

# Laurel & Brooke

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Start

LAUREL

I can't believe I let you talk me into this.

BROOKE

Come on. I have to lose ten pounds before the big day. You're my maid of honor. You have to support me!

LAUREL

I didn't realize I was going to have to get up so early to do it. I was up till midnight at a wedding.

BROOKE

Oh my God - speaking of weddings - you are not going to believe what happened.

LAUREL

What?

BROOKE

Wendy and Kevin got engaged! Can you believe it...

LAUREL

They did? When?

BROOKE

Yesterday. He took her for a walk and proposed to her by the old stone church!

LAUREL

Wow. So it finally happened for them. That's great.

Laurel stops, breathing hard, takes a drink of water.

BROOKE

What's the matter?

LAUREL

Oh, nothing. I was just thinking -

BROOKE

What?

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LAUREL

Well, now that you and Wendy are both engaged, I'm the only one in our graduating class who isn't married yet.

BROOKE

Oh, come on. What about Martha?

LAUREL

She moved to Minneapolis to be with that architect. She's having twins in December.

BROOKE

No way. Well...Tabitha's still single.

LAUREL

Nope. She lost 80 pounds and met some guy on a bike trip.

BROOKE

Good for her!

LAUREL

I know, right? But it's kind of weird knowing that I'm the only one who hasn't found someone. Maybe I'm doing something wrong.  
(off Brooke's look)  
I *am* doing something wrong.

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EXT. OUTDOOR CAFE - DAY

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Laurel and Brooke are having coffee, still in their workout clothes. Brooke polishes off a huge bear claw pastry as well.

BROOKE

I don't think you're doing anything wrong. I just think you tend to pick guys who are...you know...not looking to settle down.

LAUREL

Well, I don't know that when I meet them.

BROOKE

Laurel, come on. There are always red flags.

LAUREL

Red flags?

BROOKE

A red flag is one of those early warning signs that a guy is not looking for a serious relationship. For example, he doesn't have a real job, still lives with his parents...

LAUREL

What do you mean by a "real" job?

BROOKE

One that does not involve bartending or playing guitar. Or being a wedding photographer.

LAUREL

Oh. Where did you hear about this?

BROOKE

I read it in a magazine. Here. I saved it for you.

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Brooke takes a magazine out of her bag, flips through it.

BROOKE (CONT'D)

Basically, it says that when a man is serious about commitment, he will bring up subjects like marriage and children, will want to see you all the time, be very honest and open about their daily lives, and give you jewelry.

LAUREL

Jewelry? Really? What do they give you if they are not serious?

BROOKE

(scanning magazine)

Books.

LAUREL

What if you like books?

BROOKE

That's not the point. Books just aren't romantic the way diamonds are. Let's see.

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