

The States Collection – Hawaii
A Bag of Chips and All That
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CAST: 2;

CARY (male) 20's; has definite ideas about food especially if it's junk; newlywed

JACKIE (female) 20's; has definite ideas about romance; newlywed

(Lights up on CARY in a car - dressed nicely – but not formally – perfect for the island of Kauai. JACKIE approaches. She is dressed for a moonlight cruise – definitely more gussied up than CARY.)

CARY

You look great. Get in. We have about an hour before the store closes.

JACKIE

You remember – don't you? The Cruise? It leaves at 4 p.m.

CARY

We'll make it.

JACKIE

Because this is why we came to Kauai. The all-inclusive “champagne, caviar, dancing in the moonlight on the beach” cruise designed especially for newlyweds. Five stars on Trip Advisor.* I don't want to miss it.

CARY

No problem. I just got word about this place – you're going to swoon. And it closes soon and then it's closed for the weekend and then we'll be gone and well – we have to try it.

JACKIE

As long as we get to the boat in time. (Beat.) I wish you had worn a suit.

CARY

In Hawaii? No way.

JACKIE

I don't like this road. It looks like we're getting away from civilization.

CARY

It's an adventure. Besides, you married me for my idiosyncrasies.

JACKIE

I married you because you look good in a suit. This road is bumpy.

CARY

Trust me. (Beat. A look.) And ... here we are!

JACKIE

It looks like an abandoned warehouse.

CARY

It's a genuine taro farm. Very Hawaiian.

JACKIE

It's past its prime.

CARY

Wait here.

(CARY gets out of the car and goes into the building. JACKIE waits. And waits. Checks her phone. Changes position. Checks her phone. At last CARY emerges and gets into the car. He has a bag. Which contains two smaller bags.)

Score!

JACKIE

The boat is leaving in five minutes. We'll never make it.

CARY

This is better.

JACKIE

Better than champagne and caviar?

CARY

Get a load of this.

(CARY hands JACKIE the bag.)

JACKIE

Potato chips? We're giving up caviar for potato chips?

CARY

Not any potato chip. The best of Hawaii. Why eat caviar from Russia when you can have homegrown taro and sweet potato chips from Hawaii? Try it. You'll like it.

(JACKIE has one. It's pretty good! JACKIE has another. And another.)

Save some for me.

JACKIE

I can't have just one.

CARY

See? Hand-crafted. Taro and sweet potatoes slice thin. Boiled for a bit. And then fried with just a touch of sea salt and olive oil. I got the last bag.

JACKIE

It's not quite champagne and caviar.

CARY.

It's better. (Beat.) I hate caviar.

JACKIE

Me, too. But I love the idea of it.

CARY

But you do like champagne?

(CARY grabs a bag and shows JACKIE champagne.)

There's a deserted beach just down the road. We'll picnic on taro chips and champagne and then dance in the moonlight.

JACKIE

You thought of everything. If only we had some music.

CARY

We'll make our own music. Happy third day of marriage.

JACKIE

I love you.

(JACKIE grabs the chips. CARY grabs them back. As they tussle over chips the lights fade to black.)

*Trip Advisor can be changed to any well-known travel/food website.

END OF PLAY