

Baby Daddy - EP 501: "LOVE & CARRIAGE"
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SCENE 1/2

INT. ELEVATOR LANDING/ELEVATOR - LATER (D-2)
(BEN, ZOEY)

BEN IS WAITING FOR THE ELEVATOR, SCROLLING THROUGH HIS PHONE,
WHEN THE DOORS PING OPEN TO REVEAL A PILE OF BOXES AND ZOEY,
A BEAUTIFUL TWENTY-SOMETHING, HOLDING A LARGE BOX.

ZOEY

Sorry, I'm going up.

BEN

That's cool. (LOOKING UP, NOTICING HER)

Because so am I. (CATCHING THE DOOR) I'll
just...

BEN AWKWARDLY SQUISHES IN PAST SOME BOXES, ALMOST KNOCKING
OVER A FEW THINGS. HE JUST SMILES AT HER AS THE DOORS CLOSE.
AFTER A BEAT...

BEN (CONT'D)

I'm not saying anything am I?

ZOEY

Nope.

BEN

Just checking.

ZOEY

I'm Zoey.

BEN

Hi, I'm Zoey. I mean Ben. I'm Ben. And
you're Zoey. Hi, Zoey. I'm Ben. Me Ben. I
sound like a caveman. (THEN) So, moving
in?

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ZOEY

I am. (LOOKING AROUND) But it seems a
little small now that I see it in the
daylight.

BEN

Well this is the elevator. (BEAT) You're
messing with me aren't you?

ZOEY

Yep.

THE ELEVATOR DOORS OPEN. ZOEY STARTS TO EXIT.

ZOEY (CONT'D)

If you could just send it back up when
you're done.

BEN

No. Let me help you.

BEN GRABS A BOX, BUT THE BOTTOM FALLS OPEN. CRASH. HE STARTS
TO BEND TO PICK SOMETHING UP BUT KNOCKS OVER ANOTHER BOX.

BEN (CONT'D)

Sorry.

HE QUICKLY PICKS UP ANOTHER ONE AND GOES TO HAND IT TO HER.

BEN (CONT'D)

Here, this one doesn't say breakables.

AND SUDDENLY THE DOOR CLOSSES, CRUSHING THE BOX HE'S HOLDING.

BEN (CONT'D)

Oh wait, it does on this side. (BEAT)

I'll send the elevator back up.

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INT. LANDING/ZOEY'S FRONT DOOR - LATER (N-2)
(BEN, EMMA, ZOEY)

BEN, HOLDING EMMA'S HAND, STANDS AT ZOEY'S FRONT DOOR.

BEN

Just flash her your pearly whites and
don't do that tongue thing.

EMMA STICKS OUT HER TONGUE.

BEN (CONT'D)

Yeah that. Don't do that.

THE ELEVATOR OPENS TO REVEAL ZOEY CARRYING A LAUNDRY BASKET.

BEN (FLUSTERED) (CONT'D)

Hey, there! It's me, Zoey again. Nope. Me
Ben again. And this is Emma, my daughter.
I just needed you to know that she's part
of the package.

ZOEY

What package are we talking about?

BEN

You know, as I was saying it, I knew I'd
left some parts out. Look, I haven't
stopped thinking about you since we met,
but I'm a single dad with a complicated
life who recently had his heart handed--
you get my point. Would you like to go
out with me... us... sometime?

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ZOEY

Wow. Okay. To be honest, I've been
thinking about you all day as well.
Partially because I was sweeping up
broken glass.

BEN

I'll take it.

ZOEY

But obviously this is not a great time
and my life is a bit of a mess and I just
ended a relationship... and as I say it
we kind of sound perfect for each other.
Are you sure?

BEN

I've never been so sure.

ZOEY

Then, yes. I would like to go out with
you.

BEN

(EXITING) Perfect. Tomorrow night. Seven.

(TO EMMA) I told you not to do that
tongue thing!

AS THE DOORS CLOSE - ZOEY PUTS DOWN HER BASKET REVEALING HER
PREGNANT BELLY.

ZOEY

Maybe we won't have to do this alone
after all, baby.

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ACT TWO

SCENE 2/1

FADE IN:

INT. ZOEY'S APARTMENT - NIGHT (N-3)
(BEN, ZOEY)

BEN KNOCKS AND WALKS IN TO ZOEY'S APARTMENT. SHE'S STANDING
BEHIND HER KITCHEN COUNTER PACKING UP HER PURSE TO LEAVE.

BEN

Hey, Zoey. It's me. Ben. (SOTTO) So easy.
Ready to go?

ZOEY

Just making sure I have everything. Keys,
phone, doctor's number...

BEN

Doctor's number?

ZOEY

Well, obviously I can go at any minute.

BEN

You're dying? Dammit, I really liked you.

ZOEY

I'm not dying, but I might kill someone
if I don't get this thing cut of me soon.

ZOEY WALKS OUT FROM BEHIND THE COUNTER, AND BEN SEES HER
GIANT BELLY FOR THE FIRST TIME.

BEN

When... when... when did that happen?

ZOEY

About nine months ago.

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BEN STARTS MOVING AWAY FROM HER AS SHE COMES CLOSER.

BEN

So you're pa-pa-pregnant?

HE FALLS BACK ONTO THE COUCH AND FLIPS BACK UP OVER THE TOP,
STILL STANDING TO GET AWAY FROM HER.

ZOEY

Yeah, what did you think? I'm an
anaconda, and I just swallowed an elk?

BEN KNOCKS OVER SOME BOXES.

BEN

I'm a dude - we have focus issues. And
bellies aren't the only things that get
bigger when you're pregnant.

ZOEY

And now you think we should postpone.

BEN

Yeah, maybe, okay... that might be best.
If that's what you think.

ZOEY

I think you should get out.

BEN

That's probably a good idea.

BEN QUICKLY RACES OUT THE DOOR, BUT IT'S HER CLOSET.

BEN (O.S.) (CONT'D)

Nice closet. Where do you get your
hangers?

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