LAURA and MAGGIE side (with voice of DAVID)

SCENE VI

(*Scene opens back at Maggie's apartment. Laura enters not realizing Maggie has left*)

LAURA: Maggie, what do you think of this outfit? …. Maggie? (*Laura looks around, then she stops at a mirror, deciding if the outfit she has on works and is trying her hair in different styles – up, down, etc. Her cell phone rings and Laura answers it.*) Hello? Oh, Hi. (*She looks to see if anyone is around*) Is everything alright? We're still on for tonight, right? …. Well, how long will you be delayed? ….. No, I understand, but I'll have to think of some way to slow things down on this end…. Yes, I'm sure it's worth all this trouble. … You're bringing me roses? Oh, you don't have to do that… Yes, I'm looking forward to seeing you, too. (*Hearing noise*) I have to go. See you soon. (*Laura hangs up quickly and returns to the mirror right before Maggie enters. Laura turns with her hair up after having fussed with it in the mirror).* Maggie, what do you think?
MAGGIE: (*Lifting her head from her work*) It's a little too conservative.
LAURA: Really? *(Looking back at herself in the mirror).* I was going for the smart, sophisticated look.
MAGGIE: You look like one of my professors. Why don't you let your hair down and put on that red dress you bought last week.
LAURA: On the first date? I was saving that for later, assuming we hit it off.
MAGGIE: Laura, I checked him out when we were at the game with my dad. He's a doctor, fresh out of divorce court, and he's taking you to one of the best restaurants in New York and probably can afford to buy the place. If you don't get his attention on the first date, there may not be a second. Guys like this don't remain on the open market too long.
LAURA: If you think he's that hot, why didn't you continue to see him?
MAGGIE: Between work and school and seeing my dad, I don't have time. Besides, now that Don's out of the picture, you might as well have some fun.
LAURA: You think so?
MAGGIE: I know so. Didn't you read any of those magazines I gave you?
LAURA: *Marie Claire*, and *InStyle* were interesting, but the articles in that *Cosmo* issue were a bit overkill for me.
MAGGIE: To each, his own, or her own, as the case may be. Where are those magazines anyway?
LAURA: I think I left them on the couch. (*She goes over and picks up the magazines and hands them back to Maggie*) Thanks for the loan. (*Looking at her dress*) You know, Don told me that he liked the way this dress looked on me.

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MAGGIE: I'm sure he did, but it has been almost two weeks since you broke up, and it's time for you to stop thinking about Don and have some fun.
LAURA: Me? What about you? All you do is work during the day and study at night. Didn't anyone ever tell you….
MAGGIE: I know. I know. All work and no play makes Maggie a dull girl. (*She goes back to the desk to work*) I told you I'm taking a hiatus from men until I get past this semester.
LAURA: That's what you said last semester, and the semester before that.
MAGGIE: Laura, I have work to do.
LAURA: (*Looking back at herself in the mirror*) Maybe you're right about this dress. (*Intercom system rings*) That can't be him. It's only 6:30. (*Racing over to answer the buzzer)* Hello?
DAVID: *(The voice of David responds)* Laura, Hi, it's David. (*Laura winces at the sound of his voice, confirming his early arrival and her appearance)*
LAURA: David, Hi! What are you doing here? I wasn't expecting you until 7:00.
DAVID: I was able to get away from the hospital earlier than expected. Hope you don't mind, but I thought maybe we could get an early start.
LAURA: *(Panicking and waiving to Maggie for help)* What a nice surprise! No, of course I don't mind. Can you hold on for a minute?
DAVID: Sure. *(Laura releases the intercom button, so her date can no longer hear)*
LAURA: Look at me! I look like I should be ringing a school bell! What do I tell him?
MAGGIE: Tell him class doesn't begin for another 30 minutes.
LAURA: How can I tell him to go and come back later!? *(Thinking for a few seconds)* Can you talk to him while I get ready?
MAGGIE: I have work to do. *(Going back to her desk)*
LAURA: Mag, please!! It took me three days to finally say "yes" to this date. Please, please, please!
MAGGIE: *(Looking up from her book)* Okay.
LAURA: *(Hugging her friend).* Thanks, Maggie!