

25. Decision Time

CAST: (6F) HAILEY, OLIVIA, JORDAN,
ROCHELLE, VICTORIA, EMILY

1 *(At rise HAILEY, OLIVIA, and JORDAN are standing side by*
2 *side with their arms linked.)*
3 **HAILEY:** OK, when Alex gets here, we're not letting him
4 through.
5 **OLIVIA:** Until he chooses.
6 **HAILEY:** One.
7 **JORDAN:** Not two.
8 **OLIVIA:** Not three.
9 **HAILEY:** But one. And when his decision is made, we all agree
10 to accept it.
11 **JORDAN:** Good or bad.
12 **OLIVIA:** Win or lose.
13 **HAILEY:** Boy or not.
14 **OLIVIA:** Gone are his flirting days.
15 **JORDAN:** Gone are the days of his so-called confusion.
16 **HAILEY:** Not knowing whom to pick.
17 **OLIVIA:** Because today we are making him choose.
18 **JORDAN:** Decision time is here!
19 **HAILEY:** Today, Alex, you pick one!
20 **JORDAN:** Not two.
21 **OLIVIA:** Not three.
22 **HAILEY:** But one! *(Pointing)* Hey, there he is!
23 **JORDAN:** What's he doing?
24 **OLIVIA:** Is that Rochelle?
25 **JORDAN:** I can't tell. I guess he's talking to her.
26 **HAILEY:** OK, he'll be here in a minute, so let's go through it

1 again. *(The girls stand up straight, look ahead, and tighten*
2 *their arm link.)*
3 **OLIVIA:** Alex, we're not letting you through until you make
4 your decision once and for all.
5 **JORDAN:** And what decision, you ask?
6 **HAILEY:** Think about it, Alex.
7 **OLIVIA:** It's not hard to figure out.
8 **JORDAN:** Three girls who hate each other's guts ...
9 **HAILEY:** Standing in front of you today ...
10 **OLIVIA:** Bonded together ...
11 **JORDAN:** Who have put aside their differences ...
12 **HAILEY:** Their hatred for one another ...
13 **OLIVIA:** Their jealousies ...
14 **JORDAN:** To demand ...
15 **HAILEY:** Insist ...
16 **OLIVIA:** Force you to choose.
17 **JORDAN:** No more games, Alex.
18 **HAILEY:** No more split decisions, Alex.
19 **OLIVIA:** Or would that be triple decisions?
20 **JORDAN:** More accurate, but let's just stick with what we've got.
21 **HAILEY:** And no more Mr. Cool with three girlfriends, Alex.
22 Because today you pick one!
23 **JORDAN:** Not two.
24 **OLIVIA:** Not three.
25 **ALL:** But one.
26 **HAILEY:** *(Short pause)* I'd say we did that well.
27 **OLIVIA:** *(Suddenly)* Pick me, Alex!
28 **HAILEY:** Olivia!
29 **JORDAN:** No, pick me!
30 **OLIVIA:** Jordan!
31 **HAILEY:** Sorry girls, but he's going to pick me!
32 **JORDAN:** In your dreams!
33 **OLIVIA:** I'll win, hands down!
34 **JORDAN:** No, he'll pick me!
35 **OLIVIA:** No, me!

1 JORDAN: Me!

2 HAILEY: Stop it! Stop it!

3 JORDAN: Sorry.

4 OLIVIA: Yeah, me too. *(Looking in the distance)* Uh ... why is Alex

5 trying to hold Rochelle's hand? *(Pause as they stare straight*

6 *ahead.)*

7 JORDAN: Obviously she likes it because she sure is laughing

8 HAILEY: I wonder what's so funny?

9 OLIVIA: She could push him away!

10 JORDAN: And why is she touching his hair?

11 HAILEY: And why is he still trying to hold her hand?

12 OLIVIA: *(After a pause)* Good, she got away.

13 JORDAN: Or he gave up.

14 HAILEY: Or they're meeting later. *(Calls out.)* Hey, Rochelle!

15 Rochelle! Over here!

16 OLIVIA: Hailey, what are you doing?

17 JORDAN: Why did you call her over here?

18 HAILEY: So we can find out what's going on.

19 ROCHELLE: *(Enters.)* Hey, what's up?

20 HAILEY: Hey, Rochelle! I just wanted to ask you something.

21 ROCHELLE: OK, sure.

22 HAILEY: Did you know that Alex is my boyfriend?

23 ROCHELLE: Excuse me?

24 OLIVIA: Well, actually, he's all of our boyfriends. *(The other*

25 *girls nod.)*

26 ROCHELLE: No he's not! Because Alex is my boyfriend! Two

27 weeks, going on three!

28 OLIVIA: Great!

29 JORDAN: You may want to join the three of us.

30 ROCHELLE: What are you talking about? And what is all this?

31 HAILEY: Rochelle, we're not lying. Alex doesn't know what an

32 exclusive relationship is.

33 ROCHELLE: What are you saying? I'm not his only girlfriend!

34 JORDAN: Alex and I have been going out since last year.

35 OLIVIA: And he's been my boyfriend for seven months.

1 HAILEY: Eight months and counting for me.

2 ROCHELLE: But I thought ...

3 HAILEY: We know. Believe me, we know!

4 JORDAN: That's why we all hate each other.

5 OLIVIA: Well we did, until we decided to combine forces.

6 ROCHELLE: What are you planning to do?

7 HAILEY: Well, everyday, Alex walks by here to class and we're

8 not going to let him through until he chooses.

9 ROCHELLE: Chooses? Chooses what?

10 HAILEY: One girlfriend.

11 JORDAN: Not two.

12 OLIVIA: And not three.

13 ROCHELLE: Then maybe I should join you, too! *(Links arms*

14 *with the girls.)* He either picks me, or ... or I'm out of here!

15 HAILEY: Our sentiments exactly.

16 ROCHELLE: And I thought Alex was crazy about me!

17 HAILEY: Same here.

18 OLIVIA: Me too.

19 JORDAN: Me three. Or is that four?

20 VICTORIA: *(Enters.)* Hey, what's going on? Why are you all, you

21 know, linked together?

22 ROCHELLE: Because, apparently, Alex doesn't understand the

23 word exclusive and he has four girlfriends!

24 VICTORIA: Alex has four girlfriends?

25 OLIVIA: That's right.

26 HAILEY: But today he chooses one, and only one!

27 JORDAN: Not two.

28 OLIVIA: Not three.

29 ROCHELLE: Not four!

30 HAILEY: But one! *(VICTORIA joins them, linking arms.)* Uh-oh.

31 You too?

32 VICTORIA: Since yesterday in history class!

33 HAILEY: Wow.

34 OLIVIA: Unbelievable.

35 JORDAN: Jerk.

1 ROCHELLE: It's getting worse by the minute.
 2 HAILEY: But today he chooses. One, and only one!
 3 JORDAN: Not two.
 4 OLIVIA: Not three.
 5 ROCHELLE: Not four.
 6 VICTORIA: Not five.
 7 ALL: But one!
 8 VICTORIA: When do you think he'll be here?
 9 HAILEY: Any minute now.
 10 ROCHELLE: And won't he be surprised?
 11 EMILY: (*Enters.*) What's this?
 12 VICTORIA: Hey, Emily.
 13 EMILY: What's with the linked arms?
 14 JORDAN: It's Alex.
 15 EMILY: Alex?
 16 ROCHELLE: Let's just say that he needs to look up the word
 17 exclusive in the dictionary.
 18 EMILY: Why?
 19 VICTORIA: Is five timing a word?
 20 EMILY: Alex has five girlfriends?
 21 JORDAN: Five that we know of.
 22 HAILEY: I wonder if there's anymore?
 23 EMILY: Is this a joke?
 24 ROCHELLE: That's what I thought at first.
 25 EMILY: I know this isn't April Fool's Day. (*Looks around*)
 26 Candid Camera?
 27 OLIVIA: Why would we do that?
 28 EMILY: Then it's true?
 29 HAILEY: It's true. Believe us, it's true.
 30 VICTORIA: And today we're making Alex choose.
 31 ROCHELLE: One, and only one.
 32 JORDAN: Not two.
 33 OLIVIA: Not three.
 34 ROCHELLE: Not four.
 35 VICTORIA: Not five.

1 ALL: (*Except for EMILY*) But one!
 2 EMILY: (*Links arms with the other girls.*) And not six!
 3 HAILEY: Another one?
 4 EMILY: Since Meg's birthday party last Saturday.
 5 HAILEY: I thought he was grounded last Saturday!
 6 JORDAN: I thought he had a family reunion!
 7 OLIVIA: I thought his grandmother died!
 8 ROCHELLE: I thought he was sick!
 9 VICTORIA: I thought he was baby-sitting his little brother!
 10 EMILY: He was with me. Sorry.
 11 HAILEY: You know, there could be hundreds more out there.
 12 JORDAN: Hundreds?
 13 OLIVIA: Maybe every girl in school is going out with Alex.
 14 ROCHELLE: Even Bertha Mae?
 15 VICTORIA: And what about the other schools across town?
 16 EMILY: That means there could be thousands!
 17 HAILEY: And if he can lie to all of us ...
 18 JORDAN: And to all of them ...
 19 OLIVIA: Then he's scum!
 20 ROCHELLE: So maybe we should make it easy for him!
 21 VICTORIA: We make the decision, not Alex.
 22 EMILY: In terms you can understand, Alex, "Take a hike!"
 23 HAILEY: Here he comes.
 24 JORDAN: I know. Whoever wants a cheater boyfriend stays. And
 25 if you don't, you leave. (*Long pause*)
 26 OLIVIA: OK, on the count of three ...
 27 ROCHELLE: Whoever wants to keep Alex stays.
 28 VICTORIA: And whoever wants to dump Alex leaves.
 29 EMILY: Ready ...
 30 ALL: One, two, three ... (*PAUSE as they stare ahead.*)
 31 HAILEY: Did you see that?
 32 JORDAN: Alex saw us standing here and took off running!
 33 OLIVIA: Did you see his face?
 34 ROCHELLE: He looked scared!
 35 VICTORIA: Caught you, Alex!

- 1 EMILY: Bye, and don't come back!
- 2 HAILEY: Well, that's it. So much for Alex. We made the decision
- 3 for him.
- 4 JORDAN: I still think he would have picked me.
- 5 OLIVIA: No way! He would have picked me!
- 6 ROCHELLE: No, he would have picked me!
- 7 VICTORIA: I think he would have picked me.
- 8 EMILY: No, he would have picked me.
- 9 HAILEY: If Alex picked anyone, it was going to be me!
- 10 JORDAN: No way!
- 11 OLIVIA: You wish!
- 12 HAILEY: Well, he wouldn't have picked any of you!
- 13 EMILY: Yes he would have! I'm sure he would have picked me!
- 14 VICTORIA: And I'm sure he would have picked me!
- 15 ROCHELLE: No, he would have picked me!
- 16 OLIVIA: Then why don't we go ask him!
- 17 JORDAN: Yeah, let's go ask him!
- 18 HAILEY: Fine with me!
- 19 ALL: *(They run off screaming.)* "Alex! Alex! Wait up!"

26. Dreadful Dancing

CAST: (1M, 3F) TONY, MAXIE, BRANDY, SABRINA

SETTING: Outside the school building
at the end of the day.

- 1 MAXIE: So anyway, my mom agreed to let me get my nails done
- 2 for the Valentine Dance next Friday.
- 3 BRANDY: Who are you going with?
- 4 MAXIE: At this point, I'm wondering that myself.
- 5 BRANDY: Well, you can't go alone!
- 6 MAXIE: Oh, I could.
- 7 BRANDY: But would you?
- 8 MAXIE: Sure, if I wanted to stand by the refreshments.
- 9 BRANDY: So Chris is a definite no?
- 10 MAXIE: Chris can go jump in a lake!
- 11 BRANDY: Uh-oh. He asked Hailey to the dance, didn't he?
- 12 MAXIE: You know, I'd like to show up at the dance with the
- 13 hottest guy in town!
- 14 BRANDY: That'd be nice, but I'm afraid all the hot guys are
- 15 already taken.
- 16 MAXIE: This is just great! I finally get my mom to agree to let
- 17 me get my nails done and I get to go to the Valentine Dance
- 18 and talk to the punch bowl!
- 19 BRANDY: Maxie, there has to be someone you can go with.
- 20 MAXIE: You'd think.
- 21 BRANDY: *(Points.)* What about him?
- 22 MAXIE: Who's that?
- 23 BRANDY: I don't know, but let's go find out! *(Pulls MAXIE over*
- 24 *to TONY who is bouncing a ball.)* Hello.
- 25 TONY: Hello. *(Looks up at the girls.)* Hello!
- 26 BRANDY: So, my friend Maxie and I were wondering ...