

JUDY

JENNY

Nothing.

JUDY

Did you check on the flowers?

JENNY checks off her list.

JENNY

Check.

JUDY

Rabbi Schwartz?

JENNY

Check.

JUDY

Father Franklin?

JENNY

Check.

JUDY

Kiddush Cup?

JENNY

Check.

JUDY

Unity candle?

JENNY

Checkity, check, check.

JUDY

Stand up straight. No one's going to want to dance with a question mark.

JENNY stands straighter.

There. Don't you look better.

JENNY

Whatever.

JUDY

(unfazed)

Fine be that way. But, you have such a pretty face, if you'd listened to me all these years, skipped a few meals, it'd be you getting married today instead of your younger sist...

JUDY sees that the banquet room is empty.

JENNY

Mom, are you okay? You know it worries me when you stop talking.

JUDY

The room. There's nothing in the banquet room.

ALBERT enters.

ALBERT

(all charm)

Ah, Mrs. Steinberg, just the person I was hoping to see.

JUDY

(Sweetly)

Is it now? Well, isn't that funny? Because I was hoping to see you too Albert, I really was. How are you? Having a nice day?

(then, furious)

Where the hell is my wedding?!

ALBERT

There's no need for concern, Mrs. Steinberg, we'll be ready.

JUDY

Don't bullshit me, Albert. That's right I said "Bullshit". Does it shock you? Good. Because if this room isn't ready by the time the first guest arrives, that's going to be the nicest word coming out of my mouth. I will cut off your balls.

ALBERT

Ouch.

JENNY

Mom.

JUDY

Don't Mom me. Whether you care or not, this is the most important day in your sister's life.

JENNY

(quietly hurt)

I care.

JUDY

Then show it. I need you today. You're my right hand.

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IT SHOULD BEEN YOU

JENNY

(by route)

Albert, if this room is not ready we will have your balls.

JENNY mouths to ALBERT – “I’m so sorry.”

JUDY

That’s better. Now fix your hair.

ALBERT & JENNY both fix their hair.

ALBERT

I assure you, Mrs. Steinberg, there’s no need to worry.

JUDY begins to tuck a loose hair behind Jenny’s head.

JUDY

One thing you’ll discover about me, Albert, is that I am not a worrier. Nothing bothers me unless it’s upsetting. Now, come with me. Jenny, I’ll meet you and Rebecca in the salon in an hour. I want you to look your best today, a wedding is a great place to meet men.

JENNY

Everybody there’s going to be a cousin.

JUDY

The Friedmans are only related by marriage. And their Joshua is very attractive if you just concentrate on the good eye.

JUDY and ALBERT exit.

JENNY

(to the heavens)

Dear God...

(then)

Never mind, why would you start helping me now?

MURRAY enters.

MURRAY

Is your mother here?

JENNY

She’s meeting in the Banquet Hall with Albert, before her daily conference call with Satan.