

ACT TWO**SCENE 1**

A continuation of Act 1, Scene 9.

MARIA

Callum! What the hell are you doing here?

CALLUM

What are you doing here?

CAROL

(cracking a joke)

I'm pretty sure you're both here to marry each other. That's what my invitation said anyway!

MARIA

I thought you weren't coming?

CALLUM

I thought you weren't!

MARIA

Can you actually say something instead of just copying me? Again! This was my idea and as always, you've stolen it!

CALLUM

I don't know what you're talking about!

MARIA

(quietly, so only CALLUM can hear)

A little birdie told me that you were planning on standing me up today.

CALLUM

Funny that, I heard a similar birdie saying the same thing.

MARIA

Well I'm here, aren't I?

CALLUM

And so am I.

MARIA

Colour me surprised.

CALLUM

What are you trying to say?

MARIA

That you're the kind of man who doesn't take his commitments seriously.

CALLUM

But you've done exactly the same thing! Who told you anyway?

MARIA

Who told you?

They both realise and slowly turn to glare at their respective best friends. CAROL shuffles closer.

CAROL

Shall I continue? The joy of unity awaits.

MARIA

No! Because I know for a fact that he doesn't want to marry me! I have evidence! Anneli, show them the message!

ANNELI

You're not dragging me into whatever fresh hell this is!

MARIA

Fine. I don't need it anyway.

CHRISTOPHER

But he's here now so, surely you can get on with it? Please! I managed to steal one miniscule prawn thing and then the chef saw me and chased me out of the kitchen!

MARIA

No.

CALLUM

Absolutely not!