

**INT. ROMANTASUITES - MOON ROOM - NIGHT -
PRESENT DAY**

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The dining room table is set for two. A single champagne glass is raised.

DEAN

To honesty...

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They sit across from each other. Cindy drinks premature.

DEAN (CONT'D)

Hey! Wait up.

CINDY

We're toasting tonight?

Dean makes his toast. CLINK. Dean quaffs his glass.

CINDY (CONT'D)

Sometimes you don't make any sense. You might as well be speaking Chinese.

Dean imitates a Chinese man - it goes on too long.

CINDY (CONT'D)

Happy belated anniversary.

Cindy starts to eat a spread of Indian food and booze.

DEAN

How is it?

CINDY

Good. How did Frankie sound?

DEAN

Great. She's the best.

CINDY

She didn't sound sad?

DEAN

Naw. She's the champ. She's the best parts of you and the best parts of me put together. Everyday she gets more and more amazing.

Dean chews a bite of meat and washes it down with a shot of vodka. He refills both their glasses.

CINDY

Daddy's little girl.

DEAN

She's not mine. I'm hers.

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Cindy slows down.

DEAN (CONT'D)

I'm her father. She isn't there for me... I'm there for her. That's the way I look at it.

CINDY

That's beautiful.

DEAN

It's the choice I made when she was born.

Silence. They chew. Cindy stares through Dean.

CINDY

Why don't you do something...

DEAN

Like what?

CINDY

I don't know... isn't there anything you want to do?

Dean thinks about it. Shakes his head.

DEAN

What am I supposed to want to do?

CINDY

I don't know... You have so many things you could do. You're good at everything. You could do anything you wanted.

DEAN

I just wanna be with you.

Silence. Cindy tries not to look disappointed.

DEAN (CONT'D)

You look like an animal right now. Your eyes look like an animal. Like a bear's eyes.

CINDY

Like right before the bear eats the man?

DEAN

Yeah... You do. It's true. That's what you look like.

Dean is amused but fearful. Cindy's confidence surges.

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DEAN (CONT'D)

Whatchu thinking about?

CINDY

How different we are. You and me.

DEAN

Different?

CINDY

It's a good thing.

DEAN

You think that's good that we're different?

CINDY

Absolutely. We don't have to get in each other's way.

DEAN

And that's the way you like it, don't you? You don't like me to bother you.

CINDY

I didn't say that. What I meant is that it's important for us to have our space. That's all. We're grown people.

DEAN

Well there's not much space here. So I guess you won't be able to get away from me will ya?

CINDY

You know, we rarely sit down and have a conversation. An adult conversation. Because every time we do, you turn something that I say around and make it mean something that I didn't mean to say. You just blab. Blab.

DEAN

If you're not interested in hearing what I think I just won't say anything.

CINDY

Good luck. I just want you to think about what you say sometimes instead of saying what you think all the time.