and they still think I'm straight. And they want me to marry an Indian girl. Having you move in is two conversations I'm not ready to have.

TESS

You can stay with me. Mom let me have the whole basement to myself.

NICOLE

Do you still have that snake?

TISS

Snakes. Archimedes had babies.

NICOLE

I'm good.

Tess gets a text.

TESS

Excuse me. My weed dealer is outside.

SIDD

Why doesn't he just come in?

TESS

Beacuse he's sixteen, duh.

Tess exits. Sidd looks down at his phone, SMILES then starts texting.

NICOLE

Who are you texting with?

SIDD

My mother.

Nicole SNATCHES the phone from his hands and GASPS.

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NICOLE Eric Cho?!? Tess's Eric Cho??	
SIDD He's just helping me study for the LSAT.	
Nicole scrolls through the messages.	39
NICOLE Maybe if LSAT stood for Long sex and tacos.	: :
SIDD You can't tell her.	3



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EXT. CELL PHONE STORE - DAY

Nicole browses the rows of phones with SIDD. They are both in PARK RANGER UNIFORMS.

SIDD

You're lucky Rhonda didn't clear out her locker after she died.

NICOLE

About time something went right for me. Hey, if Rhonda's dead is there an opening at the park?

SIDD

That bus got her before the budget cuts could.

A CELL PHONE STORE EMPLOYEE enters and hands Nicole a VERY CHEAP LOOKING PHONE.

CELL PHONE EMPLOYEE

Here's your replacement phone with your old number. It's our least expensive model.

NICOLE

You don't have to say that out loud.

SIDD

Don't worry, I'm sure people will be able to tell just by looking at it.

	EXT. MINI MALL PARKING LOT - DAY	*
	Nicole and Sidd exit the store.	*
Start	NICOLE You know if Tess finds out about you and Eric, she'll never forgive you. He broke her heart.	* * *
	SIDD First of all, he's gay, so it's not like she's going to get him back.	* *
	NICOLE You're still being a dick.	*
	SIDD Me and Eric are just having fun until I get into Law School and leave all this glamour behind.	* * *
	A souped up car with THUMPING BASS drives past them, a GUIDO leans out the side of the car and yells at Sidd.	*
	GUIDO Nice shirt, asshole!	*
	SIDD Did you miss it?	*
	Nicole spots TOM WELCH (25, dream boat), the cutest boy from her high school.	*
	NICOLE Holy crap, is that Tom Welch?	*
	SIDD God, he looks fine.	*
	NICOLE I used to think about him when I was alone in my mom's minivan.	* *
	SIDD Tom! TOM!	*
	Tom spots Nicole and Sidd and makes his way over.	*
	NICOLE What are you doing?	*

SIDD Giving your life hope.	
Tom enters.	
SIDD (CONT'D) Tom, you remember Nicole.	1
Nicole steps out from behind a beat up pick up Truck.	į
NICOLE Oh, hi Tom. I was just smelling this truck. There was definitely hay in here.	3
TOM You have good sense of smell.	ל ל
NICOLE Thank you.	4
TOM Are you working at the park too?	×
SIDD No, she's borrowing a shirt. Nicole just moved back from New York.	* *

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INT. BAR - LATER * Tess storms toward the crowded bar, Sidd and Emily trailing behind her. TESS * (to bartender) Double whiskey. EMILY A sex on the beach please. SIDD Just a water for her. (then) It's not like I meant for this to happen. TESS What happened you were studying and his dick fell into you? SIDD That's not our, uh, configuration. TESS You knew how much he meant to me. SIDD He said all you two did was smoke pot in your mom's PT cruiser. TESS Exactly it was perfect! SIDD He said you two never even had sex. TESS We were going to do it after the Lady Gaga concert. SIDD And you really had no idea he was gay? Tess pounds her drink. TESS I'm out of here.

EMDA

