

# UNTITLED SCREENPLAY

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FADE IN

MORNING:EXT

JESSICA and her mother Vivian and her only brother, Fletcher, sit in the family living room, sharing jokes at their residence in Manchester. Jessica sips an orange juice from a styrofoam cup. Time is seven-thirty in the evening of a Friday. Fletcher says to her,

FLETCHER

"You said you are older than me, and that, i barely turned twenty-five, huh, remember, i am the man of the house. Please mum tell her that I am the king in this house, she should not question my authority again."

Jessica laughs out loud and says sarcastically

JESSICA

"Man of the house indeed, a self acclaimed king, I can see a scepter floating in the air."

FLETCHER

"A prophet is not respected in his own land."

Their mother vivian smirks and asks,

VIVIAN

"Who is the prophet in this house."

FLETCHER

"Mum, I am, I told her I am king and she doubts me."

JESSICA

"You alone is king, and now a prophet. Better choose one title so  
(MORE)

JESSICA (cont'd)  
we can know the one that weighs you  
down."

Their mother smiles and says to Fletcher,

VIVIAN  
"Don't mind your sister, my son. You  
have the right to dream dreams."

JESSICA  
"Mum, I am not stopping him from  
dreaming. Don't make me look  
wicked."

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VIVIAN  
"Please don't disturb the king of  
the house again. Watch your words,  
or else, he might be annoyed and  
refuse giving your hand out in  
marriage."

FLETCHER  
"Thank you mum for letting her know  
my importance. Jessica, do you still  
want to risk it."

JESSICA  
"Risk what?."

FLETCHER  
"Getting me annoyed and in the  
end, I will refuse to marry you  
off."

JESSICA  
Listen real good, mr prophet and  
self made king, I am not even  
interested in marriage. I want to  
remain a spinter."

FLETCHER  
"Oh, okay, I know your plans. You  
want to remain in the house so that  
I won't be able to enjoy my God  
giving position. You are lying, I  
must surely marry you off."

Vivia shakes her head, smiling happily and feeling great,  
satisfied for the bond in her home. She says to Jessica,

VIVIAN  
"Jessica, it's time for dinner, fix  
us something to eat."

Fletcher crosses his leg and smacks his lips, recrosses his  
leg again and says,

FLETCHER

"Please be fast about it. A king is very farmished."

JESSICA

"I am going to fix dinner just because of mum,not for this glutton."

Sticks out her tongue at fletcher and fletcher quickly dashes after her,Jessica runs into the kitchen and quickly closes the door,laughing happily.Fletcher forces a laugh and walks back to the sofa and slides onto it.

DISSOLVE TO: 4

NEXT DAY: EVENING:EXT

Jessica and her boyfriend paul descends the stairs from the patio of Jessica's home,they hold hands as they gently saunter towards Paul's white Toyota Camry parked a few distance from the house.The cool evening breeze blows and caresses the helm of Jessica's sleeveless long red gown.She is tall,beautiful with coil red blond hair,about five-ten and she has a lovely smile.Paul is average built with honey blond hair and he is handsome,he is a university graduate like Jessica. Paul looks into her eyes as they walk towards his car and smiles and stops,she stops walking too.He kisses her full on the lips and she kisses him back. Paul says,

PAUL

"I want you come to my house tomorow,we have something important to discuss."

JESSICA

"I am not promising,I have so much to do tomorow,I came home with my office."

Paul smiles and says to her,

PAUL

"I will be happier if you come,please!."

She looks him straight in the face and fix her gaze momentarily and responds,

JESSICA

"I will try to come."

Paul smiles and kisses her again and she says,

JESSICA

"Let me go back to the house,I have alot to do before dark.See you morrow."

PAUL

"Okay,my love.Good night,I love you."

JESSICA

"I love you too,good night."

They kiss again and Paul opens his car door and puts his right leg in the door.He says,

PAUL

"Please can I get another kiss,now."

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Jessica stands and stares at him with a smile playing on her lips, he begs,

PAUL

"Please!."

She steps forward and plants a long kiss to his lips,he smiles handsomely as she pulls away,

PAUL

"Thank you,my love,this can sustain me till you come tomorrow."

JESSICA

"Please go,it seems if it's going to rain."

PAUL

"Good night,my queen,sleep tight."

JESSICA

"Good night,please drive home now before it starts to rain."

Paul slides into his seat and roars the car too life,levels the gear to drive and heads home.

DISSOLVE TO:

NEXT DAY:EXT

A taxi eases to a stop in the parking lot of GREENFIELD APARTMENTS where Paul lives.Jessica pays the taxi driver and steps out and heads to the entrance door which leads to the stairs. She walks the stairs to the second floor and presses the buzzer at Apartment 7. She waits and in a few second,Paul opens the door and peers out through the chain hook.Seeing Jessica,he quickly unhooks the chain and opens the door,steps aside to allow her in. As she steps into the living room, he closes the door and grabs her.They kiss a long kiss and he helps her settle in a double burgundy sofa. The windows are open and curtains are slightly parted,a ceiling fan spins frm the ceiling.She glances at a wall clock on the wall and time says six-ten.Paul says to her,

PAUL

"Welcome babe, sit tight let me fix something for us to eat."

Heading to the kitchen

She calls out to him,

JESSICA

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"I am not hungry, come let's talk. I don't have much time to spend here. Mum is waiting for me."

Paul walks back and slides beside her on the sofa, he lifts her hand and kisses it and kisses her hair.

JESSICA

"You called me for us to talk. I am all ears."

Suddenly he attacks her and begins to kiss her knocking her breath off, she pulls away and gasps for air. He slides his hand into the right pocket of his black trousers and brings out a small pack. He kneels down and gently trusts it before her and opens it gently, a diamond engagement ring shines from inside it. He says,

PAUL

"Please will you marry me?."

JESSICA

"Oh, my God."

She cups her hand to her mouth and lovelily says,

JESSICA

"Yes."

He slides the ring onto her finger and they hug and start to kiss intensely. He lifts her from the sofa and heads into the bedroom where they begin to undress quickly and Paul grabs her and starts to kiss her the more. They begin to make love passionately.

CUT TO:

SAME EVENING: INT

Jessica's mother walks out from her bedroom and slides onto a single sofa, she begins to press her phone and from the other end, Fletcher walks out from a door and heads to where his mother sits. Fletcher asks her,

FLETCHER

"Mum, where is Jessica?."

VIVIAN

"She went to see Paul."

She glances at the wall clock and time says eight pm,

BACK TO:

SAME EVENING:EXT

Paul and Jessica walks out from the front door and heads to the street for her to take a taxi home. At the sidewalk they kiss and a taxi drives by, She flags it down and tells the driver her destination. She slides in and the driver drives on. Paul waves and start to walk back to his apartment.

CROSS DISSOLVE TO:

THREE MONTHS LATER:EXT

PAUL and Jessica sit inside his Toyota Camry and discuss while his car is parked at the front of Jessica's home. Time is seven in the evening, Jessica says,

JESSICA

"Paul, I think I miss my period."

PAUL

"What'd that mean."

JESSICA

"I suspect I am pregnant."

PAUL

"That would be great news."

She looks him in the face and smiles, says to him,

JESSICA

"What happens if a pregnancy test proves I am pregnant?."

PAUL

"We would start plans for our wedding immediatly. I would't want my child be born out of wedlock."

(She smiles and kisses him lightly on his lips. He says to her.

PAUL

"Go to the hospital tomorrow and do a pregnancy test. Call me immediatly you know the result."

JESSICA

"Okay, I will. I want to start going back. Just got in from work before you came."

PAUL

"Okay, go catch some rest. I need the rest myself, it's been a very busy day at the office."

They kiss and Jessica slides out and closes the car door and he waves and she waves back as he starts the car and drives away slowly.

DISSOLVE TO: 7

NEXT DAY: MORNING: EXT 8

A black Honda car eases to a stop a few distance from the street at Lloyds bank branch at Accrington where Paul works. Three men in suit sit and scan the environment. They wait for few seconds and suddenly starts to wear mask over their faces. They quickly wears a black hand gloves and pick long automatics from the floor of the car at their feet. Door thrown open and they hastily walks towards the bank entrance door. Before two security men in the bank can notice them, two gunshots rent the air and the security men crashes to the floor. The bank robbers raise their guns and one fires quick warning shots and shouts.

FIRST BANK ROBBER

"Everyone to the floor or I blow your fucking brain out!"

ALL bank customers and staff quickly lie low to the floor.

2ND BANK ROBBER

"Bring all the monies, now!"

He yells an order across,

The second bank robber throws a sack bag to a cashier and waves her to start packing the money into it. Paul bends low his counter, his heart beating furiously in terror. The second bank robber yells at him,

2ND BANK ROBBER

"Hei, don't just stand there, bring all the money with you!"

Paul quickly starts to bring the bank notes under his counter. He stole a glance at the face of the robber and suddenly the robber yells at him.

2ND BANK ROBBER

"You fucking son of a bitch, you want to see my face, huh. Should remove the fucking mask so you can see me well?"

Suddenly he shoots Paul on the chest and Paul crashes back and falls through a wooden door that opens to his counter section. The other two robbers are already with the supervisor and one yells at her,

1ST BANK ROBBER  
 "Where is the manager?."

The woman supervisor points to a door and one of the robbers dashes in and proples the manager out of his office,gun points to his head.

1ST BANK ROBBER  
 "Where is the vault!."

He yells at them,waves the gun furiously.The bank manager leads them to the vault and the robber slides a long key into it and turns it. The supervisor brings out her key and does same. The bank robber pulls the door open and exclames at seeing wads of notes piles up in the safe.

CUT TO: 9

IN THE BANKING HALL:INT

The 3rd Bank robber looks up to the security cameras and shoots at them,shatters them instantly.Just that moment sounds of siren can be heard on the street appraching the bank.In a fraction of second,two police vans pulls to a stop outside the bank and doors thrown open and policemen jumps down from the police cars,Scurry to different positions in the bank premises,guns drawn and ready.The leader of the police team,Lieutenant Mark collects a megaphone from his surbodinate and yells into it to the robbers inside.

LIEUTENANT MARK  
 "Drop your weapons and come out with your hand raised over your head.We have the bank building sorrounded!."

Sussenly another gunshot rents the air from inside of the bank and a middle aged saff lies dead in pool of her blood.

CUT TO:

FROM ACROSS THE ROAD ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF A COMMERCIAL HOUSE,A POLICE LONG RANGE SHOOTER POSITIONS HHIS GUN AND PEERS THROUGH THE OPTIC.HE WAITS PATIENTLY.

BACK TO:

THE FIRST ROBBERS desprately signals his colleagues to pick someone as hostage. From the air,a helicopter hovers above the bank building.A rope slides down and a police man grabs it and starts too slide down to a window just below the first floor.More sirens and two ambulances pull to a stop away from the police cars,another siren and firemen eases to a stop at the other side of the street.The bak robbers propels their hostages t the window,guns to their heads.Suddenly the robbers open fire on the parked police cars and bullets hit police men and fuel thank of one of the police car.People scamper for safety as the police car explodes and starts to burn furiously.Lietenant Mark hides

behind another car.

CUT TO:

FEW HOURS LATER:INT

Jssica sits in the doctors office,waiting while the black female doctor reads the result of Jessica's pregnancy test.She stops reading and looks up from the paper, and says,

DOCTOR

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"Congratulation,you are five weeks pregnant."

Jessica smiles and nods,the doctor hands her the test result and instructs her to register for antinetal.

JESSICA

"Okay,doctor.I will."

Rising from the seat,She thanks the doctor again and happily walks out of the office and heads to the entrance door.Outside she places call across to Paul but it rings without reponse. After six more tries,she stops calling and takes a taxi to her office.

DISSOLVE TO:

SAME DAY:EVENING:INT

Jessica and her mum sit talking in the living room,Jessica looks unhappy.Her mother asks her,

VIVIAN

"He was excited when you said you intimated him you might be pregnant?."

JESSICA

"Yes mum.I wonder why he didn't pick his calls all today."

The television is on and the light glows in the room.Suddenly the news of the bank robbery comes on, on the screen. Jessica starts to cry,she wails in pain and her mother holds her by the shoulder,trying to console her.

DISSOLVE TO:

SEVEN MONTHS LATER: INT

After seveal months of the funeral of Paul,Jessica is in labour at the hospital. Her mum sits in the waiting area,anxious for her daughter's safe delivery.A nurse walk in and Jessica hands her a note and says,

JESSICA

"Please give this to my mum."

At the labour room, complication sets in and doctor and nurses battle to save her and her baby but three long hours later, Jessica dies of bleeding, leaving her beautiful baby girl behind. As the nurse walks to her mum to hand over Jessica's note to her, from her forlorn look her mother knows her daughter is dead. She throws herself to the floor and wails uncontrollably. Doctor and nurses try all they can to console her. Fletcher slumps to the floor too crying softly.

FADE OUT