

= Something Old , Something New (The Hills) =

" Something Old , Something New " is the tenth episode of the fifth season of The Hills . It originally aired on MTV on May 31 , 2009 . In the episode , Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt prepare for their upcoming wedding , while Lauren Conrad and Lo Bosworth move out of their house . After much deliberation , Conrad decides to attend the nuptials , where she reconciles with Montag after being estranged with one another since the third season . It is the final episode in which Conrad appears , and also marks the entrance of her replacement Kristin Cavallari .

" Something Old , Something New " was produced by Adam DiVello , Liz Gateley , Kristofer Lindquist , Sara Mast , and Sean Travis . After the season was retroactively divided into Part I and Part II , respectively separating installments featuring Conrad and Cavallari , the episode became the conclusion of Part I. Additionally , it is the second episode in the series ' history with a one @-@ hour running time , the first being " Paris Changes Everything " in the third season .

" Something Old , Something New " was met with generally mixed reviews from critics , who felt that Cavallari 's introduction overshadowed Conrad 's departure . According to Nielsen ratings , it was watched by 2 @.@ 7 million viewers in its original airing . The episode was released on DVD on October 6 , 2009 , packaged with the remainder of Part I of the fifth season .

= = Plot = =

Lauren and Lo decide to host a farewell party as they prepare to move out of their house . As wedding preparations continue , Stephanie becomes upset after learning that Heidi has chosen her sister Holly as her maid @-@ of @-@ honor . During the bridal shower , Stephanie assumes the responsibilities after she becomes increasingly displeased with Holly 's poor performance . After she makes amends with Spencer , Darlene gives him her blessing for the nuptials . While out for dinner , Brody tries to convince Lauren to attend the wedding , knowing that Heidi would appreciate her presence . In a later outing , Spencer tells Brody of his couples ' therapy sessions with Heidi , but is displeased that he is not taken seriously . At the fashion public relations firm People 's Revolution , Lauren tells Kelly that she will be leaving the company , which Kelly advocates as a smart decision that will help her to determine her next career endeavors .

As an intoxicated Holly displays erratic behavior at Heidi and Spencer 's rehearsal dinner , Stephanie is dismayed by her lack of irresponsibility . After Spencer explains that her behavior was inappropriate , Holly tearfully leaves the restaurant . The next morning , she apologizes to Heidi for her actions , and confirms that an invitation has been sent to a special guest . Charlie later tells Spencer that he invited Stacie , the bartender that Heidi clashed with for flirting with Spencer , to the wedding . Meanwhile , Brody and Stephanie make peace at Lauren and Lo 's farewell party , while Lauren tells Stephanie that she will not be attending the ceremony .

The following morning , the day of the wedding , Heidi and Spencer are getting ready , while guests begin entering the church . Lauren surprises Heidi in her dressing room and explains that Heidi 's happiness is important to her . Meanwhile , Kristin Cavallari unexpectedly walks into the church and sits next to Justin , to the surprise of the attendees . After leaving Heidi , Lauren appears displeased after Lo tells her that Kristin is seated across from them . After the wedding has finished , Kristin tells Lo that she needs help finding a boyfriend , and to Audrina 's disapproval , adds that Justin seems to be a " stand up guy " . Lauren makes her final appearance on the series quietly leaving the church , while Kristin catches Heidi 's bouquet .

= = Production = =

" Something Old , Something New " was produced by Adam Divello , Liz Gateley , Kristofer Lindquist , Sara Mast , and Sean Travis . The episode became the second in the series ' history with a one @-@ hour running time , preceded by " Paris Changes Everything " in the third season . Despite presenting Conrad and Bosworth 's house departure as taking place the evening prior to Montag and Pratt 's nuptials , the former event was filmed in January 2009 , while the latter took

place on April 25 , 2009 .

Conrad first indicated that she wished to leave The Hills upon the conclusion of its fourth season in December 2008 , looking to pursue other career opportunities . She commented that " five years on TV is a really , really long time " , adding that she was " ready to walk away " . However , per the producers ' requests , Conrad filmed ten episodes for the fifth season , in which she closed her storylines . She added that the season was potentially its last , stating that series personnel felt her presence would " give the show some sort of closure " . In the July 2009 issue of Cosmopolitan , Conrad stated that producers had pressured her into a reconciliation with Montag throughout the season , adding that she was displeased when they would not allow otherwise .

" Something Old , Something New " was initially billed as the fifth season finale . However , in April 2009 , MTV announced an extension of the season , and confirmed Cavallari as Conrad 's replacement the following month . Consequentially , the first ten episodes of the season were retroactively labeled Part I , while Cavallari 's forthcoming episodes were titled Part II .

= = Reception and release = =

" Something Old , Something New " was met with generally mixed reviews from critics , many of whom were ambivalent towards Conrad 's departure and Cavallari 's introduction . Emma Rosenblum from New York was pleased with Conrad 's exit , commenting that she was emotional watching her " moving on and distancing herself from the follies of her overexposed youth " . However , she opined that Cavallari 's appearance at the wedding " does not bode well for the future of The Hills " . A writer for Entertainment Weekly described the reconciliation between Conrad and Montag an " ideal end " to the series , and noted Cavallari 's addition as a " questionable choice " . Furthermore , it was included on the magazine 's list of " 25 TV Shows That Missed Cue for a Graceful Exit " . In contrast , Jim Cantiello of MTV News noted that Conrad " came to the realization that she had been replaced " , and complimented the manner in which Cavallari was integrated into the series . Carrie Bell from People was pleased that " the bitch [Cavallari] is back and [she could] already tell it ? s going to make for some great trashy TV " .

In its original broadcast in the United States on May 31 , 2009 , " Something Old , Something New " was watched by 2 @. @ 7 million viewers . It experienced a 10 @- @ percent ratings drop from the season premiere " Don 't Cry on Your Birthday " , which garnered 3 million viewers on April 6 , 2009 . In the country , Season 5 , Part I was released as a two @- @ disc DVD set on October 6 , 2009 .