

# *Love Undone*

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*Season Finale*

*"I Can't Make You Love Me"*

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Jeremiah knocks on the door. Soft. A beat before Sandra answers. The two stop in time. Awkward silence. Finally...

JEREMIAH

Hey.

SANDRA

Hey.

More silence. All of the feelings come back at once. She hands him a large bag.

JEREMIAH

Thank you. I really needed this.

As she hands him the bag, she notices a pregnancy test in his pocket.

SANDRA

(looking at the test)  
Congratulations?

JEREMIAH

Oh, nah. That's not for me. For a friend.

SANDRA

I hope that's not for you.

JEREMIAH

You know what I mean.

She looks around, waiting for him to continue the conversation...

JEREMIAH (CONT'D)

Look, I'm sorry.

SANDRA

I don't need an apology.

JEREMIAH

Can you just listen to me? For once.

She shrugs, letting him speak.

JEREMIAH (CONT'D)

I only wanted the best for both of us. I'm sorry for acting out. That's not who I am.

(beat)

(MORE)

JEREMIAH (CONT'D)

And I'm sorry for not being the man  
I should've been for you.

SANDRA

Sometimes things don't work out the  
way we want them to.

She takes a deep breath, moving a little closer to him.

SANDRA (CONT'D)

I'm sorry for lying to you. That  
wasn't right. You deserved the  
truth from the very beginning!

JEREMIAH

(choking up)  
I appreciate it.

SANDRA

We tried, right?

JEREMIAH

Yeah. We did.

SANDRA

Sorry I wasn't the one for you.

Final confirmation. That stings a little.

SANDRA (CONT'D)

So... goodbye?

JEREMIAH

Yeah... goodbye.

SANDRA

Take care.

Nothing left to be said, she closes the door. He takes a  
moment to himself before walking away.

2

INT. HILL RESIDENCE - KITCHEN - DAY

2

Juanita is preparing herself for the day. Her phone rings. It  
reads "Clifford Superintendent" She sighs, and hits decline,  
continuing to get her things together. We hear a ping. She  
picks up the phone and presses play on the voicemail.

CLIFFORD (V.O.)

Ms. Hill, since you insist on  
ignoring my calls, I'll leave this,  
and hope it'll light a fire under  
you.

(MORE)

CLIFFORD (V.O.) (CONT'D)  
 Listen, your vision and hard work  
 for this school is something we do  
 not take for granted. However, this  
 issue has grown out of control and  
 we need to take action. We're  
 closing this school until we can  
 fully assess the situation. I'll be  
 there Wednesday. Please be prepared  
 to have a conversation about this.

Her mouth drops. Numb.

3

INT. TORI'S RESIDENCE - LIVING ROOM - DAY

3

Jeremiah is sitting on the couch watching TV. Tori walks in  
 with the pregnancy test in hand. He mutes the TV and stands  
 up, waiting for the response. Tori takes a deep breath and...

TORI  
 I'm pregnant.

Those words make her super emotional. Tears rush to her eyes.  
 Jeremiah rushes over and hugs her.

JEREMIAH  
 Congratulations.

TORI  
 Thanks, I guess.

JEREMIAH  
 You guess? This is a blessing.

TORI  
 I know. Given my history with  
 pregnancies, this just feels super  
 weird. Learning not to get too  
 excited.

JEREMIAH  
 Hey, don't look at it that way.

He hugs her, providing the comfort she needs.

JEREMIAH (CONT'D)  
 Are you going to tell Cameron?

TORI  
 That's where it gets tricky... I  
 don't know if it's his.

JEREMIAH  
 What do you mean?

She looks in the other direction, embarrassed.

JEREMIAH (CONT'D)

This is a judgement-free zone.

TORI

I mean... we hit a rough patch, and I kind of slept with Rashad.

JEREMIAH

Kind of?

TORI

Yeah, one thing lead to another and here we are.

JEREMIAH

Ahhhh.

TORI

I feel like shit.

JEREMIAH

You need to tell both of them. They deserve to know.

Tori is frightened at the thought of that.

JEREMIAH (CONT'D)

Sandra lied and didn't say anything. You don't want that. Trust me. You see how it turned out.

TORI

You're right.

JEREMIAH

I'll be here to support you through it.

TORI

Since we're dishing truth, you should talk to your mother.

JEREMIAH

Now how did we get to me?

TORI

I'm just saying. You never know when it'll be your last time to have a conversation with her. You don't want to live with that type of regret, do you?

JEREMIAH

I hear you.  
 (beat)  
 Ice cream to celebrate?

TORI

Is this really a cause for  
 celebration?  
 (beat, then...)  
 I'll grab the spoons.

She walks to the kitchen. Jeremiah watches her, smiling.

4 INT. LORI'S RESIDENCE - DAY

4

Lori and Rashad are cuddling on the couch. Lori is all  
 smiles, in her element.

LORI

So... What did you think? You hated  
 it, didn't you? What needs to be  
 changed?

RASHAD

No! I love it. I didn't think I  
 could love you more, but seeing you  
 in your element. My goodness. What  
 a gift.

Lori loses all feeling for a second.

LORI

Thank you for giving me the  
 confidence.

RASHAD

That was all you. I am so proud of  
 your growth, Lori. You're an  
 amazing woman and deserve the best.  
 All I want to do is take your pain  
 away.

LORI

I don't know what to say.

RASHAD

You don't have to say anything.  
 We've both been through some shit,  
 but here in this moment, I'm just  
 going to say what's on my mind  
 because I don't believe in wasting  
 time. I want to be with you.

(MORE)

RASHAD (CONT'D)  
All of you. Every day. All the  
time. You make me happy.

LORI  
You make me happy.

A beat. They kiss. Passionate.

5 INT. DANIEL'S RESIDENCE - BEDROOM - DAY

5

Daniel is laying down on the bed, relaxing. Elijah comes into the room and squats right in front of Daniel. His eyes widen.

ELIJAH  
(licking his lips)  
Can we finish what we started  
yesterday?

DANIEL  
I haven't had a good night's sleep  
in weeks. Let me enjoy this moment.

ELIJAH  
You've been on the couch for hours.

DANIEL  
This job is taking a lot out of me.

ELIJAH  
You haven't even started.

DANIEL  
I'm talking about the one you took  
from me.

ELIJAH  
Daniel Lamont Hill. Please.

DANIEL  
Alright. I'll stop.  
(beat)  
Don't ever call my full name like  
that.

ELIJAH  
Can we make a promise to never talk  
about this job situation again?

DANIEL  
Or what?

Elijah kisses Daniel's neck.

DANIEL (CONT'D)

Is that my punishment?

He kisses him on the lips. Beat. Staring into each other's eyes, happy in this moment.

6

INT. CHURCH - DAY

6

Gideon walks up to Juanita, who is in deep thought. He hands her a bouquet of flowers, grinning.

GIDEON

These are for you. You look great as always.

JUANITA

Thank you. How did you know these were my favorite?

GIDEON

I may have picked that up on one of your conversations with Ruth!

He hands her a briefcase.

JUANITA

That explains it. Well, thank you! They're lovely. Thank you for coming to drop this off.

Beat, then...

GIDEON

What do you have planned for the rest of the day?

JUANITA

Nothing. Just enjoying some quiet time.

She looks around, waiting for him to leave. He sits.

GIDEON

Juanita, I've been patient. I noticed there's been some hesitation. Am I doing something wrong?

JUANITA

No, not at all. You're actually doing all the right things. It's just...

(MORE)



JUANITA (CONT'D)

You dropped in during a very messy time in my life... with my kids, Barbara, and this school.

GIDEON

And what about you in all of the mess?

JUANITA

What do you mean?

GIDEON

I guess what I'm really asking is... are you using that as an excuse to avoid love?

She doesn't have an answer, stunned.

GIDEON (CONT'D)

I'm not going anywhere and I need you to know that.

JUANITA

I've heard that so many times. I don't know how to decipher what's real and what's not.

GIDEON

Let me show you. I'm here. You just have to let me in.

JUANITA

Thank you. That means a lot.

GIDEON

Show me how much? Join me tonight.

He flashes two tickets. Her mouth drops, excited.

JUANITA

Charlie Wilson! My...

GIDEON

Your favorite.

JUANITA

Just how much did you pick up on that conversation?

GIDEON

(laughing)

A lot.

They continue to talk as we...

7 INT. LYNN STUDIOS - CONFERENCE ROOM - DAY

7

Daniel is spinning in his chair, waiting. Morris enters the room.

DANIEL

Morris! What are you doing here?  
Miss us already?

MORRIS

Chile, yes. That damn place doesn't  
have a walk-in closet, everyone is  
on my nerves, the nearest  
restaurant is 6 miles away. I just  
---

DANIEL

Focus on the money.

MORRIS

(laughing)  
Thanks, I needed that reminder. Why  
are you here so late?

DANIEL

Waiting on a friend.

Beat.

MORRIS

I know we got off to a bad start,  
but you really are a brilliant  
journalist. It was an honor  
learning and working from you.

DANIEL

Wow. I appreciate that, Morris.  
Thank you.

MORRIS

Don't mention it. Maybe, we'll  
cross paths again. Until then, make  
shit happen here.

Morris opens his arms for a hug.

MORRIS (CONT'D)

Keep in touch.

DANIEL

I will.

Morris exits. Daniel picks up his phone and dials a number.  
It goes to voicemail.

DANIEL (CONT'D)  
 Semaj, where are you? I've been  
 here for an hour. Please call me  
 when you get this.

We hear the door. Daniel turns to face the door.

DANIEL (CONT'D)  
 Finally.

We pan to reveal THEE Benjamin Harris.

BENJAMIN  
 Hey.

DANIEL  
 Hey.

Daniel takes a deep breath.

8 INT. SANDRA'S RESIDENCE - DAY

8

Dustin and Sandra are sitting next to each other. She hands  
 him a glass of water.

SANDRA  
 So, what was so important that you  
 had to see me today?

DUSTIN  
 I've been doing a lot of  
 thinking...

SANDRA  
 And?

DUSTIN  
 And it's clear we still have  
 feelings for each other.

SANDRA  
 Wasting no time, huh?

DUSTIN  
 Why dance around what we both want?

SANDRA  
 Dustin...

DUSTIN  
 Why are you playing games?  
 (beat)  
 (MORE)

DUSTIN (CONT'D)

Truth be told, I don't think I ever got over you leaving me. The hole you left just got deeper as time went on. We had something special, you and me. Every single woman was just a placeholder for the one I really want to be with. So, I'm asking... why are you playing games? Let's give this a real shot.

SANDRA

I just want to say sorry for that. I never got the chance to fully express my feelings for you. I was chasing what could've been when what I really wanted was right in front of me.

DUSTIN

So...?

SANDRA

I love you, Dustin. I always have. So, yes, let's stop playing games and give us a real shot.

He leans in and kisses her.

9

INT. LYNN STUDIOS - CONFERENCE ROOM - CONTINUOUS

9

DANIEL

What are you doing here?

BENJAMIN

It's nice to see you, too.

Daniel rolls his eyes.

BENJAMIN (CONT'D)

I'm the CEO you're meeting with today. I asked Semaj to keep this private. I didn't want you to not show up.

DANIEL

Well, now I want to leave.

Daniel chuckles, rising from his chair.

BENJAMIN

How have you been?

DANIEL  
Good. Really good.

BENJAMIN  
I'm happy to hear that.

Beat. Awkward.

DANIEL  
You couldn't call me and tell me you were behind this... Oh, wait, no, I don't deserve communication, right?

BENJAMIN  
Daniel, please...

DANIEL  
Do you know how many voicemails I left you? How many nights I stayed up wishing and praying you would call me back... Only to find out from Cameron of all people that you moved, got married, and hit the lottery. Do you know how embarrassing that was for me?

BENJAMIN  
You left. You went to Atlanta and left me behind.

DANIEL  
Excuse me? You told me you wanted to stay and run the company. We promised we would try and make a long-distance relationship work. Our daily calls turned into weekly calls. You made every excuse not to come and see me.

BENJAMIN  
I got lonely. I thought I could do it, but I couldn't.

DANIEL  
Why didn't you say anything? It's ME.

BENJAMIN  
I was afraid we would end up where we started.

DANIEL

And look at us now.

(beat)

I gave up everything to be with you  
the first time, I wasn't about to  
do that again.

BENJAMIN

So you admit you made a decision  
that brought us here?

DANIEL

Are you out of your damn mind?

BENJAMIN

Daniel, please, lower your voice.

DANIEL

No. I can't believe you would try  
and make yourself the victim.

BENJAMIN

I'm letting you know how I feel.

DANIEL

Fuck your feelings.

(beat)

You know, I'm glad you're well. I  
wish you the best. This  
conversation is a waste of my time.

Daniel tries to walk out, Benjamin grabs his hand.

BENJAMIN

I just wanted to make things right  
with you. I felt bad.

DANIEL

You should... And honestly, it's  
too late. You moved on and so did  
I.

BENJAMIN

I never stopped thinking about you,  
Daniel. You and me, we're  
complicated, but that's what makes  
it work.

DANIEL

Where are you going with this,  
Benjamin?

BENJAMIN

David and I got a divorce.

DANIEL

(laughing)

That tracks. And what...You're hoping you can just ease your way back in? Forget the past. Play with my damn life. That's your plan?

BENJAMIN

That's not what I said.

DANIEL

What are you saying?

BENJAMIN

(yelling)

I love you. I messed up. I'm sorry.

Daniel is visibly upset, moved to tears. Before he can respond, Elijah walks in...

ELIJAH

Ready to celebrate?

Daniel wipes the tears. Elijah stops, waiting for an explanation.

10

INT. TORI'S RESIDENCE - LIVING ROOM - DAY

10

Jeremiah and Juanita are in the same room. Alone. Both looking for the right words to say. Juanita is looking around.

JUANITA

Thank you for inviting me over.  
Beautiful home.

JEREMIAH

Thanks for calling.

She takes a deep breath.

JEREMIAH (CONT'D)

(beat, looking around)

Have you heard from Ro?

JUANITA

Yeah. He's doing alright. Him and Kim got a dog. Lucy.

JEREMIAH

Nice.

Awkward silence.

JEREMIAH (CONT'D)

Look, I'm sorry...

JUANITA

Jeremiah, I should be the one to apologize. I have done so many things the wrong way.

JEREMIAH

You were only ---

JUANITA

No, don't let me off the hook. I've been a horrible mother.

JEREMIAH

You weren't horrible.

JUANITA

I went about parenting in all the wrong ways.

Jeremiah sighs. He can't argue there.

JUANITA (CONT'D)

I thought I was doing my best, overcompensating, but in turn, I was only hurting my children. What I thought was keeping you out of trouble, only pushed you further toward it. When you needed me, I badgered you. When you needed love, I strayed away. That wasn't right.

Jeremiah and Juanita both getting emotional.

JUANITA (CONT'D)

You are one of the brightest, most intelligent men I know. Ambitious. Determined. I always admired that about you. My first born. My first true love. Jeremiah, I am so proud of you, and if I've ever made you feel small, I am sorry.

JEREMIAH

Thanks, mom. That's all I've ever wanted to hear you say.

JUANITA

I'm a work in progress.



JEREMIAH

We all are. Let's just promise to try our best and be open and honest when things bother us?

(beat)

And no more secrets, no matter how painful.

JUANITA

You got it.

They move to embrace each other, holding on tight.

11 INT. DANIEL'S RESIDENCE - BATHROOM - DAY

11

Daniel scans the web, researching ideas. A text comes in from Elijah. It's a link to an article that reads "*Josiah Quincy School: Closed. Principal Juanita Hill given the axe*"

His face drops. He grabs his phone and immediately dials Juanita. He waits. It goes to voicemail.

DANIEL

Mom, when you get this, please call me. I am so sorry.

He hangs up. Rufus enters the room.

RUFUS

Everything okay?

DANIEL

Is it ever?

RUFUS

I'm sorry.

DANIEL

Don't be.

Awkward silence.

DANIEL (CONT'D)

What about you? How are you feeling?

RUFUS

Like a failure.

DANIEL

Care to elaborate?

RUFUS

I feel really bad about what happened that night.

Daniel replays that night in his head. He takes a beat.

RUFUS (CONT'D)

I was so caught up. That doesn't excuse my behavior. I was just... really upset. Jeremiah has so much potential and is just wasting it. And I don't care how grown he is... I don't deserve to be disrespected.

DANIEL

I get that, but that's not for you to decide. We all make mistakes. We all go through life differently. Why should you be the one to judge? You weren't there.

(beat)

Also, he didn't deserve to be stood up that night. I know that really hurt him.

RUFUS

If there is one thing I regret, it's that. I should've been there, but I was going through so much. Losing a parent, my job... I was so depressed.

Daniel rubs his back.

RUFUS (CONT'D)

And that's not an excuse. I don't want pity. I was physically and mentally exhausted. I could've communicated, I should've communicated, but I just couldn't, you know? I was numb.

DANIEL

I know how that feels, but when I get to that point, I try to seek help. Whether it's therapy, meditation, or prayer.

RUFUS

Which is exactly why I called my therapist.

DANIEL

It's the first step. Proud of you  
for making that call.

Beat. Fighting emotions.

RUFUS

Thank you, Daniel. I know we  
haven't been the closest, but I  
always considered you as one of my  
own.

DANIEL

I'm here if you need me. And don't  
wait too long, and let your  
emotions boil up.

RUFUS

You got it. And that goes for you,  
too.

DANIEL

Deal.

RUFUS

Can I give you a hug?

DANIEL

Absolutely.

They embrace, holding each other for a long moment. Tears  
rush to Rufus' eyes.

12

EXT. LORI'S RESIDENCE - DAY

12

Cameron sits at the table, so much on his mind. Ron enters  
with the biggest smile on his face.

CAMERON

The hell you smiling for?

RON

I got you a job!

Cameron paces, excited.

RON (CONT'D)

It's a lead role. Short film. All  
Black cast. Award-Winning director.  
Submitting to major festivals.

CAMERON

Man. Say less. Any more details?

RON  
Starts shooting in Toronto next  
week, for 6 months.

CAMERON  
Nigga. Toronto?

RON  
Yeah! Are you in? I have to give  
the director an answer.

CAMERON  
I have a kid who needs me. I just  
can't leave.

RON  
Take him with you.

Cameron stops, all the excitement gone.

RON (CONT'D)  
Iron out the details. We need to  
confirm tonight.

The weight of one decision is showing on his face. His phone  
rings. He answers.

13 INT. TORI'S RESIDENCE - LIVING ROOM - DAY

13

Tori has her hand on her stomach, taking deep breaths.

TORI  
Hey, Cam.

CAMERON  
Hey, You okay?

TORI  
Yeah... Can you come over? I need  
to tell you something.

Before Cameron can respond, she runs to vomit. Alycia takes  
the phone.

ALYCIA  
You need to come. Fast.

Cameron's mouth drops, knowing what is going down. He rushes  
out the house as we...

**END OF SEASON**