

THE BREAK-UP CEREMONY

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INT. CHAPEL - DAY

A soft angelic **wedding hymn** is heard as guests enter the church and take their seats in the pews. Flowers line the isle and complement the pastel and traditional romantic decor.

Some guests look at their wedding program, others take pictures of the alter, and one guest looks at his watch wondering when this will all be over.

INT. BRIDE'S ROOM - MEANWHILE

Inside the Bride's Room, five girls are running around the oversized dressing room. They are fixing their dresses, styling their hair, fixing their make-up, and most importantly, helping the bride.

GAYLE (20), young, beautiful, and today, the luckiest girl in the world. Her long auburn brown hair is released from the curling iron and lands in a perfect spiral over her shoulder.

She is beaming with joy as she applies a light pink blush to her cheeks and her bridesmaids adjust her wedding dress; a white strapless a-line gown with rhinestones, and a train going beyond the pedestal she is standing on.

Helping her get ready is her closest friend,

DONNA (20), shoulder length ebony hair frames her face, while her green bridesmaid's dress accentuates her hourglass figure.

She places the veil on Gayle's head, completing her look.

DONNA
Oh Gayle, you look so beautiful.

GAYLE
Thank you. This is the happiest day
of my life.

Both girls smile at each other, unable to contain their excitement.

INT. CHAPEL - CONTINUOUS

The rest of the guests take their seats while the Usher, ALLEN walks in.

ALLEN(24), pale skin and dark hair. Nicely polished, ready to take his role as Usher very seriously. He takes his place at the alter and waits for the ceremony to begin.

After Allen walks in, he is followed by the groomsmen and of course, the groom.

TYLER (25), muscular, tan, and a winning smile, he would be every girl's dream guy.

He smiles at the guests and shakes a few hands as he makes his way to the alter. His best man, LOGAN, gives him a supportive pat on the shoulder.

LOGAN (24), a fresh faced young man with messy brown hair who is always full of energy.

The other groomsman take their place and wait for the bride.

INT. BRIDE'S ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Donna is going over her speech while Gayle admires herself in the mirror. A bridesmaid knocks on the door before opening it to announce,

BRIDESMAID
We're ready to start.

She closes the door. The girls begin to scramble as they adjust themselves and help Gayle out of the room.

INT. CHAPEL - CONTINUOUS

The chatter fades away as the wedding march begins to play. Guests turn and watch the party walk down the isle.

As they take their place at the alter, everyone stands as Gayle walks down the isle; proud, confidant, it's her perfect day and nothing will ruin it.

When Tyler sees her for the first time he can't help but smile. He has been waiting for this day for a long time. Logan leans over to whisper

LOGAN
Look at her man. You're doing the right thing.

Tyler nods as Logan returns to his position. Gayle steps up the alter and across from Tyler. She smiles at him.

TYLER

Hello.

GAYLE

Hi.

Gayle looks out into the crowd and sees her friend JAKE sitting in the front row. He gives her a thumbs up.

Everyone sits down and Allen clears his throat.

ALLEN

Ladies and gentleman, we are gathered here, on this beautiful day, for the break-up of Tyler and Gayle. As we all know, love, truth, and respect makes up a strong bridge that supports any relationship. Their's broke.

Gayle and Tyler nod in agreement. Jake audibly praises.

ALLEN (CONT'D)

When Tyler and Gayle attended high school together, they both had the goal of finding their life long sweet heart, and clearly they're still working on it. Now if anyone has any objections to this separation, speak now or forever hold your peace.

A guest in the back row shouts,

GUEST

Just break-up already!

People clap in agreement.

ALLEN

Well okay then. If there are no objections from anyone?

Allen looks at Gayle and Tyler for a response.

TYLER

I'm good.

GAYLE

Please continue Allen. Preferably just speed it along because I do have plans after this.

TYLER

Yeah like a quick version.

ALLEN

Ugh, why does no one value tradition anymore. Fine, The Best man and Made of Honor both requested to make a wish to the lovely ex's. Logan the podium is yours.

Logan steps up to the podium.

LOGAN

Tyler, man I honestly never thought this day would come. And standing up here, and looking at the two of you, I don't think you guys could have made a better decision. Tyler, I've known you for like six years, you're like my bro and I am so glad to finally see you standing up here dumping this chick. And I know you're gonna be happier because of it. I can't wait for us to go out on the town, you know, boy's night, our band performing live shows, playing video games until five in the morning, going on adventures, hanging with all our hot groupies-

A girl in the front row, Logan's girlfriend, clears her throat. Her bright purple hair stands out amongst the crowd of people, making her hard to miss.

LOGAN (CONT'D)

(Apologetic)

Hey babe.

She crosses her arms and waits Logan to continue.

LOGAN (CONT'D)

But most importantly I get to see you be happy again and that's what's the most important. Nothing against you Gayle but, it's just great to have you back bud, like I can't-

Logan starts to cry, Tyler pats him on the back.

LOGAN (CONT'D)

I promised myself I wasn't gonna cry.

(MORE)

LOGAN (CONT'D)
These things just make me so
emotional. You guys are just
finally so happy.

Logan returns to his position beside Tyler.

ALLEN
Um....okay....that was....interesting.

TYLER
(whispering)
Thanks man, I appreciate it.

Tyler and Logan share a fist bump. Gayle rolls her eyes.

ALLEN
And now Donna, you may take the
podium.

Donna stands at the podium and unfolds a sheet of paper.

DONNA
I would like to recite a passage
from the book of Beyonce. "To the
left, to the left, everything you
own in a box to the left. All the
single ladies, throw your hands up
at me. To all the independent
women, throw your hands up at me.
This goes out to all my girls,
that's in the club rocking the
latest, who will buy it for
themselves and get more money
later. All the ladies if you feel
me help me sing it out! Because I
am a survivor, I'm not gonna give
up, I'm will keep on survivan. And
if you liked it, you should have
put a ring on it. Wuh uh oh uh uh
oh oh uh oh uh uh oh." Thank you.

Everyone applauds as Donna returns to her spot. Gayle gives
her a proud smile.

ALLEN
Thank you Donna. Now Tyler I want
you to repeat after me. I Tyler
Jacobs.

TYLER
I Tyler Jacobs.

ALLEN
Vow to unfriend Gayle on Facebook

TYLER

Vow to unfriend Gayle on Facebook.

ALLEN

And I vow to not send any messages that include, sexts, revealing imagery, or the following: "you up?" and "whatcha doin?"

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ALLEN

I will unfollow Gayle on all social media accounts, including Twitter, Snapchat, and Instagram.

TYLER

But if I unfollow her on insta then how am I supposed to know if guys-

ALLEN

(Enunciating)

I will unfollow Gayle on all social media accounts, including Twitter, Snapchat, and Instagram.

TYLER

(sigh) I promise to unfollow Gayle on all social media accounts, including Twitter, Snapchat, and Instagram.

ALLEN

Thank you. Now Gayle, repeat after me. I Gayle McGouars.

GAYLE

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ALLEN

Vow to unfollow Tyler on all social media accounts, including Twitter, Snapchat, and Instagram.

GAYLE

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ALLEN

I will not send any texts that are considered sexual bait and not interfere with any new relationships, physically, socially, or through a friend.

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ALLEN

Thank you. Now Tyler and Gayle will perform the traditional returning of each others stuff.

Logan hands Tyler a box to give to Gayle.

TYLER

Here's your crap back.

Gayle bitterly takes the box. A Bridesmaid approaches her to take the box. Gayle throws the box into her hands, she falls from the weight of it. Another bridesmaid helps her stand up. Donna hands Gayle a grocery bag with Tyler's stuff in it.

GAYLE

Here.

Tyler inspects the bag.

TYLER

Where's my Captain America shirt?

GAYLE

I burnt it.

TYLER

(Outraged)

You did what! How could you? Steve Rogers didn't deserve that.

GAYLE

(Angry)

You didn't deserve me you piece of shit. Besides we both know Iron Man is the better Avenger anyway.

TYLER

You're a soulless woman, I want you to know that.

They start arguing. Allen breaks up their fight.

ALLEN

Hey! May I continue please? Okay, now by the power vested in me, by an online course I accidentally signed up for while high on caffeine pills. I now pronounce you ex boyfriend and ex girlfriend. Tyler you may now kiss... Gayle's best friend. Have a good weekend everyone!

The crowd gives them a standing ovation. Gayle and Tyler flip each other off. Logan gives Tyler a high five. Tyler jokingly attempts to flirt with Donna but she pushes him away. Gayle, Donna, and the bridal party proudly strut down the aisle.

Tyler walks off stage and unloosens his tie. Almost on cue someone offers him a beer, which he quickly opens and begins to drink as he heads for the side entrance.

TYLER

Hey, reception's at Riley's Bar!
All drinks half off!

People cheer as a large crowd follows him out the door.

As Gayle reaches the front doors Jake appears out of seemingly nowhere and extends his arm. Gayle accepts it. They are about to head out when Gayle looks at her bouquet and remembers something.

GAYLE

Oh, I almost forgot. Who's ready to catch this bouquet?

A group of guys force their way to the isle to catch the bouquet. Gayle turns around and throws it over her head and into the air. TOM catches it and proudly cheers.

TOM

Yeah! That's me baby! That's all me! Yeah! It's over Brenda!

Horrified, BRENDA stands up, slaps Tom across the face. She storms out of the chapel. Tom cheers for his new found singleness with the other guys cheering him on. Allen and Logan watch the commotion.

LOGAN

Break ups man. Crazy crazy things.

ALLEN

I know. Oh remember when I caught
my first bouquet?

LOGAN

Oh yeah, at me and Eve's ceremony,
good times.

Allen and Logan continue laughing and smiling as Gayle exits the chapel with Jake.

EXT. CHAPEL - CONTINUOUS

They get into a getaway car as guests throw rice at them. A sign on the car reading, "Just Broken Up" is seen as they drive off into the sunset.