

Episode 8888
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ACT FOUR C

MCKINNON HOUSE / DAY. MARLEY HAS SEALED LETTER, IS PROPPING IT UP ON TABLE, WHEREVER. SHE TAKES ONE LAST, WISTFUL LOOK AROUND. BEAT. SHE TURNS WHEN SHE HEARS BREATHLESS VICKY RUSH IN.)

VICKY

Marley...?

MARLEY

Vicky... What are you doing here?

VICKY

I saw the cab and your suitcases... You were going to leave (ON MARLEY, CAUGHT)
Just split without a word?

MARLEY

I thought it would be best for everyone...

VICKY

I felt it, you know. I could tell something was going on with you. I burned rubber all the way over here, repeating the same thing over and over again... Let her be there when I get there. Let Marley be okay. How could you even think of leaving without saying good bye?

MARLEY

I left you a note.

VICKY

I don't want a note. I want you to stay. (MARLEY SHAKES HEAD) Something happened? Did somebody do something to you?

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MARLEY

(BEAT. ADMITS) I overheard Etta Mae giving Tyrone an earful of the ugly truth.

VICKY

So? You have to prove yourself to some people.. You can do it.

MARLEY

No good can come of my staying here. I'll only hurt Tyrone like I hurt you and Jake and...

VICKY

You can't go.

MARLEY

(COVERS) Look, I've given this a lot of thought, and there's a million good reasons for me to leave and none to stay.

VICKY

I can think of plenty. Two of whom will be born in about 7 months. (BEAT. ON MARLEY. ON VICKY, HOPING MARLEY TAKES THIS WELL)

MARLEY

Seven months? You mean... Babies? You're pregnant?

VICKY

I'm pregnant. Twins.

MARLEY

(GENUINELY THRILLED) Oh, Vicky... (HUGS HER) You're having twins! This is so wonderful! I can't believe it!

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VICKY

So you can't go. You're going to be an aunt again.
Two little babies, we won't have to share or take
turns holding them. (THEY LAUGH THRU TEARS)
And with all those guys around, my little girls are
going to need their Aunt Marley.

MARLEY

Girls?

VICKY

It's still too early to tell, but... Don't leave me
here to deal with two little hell-raisers without you.
Who else is gonna help keep 'em in line? Jake?
(THEY LAUGH) Do you really want to be halfway
around the world from these babies?

MARLEY

(TEMPTED) I wish I could stay, but...

VICKY

(OVER) I need you here, Marley. I love you.
We're part of each other. Please, say you'll stay?
(ON MARLEY, TORN)

FADE OUT.