

A COUPLA PROS
(an interstitial series)

Pilot Episode: "We Bought a Shop"

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INT. ALTHEA COUNTRY CLUB RESTAURANT – LATE AFTERNOON IN JULY
(JEN PRESTON, SANDRA DOWNING)

SANDRA DOWNING (47, BLACK, ASTUTE, CAUTIOUS, A BIT OF A DIVA) SITS AT A TABLE IN THE FINELY APPOINTED RESTAURANT SIPPING AN ICED TEA. JEN PRESTON (44, WHITE, JOYFUL, WITH A FACILITY FOR CONVERSATION AND MAKING FRIENDS) ENTERS, SEES SANDRA AND WALKS TOWARDS HER. SHE HAS THE GAIT OF SOMEONE COMPLETELY AT EASE IN BOTH HER OWN SKIN AND HER SURROUNDINGS.

JEN

(EXUBERANTLY) Kiss me on the mouth.

SANDRA

(NONPLUSSED) What?!

JEN

(SITTING) Kiss me on the mouth.

SANDRA

Is there something you want to tell me?

JEN

Back in college I worked for two guys -- they were straight, mind you -- who used to say "Kiss me on the mouth" to each other whenever one of them did something great, like land a big deal.

SANDRA

So you did something great?

JEN

(DANGLING THE BAIT) Mm-hm.

SANDRA

And it involves me?

JEN

(GETTING EXCITED) Mm-hm.

SANDRA

Okay. No kiss, but I'll bite.

What did you do?

JEN

I bought us a shop.

SANDRA

(CLUELESS) You bought us a shop?

JEN

A pro shop.

SANDRA

(STILL CLUELESS) A pro shop?

JEN

(INCREDULOUS SANDRA DOESN'T REMEMBER) We
talked about it at graduation.

FLASHBACK:

JEN AND SANDRA ARE AT ARM'S LENGTH AWKWARDLY SLOW DANCING WITH
EACH OTHER. BOTH ARE CLEARLY TIPSY, TEARY, AND NOSTALGIC.

JEN

I'm gonna miss seeing you every day.

SANDRA

You'll still see me.

JEN

But not every day.

(MORE)

JEN (CONT'D)

No more parent committee co-chairs. No more class co-parents. You won't be my "co" anymore.

SANDRA

(DRUNKENLY INSPIRED) We could go into business together, buy a little shop and be co-owners.

JEN, MOVED TO SMILES AND TEARS, HUGS SANDRA TIGHTLY.
FLASHBACK ENDS

SANDRA

Okay. First, I was 3 Proseccos in when I said that, and second, A PRO SHOP? What do we know about running a pro shop?

JEN

Well, really what do we know about running any shop?

SANDRA

Fair enough, but even tipsy I was thinking more like a boutique. You know, someplace that would capitalize on my impeccable good taste, sense of style, and flair for fashion and clothing.

JEN

(TRIUMPHANTLY) There are clothes in the pro shop.

SANDRA

(WITH DISTASTE) Yes, Jen, (MAKING AIR QUOTES)
golf clothes. For golfers. **I** know nothing
about golf clothes and **we** know nothing
about golf.

JEN

Sandra, everything about this is right:
we're the right amount of friends, the
the right amount of wealthy, and the
right amount of smart. Plus, you've
already built a successful business once.
I am sure you-- **we** can do it again.

SANDRA

(THINKING) Earl has been encouraging me
to get a hobby, and I do like being at
the club.

JEN

(EXUBERANT) So, it's settled. (HANDING SANDRA
A RECEIPT) By the way, here's what you owe
for your half of the business, Partner.

SANDRA

(SEEING THE NUMBER) Well, Partner, then you better
start undressing because for this kind of money
I expect a whole lot more than a kiss on the mouth.

THE END