

We Just Met

A chance encounter at a surprise wedding may prove fate
for hopeless romantics Tom and Lydia.

INT. ELEVATOR - MIDDAY

TOM stands in an elevator holding a picnic basket. The elevator is going up.

EXT. ROOFTOP - MIDDAY

Tom walks through a door to arrive at the rooftop, there is a party going on. Everyone at the party is in their mid-20s. He stands awkwardly in the doorway.

Across the rooftop Tom spots LYDIA, standing with a group laughing. Tom approaches Lydia.

TOM

Hey, do you know where I put this?

Tom gestures to his picnic basket.

LYDIA

Whatchu got there?

TOM

The e-vite said to bring food.

LYDIA

What's in the basket?

TOM

Just some, like, cheese and bread and stuff.

Lydia takes the basket and walks over to a table with an assortment of other foods and alcohol, Tom follows. Lydia hands Tom a beer.

TOM (CONT'D)

Thanks. I didn't catch your name?

LYDIA

Lydia. And you?

TOM

Tom.

LYDIA

How do you know Sarah?

TOM

We went to college together, you?

LYDIA
She's my roommate.

Tom nods his head, he takes a sip of his beer and looks around.

TOM
This is kind of an interesting little party - do you know what it's for?

LYDIA
No idea. She burst into the apartment today and announced we were having a party on the roof. And now she's not even here yet.

TOM
That sounds like Sarah.

SARAH appears on a small platform, wearing a white dress, standing with a MAN IN A TUXEDO and a PRIEST (late 60s).

TOM (CONT'D)
Hey, there she is. What is she--

LYDIA
Oh my god.

Sarah grabs a microphone from the Priest, her voice blasts over the whole party.

SARAH
We're getting married!

Sarah holds up her hand to reveal a small engagement ring.

LYDIA
Oh my god.

Lydia looks stunned, she shakes her head. Sarah and the man in the tuxedo join hands, the Priest begins.

LYDIA
(whispers, confused)
Is he going to live in our apartment?

ANGLE ON: Sarah and the man in the tuxedo kiss on the platform, everyone claps and cheers, including Lydia and Tom.

MONTAGE

-Lydia and Tom do a shot together.

-Lydia and Tom give hugs and congratulations to Sarah and the man in the tuxedo. Lydia looks at Sarah's ring.

-Lydia and Tom lean up against the wall of the rooftop and talk, while you can't hear what they are saying, they look deep in conversation.

-Lydia and Tom dance together in a large group, laughing with each other.

EXT. FIRE ESCAPE - NIGHT

Lydia and Tom sit on the fire escape, away from the rest of the party. They share a beer.

LYDIA

I don't know, it feels like every movie I watch about middle-aged people is about regret. And it feels like I'm in that time now that I'll look back on in 20 or 30 years and wish I did more, or wish I did things differently.

Lydia sips the beer.

LYDIA (CONT'D)

But, I have absolutely no idea what I am supposed to do, so I just feel like I have to do everything.

TOM

How do you know if you're on the right track?

LYDIA

I guess I won't until I'm old and filled with regret.

TOM

Cheery thought.

Tom takes another sip of the beer.

EXT. ROOFTOP - NIGHT

As the party winds down, Tom and Lydia sit chatting with the Priest. They are both drinking wine.

LYDIA

So, this is kind of an unusual ceremony, how'd you score the gig?

PRIEST

You'd be surprised how often I do these now. Kids these days are just more passionate, more impatient.

Beat.

PRIEST (CONT'D)

What about you two? Heading down the aisle anytime soon?

Lydia and Tom laugh.

TOM

Oh, no. We just met.

PRIEST

Could have fooled me. I was going to say I could marry you right now, I always carry extra forms with me in case anyone is feeling in the moment.

Lydia and Tom smile awkwardly for a moment, and then Tom turns to Lydia and raises his eyebrows.

LYDIA

No. We barely know each other. No.

TOM

I've known people my entire life that I barely know, I know you.

LYDIA

This is insane.

TOM

My grandparents got engaged after two months of knowing each other and they are the happiest couple I know. My parents dated for 8 years before they got married and they still ended up divorced.

LYDIA

That seems circumstantial.

TOM

It's like what you said before. If we look back on this in 20 or 30 years, what an amazing memory it would be.

Lydia struggles with what to say, she smiles and shakes her head.

TOM (CONT'D)

Lydia, I'm looking at you and I can't imagine feeling any differently than I do right now. All I know is I want to feel this way for the rest of my life.

Lydia grabs Tom's hand, she looks nervous but excited.

LYDIA

Let's do it.

EXT. ROOFTOP - MOMENTS LATER

ANGLE ON: Tom and Lydia stand on the platform holding hands. A woman stands behind Lydia as the witness. The Priest is standing in front of them. Most of the party has cleared out, the remaining guests are paying little attention to Tom and Lydia. Tom and Lydia smile at each other.

PRIEST

We are gathered here today to celebrate the union of Lydia So-

LYDIA

Wait, what the hell are we doing? This is crazy.

TOM

Oh, thank God. I think I had a mini-stroke back there.

LYDIA

Do you want to just go get some food or something?

TOM

Yes! Let's get out of here.

FADE OUT