

HUDSON'S BACKSTORY

- Late 20s, early 30s - He's a trust fund kid, lives in a fancy Upper West Side apartment.
- Hudson is the second most important character in the story.
- Caucasian - Represents America, a typical American. America and Americans as seen, as known as by, people in the rest of the world, especially in the developing world. A stark contrast between his light skin and the darker complexions of the Filipino characters.
- Typical "American" heavy on the idioms, mannerisms, etc.
- Up and coming musician - playing a musical instrument would be ideal, but not a deal breaker if not.
- Physically fit - Like America for migrants, strong, attractive, sexy.
- HUDSON - His name is taken from the title character of the movie "HUD" starring Paul Newman. Elements of this movie are taken from scenes between Paul Newman and Patricia Neal in HUD ([see scene](#)).
- Hudson has multiple girlfriends. He's that type. He's a liar and a cheat, but like Paul Newman in "Hud," he's an anti-hero, his look and charms make him likeable, and not a total snake. It's a fine line.
- Hud is prone to showing off his body. He walks around shirtless. For him, part of it is he's unaware of other people, and he just doesn't care who else is around whether it's his girlfriend or the housekeeper. For the story, Rosa, the fugitive undocumented immigrant spends her time working trying to make ends meet but she's also a human being, a lonely human being. Hud preening around the apartment becomes a temptation for her.
- The short version of the film has a shot of Hudson stripping down in front of Rosa to enter the shower as she's scrubbing the toilet. We see his butt but there's no and there will be no frontal nudity in this feature version.

STORY ARC

1. HUDSON CALLS ON ROSA TO CLEAN HIS APARTMENT - He calls her and asks her to clean his apartment in the Upper West Side section of Manhattan, a stark contrast from her apartment in the working class section of Journal Square, Jersey City, New Jersey. Rosa agrees to \$75 an hour cash, for two hours every other week. Before she leaves, he tells her that he has two girlfriends LYNN and JENNY. Both don't know about each other and he would like to keep it that way. They visit him on

alternating weekends. He asks that she arrange his apartment according to whoever is visiting that weekend (photos, toothbrushes, laundry, etc.). He asks her if having two girlfriends would bother her. She assures him it won't bother her. She doesn't want to get involved with his personal life.

2. HUDSON FLIRTS WITH ROSA - Hudson and Rosay talk about themselves. He tells her that he's a trust fund kid and he was mostly raised by nannies and relatives. Rosa said it's just her and her kid Richard. She has no interest in dating anyone. Hudson tells her she can make some guy really happy. She's beautiful, a hard worker, nice and kind.
3. ROSA MEETS LYNN - One day Rosa walks in on Lynn, who's a fellow Filipina, in Hudson's apartment. The two hit it off quickly speaking Tagalog, their native language to each other. They are met by Hudson who has just gotten up and is walking around in his boxer shorts. When Lynn is gone, he reassures Rosa that he and Lynn are just having fun, they're not serious. Again Rosa says it's none of her business.
4. ROSA MEETS JENNY - One day, Rosa walks in on Jenny, Hudson's blond, American girlfriend. Like with Lynn, the two hit it off right away. They both are single mothers and they're hooked on the same series of romance novels. Rosa witnesses how Hudson's actions towards Jenny are the same as with Lynn. When Jenny leaves, Hudson again assures Rosa that they are not serious. Rosa is beginning to wonder.
5. ROSA STAYS OVER HUDSON'S APARTMENT - Hudson lies to Lynn by telling her that he's staying home sick one weekend. In reality he, Jenny and her son are out camping. This is something Rosa is well aware of. He asks Rosa to stay in his apartment while he's gone for the weekend. One night while enjoying Hudson's luxury apartment, Lynn makes a surprise visit. She brought with her some home made soup to make Hudson feel better knowing that he's sick. Rosa stalls and eventually manages to have Lynn leave by lying to her, saying he's sick in bed and just can't come out.
6. ROSA CONFRONTS HUDSON - At their next meeting Rosa confronts Hudson about his lying. She says she's not sure about working for him anymore. She had become really good friends with his two mistresses and she hates seeing them being lied to and strung along. She herself had a husband who cheated on her.

Hudson panics. He really enjoys her company and her housekeeping service. He offers to lend her money to buy airfare for her son so he can join her in the US. She's not sure. She quits on him.

7. HUDSON HEEDS ROSA'S ADVICE - After months of contemplating what he should do with his women, Hudson gives in to Rosa's advice to just stick with one. He chooses to be with Lynn instead of Jenny. Rosa is relieved she doesn't have to lie anymore. Soon Hudson and Lynn go to the Philippines (the production will not go to the Philippines).
8. HUDSON GOES BACK TO HIS OLD WAYS - A few weeks pass. One day, after arriving in Hudson's apartment to work, Rosa meets DENISE, another girlfriend of Hudson's. She meets her knowing full well Hudson and Lynn are still together. Rosa quits on Hudson. Hudson confesses to her that he can't help himself when it comes to women. She'll just have to take him as he is if she wants to continue their friendship, if she wants to continue working for him. His offer of lending her money for airfare for Richard still stands. Rosa rejects him and his offer and quits.
9. HUDSON TAKE BACK ROSA - After having all life savings stolen by her roommate, Rosa becomes desperate. She returns to Hudson, not only to work for him again but also take up his offer of lending her money for airfare for Richard. Hudson welcomes her back. He assumes she went back to him because she approves of his womanizing lifestyle. She just needed the money.

----- sample dialogue -----

KITCHEN.

Rosa is busy cutting up vegetables. Hudson enters and sits at the table for a chat.

HUDSON

Are you making *Pinakbet*?

ROSA

I'm making *Lumpiang Sariwa*. I also thought that maybe you might want to try something lighter. These heavy dishes will kill you if you don't slow down.

HUDSON

When it comes to the kitchen you're the boss. I see you bought more apples and less junk food. Don't think I don't notice these things.

ROSA

I thought I would introduce more fruits and vegetables in your diet.

HUDSON

That's fine I guess. I love my junk food, what can I say? Nacho chips? Bags of heaven. Potato chips? The saltier the better. Mixed nuts? Nothing but joy. I've tried to quit, but I can't. There are just some things that I can't quit.

ROSA

Well, we can only do so much. I suppose you have to live a little.

HUDSON

So how was your weekend? Did you do anything fun and exciting?

ROSA

No, we just went out to dinner in Journal Square, took a long walk around Hamilton Park.

HUDSON

We? "We" as in your boyfriend? Nice.

ROSA

No, no boyfriend as I said before. It's my roommate Lisa.

HUDSON

That's right. No boyfriend. You know, you can make some lucky guy very happy. You're attractive, you're hard working, you're nice, you're caring, and you make a great *kaldereta*.

ROSA

You think so huh? That's what my ex husband used to say, until he ran off with some girl he met in Vegas with all our money.

HUDSON

Filipino guy, right?

ROSA

Yes.

HUDSON

Ever been with a white guy?

ROSA
No.

HUDSON
Curious at all?

Rosa shakes her head no.

ROSA
Lunch will be ready in ten minutes.

HUDSON
How's Richard? Is he still asking for the Ultra Man Action figure?

ROSA
Yes, he won't shut up about it. He brings it up every time I speak to him. I tell him, he'll just have to wait.

HUDSON
Is the dad still in the picture? Maybe he can help get him the action figure?

ROSA
No. The less thought about him the the better.

HUDSON
Men can be real jerks.

ROSA
Not all.

HUDSON
No, not all are jerks. Some can be really nice.

ROSA
It's a matter of seeing what you want to see.

HUDSON
It's all about honesty, right?

ROSA
And disclosure. You can be totally honest with someone, but if you hold back information that you know they should know, are you still being completely honest?

HUDSON

I'm not holding back anything from you.

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