

# Window of Opportunity

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Julia: early twenties, newly engaged

Dramatic

*Julia, early twenties, recently engaged to David, has learned from her longtime good friend and roommate, Duncan, that he is in love with her. In this speech, she tries to convince him to move on with his life.*

JULIA: You know what? This is bull. You had four years to fall in love with me, Duncan. You had four years to act on it. For whatever reason, you didn't. Now, someone else is crazy about me and you're suddenly smitten? That doesn't give you even the slightest pause? *(Beat.)* I know you, Duncan. Your whole life has been about competition. Getting the best grades, sweeping the track team finals, competing with other freelancers for the best story. You know what I think? I found someone who loved me, and you got scared that you'd be alone. So suddenly, you're in love with me too, right? Listen, what I have with David is right, Dunc. I can feel it. And I won't jeopardize that for something I'm not sure of. Sometimes things happen for a reason. *(Beat.)* Come on now, pick yourself up sir, and get back on the horse. You're a braver man now than you've ever been.