

## Excerpt from Miss Independent Rom-Com Movie

Ext. Balcony - night

Ella walks out onto the balcony for some fresh air as Ben comes out behind her.

**BEN**

Ella...

**ELLA**

Yes...

(Turns around surprised)

**BEN**

I just wanted to say how beautiful you look tonight. I hope my being here didn't ruin your evening with Chad.

**ELLA**

No, no and Tiffany seems like a wonderful girl. She's very pretty.

**BEN**

Yes, yes she is.

(They both smile awkwardly)

**ELLA**

So how have you been?

**BEN**

Okay, I'm just working, you know putting in a lot of long hours. I just wanted you to know I'm moving to London. We have an office out there and I have been asked to take a position there. I'm flying out to check out the office tomorrow and will be gone for a couple of days.

**ELLA**

London, wow that's a big move.

**BEN**

Yeah, I wouldn't have regularly even considered it, you know how much I love being around my family and all but you know with things the way they are I thought it would be a nice break and it's not permanent I should only be there a couple of years.

**ELLA**

Oh...but...well I'm happy for you but yeah you're right I'm surprised you're considering it. I mean with your family and all...

**BEN**

Hey, I caught your interview on television the other day, it was really great. You seem to be getting everything you ever wanted.

**ELLA**

Yeah, I guess so.

Ben smiles and slightly turns thinking of heading back in.

**ELLA (CONT'D)**

Ben

**BEN**

Yes...

**ELLA**

Nothing I just wanted to say I'm happy for you and only wish the best for you.

**BEN**

Yeah, me too I mean for you. Well, I better get back; Tiffany will start to wonder where I am.

Ben stands there looking into Ella's eyes.

**BEN (CONT'D)**

I really mean it when I say I wish you the very best.

Ben walks close to her clinches her hand and kisses her on the forehead. Ella squints her eyes as he does.

**BEN (CONT'D)**

Goodbye Ella.

Ben then turns quickly and leaves the balcony.

Ella watches as Ben walks back into the room. She starts toward him but stops herself turning and standing at the railing as the wind blows through her hair and she begins to wipe the tears from her eyes. Slowly we see a hand placed gently on her shoulder. Ella turns smiling as she quickly turns and discovers Mr. Donaldson standing behind her.