

CASS & CHRISTY

CHRISTY CARSON AUDITION SCENE

**Cass is alone in his office when Christy knocks, then
Sticks her head in.**

CHRISTY

Is the coast clear?

CASS

**She's gone to the health food store to see if
There's some herbal brew for brides. What's up?**

CHRISTY

**I adore her, she is my oldest and dearest friend, but
I have to ask, how do you stand it?**

CASS

**(amused) Maybe you'd better start at the
beginning.**

CHRISTY

**The beginning is easy ... it's the end that's
Eluding me. We have been to every bridal salon
In a hundred mile radius of Bay City. We have
Tried on every conceivable look from Royal
Renaissance to Barefoot Bucolic ... she will not
Make a decision Cass. We are talking about
Hundreds of dresses here.**

CASS

Let me guess. Nothing has the right aura.

CHRISTY

**What can I do? I have a great eye. I know
Style, color, fabric ... I know what's in, what's
Out, what's discrete, what's romantic, what's sexy ...**

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CASS

(Appreciative) I can see that.

CHRISTY

How nice of you to say so. But “Aura” eludes me.

CASS

It is ... elusive.

CHRISTY

(Studying him) You go through this a lot?

CASS

Daily.

CHRISTY

**Got any advice? Any tricks for hurrying it along
A little, luring that old devil Aura out of hiding?
Something in a spray-on karma perhaps?**

CASS

These things are very real to her.

CHRISTY

And to you?

CASS

**Frankie is real to me. The most real thing in
My life.**

CHRISTY

**(Suddenly serious) How in the world did it ever
happen. You and Frankie?**

CASS

Opposites attract? Look at you and Douglas?

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CHRISTY

**Poles apart. He is so steady, so patient ... full
Of insight and compassion. I, on the other hand,
Am a wild woman.**

CASS

Totally unpredictable ...

CHRISTY

**Thoroughly selfish ... though not without charm ...
(She flashes a smile at Cass)**

CASS

Sounds like you balance each other well.

CHRISTY

**We do. And I love him, but sometimes ...
(With unexpected passion) Don't you ever
just want to go crazy ... dive off the deep end
without looking to see how deep the water is?
(She sees Cass watching intently)**

CASS

Oh yes.

CHRISTY

**I've always been a risk taker, but lately
Everything in my life is so damn careful!
(hesitates) Christy, shut up. The man doesn't
want to hear this.**

CASS

Not true.

CHRISTY

Why?

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CASS

**I'm a gambler too. Taking the plunge is
Thrilling. But sometimes you crash and burn.**

CHRISTY

**(a second of blatant challenge) And sometimes
it's worth it. (Cass meets her eyes, Christy backs off)
Don't listen to me. You'll think Frankie has a
Lunatic for a best friend.**

CASS

**I think Frankie is very lucky to have a best friend
Like you.**

CHRISTY

**(Gathering up her purse, coat, getting ready to go)
No. Frankie is very lucky to have you.
(A look between them before she crosses out)**

(She looks back at Cass, then exits.)