

A script from



“The Christmas Negotiation”

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What Rick and Tina play hardball as they sit down to negotiate how they spend their time during the Christmas season.

Themes: Christmas, Marriage, Relationships, Family, Time Management, Priorities

Who Rick
Tina

When Present

**Wear
(Props)** Kitchen Table
Paper
Pens

Why Matthew 6:33; Ephesians 5:21

How Keep the dialogue conversational, but you can also have fun with a little bit of melodrama as if Rick and Tina were in a movie having ceasefire negotiations at the UN.

Time Approximately 4-6 minutes

Rick and Tina sit across from each other. They eye each other tensely. Tina slides a small piece of paper across the table to Rick. Rick picks up the piece of paper and reads it.

Rick: What is this?

Tina: You know what it is.

Rick: No, I don't.

Tina: It's an offer, Rick.

Rick: This? This isn't an offer. It's an insult. Now if you'll excuse me, I have some other business to attend to.

Rick rises to leave. We see Tina watching him over his shoulder and she is weighing whether or not to break and ask him to wait. She breaks.

Tina: Wait. *(Beat)* Sit down.

Rick sits down smugly knowing that, temporarily, he's gained the upper hand in this exchange.

Tina takes another small piece of paper and scribbles on it eyeballing him with a resigned look as she does. She slides this new piece of paper across the table.

Rick: I hope this isn't as insulting as your last offer. I could be watching Blake Shelton and Adam Levine banter in a passive aggressive but still mostly friendly way on The Voice.

Tina: I think you'll find it mutually agreeable.

Rick picks up the piece of paper and considers it.

Rick: *(He eyes the paper)* It's definitely better.

Rick pulls out a calculator and types a sequence of equations. He scribbles something down on his own piece of paper and slides it over.

Tina: What's this?

Rick: It's my counter offer. Let's get a deal done tonight.

Tina considers the piece of paper and scribbles on a piece of paper and slides it back. Rick picks it up.

Rick: *(Laughs scornfully)* Tina. *(Beat)* Tina, Tina, Tina. Let me just say this: You are Captain Insane-o McCrazypants if you think we're spending Christmas day

at your parents AND Aunt LaDonnas. It's just not happening. Not now. Not ever.

Tina: Rick, we can't just pick one or the other. Aunt LaDonna is old and this is probably her last Christmas.

Rick: That sounds like it's her problem, not mine.

Tina: Rick!

Rick: What? Tell her to be less old or something.

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Tina: They are going to the beach. Just them and the kids for a few days.

Rick: Really?

Tina: Yep. No hustle. No bustle. Just family time.

Rick: *(Thoughtfully)* Hmm. I wonder what that would be like?

Rick looks off as if to ponder the majestic possibility of a Christmas not spent running around like crazy and instead just enjoying time with loved ones and able to really consider the reason for the season.

Tina: *(Harshly and interrupting-ly)* C'mon. Chop chop. Time to watch our favorite seasonal movie and then after that, we're scheduled to go drive around and look at Christmas lights. *(Begins trailing off)* Also we probably need to go ahead and pick up some...

Lights fade.