

Bill & Stephanie (*excerpt*)

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Clara

I *loved* Brooklyn.

Nate opens the bottle.

Nate

My point is

They were fighting constantly

Back then.

And now

Like,

The whole thing is legally binding.

Till death do they part...

Isn't that incredible? That people do that?

Clara

You did it.

We're married.

Nate

And now we're the ones fighting.

Clara

And that's my fault?

Nate

No, I

Clara

I wanted to get married

Because I love you

And I did

I do.

But I loved where we lived, too.

That apartment was

Brooklyn!

It was...

She shakes her head.

I can't start talking about it,
I'll get too angry.

Stephen (*looking at the wedding cake*)
It is a big commitment.

Clara
Yeah, of course it is, but (*to Nate*) you don't have to-

Daphne
So intense about it...

Winter
Life or death.

Stephen
Way, way too intense.

*Nate is too busy handing out the champagne
To notice
Or care.*

*A lull:
People sip their drinks.
Everyone is tired.*

Out of the silence:

Daphne
But it is a super intense thing...
Have you ever been cliff jumping?
Nate and I when we would go up North growing up,
There were these cliffs you'd jump off of
Nothing crazy, like 20 feet
And you'd, you'd
You'd be standing there
At the edge
And you knew you could do it,
Because your friend did it
But you'd still have to, you know, say in your head,
One two
Three.
And on three you'd jump,
And you'd fall down,
And there was always just enough time
When you were in the air

Before you hit the water
That you could really *feel* that
Like, you were so *aware* of
You're falling
And then SMACK the water hits your feet
And it stings and you swim up as fast as you can
Because you go so deep
And you gasp for air
And everyone cheers
And it's all ok
And good
And when you think back on it,
It was all really fun and worth it,
But when you're up there waiting...