

THE GODMOTHER 1-1 - J.M. (mixed)

SHELLY

I've spent my whole life trying to make my Meryl happy and what did I get? A slap in the face.

JULIA

Oh, Shelly. It's so dreadful what you have to put up with. I'll tell you if she were my child, I'd just sit her down and make her tweeze those eyebrows.

SHELLY

You want to use my makeup remover?

JULIA

What for?

SHELLY

To take off your makeup.

JULIA

Why on earth would I want that to be the last thing I saw before I went to sleep?

SHELLY

Why are you so obsessed with aging?

JULIA

Because I'm old. After twenty-five, a woman becomes a character actress. But Sean Connery can play opposite an embryo.

SHELLY

You're gonna become a bitter old woman, Julia.

JULIA

Gonna? Darling, I'm already there. I've got my feet up and I'm quite comfortable.

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SHELLY

You know there's something I've always wanted to ask you... (beat) That husband that the studio set you up with, was he gay?

JULIA

Gay? He was ecstatic. But the marriage had it's up side. We wore the same size and I doubled my wardrobe.

SHELLY

You don't have to tell me this, it's none of my business, but just out of curiosity... out of all the men you've been with, who was the best... No, this is none of my business. I shouldn't be asking...

JULIA

Ah, it's okay, Hon. Well... let's see, the best. I would have to say... Stu.

SHELLY

You're telling me out of all the men you've ever been with, and mind you, no offense, but that's a lot, this guy, Stu was the best... Stu who?

JULIA

Stu, your husband.

SHELLY

My Stu?... You were with my Stu?

JULIA

You knew.

SHELLY

No I didn't.

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JULIA

Well, yes, darling, remember I introduced you to him. As soon as I dumped him I thought he'd be perfect for you.

SHELLY

Yeah, I remember you introduced him to me, but I never knew that you and Stu..... Oh my God.....

JULIA

So you're telling me that Stuart never told you?

SHELLY

I can't believe I'm hearing this. How could he not have told me?!

JULIA

Maybe he thought that I told you and it was no big deal because it all happened before you two knew each other, and so there couldn't possibly be anything wrong with that.

SHELLY

But Julia, you're my *sister*. (beat) My husband of twenty-two years slept with my *sister*...and I'm just finding out about it now...

JULIA

But Shelly, I really thought you knew. I thought it was laughable.....

SHELLY

Hey, wadda ya mean, *laughable*? Are you implying that my husband's a joke in bed?!

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JULIA

Oh God no! I would never pass judgment on such a personal and sensitive subject as that. (beat) Besides, people change.

SHELLY

You're Goddamn right people change, Julia, but not you! You're still the same wanna be, talentless slut you always were! Except now you're all washed up and bitter to boot! You just admitted it yourself.

JULIA

Well, I didn't admit all that.

SHELLY

Yeah, well, it's written all over you.

JULIA

Oh well. (long pause) Let's not fight. Sisters are forever. Husbands are disposable.

SHELLY

You're right.