

Female Female

Comedy

"Our Thirties"

Writer's First Draft

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*Friend
admits her
friend is gay*

Jessica

JESSICA
 What are you saying?
 EMILY
 I didn't want to do this here.
 JESSICA
 Tell me.

EMILY

Start →

(GENTLY) We saw Kyle kissing a man
last night. Jess, your fiancé is gay.

JESSICA TAKES THIS IN, THEN WITH THE BUBBLING EXCITEMENT OF
SOMEONE WITH A JUICY SECRET:

JESSICA

I know.

EMILY

You know?

JESSICA

(STILL EXCITED) Uh-huh.

EMILY

I'm not sure you understood what I
said. Kyle is a homosexual.

JESSICA

I understood. (THEN) Okay, you have
to swear not to tell anyone, but I
agreed to be Kyle's beard.

EMILY

(SIGHS) Oh Jess. How'd this happen?

JESSICA

I was in the bar at the Fairmont, and there was Kyle, this handsome stranger who was clearly upset. We got to talking, and Kyle told me he was afraid his work was about to collide with his personal life, and that it would all be so much easier if he had a beard. I'd had a couple drinks and I had no reason to suspect he was gay, I thought he was talking about facial hair. So I mentioned my dad used to have a beard, but that it actually complicated things because his beard tickled my mom.

EMILY

Couldn't you be Kyle's beard without marrying him?

JESSICA

I don't want to be just some girl he's having sex with.

EMILY

But you're not having sex.

JESSICA

I know, but he has to brag to make it real. The official story is I'm not into anything kinky, but in the traditional areas, I'm quite good.

EMILY

Before you get married again, don't
you want to wait until you fall in
love, or at least meet a heterosexual?

JESSICA

Please, who has that sort of time?
(THEN) My mom doesn't call me by my
name anymore. She just refers to me
as "the divorced one." This is perfect.
Kyle gets to protect his endorsement
deals, and I get a handsome, successful
husband to bring home for the holidays.

EMILY

Jess, this is a terrible idea.

JESSICA

Why can't you just be happy for me?

EMILY

Because it's insane.

JESSICA

You're just saying that because you
don't like what I said about Lloyd.

EMILY

No, it's actually insane.

JESSICA

End →

(NOT BUYING IT) Oh-kay.

JESSICA HEADS BACK INTO THE DRESSING ROOM, AND WE:

DISSOLVE TO: