

CHASE

Pass me down the life jacket.

Handing down the life jacket, Chase drags her in.

CHASE (CONTD)

Sorry. Don't know my own strength
sometimes.

(then)

Like I said before. I'm good.

Pulling himself back up onto the boat. He offers Melissa his
hand who ignores it helping herself up.

TODD

Looks like I'm up. Babe, keep it
about twenty two.

He jumps in and swims out to the rope. Katie driving.

Todd destroys the wake flipping backwards and forwards, he's
a pro. Chase watches on with a pique interest.

Eventually tiring, he lets go of the rope.

TODD (CONTD)

I need a drink.

EXT. FAIRGROUND DISCO/KARAOKE - NIGHT

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A lively atmosphere of karaoke can be heard from inside.
Chase sits out-side, alone, nursing a beer as the night sky
shows off it's beauty.

Melissa walks out, thinking she's alone, sparks a joint. She
turns exhaling -- CHASE.

MELISSA

Helps me stay calm.
Attention-Deficit/hyperactive
Disorder. Apparently I have
problems concentrating.

Chase gives her a funny look.

MELISSA (CONTD)

It's prescribed.

CHASE

I'm not judging. Whatever helps.
It's practically legal now.

She offers to Chase.

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CHANGING
START
TIDES

CHASE (CONTD)
I'm good thanks.

MELISSA
You ever tried weed?
(then)
Have a hit. It's not going to hurt
you. You might actually find it
relaxes you.

CHASE
You saying I'm too tense?

MELISSA
(sarcastic)
Nooooo.
(then)
I mean you do have this serial
killer look on your face. Kind of
like a cute Ted Bundy.

He smiles. She walks over and sits with him.

CHASE
Fancy a walk through the woods.

She laughs.

CHASE (CONTD)
Fuck it.

He grabs the joint, inhales and coughs, a lot. Melissa pats
him on the back.

CHASE (CONTD)
(Catching his breath)
It's great. I like it.

She laughs and smokes.

MELISSA
Sorry about the whole, surfboard
thing earlier.

CHASE
Yeah. Me too.

MELISSA
I need to know my boundaries
sometimes. When to stop.

BEAT.

Chance Tides

Melissa Stoes Sk.1

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MELISSA (CONTD)

So why are you here?

CHASE

Needed some air.

MELISSA

No. At camp. What are you doing here?

He inhales. This time holding the cough.

CHASE

You're not the only one with problems. Apparently I have temper problems. Knee problems, money problems and career problems.

MELISSA

What about girl problems?

She inhales. He looks at her.

MELISSA (CONTD)

What happened? I mean, it's OK if you don't want to tell me. Just want to make sure we're ticking every problem box.

He inhales.

CHASE

I don't know. We seemed happy. So I thought. But...you know, life.

(then)

I got back from a comp in Australia, which is where I hurt my..

(points to his knee)

And she was gone. Wardrobes empty, bathroom cabinets cleaned out. Even took the TV cables.

Chase surprised at himself for opening up.

CHASE (CONTD)

Man what is in this?

She grabs it and inhales.

MELISSA

Truth serum. With a hint of chloroform. Don't worry, you'll forget about it all tomorrow.

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Chase's TIDES

Melissa Sees Sc. 1

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They both laugh.

MELISSA (CONTD)

Actually, I'm not really sure. It's from a new guy. My regular dispensary got shut down. Does have a bit of a bite to it.

(then)

Today in the boat, you seemed...somewhere else?

Silence. He looks at her.

MELISSA (CONTD)

Boundaries. Got it.

He grabs the joint and inhales.

CHASE

I want to know about you.

MELISSA

What do you want to know?

CHASE

How did you and dipshit end up together?

MELISSA

Pass.

CHASE

(lifts the joint)

Hey..I've got the talking stick.

He then hands it over to her.

MELISSA

(smiles)

We've, been together since we were fifteen. We met here.

CHASE

You happy?

MELISSA

Yes. Very.

(then)

No. That's a lie. I'm not.

(then)

I think he might be cheating on me.

She then bursts out laughing and can't stop.

Changing Tides

Melissa Sees Sr. 1

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CHASE

What? What's so funny?

MELISSA

I don't know. It's not funny at all. It's a terrible thing. His Ipad was on the table dinging and I couldn't help myself. Some unknown number saying they are falling for him and him the Same.

Chase now also joins her uncontrollably laughing.

CHASE

What a piece of shit. God, this is not funny.

MELISSA

I know. It kills me. I still haven't confronted him about it. I think I may have to move out.

CHASE

That's awful. And I'm not laughing at you, I promise. But I just can't stop for some reason. I'm so sorry.

MELISSA

It's Okay. I think maybe the weed is bad?

Both dying from laughter when, GLORIA GAYNOR - I will Survive, can be heard from inside.

MELISSA (CONTD)

Oh. My. God. It's fate. This song right now. Really? Let's dance.

CHASE

What?

She stands up and drags him inside.

CHASE (CONTD)

Shit! I don't dance!

MELISSA

Me neither, come on!

Change Tides

Melissa See Se. 1

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