

# Change of Plans

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*Tiffany had plans with her friends to go to dinner. But, at the last minute, she finds herself unable to attend. She and her friends are all disappointed, and try and find a solution so that Tiffany isn't left out.*

***Contains mentions of addiction.***

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Tiffany was excited.

She'd dropped her sons off with her parents after school and was now getting ready to meet with her friends for dinner; something she didn't get to do much anymore.

She'd dressed nice. In her best clothes. Because they were going to one of the more classy restaurants in the city— The sort you'd take someone special, to announce something important. Like a promotion, or a proposal....

Tiffany couldn't wait! She—

Her phone went off, and she saw that three of her friends were online, messaging each other back and forth.... And then, one of them had tagged her.

**Cleo:** Yeah the place is kind of packed already it looks like they're hosting an event

**Andi:** Yeah... @ *tiffany* maybe you should sit this one out

**Steph:** What

**Tiffany:** Why?

**Andi:** Idk if its a good idea for you to be here

**Cleo:** There's a lot of alcohol going around

**Cleo:** Free tasting and stuff

**Andi:** Yeah it seems pretty triggering IDK if its like. SAFE for you to come

**Steph:** Oh jeez

**Tiffany:** Ah....

Tiffany's heart sank at her friend's messages and, slowly, she sat down at her dining table. She found herself slowly unlatching the decorative clips she'd attached to her head-fin as she watched the conversation unfold....

*She wasn't going out, tonight....*

**Steph:** Maybe we could go somewhere else?

**Cleo:** We've already paid for the table though

**Andi:** Yeah the deposit said no refunds : (

**Steph:** Yeah but what about Tiffany?

Tiffany took a deep breath as her friends began to discuss what to do about the situation....

There wasn't really anything they *could* do about it, was there?

It was just how it was.

She'd chosen to avoid places that focused on alcohol, and that was *her* choice alone. It wasn't fair to force her friends to live by her personal choices.

It wasn't anyone's fault that the restaurant had decided to host some event which meant she couldn't go.

And besides, she was getting used to skipping out on these sorts of things— As disappointed as she was, she knew that there'd always be next time.

**Tiffany:** It's fine <3

**Tiffany:** I'll just see you girls next time

**Cleo:** Yeah! Next time!

**Cleo:** I'll shout your food to make up for it?

**Tiffany:** Thanks Cleo!

**Andi:** Sorry, Tiffany

**Steph:** When are you free next?

**Tiffany:** idk I'll have to talk to my parents about babysitting

**Cleo:** Well you let us know, okay?

**Andi:** Yeah let us know!

**Tiffany:** I will

Then, Tiffany saw a green dot appear next to Ruby's name as her tabaxi friend finally logged on.

A moment passed before she posted, and Tiffany felt her heart leap:

**Ruby:** Aw man fuck all that noise!!

**Ruby:** They shouldn't host events like that without letting their other patrons know in advance

**Ruby:** Or at the least offer refunds

**Steph:** 🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

**Ruby:** Tiff and I'll go to maccas together or sum shit

**Andi:** Oh you're not coming either..?

**Tiffany:** I could go for some McDonalds

**Ruby:** Nah if Tiff can't come I'll take her out, my treat

**Ruby:** Not fair for her to miss out!

**Tiffany:** <3 Thanks Ruby, you're the best

**Steph:** Aww that's really nice of you, Ruby

**Ruby:** You gals have a good one yeah?

**Cleo:** We will

**Steph:** You too!

**Andi:** Love you girls <3

**Ruby:** Tiff I'll be there to pick you up in 10

**Tiffany:** Love you too <3

**Tiffany:** Okay! I'll be ready : )

**Ruby:** Cool cool! And if you're not ready by the time I get there I'm gonna cast fireball on you

**Cleo:** Oh the wizard's casting fireball, BIG surprise

**Ruby:** Ya know it cunt!! 🐱💧

**Ruby:** I'll cast fireball on you too if you're not careful!

**Cleo:** Not if I cast suggestion, first!

**Ruby:** \*bites you\*

**Cleo:** > : o

**Ruby:** Anyway I gtg find my shoes. Dog's hidden em again

**Ruby:** 10 minutes, Tiff!!!

**Tiffany:** Okay! See you then!

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