

If It's Meant To Be

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Logline

Shawne and Jazmin seal their love at first sight with a pact, but it has to stand the test of time and distance.

Characters

Shawne Thomas (M) - Tall, solid and muscular build. Wavy hair, pretty smile, down to earth, and caramel-toned skin. A high school footballer who tries to figure out teenage love. He makes a love pact with Jazmin but faces different obstacles, including falling in love with another girl, Tasha. However, he overcomes them all and reunites with Jazmin to rekindle their love.

Jazmin Davis (F) - Shawne's girlfriend. Petite, black and hispanic mix, with athletic toned body, and long, silky and wavy hair. She develops instant love for Shawne and agrees to his pact when his family leaves LA for New Jersey. She gets into a bad entanglement with another guy, Chris, but everything works out in the end, and she rekindles her love for Shawne.

Tasha Keyes (F) - Five-foot-six. Slim, thick gym body, hazel eyes, and stylish but simple. Caramel skin. Shawne's girlfriend in New Jersey. Although she's older than Shawne, they have a

good relationship until she discovers he's still in love with Jazmin and breaks up with him.

Roman Goodman (M) - Tall, lean muscled, and dark-skinned. Shawne's football buddy in New Jersey. They become best friends almost instantly. He becomes Shawne's main motivation after Shawne loses his family.

Derek Johnson (M) - Tall, slim, smart, funny and dark-skinned. Shawne's childhood best friend. Despite being apart, he remains loyal to Shawne and still hopes to be his manager someday. Although he strays from the right path due to Shawne's absence, he picks himself back up later.

Chris (M) - A bullied boy who forces himself into Shawn and Derek's group and eventually turns bad. He disregards Shawne and dates Jazmin, making her life miserable in the process. He shoots Shawne on his return to LA, and the airport officials kill him.

Three Act Summary

Act one

- Shawne visits his girlfriend Kim's home and meets her absence. Mrs. Warren, her mom, mentions that she's at Tamika's house. Shawne heads over to Tamika's house, and although Tamika tries to cover up Kim's whereabouts, he sees her walking in with another boy.
- Shawne confronts Kim and the boy, but Kim breaks up with him. Shawne hopes that Kim will call and fix things, but she doesn't. Derek Johnson calls Shawne to cheer him up and invite him to the arcade. As Shawne leaves, his aunt Sheryl admonishes him to be home on time to meet up with his father for a talk.
- On his way to the arcade, Shawne sees Jazmin wearing a Carolina blue and white skirt calling from across the street. He ignores her. Later he meets her in the company

of her friend Crystal, and they start a conversation. Derek tries to get Crystal's attention, but she isn't interested.

- Shawne and Jazmin get better acquainted and even share a kiss as they agree to a date. Another day, Shawne hangs out with Derek and Brandon, and they tease him about falling in love with Jazmin. Later at Aunt Sheryl's house, Shawne's dad informs him of his mother's illness and tells him that the family is moving back East in a month.
- Shawne is thrown into confusion. He has already lied about his address to Jazmin, so he gets his cousin, Tiffany, and his friend, Derek, to cover up for him. When he eventually visits Jazmin again, she confronts him over his lies, and he spills the truth.
- A week before Jazmin's birthday, Shawne shows up at Jazmin's house with Derek, Brandon, Chris, and other friends. He makes out with Jazmin and tells her that he and his family are moving back to Jersey. They are both heartbroken, and Shawne initiates a pact. They both promise to meet at the top of the Statue of Liberty in five years to continue their relationship. Jazmin gives him one of her necklaces.
- A week before Shawne leaves the town, he buys Jazmin a necklace and writes her a poem, and sends the package to Crystal to help him deliver it. The morning of Shawne's family's departure, Derek shows up to wish Shawne goodbye, and Kayla, Shawne's sister, tries to comfort him on their trip to Jersey.

Act Two

- In one year, Shawne adjusts to life in his new school. He is focused on his football career, winning leagues. Shawne and his new friend, Roman, go to the mall to shop for sneakers and meet Erica and Tasha. Tasha and Shawne exchange contacts and Erica does the same with Roman.
- Meanwhile, Jazmin tries to move on from Shawne and gets involved with Chris. Derek reaches out to Shawne, and Shawne asks him to keep an eye out for Jazmin and let her

know he's still waiting. At school the next day, Derek gives Crystal Shawne's number to pass onto Jazmin.

- Tasha's ex-boyfriend, Travis, tries to bully Shawne for encroaching on his position on the football team. While Shawne explains the incident to Tasha, Jazmin's call comes in. He gets Tasha off the line to speak with Jazmin. At the end of their conversation, Jazmin asks him to write to her every day. After the call, the two youngsters pray to God to be with them.
- Shawne maintains regular contact with Jazmin over time, and Tasha notices a change in his behavior, but he tells her there's nothing to worry about. Meanwhile, back on the West Coast, Jazmin's mother intercepts Shawne's letter to Jazmin. She sends him a package of all the letters he's ever sent to her daughter, warning him to stay away from her family.
- Shawne's mom consoles him and tells him to focus on Tasha. Shawne tells Roman about Jazmin and begs him not to let Erica know so she doesn't spill it to Tasha.
- Due to his encounter with Travis, Shawne requests that the coach allow him to back up Travis. Although the coach suspects foul play, he agrees and later calls Travis to his office to advise him. The coach tasks Travis to take Shawne under his wings like a younger brother. Later, Travis and his friend, Charlie, invite Shawne and Roman out to lunch.
- One night, as Jazmin stands outside the skating rink waiting for Crystal, Chris approaches her and offers to drive her around. Later, Jazmin asks Crystal if she's cool with the idea of her hanging out with Chris.
- After one of Shawne's games, Shawne and Tasha head to Tasha's house. They make out and eventually have sex. The condom breaks and Shawne starts to panic. However, Tasha admits that if it results in a pregnancy, she won't keep the baby.
- Shawne's confusion affects his performance. He arrives late at the game but is unable to focus. His friend, Roman,

cheers him up, and he eventually helps his team get a victory. Jazmin and Chris continue to get closer. One day Derek sees them together and confronts Chris for messing with Shawne's girl. Chris intimidates him, saying Jazmin belongs to him now.

- On Christmas morning, Tasha and her mom come to Shawne's house to celebrate with them. Tasha goes into Shawne's room to find money then she discovers the large Manila envelope containing Shawne's pictures and letters to Jazmin.
- Shawne interrupts Tasha's search, but she sends him to get her water. When he leaves, she replaces the envelope. Meanwhile, Jazmin has made up her mind to have sex with Chris. Jazmin and Chris start to have unprotected sex together, and Crystal gets mad at Jazmin for that.
- On Tasha's senior prom day, she quarrels with Shawne and decides to get back at him when she wins Prom Queen by flirting with the Prom King. Shawne storms off, and the disagreement escalates.
- Later, Tasha goes to Shawne's house, and Kayla lets her into Shawne's room. She goes to look through the envelope in his drawer, and Shawne walks in on her. Although Shawne assures her that it's the past, she breaks up with him.
- Back in Cali, Jazmin becomes pregnant for Chris, and Crystal is even madder at her. Crystal advises her to get money from Chris for an abortion. Even though Jazmin gets the money, she no longer proceeds with the abortion as the pregnancy ends in a miscarriage.
- One day, Chris and Derek are hanging out, and Chris complains about his money being short. Derek taunts him for spending it all on Jazmin and informs him that Jazmin got an abortion. Chris becomes aggressive and hits Derek with his gun before the police arrive.
- Chris runs off to seek out Jazmin and Crystal. He hits both of them and threatens Jazmin for aborting his baby before he disappears.

- A few months later, Derek meets Crystal and requests to speak with her and Jazmin. He later informs them that Chris's attack on them was his fault. The three of them sort out their relationship and go back to being friends.
- Shawn's senior class field trip takes him to Penn State University. He decides to steal the opportunity to find Tasha and pay her a surprise visit. He meets her with a much older man and pretends to be at the wrong place. On their way back, he makes out with a girl named Asia.
- One day, Jazmin goes to pick up Crystal from the nail salon. From there, they drive to Derek's workplace at the mall. Jazmin uses the bathroom, but Chris walks past Crystal and Derek unnoticed to attack and threaten her.
- Later, in senior year, Shawne and Roman start to decide where to go for college, and they realize they'll have to be apart from each other. In his final high school game, Tasha shows up to support Shawne but refuses to get back into a relationship with him.

Act Three

- On the proposed day of their pact, Shawne flies over to the Statue of Liberty, waiting for Jazmin. She does not show up. Meanwhile, Jazmin spends the day sitting in her room and praying that Shawne receives a sign to show that she misses him.
- Shawne arrives home depressed, but as he opens the door, he sees Jazmin's chain lying on the floor and puts it back on. Shawne announces USC as his college of choice and books a trip to visit the campus. He sends a letter to Jazmin but doesn't inform her he's visiting in a week. Jazmin narrates her experience with Chris to her mother, who sends her to Brooklyn to meet her dad.
- When Jazmin arrives in Brooklyn, she rides with her cousin to Jersey to find Shawne's house. His mother and sister welcome her, but she does not meet Shawne. Meanwhile, Tiffany picks up Shawne at the airport, and they catch up. After settling at his aunt's house, Shawne goes in search

of Jazmin. He meets her mother, who apologizes for her harshness towards him.

- After the meeting, Shawne bumps into Chris on his way out. Chris tries to find out if he's been in touch with Jazmin over the years. Shawne also catches up with Crystal and Derek. As Shawne leaves, Chris attacks Derek in his car, asking him if he told Shawne about him and Jazmin. Chris asks Derek not to say anything to Shawne about it, or he'll be dead.
- While Shawne is in Los Angeles, he receives news of his family's car being crushed by a semi-truck. He flies back to New Jersey with aunt Sheryl and Tiffany. He is in shock as he mourns his family. Tasha comes to console him but advises him to be with Jazmin.
- Three weeks after his family's funeral, Aunt Sheryl and Tiffany leave. Shawn and Roman meet up, and Roman advises him to pick himself up. He reaches out to Jazmin and lets her know his decision. He asks her to get Crystal and Derek to accompany her to pick him up from the airport.
- Chris breaks into Jazmin's House and gets info about Shawne's flight. He confronts Derek to get Shawne's exact landing time. The next day, Jazmin, Crystal, and Derek are at the airport. As soon as Shawne lands, he approaches his friends. Chris shoots Shawne in his upper back, but the airport officials fire back, killing Chris.
- Shawne is rushed to the emergency section and goes into a coma. In his unconscious state, he finds his family reassuring him of their love and presence in his life. Jazmin and Derek keep coming to his side, talking to him. He wakes up from his coma and starts to make a quick recovery. After making a full recovery, he hangs out with Derek and Crystal and restarts his relationship with Jazmin.