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JOSIAH:
(eyes on plate)
For our situation.
(looks at her)
That I can't take you away for a few
days.

Her eyes start to water.

RUE:
It's not all on you.

She takes a breath to calm herself. Her tears fail to form.

RUE:
Let's not talk about it here okay?
We'll be alright. We can't ruin this
yummy food we rarely have.

She smirks. He brightens up.

JOSIAH:
True that.
(looks around)
We're not getting refills are we?

They start cracking up, causing the OLD COUPLE next to them
to pass them a look.

He looks around for the waiter. She checks her phone.

TJ TEXT:
Yooooo! What up?

She contemplates texting back for a split second, but puts
the phone down and just stares at it.

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START

Rue pulls up to the gate just as a blacked out SUV pulls out.
The SUV slows. The driver, BEAN 30s, rolls down the window.
Rue rolls down hers.

RUE:
Hey Bean.

BEAN:
What's up Rue?

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RUE:
Where's TJ?

BEAN:
Had to fly out on business. He wanted
to run by and see ya but left out too
late.

RUE:
Oh. He coulda just called or text.

The PASSENGER gets out and walks to Rue's car.

BEAN:
He musta forgot. It was a last minute
deal. Had to hurry. He should be back
in two days.

RUE:
Oh okay.

BEAN:
He got you a hotel suite. I'll take
you. No change was spared.

RUE:
Can't stay here.

BEAN:
He wanted you to treat yourself. Plus
there's gonna be cleaners in and outta
here, don't want em to bother you. My
mans here will drive the car to the
house. You come on and hop in.

The other guy opens Rue's door. She begins to slowly get out.

RUE:
What about my stuff?

BEAN:
Already taken care of doll.

Rue thanks the men and gets in the SUV.

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JESSE:

HA!

Imani warmly smiles at Josiah.

JOSIAH:

Yeah he's pretty cool I guess.

IMANI:

We'll let you two get back to your
fun. It's good to see you out J. Stay
up.

Josiah smirks and nods.

JOSIAH:

I'll see you around Imani.

They hug once more and part ways. As they pass Josiah's and
Imani's friends acknowledge each other.

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