

ANNIE
Hi Dad.

GEORGE
Hey!

ANNIE
God I missed you.

GEORGE
You look.. All lit up inside.

ANNIE
I feel all lit up inside. Rome is the most romantic place on earth. You would love it.

GEORGE
You smell pretty too.

ANNIE
You like it? It was a present.

GEORGE
All right now that we're back under one roof we have some very important items to discuss. First - Lakers game? Thursday?

ANNIE
Thursday? Sure. Absolutely.

GEORGE
Okay.

ANNIE
Dad, wait. I don't know.

GEORGE
You don't want to go?

ANNIE
No. I do. It's just -

GEORGE
Is something going on?

ANNIE
Yes. There is. God this is a hard thing to tell parents especially when you're my parent. Oh, God.

GEORGE
Honey just say it. What's the big deal?

ANNIE

Ok. I met someone in Rome. He's American. He's from LA actually. And his name is Brian McKenzie. And he's this completely wonderful, wonderful amazing man and well we seeing each other, a lot, and we fell in love. It actually happened. And we decided to get married. Which means that I'm engaged. I'm engaged. I'm getting married. (shows ring) We got it in a flea market outside of Rome. The guy we bought it from said it's at least a hundred years old. ... So, Dad. ... Dad stop it. Say something.

GEORGE

I'm sorry. What did you say?

ANNIE

I met a man in Rome and he's wonderful and brilliant and we're getting married.

GEORGE

Well... this is... ridiculous. You're too young to get married.

ANNIE

Too young? Dad, I'm 22. That's a year older than mom was when you got married.

GEORGE

That is absolutely not true.

ANNIE

You're absolutely wrong.

GEORGE

That doesn't matter. Times have changed. Your mother was mature. 22 isn't what it used to be. It's hot in here. I thought you didn't believe in marriage. I thought a woman lost her identity. I thought you wanted a job before you settled down so you could earn money and be your own person.

ANNIE

All right hold on. I didn't think I believed in marriage until I met Brian. Brian's not like any guy I've ever known. I want to be married to him. And I'm not going to lose my identity with him because he's not some overpowering macho guy. He's like you. Except he's brilliant. He happens to love that I'm going to be an architect. He wants me to design a house for us to live in.

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He said he'd move anywhere I got a job. Give me a little credit George. I'm not going to marry some ape who wants me to wear go-go boots and an apron. I'm telling you I love him. You'll love him. He's a genius. And sweet. And I love him more than anything in the world.

GEORGE

What does he do?

ANNIE

Brian?

GEORGE

Who's Brian?

ANNIE

Dad!

GEORGE

I forgot his name!

ANNIE

He's an independent communications consultant.

GEORGE

Independent? That's code for unemployed. Perfect. You meet an unemployed amazing brilliant non-ape that I'm going to have to support. Independent communications consultant. No wonder he'll move anywhere you get a job. You're not getting married. That's it. That's final. And I don't like you calling me George. When did this start?

ANNIE

Daddy, what is wrong you?

GEORGE

What I'm supposed to be happy?

ANNIE

Independent communications consultant does not mean he's an unemployable non-ape. Companies send him all over the world hooking up these complex systems. He's a genius.

GEORGE

You mentioned that. How old is this genius?

ANNIE

Twenty six.

GEORGE

If you love him so much I know I'll love him too. Brain...?

ANNIE

McKenzie.

GEORGE

Brian McKenzie. Can't wait to meet him.

ANNIE

Good cause he'll be here in an hour to meet you.

GEORGE

One on one?

ANNIE

Dad I'm wearing heels.

GEORGE

You've come to the right place. ... You're not really getting married are you?

ANNIE

Dad, stop it.