

SPACE CAKES

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FADE IN:

INT. CANDICE'S HOUSE, LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

CANDICE (16) a lanky girl in casual clothes and KRISSIE (16) shorter and with a similar style are spaced out on the sofa and fixated on the TV.

On the coffee table is a plate of cake slices with two pieces missing.

Next to the plate is a bag of weed.

KRISSIE
What else is on?

Candice grabs the remote and flicks through the channels. She stops on one.

They stare at the screen and break into a laughter.

EXT. CANDICE'S HOUSE, GARDEN - DAY

Music blares from a radio.

AMBER (45) a typical housewife in a dress and apron wipes down a table and rocks out to the music.

Behind her is the house. An upstairs window is open.

INT. CANDICE'S HOUSE, CANDICE'S BEDROOM - DAY

A pile of dusty revision books.

The bed is occupied, but whoever is under the duvet has covered their head with a pillow.

EXT. CANDICE'S HOUSE, GARDEN - DAY

Amber sings along to the radio as she cleans the table.

CANDICE (O.S.)
Mum, turn down that damn radio.

She looks up at the open window as she lowers the volume.

AMBER
Get ready, the girls'll be over for tea. There's tons of snacks and that cake in the fridge to use up.

INT. CANDICE'S HOUSE, CANDICE'S BEDROOM - DAY

Candice's eyes dart open.

CANDICE

Bollocks.

She leaps out of bed and rushes out.

INT. CANDICE'S HOUSE, KITCHEN - DAY

Candice sprints in, sporting a summer dress.

On the table is the plate of cake slices.

Candice launches herself at the plate. Snatches it off the table and chucks it in the fridge.

Amber comes in from the garden.

AMBER

What are you doing?

Amber is bewildered.

CANDICE

Putting my cake back in the fridge.

AMBER

Why?

CANDICE

Krissie brought it over when we hung out yesterday. We had a slice each last night, she took some home and what's there is for me.

Amber smiles.

AMBER

How lovely. I didn't know Krissie did a lot of baking?

Candice panics.

CANDICE

She doesn't... this was... a special surprise for... her birthday.

AMBER

Well, you can tell Miranda all about it this afternoon.

Candice is taken aback by her suggestion. She's about to leave. Amber is sceptical.

AMBER (CONT'D)
Is everything okay?

Candice is nervous.

Amber's tone becomes stern.

 AMBER (CONT'D)
What did you and Krissie get up to
last night, nothing bad I hope?

 CANDICE
Just watched TV and stuff.
(rubs her eyes and yawns)
Still tired I guess.

Amber smiles and starts unpacking food. She takes out a stack of plates from a cupboard.

 CANDICE (CONT'D)
Please don't serve that cake.

 AMBER
But if I don't it'll go to waste.

 CANDICE
It won't. I promise.

 AMBER
Alright, geez. I'll whip up a sponge.

Candice sighs, relieved, then smiles at Amber.

 AMBER (CONT'D)
Now go finish your school work. Once
it's done you can see your friends.

Candice goes upstairs. Amber opens a cupboard and gets a packet of flour.

INT. CANDICE'S HOUSE, CANDICE'S BEDROOM - DAY

Candice is at her desk, a document open on her laptop. She grabs the book from the top of the pile and flicks through it.

Her eyes begin to close.

INT. CANDICE'S HOUSE, KITCHEN - DAY (DREAM)

Candice is staring into the fridge. The cake is gone.

She frantically searches for it, checking every drawer and cupboard.

Candice goes out to the garden.

EXT. CANDICE'S HOUSE, GARDEN - DAY (DREAM)

Candice follows a trail of crumbs.

SFX - EATING

Amber is hunched over, stuffing her face. She turns around and gawks at Candice. Food is smeared around her mouth. Her eyes are bloodshot.

Candice is horrified as Amber continues shovelling food into her mouth.

PRE-LAP: DOORBELL

INT. CANDICE'S HOUSE, CANDICE'S BEDROOM - DAY

Candice is startled.

AMBER (O.S.)

Come and say hi to Livvy and Jo.

Candice jumps out the chair and leaves.

INT. CANDICE'S HOUSE, KITCHEN - DAY

Candice wanders in.

OLIVIA (44) a tall and busty blonde showing a lot of skin leans against the counter.

In her hands is a bottle of wine. There's a small impression round her ring finger from where a wedding ring used to be.

Next to her is JOANNA (46) a more moderately-dressed woman, clutching a bouquet of flowers.

There's a cake in the oven.

Amber returns with a vase. She smiles at Candice.

AMBER

Oh good, you came down. Well, say hello then.

Candice smiles awkwardly.

CANDICE

Hi Olivia. Hi Joanna.

JOANNA

Hi Candice.

OLIVIA
Candice, darling, how are you?

Olivia puts the wine on the counter, then hugs Candice tight.
Candice's head smooches against Olivia's breasts.

Amber fills the vase with water and puts the flowers in.

Olivia releases Candice who struggles to catch her breath.

AMBER
She's been worrying all day about her
schoolwork. She's really feeling the
pressure.

Candice notices the cake in the oven.

CANDICE
Hey, you made a sponge cake.

She smiles.

AMBER
That's just a backup, I still want to
use that cake in the fridge.

CANDICE
Muuuuuum, you said your weren't gonna
serve it.

Embarrassed, Candice grabs some food off the counter and eats
it as she storms away.

Amber puts the kettle on.

AMBER
Anyway, tea? coffee?

Joanna and Olivia nod, smiling.

JOANNA
Decaf for me.

Amber grabs three mugs from the cupboard.

INT. CANDICE'S HOUSE, CANDICE'S BEDROOM - DAY

Candice is in bed. Music blares out the speakers.

Her phone buzzes.

ON SCREEN

RACHAEL - "Me and Jen are going to the mall at 4:00. You in?"

CANDICE - "Awesome! See you there!"

SFX - DOORBELL

CANDICE

Mum, door!

No response. Disgruntled, Candice leaves.

INT/EXT. CANDICE'S HOUSE, FRONT DOOR - DAY

Candice opens the door.

MIRANDA (45) a tall woman in a pristine lengthy skirt and blouse, grasping a bottle of wine.

Candice has an "Oh shit!" expression on her face.

MIRANDA

Candice, how lovely to see you. How are you? How's school going?

Miranda hugs Candice who's face has not changed. Miranda lets go.

Candice forces a smile.

CANDICE

Come in, everyone's outside.

They go to the kitchen.

INT. CANDICE'S HOUSE, KITCHEN - DAY

Amber fills mugs from the kettle.

Candice and Miranda enter. Miranda smiles at Amber as she puts the wine on the counter.

AMBER

Oh you bought wine, how lovely.

They hug.

MIRANDA

Krissie's in so much trouble at home. I found drugs in her room. Apparently she bought it from someone at school. (she turns to Candice)
Do you know anything about it?

Candice shakes her head.

Amber is shocked.

AMBER

You're kidding?! I didn't think she was one for that sort of thing.

(beat)

Candice wouldn't use drugs. She's a good girl.

(Candice smiles)

Anyway, she'd be grounded if she did.

Amber smiles at Candice.

Candice's smile disappears.

AMBER (CONT'D)

But that'll never happen, will it, Candice?

Candice smiles nervously.

AMBER (CONT'D)

Jo and Livvy'll be excited to see you. You too Candice.

Amber and Miranda go outside. Candice follows.

EXT. CANDICE'S HOUSE, GARDEN - DAY

Candice, Amber, Olivia, Joanna and Miranda are midway through tea. Laughing and chatting.

One bottle of wine is empty. The other is half empty.

Candice checks her phone and stands up.

CANDICE

Meeting Rach and Jen at the mall.

Amber smiles.

AMBER

Have fun.

Candice rushes inside.

AMBER (CONT'D)

The sponge should've cooled down by now.

Amber goes into the kitchen.

Olivia, Joanna and Miranda continue eating and chatting.

INT/EXT. CANDICE'S HOUSE, KITCHEN/GARDEN - DAY

Candice goes to the back door to say goodbye.

In the middle of the table she sees it. The leftover cake. A piece missing.

Candice watches, horrified, as Miranda bites into a slice.

Candice rushes to the front door and leaves.

OS - Door shutting.

AMBER

Bye Candice!

INT. CANDICE'S HOUSE, LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Amber, Joanna, Olivia and Miranda are on the sofa laughing at the TV.

OS - The front door opens.

Candice enters. The women turn and stare at her in unison. They start giggling.

Candice holds in a laugh as she leaves.

FADE OUT: