

# KEEP THE MUSIC GOING

LORY

**(In the darkness)**

(More excited than usual)

Hey Jess! How's your day?

JESSICA

Same old. Had mustard greens for breakfast. You'd think I'd grow to like them after these years but no. They are terrible. Absolutely terrible.

LORY

I have a surprise for you.

JESSICA

A surprise?

LORY

Yeah.

JESSICA

Lory, you don't have to do anything special for me.

LORY

Too late. I already did. But you have to promise me, that if you don't like it, you'll still be nice about it, okay?

JESSICA

Of course.

LORY

Because it took me a while - and I'm a little nervous.

JESSICA

I'm sure I'll love it.

LORY

Okay. Here it goes. In 3 - 2 - 1.

*Lory turns her camera on.*

*We now can see her.*

LORY  
(Jazz hands)

Ta-da!

*Lory has bad burns and scars on her face.  
Jessica silently stares.*

LORY

Jess, did it work?

JESSICA  
(Still processing)

Yeah, it worked.

LORY  
(Sheepishly)

You may not believe it, but it's actually gotten better since...

(Beat.)

At first it looked like - "whoa" - but now it's like "ehhh" and I'll settle for "ehhh" over "whoa" any day. I mean - it's not like anybody has to see me - I mean - except you, now - and you don't have to. I'm not going to - like - force you to see... I can turn the camera off. We can go back to how it was...

JESSICA  
(Tearing up.)

Lory, you're beautiful.

LORY

I know I said to be nice but you don't have -

JESSICA

I have spent the past three years of my life looking out my window and seeing the stars, but your face, your smiling face...it's the first thing that's taken my breath away.

LORY

I love you.

JESSICA

I love you too.

*Blackout.*