

BURYING THE EX

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Scene for WGI

INT. BLOODY MARY'S BOOTIQUE - LATER

Max and Olivia devour their hamburgers...

MAX

It must be nice having your own place. Making your own hours, greeting customers the way you want, getting burgers whenever you want.

OLIVIA

I'm thinking about subletting the space on the other side if you know anyone who's interested. It would make a really great spot for a start-up, I think.

MAX

I did, but I don't think he's chasing that dream anymore.

OLIVIA

That's too bad. Sometimes people just gotta take a chance, you know?

Max and Olivia lock eyes. They slowly move in for a kiss...

THE PHONE RINGS!

MAX

I should probably get that.

OLIVIA

Yeah.

Max walks to the counter and answers the phone.

MAX

Who dare call Bloody Mary's?

EVELYN (ON PHONE)

HEY, BABY!

Max turns his back to Olivia, speaks in a whisper.

MAX

Hi. I'm a little busy right now.

EVELYN (ON PHONE)

Well, I was just thinking about you and I wanted to call.

MAX
That's nice. I'm, uh, with a
customer.

Olivia heard that. Max feels like an idiot.

EVELYN (ON PHONE)
Okay. Max?

MAX
Yeah?

EVELYN (ON PHONE)
I love you!

MAX
That's great! That's really great!

EVELYN (ON PHONE)
Did you hear what I said?

MAX
Yeah.

EVELYN (ON PHONE)
I said I love you.

MAX
Loud and clear.

EVELYN (ON PHONE)
Aren't you gonna say it back? Max?

Max sees Olivia staring right at him. He motions like the
person on the other end is crazy.

EVELYN (ON PHONE)
Hello?!

Max takes a deep breath and spits the words out in a garbled
mess --

MAX
Loveyoubackbye.

He slams the phone down.

MAX
My boss...

OLIVIA
Cut the crap, Max.

Max knows the jig is up.

MAX

Please just let me try to explain --

OLIVIA

You don't have to explain anything.
I know exactly what's going on.

MAX

I really don't think you do.

OLIVIA

It's obvious. You're not over your
ex yet.

MAX

It's not me, Olivia. It's her.
She won't get out of my life!

OLIVIA

Well, I'm not gonna share you with
someone else. I already tried that
with my last boyfriend and you know
how that turned out.

MAX

Believe me, Olivia. I really,
really like you.

OLIVIA

Well, there's only so much
rejection that I can take. If you
wanna be with me then you'll be
with me.

Olivia heads for the door. She turns around --

OLIVIA

They're showing "Night of the
Living Dead" tomorrow night at the
Hollywood Forever and I'll be there
if you want to meet me. And if
not, that's totally fine, but it
was nice to know you then. Bye.

Max watches as she walks out the door. Maybe for the last
time.