

TESSA

7 EXT. TYLER HOUSE - SWIMMING POOL - DAY 7 *

Tessa completes her laps and pulls herself out of the pool with easy grace -- refreshed and smiling, knockout gorgeous in her sleek one piece bathing suit; the body of a competitor.

Tessa pulls off her swim cap and long dark locks spill out. She shakes her head.

Derek, who is revealed nearby, tosses her a towel.

START SCENE 1 --> TESSA
(breathless)
Thanks.
(then)
I thought you left.

DEREK
Not yet... *

Tessa towels herself off. We sense mild tension between them.

TESSA
What time is it?

DEREK
Three.

TESSA
Shit. I've got a house to show in
Hancock Park and I'm running late.

DEREK
Speaking of late, you didn't get in til
after midnight...

TESSA
Didn't you get my text?

DEREK
Yeah, I got it. Where were you?

TESSA
The buyers took forever to close the deal
and then they wanted to go out and
celebrate. What was I supposed to say?
No?

DEREK
You could have said I need to go home.

TESSA
You know how many nights I stayed home
while you were out on the town with your
clients, building your career?

DEREK
Hey, that career has given you a pretty
nice life.

TESSA
I wanted my own career, Derek, not yours.
Now I've finally got one and you want me
to give it up.

DEREK
I didn't say give it up.

TESSA
Then what?

DEREK
I just think we should spend more time
together.

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TESSA
Can we fight later? I've got to go.

She tosses the towel back to Derek and starts for the house. *

7A I/E TYLER HOUSE - POOL AREA - DAY 7A *

He follows her back inside *

DEREK
Tess, what's going on?

Tessa stops; turns and look at him with irritation.

TESSA
What do you mean? I'm late.

DEREK
Are you seeing someone else?

Tessa rolls her eyes.

TESSA
Derek, please.

DEREK
Answer the question.

TESSA
No. I'm not seeing someone else. Can I go now?

DEREK
Would you tell me if you were?

TESSA
(walking off)
Derek, just go to Vegas with your buddies and do what you want. I don't care.

END SCENE 1 -->

Tessa goes up the stairs. *

Derek stares down and an angry sadness comes over him. *