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RACHEL

Okay, that was a nice restaurant but if they're going to have a sauce, put something in it besides flour and chicken broth.

LUKE

It was a veal stock, I think

RACHEL

Well, it wasn't a reduction like you do it! Boiling down half a ton of bones...The way you cook. If you could make love, I'd marry you.

LUKE

Rachel? We have to talk.

RACHEL

Uh-oh. I mention marriage, all of a sudden we have to talk.

LUKE

I didn't want to spoil our supper...

RACHEL

You'd rather spoil our walk home.

LUKE

Yeah, it's cheaper.

RACHEL

Okay, what?

LUKE

I just found out I have to go to Boston to get a deposition. I might not be back until Saturday.

RACHEL

So I'll have to order in?

LUKE

We have the kids this weekend, so...

RACHEL

Jesus. I thought it was her weekend. Do I ever see you alone?

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LUKE

Anyway, I thought...while I'm gone...maybe I'll hire in some help.

RACHEL

For what?

LUKE

Just a babysitter -- I mean...you're working...

RACHEL

I can take them to work with me -- I can shift things around --

LUKE

You don't need to. I don't expect you to handle them yourself.

RACHEL

Can't handle them myself is what you mean. Can't.
(PAUSE) You don't trust me to be alone with them.

LUKE

I trust you of course I do but --

RACHEL

But? But what?

LUKE

But you're not good at this. Not yet. I'm sorry.

RACHEL

I know how responsible, caring adults parent children. I'll
bribe 'em. Buy 'em a dog or something. Maybe a Doberman.

Look. I know they hate me.

LUKE

They don't hate you --

RACHEL

And what you're telling them is keep hating her -- keep up
the good work --

LUKE

Nobody's telling them to hate you --

RACHEL

Really? Look in your ex-wife's eyes.

LUKE

It's complicated for Jackie. It's complicated for me...You don't have kids -- you don't understand --

RACHEL

Oh right...So it's just complicated for you and Jackie -- for me it's pretty simple cause I just don't understand...

LUKE

No you don't. And I'm not going to screw with my kid's heads right now --

RACHEL

You know I don't need another person in this family making me feel like an idiot...your ex-wife's doing a bang up job and I have to face it every Tuesday and Thursday and every other goddamn weekend and I just don't know how the hell you were married to her for so goddamn long! Jesus what did you see in her? I don't get it -- I just don't get it.

LUKE

She's a great mother.