

JAY SOMMERVILLE CONTEMPORARY ROMANCE SCRIPTING

Story 1: "Between Loyalty and Desire"

Setting: A family dinner in a brownstone in Brooklyn.

Characters:

Emma – A strong, independent woman in her early 30s who's always done the right thing... until now.

Jake – Emma's caring, reliable husband who's comfortable in his own skin.

Ryan – Jake's younger brother, a magnetic and confident man in his mid-20s who just moved back to the city.

Opening Scene: Emma stands at the kitchen island, preparing a meal. She hears laughter coming from the living room, where Jake and Ryan are catching up.

Narration:

Emma's heart skipped, and she silently cursed herself for even noticing the way Ryan's laughter hit her. It wasn't just his laugh. It was the way he moved, the way his eyes found hers across the room like they were sharing a secret no one else knew. She shook her head, focusing back on the meal.

Ryan (*leaning against the kitchen doorway, smiling*): "Smells incredible, Emma. I don't know what magic you're working in here, but I'm already hooked."

Emma (*forcing a smile*): "It's just dinner. Don't get too excited."

Ryan (*with a grin, stepping closer*): "You know, they say a woman can win a man's heart through his stomach. Guess I'll have to watch myself around here."

(Emma feels a flutter in her chest she hasn't felt in years, and for a split second, she can't meet his gaze.)

Jake (*calling from the living room*): "Hey, babe! Don't let Ryan steal all your attention. You know how he is."

Emma (*narration*): "I knew exactly how he was. And that was the problem."

Story 2: "The Paris Affair"

Setting: A luxury retreat in Paris with a modern, upscale urban vibe.

Characters:

Lila – A self-made woman, bold and ambitious, who's never needed anyone but is ready to open herself to love.

Marc – A photographer with an eye for beauty and a smooth charm that comes naturally.

Opening Scene: Lila sits at a café with her friends, taking in the city. Marc catches her eye from across the café, camera in hand, and flashes her a smile.

Narration:

Lila wasn't the type to fall easily, but there was something about Paris. The city did things to you. Especially when a man like Marc looked at you like you were the only woman in the room.

Marc (*approaching her table with a grin*): "You know, I've traveled the world, but I've never seen anything quite like this."

Lila (*raising an eyebrow*): "Oh yeah? What exactly are you looking at?"

Marc (*smoothly, lowering his camera*): "You. In this light. It's perfect."

(Her friends giggle, but Lila holds her own, not giving in easily to his charm.)

Lila (*teasing*): "So, what's the next line? You going to ask me if I've been to the Eiffel Tower yet?"

Marc (*laughs, leaning in slightly*): "Nah. I was thinking more along the lines of, 'how about we find a view this city hasn't shown you yet?'"

Lila (*narration*): "I couldn't help but smile. Paris had a way of making even the most guarded hearts crack open just a little."

Story 3: "Reunion Under the Sun"

Setting: A company event at a swanky resort in Cancun, Mexico.

Characters:

Ben – A successful but humble tech entrepreneur who grew up in the city.

Lucy – A charismatic event planner who lights up every room she enters and hasn't seen Ben since they were kids.

Opening Scene: Ben sits at the pool bar, sipping a mojito. Lucy, clipboard in hand, spots him from across the resort and her heart skips a beat.

Narration:

Lucy almost dropped her clipboard when she saw him. Ben was supposed to be just a memory from her childhood, not a man sitting at her company's event looking like he stepped out of a GQ magazine. It had been years, but she'd know that smile anywhere.

Lucy (*playfully, tapping him on the shoulder*): "Ben Carter? I'll be damned. The last time I saw you, you were chasing me down the street for stealing your bike."

Ben (*turning around, surprised*): "Lucy?! No way! It's been forever."

Lucy (*grinning*): "Yeah, and apparently you've grown up. A lot."

Ben (*smiling back*): "So have you. I almost didn't recognize you. Almost."

(They exchange a look, the connection between them sparking to life again.)

Lucy (*teasing*): "I'd love to catch up, but I've got a party to run. You know, things have changed since we were kids."

Ben (*with a smirk*): "Yeah, but some things stay the same. Like the fact I'm still not over you stealing my bike."

Lucy (*laughing*): "Maybe we can call it even over drinks later?"

Ben (*leaning in closer*): "Deal."

Story 4: "The Heart's Dilemma"

Setting: A trendy rooftop bar in downtown Atlanta with a skyline view.

Characters:

Rachel – A passionate and driven woman navigating the complexities of her love life.

Matt – The life of the party, always spontaneous and full of energy.

James – The quiet, steady type who speaks volumes with just one look.

Opening Scene: Rachel stands at the bar, nervously sipping her cocktail while glancing between Matt and James. Both men, completely unaware, are flirting with her at the same time.

Narration:

Rachel was stuck in the middle of the most complicated situation she'd ever been in. Two men, two different vibes, and her heart was on a rollercoaster she didn't ask to ride.

Matt (*leaning in, flashing his signature grin*): "So, Rachel, what do you think about ditching this place and heading to a pop-up party I know? You've never been to anything like it."

Rachel (*laughing nervously*): “Always something wild with you, huh?”

Matt (*winking*): “Only way I know how to live.”

(*James, standing on the other side, watches the interaction with a raised eyebrow before speaking.*)

James: “Or you could come with me. There’s this jazz spot I’ve been wanting to check out. A little quieter. More... your speed, I think.”

Rachel (*narration*): “And just like that, I was torn. Matt was all fire and excitement, and James was the steady rhythm I didn’t know I needed. How did I get myself into this mess?”

Rachel (*to both, trying to stall*): “You know... why don’t we all just hang out? Together?”

Matt (*laughing, patting James on the back*): “Looks like the lady wants the best of both worlds.”

James (*smiling slightly*): “Can’t say I blame her.”

Story 5: "All About You"

Setting: A vibrant café in Harlem, buzzing with life and energy.

Characters:

Sara – A determined, career-driven woman who rarely slows down for anything or anyone.

Nick – A smooth-talking musician who believes in living life to the fullest, one song at a time.

Opening Scene: Sara sits at a small table, tapping away on her laptop. Nick, with his guitar slung over his shoulder, slides into the chair across from her.

Narration:

Sara barely glanced up from her screen when he sat down. He was one of those types, the kind of man who made himself at home wherever he went, like the world existed just to entertain him.

Nick (*grinning*): “You ever stop working long enough to enjoy life, or is the ‘grind’ all you know?”

Sara (*without looking up*): “Some of us have jobs that require actual focus.”

Nick (*chuckling*): “Ouch. You sure know how to cut a man down to size.”

(*Sara finally looks up, slightly amused by his persistence.*)

Nick (*leaning forward*): “What if I told you I could make you smile before that latte’s cold?”

Sara (*raising an eyebrow*): "I'd say good luck."

(Nick pulls out his guitar, strumming a playful tune right there in the café. People glance their way, some smiling, and before Sara knows it, she's laughing.)

Sara (*shaking her head, smiling despite herself*): "Alright, you win. But don't think this means I'm impressed."

Nick (*grinning*): "Oh, I know you're impressed. I'm just not gonna say it out loud. Yet."