

# SCENE 1

MAX

Yeah, just like that. I can't promise you'll like the company. I can be hit or miss, but you'll love the food.

Emma shakes her head and is about to give him an answer.

MAX (CONT'D)

I'm sure you have plenty of reasons to say "no", but trust me, none of them are as good as my friend's pasta. Please.

Emma grins.

MAX (CONT'D)

See, first smile. It's a good sign.

EMMA

What's your name?

MAX

Max. Yours?

EMMA

Emma.

MAX

Emma? It's beautiful. Shall we?

She glances at her watch.

EMMA

I need to get my daughter at 3.

MAX

We'll be done by two-thirty.

She grins as she shakes her head.

EMMA

OK, give me a minute.

She rolls her cart to a cashier.

INT. "POMODORO" RESTAURANT - DAY

It is a small traditional Italian restaurant with red-checkered cloths covering tables. A small Christmas tree stands on a bar. There are a few customers eating lunch.

# SCENE 2

INT. TAXI - DAY

Manhattan. Angela and Max look at the high-rises and myriad of people walking on the streets. Max looks at the guy.

MAX  
Hey man, if we need to spend a  
night, where do we go?

GUY  
How about a hotel?

MAX  
I don't think I have enough money  
for that. Any other option?

The guy looks at him as he thinks.

GUY  
I guess Grand Station would be  
another option. It's warm inside.

MAX  
Thank you.

GUY  
Sure.

EXT. STREET, MANHATTAN - DAY

The taxi stops by a building, the trunk pops up. Angela and Max get out from the car and get their luggage. The taxi drives away.

Max looks at the address in his notebook and then glances at the building's number.

MAX  
Yep, we're here.

Angela looks at the tall buildings around her.

MAX (CONT'D)  
We're in America, baby.

Angela is nervous. Max hugs her.

MAX (CONT'D)  
We'll be OK.

ANGELA  
It's a different world.

# SCENE 3

Andrei waits until the last person leaves the club and looks at Angela and Max.

ANDREI  
So, what did I tell you?

MAX  
That was the biggest class so far.

ANDREI  
I think we need to expand.

MAX  
I think we need to build this one to the fullest first.

ANDREI  
Come on, bro, we need to aim big.

Max smiles as he looks at Angela.

MAX  
OK, let's think big.

He kisses Angela on the cheek.

EXT. CARSON BEACH - DAY

Sunny day. A few people are sunbathing on the beach. Angela and Max walk by the water looking at the Harbor islands.

ANGELA  
I would love to have a picnic on one of those islands.

MAX  
You're like a penguin, all about the water.

ANGELA  
You're a penguin.

She pushes Max into the water and splashes him. Max drags her in and both of them fall into the water laughing. They playfully fight and end up kissing each other.

MAX  
I have a surprise for you.

ANGELA  
What?

Max shakes his head.