

CASS & LILA

LILA'S SUITE/Night. OPEN ON LILA UNPACKING BOXES AS SHE HEARS A KNOCK...

LILA

Who could that be? (ANOTHER KNOCK) Coming! (SHE OPENS THE DOOR, SURPRISED TO SEE CASS) What are you doing here?

CASS

(UPSET) Funny, that's what I came to ask you! Why did you move back here?

LILA

(ANGRY/HURT) Because the man I was supposed to marry made it crystal clear he didn't want me moving in with him! And I didn't think it was real smart to keep living with my ex-husband.

CASS

(SHAKEN UP) Oh God... how did things get so messed up?

LILA

I don't know. Why don't you tell me.

CASS

Me? (SHE WAITS) I suppose I am partially to blame (SHE WAITS) completely ... to blame. And I'm so sorry. The last thing I ever wanted was to hurt you ...

LILA

Well, I've got a news flash for you. When you break off an engagement ... it hurts ...

CASS

I know I told you to make up your mind between Matt and me.

LILA

And I did. It took about ten seconds. And then you backed out!

CASS

I know. All I ever wanted was to make you happy ... to love you the way you deserve to be loved ...

LILA

(LASHING OUT) And what the hell do you think I want?! To be alone and miserable? To miss you so much I can't think straight?

CASS

I miss you too, Lila...

LILA

You have a funny way of showing it ...

CASS

But you have to believe me ... I love you so much. All I want to do is take you in my arms ... kiss you ... and make this whole mess disappear ...

LILA

Well, I'm not the one stopping you. You're the one who called off the wedding. All you have to do is say it's back on ...

CASS

I want to ...

LILA

Then do it. (CASS HESITATES. LILA FIGHTS TEARS)
Or does Miss Anne have you so mixed up you don't know what you want ...

CASS

Yes, I'm confused ... but I know what I want ...

LILA

Well, if it's me ... if you want us to be together again ... then you have to promise me something first.

CASS

Anything.

LILA

That you'll get Anne out of your life ... and you'll never see her again. (ON CASS)

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