

Love is Unexpected

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EXT. STREET. NIGHT

EMMA, a pretty woman in her early twenties, walks arm-in-arm with her mother, PAULINE, a bubbly woman in her forties, towards The Red Lion pub.

EMMA

Remind me again why we are doing this again?

Pauline turns excitedly towards Emma.

PAULINE

It's going to be fun! The man of your dreams could be in there!

Emma groans as Pauline tugs her towards the door.

INT. THE RED LION. NIGHT

MEN and WOMEN sit either side of small round tables, chatting inaudibly. Pauline sits opposite a small, BALD MAN in his sixties. She gestures over to where Emma is sitting, looking uninterested across the table from GARETH, a handsome man, in his twenties.

<BELL RINGS>

Emma looks over to where the LANDLADY is swinging a golden bell.

LANDLADY

OK, ladies and gentlemen, we shall now take a fifteen minute break.

Pauline comes bounding up to Emma.

PAULINE

So any of these fine men take your fancy?

Emma rolls her eyes.

EMMA

Drink?

Emma pushes her way through a CROWD OF PEOPLE to the corner of the bar. JULES, an attractive barmaid, comes over to her and smiles. Emma smiles as they lock eyes.

JULES

What can I get you?

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EMMA

I...Um...Vodka and coke and a
pint of larger please.

Emma watches Jules intently as she goes to make the drinks before placing them on the bar in front of her.

JULES

If you don't mind me saying, you
don't really seem to be enjoying
tonight.

Emma cocks her head over to where Pauline is sitting.

EMMA

It was my mother's idea.

Jules laughs. Emma reaches for her purse.

JULES

On the house. Least I can do to
put a smile on your face.

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Through the window of the pub, PEOPLE can be seen chatting across the small tables. Pauline has her back to Emma who sits happily gazing over at Jules behind the bar.

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Pauline turns around to put on her coat. Jules comes over and passes a folded napkin to Emma before walking back to the bar. Emma bites her lip as she opens it to reveal Jules' phone number.

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Emma and Pauline stand outside the pub. Emma leans down and kisses Pauline on the cheek.

EMMA

Thanks for tonight, Mum. I'm
really glad I came.

Pauline smiles broadly. She lightly taps her on the arm.

PAULINE

Happy Valentine's Day, darling.
You never know, you might have
found the love of your life
tonight.

Emma blushes as she places her hand in her pocket and wraps it around the napkin.