

MODEL LIFE
Film Treatment
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Log Line:

Nouvel had it all as a supermodel 'til she was cursed by a vengeful psychic. As she gained weight and lost her supermodel status Ben proved his love for her by standing by her even in her obese condition. When Nouvel ultimately chooses love over fame and glory the curse is broken, she loses the weight, and she and Ben find their love is the most important thing in their lives.

Self-centered model Nouvel goes through a life changing event when her brassy attitude offends a mischievous psychic. The psychic puts a curse on her that will create a serious problem for her perfect model life.

Nouvel loves her life and doesn't see any room for change. She takes everything and everyone in her life for granted. She is the highest paid model throughout the world and is always making and breaking the newest fashion molds. Every man wants to be with Nouvel, every woman envies her body, and every person who actually knows her, hates her; with one exception, her loving boyfriend, Ben.

Ben accepts the fact that Nouvel is very busy and lets her do what she wants and believes whatever she says because he is afraid of losing her. He has found the girl of his dreams, and just because she has chosen modeling jobs over his birthday every year since they've been together doesn't mean that she doesn't love him. No matter that she goes out a lot and is surrounded by other models and sleazy agents all the time, as long as she comes home to him, he is satisfied.

Ben is one of the editors for the popular fashion magazine "Golden", he frequently puts Nouvel on the cover. He even secretly believes that keeping her on the cover keeps her in his bed. His jealous co-worker, Tawny, throws herself at Ben often and in

various situations and different ways always hoping this time she will succeed. Before Ben met Nouvel she thought she had Ben bagged but as soon as Ben got to know Nouvel he couldn't think or talk about anyone else.

Tawny comes off as simply a flirtatious person and Ben thinks that she has no real feelings for him. He does not know that she has intentions of separating him from Nouvel. Ben is attracted by her, she is almost as hot as Nouvel. He feels confident in knowing he has the most beautiful model in the world as his girlfriend and another beautiful girl trying to get involved with him. This feeling bolsters his low self-esteem.

Ben isn't the only one with low self-esteem, dating a supermodel may be nerve racking, but being one is even more self-deprecating. Nouvel is in the spotlight daily, she thinks she doesn't knit-pick at herself enough, she tries not to eat at all, but when she does to appease someone she immediately throws it up. Nouvel's life appears to be fabulous, she's rich and she does whatever she wants to do regardless of who it affects. She loves the idea that everyone around her wants to be her, but they don't know that she really wants to be like them, normal and no one knows that she is plagued by low self-esteem. She gave up the idea of being normal when she got her first taste of fame at 17.

She was discovered by a big time agent, Gavin. He is one of the most powerful players in the modeling industry. He groomed Nouvel into the cold professional she is today. With the grooming came a lot of long hours working alone together. The temptation was too much for them and in sometimes comical situations they carried on a somewhat secret affair of sex and lies.

Nouvel thinks he is overpaid but Gavin threatens to tell Ben they're involved any time she brings that up.

Most people take Nouvel's attitude with stride because they accept it as a part of the celebrity lifestyle, but when she crosses Skye, a well known psychic, her career comes to a screeching halt. A curse that will change her body forces Nouvel to change her mind about how she is living her life.

She experiments with the idea of giving up her lifestyle to find out what really matters to her. She dreams of getting out of the model life she has come to embrace but the reality seems always to keep her in her comfort zone of bitterness and self hate. That is just easier than trying to change.

Nouvel's world is turned upside down as she mysteriously gains five pounds every day. As her weight increases she gets a taste of her own medicine, being criticized by tabloids and so called friends and then is jobless and emotionally crushed.

The only person willing to stand by her side is her boyfriend, Ben. His love and devotion for her moves her and she finally breaks down, confessing all the wrongs she has done to him without thinking how he would feel. Ben eventually forgives her and in the end helps her forgive herself. Nouvel goes on an apologetic mission trying to rebuild relationships all in vain. She finds out that sometime's it's too late to apologize and the fashion industry is not as forgiving as her boyfriend especially when she hasn't yet lost all her weight.

Nouvel finds the psychic that did this to her and argues that she has done everything she can to change now she needs to take the curse off. Skye lets her know that the lesson is not over, she tells her that being true to oneself is harder then following some orders just to get out of trouble and that change is never easy. Nouvel gets angry and Skye reminds her that everyone has to go through bad times to get to the good times.

When Nouvel is asked to model for a plus size fashion show she accepts to the disappointment of Ben. He reminded her that she had been unhappy in the model life. He doesn't know if he can trust her now and questions if she was lying to him just so he would stay with her.

Ben decides to give Nouvel an ultimatum. He writes her a letter and leaves it on the table for her to find. Ben leaves with all of his belongings for a new life away from all the shallowness of the fashion industry.

Nouvel wakes to find Ben gone and the letter that tells her

that Ben has decided to move on with or without her and if she is going with him she can meet him at central park where they had their first date.

Nouvel goes to her fashion show and finally for the first time she realizes how much she wants to be with Ben. She is next in line and feels like she needs to make this her last show. Nouvel runs down the runway and jumps, she hits the ground running and keeps going all the way to central park where Ben is waiting. As she runs, we see the weight come off, the curse was broken upon her decision to run to Ben, choosing love and what is best for herself. He smiles as he sees her running to him, screaming joyfully 'I Love You'!

Ben runs to meet her half way and drops to one knee before she can hug him. He opens a ring box and asks her to marry him. Nouvel says yes and before you know it they are getting married with all their friends from the magazine and the fashion industry in attendance. As they drive away, off to their honeymoon, Tawny is talking to one of the models who had been a friend of Nouvel. They begin to plot how they are going to break up the marriage of Nouvel and Ben.

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