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A FAMILY AFFAIR

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- 1 CLAIR.....30 something.
- 2 RUSSELL.....60 or more. CLAIR's father.
- 3 NELL.....60 or more. CLAIR's mother
- 4 JON.....30 something. CLAIR's fiance

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1 *(A living room. CLAIR sits with a somewhat nervous, expectant smile. RUSSELL and*
2 *NELL look mildly stunned. No one speaks for a long beat)*

3 CLAIR: Well, I must say I've heard more enthusiastic expressions of joy from you two.

4 NELL: Now Clair, be fair.

5 CLAIR: Like when the microwave goes off to tell you dinner is ready.

6 RUSSELL: Well, you just dump this on us...

7 CLAIR: Dump? I'm making the announcement I would have thought you two would
8 have been waiting your whole lives to hear. I'm getting married. Isn't that why you had
9 me?

10 NELL: But it seems so sudden.

11 CLAIR: I've been seeing Jon since last fall. We've been living together for the last six
12 months. You know that.

13 RUSSELL: Well, but we never met him. You never saw fit to bring him here.

14 CLAIR: It's a six hour drive. I'm always away on business. It just never seemed
15 convenient.

16 RUSSELL: But if you're expecting us to get excited, we need to at least know the boy.

17 NELL: Really, Clair.

18 CLAIR: You know me and you see I'm excited. Isn't that enough? I guess not. Anyway,
19 he'll be here any second, and you'll meet him.

20 NELL: Good. That's all we're saying.

21 RUSSELL: Where did you say he went? To Ferguson's?

22 CLAIR: He felt funny coming here empty-handed. And I wanted a moment alone with
23 you anyway. You see, Jon wanted to do the whole formal thing, you know, asking you

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1 for your daughter's hand in marriage. In some ways he's very traditional. But I had severe
2 doubts about how you were going to react, so I figured I'd sound you out first. I guess we
3 can check off "meets expectations" on your evaluation sheet.

4 RUSSELL: Now you listen to me, young lady. This is a very big decision. When your
5 mother and I first talked about getting married, we had known each other for two years
6 and even then, before we got formally engaged it was another six or seven months.

7 NELL: Seven. Almost eight.

8 RUSSELL: You've always been impetuous, you seemed to jump around from one boy to
9 another, you haven't particularly instilled us with a great deal of confidence in your
10 judgment when it comes to relationships.

11 NELL: Now Russ, you're exaggerating again. It's not like that.

12 RUSSELL: Well, as usual your mom rushes in to protect you, but she doesn't understand
13 that I'm the one who is really protecting you.

14 CLAIR: Protect me? I didn't come here seeking asylum. I came here to let you know that
15 in a few minutes, the man I am going to marry is going to walk in through that door.

16 NELL: Of course. It's just we don't know him...

17 CLAIR: You will. But it doesn't matter because I know him. And you know me.

18 *(Exhales as in a yogic exercise)* I am now going to visualize hugging him. And
19 *(Indicating her face)* show you my happy face. You're my parents. This is all you should
20 care about. *(CLAIR sees JON's car through window)* Okay, there he is.

21 RUSSELL: Make sure he parks in the driveway.

22 CLAIR: *(As she leaves)* I know, daddy. I lived here for 20 years.

23 RUSSELL: *(To NELL)* I just don't want Hummel giving me a hard time.

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1 NELL: Yes, dear.

2 (*CLAIR returns with JON*)

3 CLAIR: Mom and dad, this is Jon.

4 NELL: Hi. Eleanor Richards. So nice to finally meet you. Clair has told us so much
5 about you.

6 JON: And of course, she's told me so much about you guys.

7 RUSSELL: Russell.

8 JON: A pleasure.

9 NELL: Can I get you something to drink?

10 JON: No thanks. Oh, I brought you this.

11 (*Hands NELL a wrapped bottle of wine*)

12 NELL: Oh, that was unnecessary

13 RUSSELL: But much appreciated. You must be bushed after the long ride. Let's all sit
14 down.

15 NELL: Are you sure you don't want anything to drink?

16 JON: Yeah.

17 NELL: I have iced tea, I have some diet soda.

18 RUSSELL: Maybe the man wants something real to drink. Can we get you a beer?

19 JON: No, I don't think so.

20 NELL: Should I open this (*the wine*)? We can toast, I mean, we can...

21 JON: That's actually probably better as a dinner wine.

22 NELL: Oh, then we can have it with dinner tonight.

23 RUSSELL: Nell, that's tomorrow, remember?

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1 NELL: Oh, right, of course. You're having dinner with Cheryl tonight.

2 CLAIR: Right. We'll be here tomorrow.

3 NELL: My head. Can't keep anything straight. Fine. We'll save this for tomorrow.

4 RUSSELL: How was the trip up? Run into any traffic? It gets a little dicey leaving 17,
5 but I guess you missed rush hour.

6 JON: Yeah, it wasn't anything. And you can kind of loop around it, but we didn't have
7 to.

8 RUSSELL: Clair tells us you're a financial advisor.

9 JON: Yeah. A small group of us from college put a firm together and we're doing really
10 well.

11 NELL: Even with all the turmoil? Gee, I know *our* investments have been on a roller
12 coaster.

13 JON: Well, that's actually good for our business. People are always looking for help,
14 whether the market is bullish or bearish.

15 CLAIR: Oh, mentioning Cheryl reminds me.

16 NELL: Right, your old books. I packed it all up, it's up in your room.

17 CLAIR: Why don't we bring them out to the car now, so I don't forget.

18 NELL: Seems like as good a time as any.

19 JON: Need any help?

20 CLAIR: No thanks, sweetie. I'll leave you two to get acquainted.

21 NELL: (*As she and CLAIR are exiting*) How old did you say Cheryl's little girl is?

22 CLAIR: Three.

23 NELL: 'cause some of those books, honey...(*CLAIR and NELL exit*).

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1 RUSSELL: I guess you *must* be doing okay. Pretty fancy address.

2 JON: We got a good deal. I know a guy who knows a guy, you know how it goes.

3 RUSSELL: Yeah. That was always my trouble. I never knew enough guys. But still, it's
4 expensive living in New York.

5 JON: It is expensive. We're doing okay. And we love it. And of course, Clair has a great
6 job and she couldn't really work anywhere else.

7 RUSSELL: Does a lot of traveling, I guess.

8 JON: Yeah. I miss her a lot.

9 RUSSELL: What do your folks do?

10 JON: Well, my mom died a few years back.

11 RUSSELL: Oh, I'm sorry to hear that.

12 JON: Thanks. My pop is an IT guy for Lockheed Martin.

13 RUSSELL: Lockheed Martin? Down in Manhattan? Didn't know they had a presence...

14 JON: Oh, no. Right over in Syracuse.

15 RUSSELL: Oh, right down 90. I just assumed you were from downstate.

16 JON: Nope. Born and raised in Skaneateles. Both my folks are from there as well.

17 RUSSELL: Okay. Didn't know that. Spent a lot of time there. Used to be part of my
18 territory.

19 JON: Clair tells me you're in like marketing and sales?

20 RUSSELL: Now. Back then I used to be a vendor rep. When I say my territory, it wasn't
21 really Skaneateles, it was the jail in Auburn. That's who we sold to.

22 JON: The jail?

23 RUSSELL: Yep.

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1 JON: My mom used to work there.

2 RUSSELL: Oh.

3 JON: And I think she was in procurement. It was before I was born. Maybe you know
4 her.

5 RUSSELL: Probably wouldn't remember. This is ages ago.

6 JON: Grace. She would have been going by her maiden name then, Carvello. Grace
7 Carvello.

8 RUSSELL: *(Stunned, then covering)* Uh, don't remember any Grace.

9 JON: Yeah, It was a longshot.

10 RUSSELL: *(Somewhat to himself)* A longshot. Do you have any siblings?

11 JON: Nope. Just me.

12 RUSSELL: Hmmmm.

13 JON: I assume Clair told you about our plans.

14 RUSSELL: What? Oh, yes. Yes, she did.

15 JON: I wanted to be the one to tell you, not tell you, you know, ask for her hand. I think
16 the parents really need to be respected in all this.

17 RUSSELL: Well, that's refreshing.

18 JON: I know when I tell my pop he's going to be very happy. And my stepmom. We're
19 going over there on Monday. They're going to love Clair, I just know it. She's so special.

20 RUSSELL: Yes, yes, she is. And you seem like a very fine young man as well.

21 JON: Thank you.

22 RUSSELL: But I'm curious. This business about asking permission, what if I said no?

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1 JON: I know you're joking, but I guess we'd just have to keep working on you until we
2 changed your mind.

3 *(CLAIR and NELL enter)*

4 NELL: And you make sure to tell Cheryl you're going to want those books back again,
5 probably sooner than you know.

6 CLAIR: Gratz, ma. Ten minutes. A new land speed record for finding a way to
7 embarrass me.

8 NELL: What did I say?

9 CLAIR: Jon...

10 NELL: What did I say? You're not going to have kids?

11 CLAIR: Jon, the brake lights are on again. I thought they fixed that.

12 JON: I thought so too. Let me take a look. Sometimes you just have to jiggle the pedal.
13 Excuse me.

14 *(JON exits)*

15 CLAIR: Well, daddy? Does he pass?

16 RUSSELL: I mean I just talked to him for a minute.

17 NELL: I was just telling Clair, he seems very nice. Feels like one of the family already.

18 RUSSELL: Hmm.

19 CLAIR: Looks like daddy has some reservations, surprise, surprise.

20 RUSSELL: Yeah, I, um. You girls excuse me for a bit. I need to find something in my
21 office.

22 NELL: Now, don't get lost up there like you usually do. We have guests.

23 RUSSELL: I think it's important. I'll be right back.

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1 (RUSSELL exits)

2 NELL: That man. We see so little of you as it is.

3 CLAIR: What could be so important?

4 NELL: Nothing. Probably some article he clipped from the paper that he thinks is funny.

5 You know how he is. Did I say the wrong thing about having a family?

6 CLAIR: No.

7 NELL: You are going to have kids, right?

8 CLAIR: Of course. That's what we want.

9 NELL: You've talked about it, right?

10 CLAIR: Ma.

11 NELL: A lot of times couples don't talk these things out. That's all I'm saying. It's
12 important that you be open and honest with your partner. You don't want any surprises.

13 CLAIR: We talk plenty. It's just your blurting it out like that, like it was next up on the
14 to-do list.

15 NELL: I think that's what's made my marriage to your father as strong as it is, the
16 talking, the openness. There's nothing we don't talk about. I know you don't like when I
17 lecture you...

18 CLAIR: It's okay. I think I probably did learn that from you guys.

19 NELL: Look, just as long as you're sure that Jon is the one.

20 CLAIR: I'm sure. *(Beat)* How did you know that pop was the one?

21 NELL: I don't know that it was something I thought about. It was just a feeling I had.

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1 CLAIR: Right, exactly. For me it's when I look into Jon's eyes, I feel like I've known
2 him all my life. I just feel so at home with him. I can't explain it any other way, but that's
3 how I know.

4 NELL: And that's how I feel with daddy.

5 CLAIR: And the other thing, look, I know I was kinda wild as a kid.

6 NELL: Oh, now, you're not letting daddy get to you about that, are you?

7 CLAIR: Well...

8 NELL: Believe me, before he got around to asking me out, your father was quite the
9 ladies man.

10 CLAIR: Yeah, you've told me. It's different for a man.

11 NELL: Shouldn't be.

12 CLAIR: Well, aren't you the modern woman.

13 NELL: I've always felt that way. But you put it behind you and move onto the next
14 chapter in your life.

15 CLAIR: Well, this is the next chapter of my life. And I really want your support.

16 NELL: Of course you'll have our support. He's a lovely boy.

17 (*JON enters*)

18 JON: We're going to have to take it back to Schnibbe.

19 CLAIR: Oh no.

20 JON: I got it turned off, but it's still not right.

21 NELL: Nothing serious, I hope.

22 JON: No, just the brake light. It's weird.

23 NELL: Maybe Russ can have a look. Have you kids picked a place yet?

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1 JON: A place?

2 CLAIR: For the wedding?

3 NELL: Yeah.

4 CLAIR: Well, that's still up in the air.

5 NELL: How about the Falls?

6 CLAIR: The Falls? We have so many city friends. It's almost eight hours.

7 NELL: You could call it a location wedding, is that what they...

8 JON: Destination wedding.

9 CLAIR: If we tell our friends we're having a destination wedding, they're going to be
10 thinking Aruba or Jamaica, not Buffalo.

11 JON: I don't know. Niagara Falls. I kinda like it.

12 (*RUSSELL enters*)

13 NELL: Oh, Russ. I was just talking to the kids about having the wedding at the Falls.

14 RUSSELL: Only worthwhile spot is on the Canadian side. Wanna get married in
15 Canada?

16 NELL: There. That's a real destination wedding.

17 JON: Well, it's worth talking about.

18 RUSSELL: Nell, did you happen to pick up that leg of lamb at Shimsky's?

19 NELL: No. But I can pick it up tomorrow. We're having lamb, I hope that's okay with
20 you kids.

21 CLAIR: Sure.

22 NELL: You're not a vegetarian or anything, Jon?

23 JON: No.

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1 NELL: Nowadays you can't be too sure.

2 JON: I love lamb. Sounds great.

3 RUSSELL: I thought I'd try this new marinade, I was just getting the recipe from
4 upstairs, and it says you have to marinate it overnight. Sorry, I didn't notice that before.

5 NELL: Okay, I'll pick it up after the kids go.

6 RUSSELL: Well, when do they close? Don't they close early on Fridays?

7 NELL: Oh, yeah, you're right. I'll go drive over now. Just take a jiff, they're about a
8 mile away.

9 RUSSELL: I think Jon's car might be blocking the Buick in the driveway.

10 NELL: Oh, yeah.

11 JON: I'll move it.

12 RUSSELL: Why don't you just drive her, it would be easier. If you don't mind.

13 CLAIR: Of course he doesn't. That's a good idea.

14 NELL: Okay. I'll give you a gossip's tour of the neighborhood.

15 JON: Sounds good.

16 CLAIR: See if they have any of those pickles.

17 JON: Oh, are those the ones you told me about?

18 NELL: World famous. We'll check.

19 *(NELL and JON leave)*

20 CLAIR: Well, daddy. What do you think?

21 RUSSELL: Well, I don't know. Financial advisor. Sounds kind of boring.

22 CLAIR: Daddy. It's at least as exciting as marketing and sales.

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1 RUSSELL: But our job was about people. His is about money. I'm just wondering how
2 stimulating....

3 CLAIR: I can't believe we're talking about this. I love him. I want to spend my life with
4 him. I'm not planning on working with him.

5 RUSSELL: No. No. Of course not.

6 CLAIR: I know you think I have terrible judgment when it comes to men. And I agree
7 that I've picked a fair number of losers. But this time is different, you have to believe
8 that.

9 RUSSELL: Clair, honey, I'm sorry to say this, but I hear that same speech each time you
10 bring home one of your losers. I mean that Clayton boy...

11 CLAIR: Oh good grief. Clay and I dated when I was seventeen.

12 RUSSELL: Still, I mean, look where he ended up.

13 CLAIR: Okay, you made your point. Yes, I went out with a few questionable guys. But
14 Jon is anything but a loser.

15 RUSSELL: I'm not saying he is. You brought this up.

16 CLAIR: *(Beat)* He listens. He really listens to me. He hears what I have to say from my
17 point of view, you know what I'm saying. It's not like he's looking to bring me around to
18 his take on things. He really listens. I've never had that.

19 RUSSELL: Okay. Never?

20 CLAIR: Never. And if by that you mean you, pop, I gotta be honest with you. No. I
21 don't think you ever listened to me in that way. I don't think you're doing it now.

22 RUSSELL: So you didn't have the father you wanted.

23 CLAIR: Oh, pop.

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1 RUSSELL: And you bounced from boy to boy looking for him.

2 CLAIR: (*Shrug*) There may be some truth in that.

3 RUSSELL: And now you think you've found him.

4 CLAIR: No. What I've found is someone who made me see I was searching for the
5 wrong thing. (*Beat*) I do love you, daddy. You will always be special to me. I think
6 maybe I'm just too picky, you know, expecting you to be something you're just not.

7 RUSSELL: Maybe that's what it is.

8 CLAIR: By the way, why did you run up to your study before?

9 RUSSELL: What do you mean? I needed to check the recipe.

10 CLAIR: Really? You make lamb all the time. You couldn't remember how long it
11 marinates?

12 RUSSELL: (*Big sigh*)

13 CLAIR: And you clearly wanted to get them out of the house. It can't be that you just
14 wanted a chance to bash Jon behind his back.

15 RUSSELL: I'm not bashing Jon. Actually, I like him. He looks like a good kid. But I
16 needed to send them out because I have to talk to you about something.

17 CLAIR: About Jon and me?

18 RUSSELL: About all of us, actually. You know, honey, this is the hardest thing I've ever
19 had to tell you. I'm just hoping you'll understand. (*Beat*) I wasn't always faithful to your
20 mom.

21 CLAIR: Oh. You don't have to tell me this.

22 RUSSELL: I think I do.

23 CLAIR: I mean, these things happen.

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1 RUSSELL: Yes, yes, they do.

2 CLAIR: Does mom know?

3 RUSSELL: No. There's no way she could have known. I was on one of my business
4 trips. This is, of course, back before you were born.

5 CLAIR: Uh-huh.

6 RUSSELL: And there was a woman who I used to see from time to time doing business
7 and one night I just asked her out for a drink and things got a little out of hand.

8 CLAIR: Wow, pop. I mean, you don't have to –

9 RUSSELL: It didn't really last that long, just a couple of times. But she liked to drink
10 and we tended to get a bit plastered.

11 CLAIR: Okay. Why are you telling me this now?

12 RUSSELL: Well, you're about to take a big step with your life and...no. That's not why.

13 CLAIR: You're making me really nervous. Can you just spit it out.

14 RUSSELL: I think it would be easier if you read this.

15 *(RUSSELL hands CLAIR an old letter)*

16 CLAIR: Oh my god. She had a child? You have another child?

17 RUSSELL: Yeah.

18 CLAIR: So what are you telling me, do I have to invite this kid to the wedding? I don't
19 get it.

20 RUSSELL: Read down to the end.

21 CLAIR: I did. It just says...OH MY GOD!

22 RUSSELL: What are the chances?

23 CLAIR: OH MY GOD! Oh no, it can't be, it can't be, it can't be.

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1 RUSSELL: Honey, I'm so sorry, if I could...

2 CLAIR: Oh no oh no oh no oh no, Jon. Jon, Jon, Jon, Jon. (*Checking letter*) Grace Carvello.

3 Maybe it's not the same one.

4 RUSSELL: It's the same one. Jon pretty much confirmed that when I was talking to him.

5 CLAIR: (*Horried*) You told him?

6 RUSSELL: No, I was just asking about his family and...

7 CLAIR; Oh my god. Oh my god, daddy, how could you?

8 RUSSELL: Sweetie, I'm so sorry.

9 CLAIR: You bastard. You fucking bastard. Do you know what you've done to me?

10 RUSSELL: I certainly didn't think – I mean what are the chances of something like this
11 happening?

12 CLAIR: Right now, 100 percent. Oh Jon, my sweet Jon. What am I going to do? What
13 am I going to do?

14 RUSSELL: You can't marry him, you do understand....

15 CLAIR: Of course I understand. What do you think I'm so fucking upset about. How am
16 I going to tell him? Oh my god. I love him so much. I love him so much.

17 RUSSELL: Well, now you can love him as a brother.

18 CLAIR: What! I've been fucking him for the last year. Love him as a brother, what are
19 you nuts? Oh god, I can't believe this. What a fucking nightmare.

20 RUSSELL: Now Clair, Jon and your mother will be back any second.

21 CLAIR: And...

22 RUSSELL: I don't think you want them to see you like this.

23 CLAIR: That's what you're worried about?

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1 RUSSELL: Just try to compose yourself. This is for you, and Jon. You don't want to just
2 dump this on him. Can you compose yourself?

3 CLAIR: Fuck you. Oh god, this is so awful, so awful.

4 *(NELL enters)*

5 NELL: Okay. I left the pickles in the kitchen, you can have them tomorrow.

6 CLAIR: Whatever.

7 NELL: Hope you two had a chance to catch up.

8 CLAIR: Oh yeah.

9 NELL: *(Beat)* Russ, you're good with cars. Jon's still having a problem out there. Why
10 don't you see if you can give him a hand?

11 RUSSELL: Um, well, I...

12 CLAIR: Yeah, dad. Give your son a hand.

13 NELL: Well, he's not his son yet.

14 CLAIR: Uh-huh.

15 RUSSELL: Clair...

16 CLAIR: Go. I want to talk to mom.

17 RUSSELL: Now Clair, just think about this...

18 CLAIR: Go. Now!

19 RUSSELL: Okay. Just think about what you're doing.

20 CLAIR: Like you did?

21 *(RUSSELL stares at her for a beat and then leaves)*

22 NELL: Oh my. What's that all about? Is he giving you a hard time about Jon?

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1 CLAIR: You could say that. Mom, I apologize for what I'm about to do, but I have no
2 choice. Oh god, oh god, oh god.

3 *(CLAIR hands NELL the letter)*

4 NELL: Oh my. Oh my.

5 CLAIR: I'm sorry to just dump this on you ...

6 NELL: No, no. I knew he had an affair with someone. He wasn't particularly careful
7 about it. Hair on his clothes, perfume. But that he had a child by her? That I never knew.

8 CLAIR: You accepted that, that he had an affair?

9 NELL: Well...

10 CLAIR: Never mind that. Do you know who that is? *(Indicating the letter)*

11 NELL: Grace Carvello. Nope, never heard of her. I knew he was with somebody but I
12 never knew her name. Lovely handwriting.

13 CLAIR: *(Bursting into tears)* That's Jon's mother. Daddy is Jon's father.

14 NELL: Oh my. Oh my, oh my, oh my. Oh, that's terrible. Are you sure?

15 CLAIR: Yes. Mom, what am I going to do? I love Jon so much. What am I going to do?
16 I can't believe this is happening.

17 NELL: Well, Clair. I mean, what are the chances of something like this.

18 CLAIR: I love him so much. And now I can't marry him. I hate daddy for this, hate him,
19 hate him, hate him.

20 NELL: Hmm. Clair, those trips your father took, they were long trips, we were
21 newlyweds, it was hard...

22 CLAIR: Oh no. Don't you dare try to defend him.

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1 NELL: No, I wasn't going to defend him. I was just going to say that, well, they were
2 lonely for me too.

3 CLAIR: What?

4 NELL: This is so hard. But maybe some good can come from it. Just between us,
5 sweetie, daddy's not your real daddy.

6 CLAIR: *(Totally stunned)* What?

7 NELL: *(A burst of cheer)* So I guess you can marry Jon. Isn't it wonderful how these
8 things work themselves out.

9 CLAIR: *(CLAIR glares at NELL in total disbelief)* Oh my god.

10 *(JON and RUSSELL enter)*

11 RUSSELL: I had a Ford that had the same problem. Funny to see it on an import.

12 JON: Honey, you've been keeping things from me. You never told me your dad was so
13 handy.

14 CLAIR: Oh, we love our little secrets in this family.

15 JON: *(JON checks his watch)* Clair, it's after five. How long is it to Cheryl's? Shouldn't
16 we be leaving?

17 CLAIR: Oh, we should definitely be leaving.

18 NELL: Okay you kids. Let me walk you to the door. And Clair, if you get here by three
19 tomorrow we can –

20 CLAIR: *(CLAIR suddenly turns to JON)* Jon...*(CLAIR is about to say something, but*
21 *instead passionately hugs JON)*

22 NELL: Awww.

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1 (CLAIR gently pulls away and gives a last intense glare at NELL and RUSSELL. CLAIR
2 grabs JON's hand and pulls him after her as she exits)

3 JON: Bye.

4 NELL: (Walking back into the room) Such a nice boy.

5 RUSSELL: (After a long beat) I guess Clair showed you the letter.

6 NELL: She did indeed.

7 RUSSELL: Nell, I'm just so sorry.

8 NELL: Really, Russell. And not to say anything...

9 RUSSELL: I know. But I'm paying for it now. To have it come 'round and bite us like
10 this...

11 NELL: I know. Who would have thought it? Such an incredible coincidence.

12 RUSSELL: Yeah. I must say, you're not reacting quite like I thought you would.

13 NELL: Well, dear, it's really all about Clair at this point.

14 RUSSELL: Yes, of course. That's what makes this so tragic, really. She was totally
15 crushed.

16 NELL: Russ, you're so good at looking things up, maybe you could get some
17 information on getting married at the Falls. When we went to Shimsky's, Jon started to
18 get really excited about the idea.

19 RUSSELL: Nell, don't you realize what that letter means?

20 NELL: I think I do

21 RUSSELL: Clair can't possibly marry Jon now.

22 NELL: (Broad smile) We'll talk. Couples should always talk. Did you want to get started
23 on that lamb?

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1 End of play

2