

Ties That Bind

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Courtney  
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COURTNEY

The air conditioner's broken.

DAVE

That's odd, it's brand new.

COURTNEY

Can you come in and take a look?  
(opening the door)

It's in the bedroom.

Dave enters and follows Courtney back to her bedroom.

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INT. COURTNEY'S BEDROOM - MINUTES LATER

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Dave kneels on the ground in front of the air conditioner.  
Courtney lies on her bed and watches him inspect the machine.

Start

COURTNEY

Have you ever dated a nurse, Dave?

DAVE

I've been with Megan nine years.

COURTNEY

And?

DAVE

Before that I was in high school.  
So no. I've never dated a nurse.

COURTNEY

Assuming you've been faithful.

DAVE

Which I have.

COURTNEY

Good for you.

DAVE

Yup. Pretty good for Megan, too.

Dave sits up, stumped by the machine, and checks out Courtney on the bed. His eyes linger; she's sultry on the pillow.

DAVE (cont'd)

Have you ever dated a doctor?

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COURTNEY

Three.

(beat)

Only one of them was married.

DAVE

How'd that work out?

COURTNEY

Pretty great for him.

Dave turns his attention back to the air conditioner. He notices something he considers obvious and flips a switch.

DAVE

You had it set to "vent." The air won't cool unless set on "A.C."

COURTNEY

(grinning)

Wow. It's funny, Dave, isn't it? Sometimes the easiest things are right in front of you the whole time. Just there for the taking.

Courtney's INNUENDO isn't lost on Dave...

DAVE

Actually Courtney, it's not funny. I'm due back at the hospital in four hours and I'm very tired.

Courtney rolls onto her side, making room on the bed.

COURTNEY

If you're so tired... take a rest.

Courtney sprawls out a little wider. Dave pauses before:

DAVE

Megan likes you, Courtney. She thinks of you as a friend. Let's pretend you didn't just say that.

COURTNEY

What did I say, Doctor?

DAVE

Try this again and I'm kicking you out.

COURTNEY  
Your wife would never allow it. She  
thinks of me as a friend, remember?

Dave turns the A.C. to HIGH and starts for the bedroom door.

COURTNEY (cont'd)  
Kiss Megan on the lips for me.

Dave exits and exhales, at once relieved and concerned.

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INT. HOSPITAL - DAY

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Dave, weary, jogs down a hospital hallway to catch Dr. Walsh.

DAVE  
Dr. Walsh! Do you have a minute?

DR. WALSH  
I have 30 seconds. What's up?

DAVE  
Real quick: My wife and I were  
hoping to have you and some of the  
team to dinner at our new house.

DR. WALSH  
Fantastic. Just run some dates by  
my secretary until you get a yes.

Courtney INTERRUPTS! This both surprises and confuses Dave.

COURTNEY  
Hi Dave! Quick question for you.

DAVE  
Actually, now's not a good time.

COURTNEY  
I just need a quick Vicodin refill.

Dr. Walsh looks suspiciously at Courtney, but she responds  
with a faux innocent smile. Dave's heart sinks...

DAVE  
Um, gimme a minute, okay?

COURTNEY  
That's cool, I'll wait.

Courtney walks away. Dave turns his attention to Dr. Walsh.