

KISS AND MISS

an original screenplay by

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INT. RESTAURANT - EVENING

A quiet, romantic restaurant - packed out with happy couples celebrating Valentine's day.

Except for an annoyed businessman, PAUL, mid thirties, who has just finished reading a text and snaps shut a ring case - we catch a glimpse of the diamond inside.

BETH

You too?

Paul starts and looks up to see BETH, a stunning redhead, alone at a table near him. She raises an ironic toast.

BETH (CONT'D)

Valentine's rejection club.

Paul smiles and returns the toast.

PAUL

She got caught up at work.

BETH

My one claims flu. Screw them, eh?

INT. RESTAURANT - LATER

Paul and Beth sit close to each other, talking intimately, a empty bottle of wine between them.

BETH

It's all a game, Paul. Trust, loyalty, love. We all play it.

PAUL

Not me. Not Jane. She wouldn't.

BETH

Sure she does. She just figured that tonight..work's more important.

Beth leans forward, giving some good cleavage.

BETH (CONT'D)

You don't deserve that. And I don't want to spend Valentine's alone...

Beth edges closer to him. Paul leans in - but as he moves he knocks the ring case still on the table.

He stops, looks down at the ring case.

PAUL

Sorry, Beth...I can't do this.

Paul signals a waiter for the bill. Beth draws back.

BETH
She's a lucky woman.

PAUL
Thank you, I...

BETH
And you're a lucky man.

With that Beth stands signals the waiter, who nods and opens the door to the kitchen.

In walks JANE, Paul's girlfriend, followed by a camera crew.

PAUL
What...?

BETH
It's Kiss and Miss. Paul, you're live on TV.

Beth winks at him then turns away as Jane kisses him deep.

BETH (CONT'D)
(to the camera)
Do you trust your partner enough to put them in Kiss and Miss?

The couple break their kiss and Beth turns to them.

BETH (CONT'D)
Paul, your faithfulness is rewarded. You two have won a two week, all expenses paid trip to St Lucia. How's that for a Valentine present?

PAUL
You set this up, Jane?

JANE
I knew I could trust you.

Beth nods at the table on which the ring case still lies.

BETH
Didn't you have something to ask her, Paul?

Paul looks around, confused. His face hardens to anger.

PAUL
Not any more. Enjoy St Lucia, Jane.

Paul takes the ring case, shoves it in his pocket and leaves the restaurant - alone.