

CONSTANCE

Travis. I need to talk to you, honey.

TRAVIS

You mean yell at me some more?

CONSTANCE

On the contrary. I want to apologize for my earlier manner. It was unnecessarily cruel.

TRAVIS

You know, you've been going through a lot of stuff lately, so-

CONSTANCE

Yeah, it's true, I have, but so have you, here by my side. Oh, and don't think it hasn't gone unnoticed or unappreciated. You know, in many ways you are a fine man, Travis. So, sit down, baby. I want to ask you something.

TRAVIS

Okay. What do you want to ask me?

CONSTANCE

Will you marry me?

TRAVIS

Marry you?

CONSTANCE

Listen to me. There's going to be a child. And I want to bring that child into this home and raise it as my own.

TRAVIS

What child?

CONSTANCE

Our child. Or it could be. We could be a family. I won't make the same mistakes that I made the last time. You would be a wonderful father.

TRAVIS

Father? Whoa. Um, I'm not ready to be a father.

CONSTANCE

Oh, but you are. I've seen how you were with Addy and with the dogs.

TRAVIS

With Addy and the dogs, it- - What about my career?

CONSTANCE

Your what?

TRAVIS

My career, you know. Maybe- I don't know. Maybe we should wait and let me get myself established and then we could do whatever, you know?

CONSTANCE

What career? What? This dream you have of- of appearing half naked in your skivvies

TRAVIS

I don't know why that's so funny to you.

CONSTANCE

I know that dream. I had that dream! I was gonna be a big star, and, baby, if it didn't happen for me it is not going to happen for you.

TRAVIS

Why are you being so mean?

CONSTANCE

I am being honest.

TRAVIS

No, you're being mean.

CONSTANCE

A lean torso in this town is a dime a dozen, baby and that's all you've got. I'm offering reality, community, property, a chance to be somebody- a father. I mean, look at you. What are you now? You're nothing.

TRAVIS

No, I am something. And just because you say that I'm not gonna make it doesn't mean it's true.

CONSTANCE

Oh, Jesus Christ! Jesus Christ! God, how could I have ever thought you could be a father? You are not even a man.

TRAVIS

Oh, come on- -

CONSTANCE

Oh, don't you dare! You'd better be careful. You know why? Because the last man who thought that he could strike me came to a very unpleasant end and he was a man.