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MELANIE

I/B  
10.

ACT ONE

SCENE B

INT. ANDY'S KITCHEN - A FEW NIGHTS LATER (NIGHT 2)  
(ANDY, MELANIE)

MELANIE IS PREPARING A THREE BEAN SALAD AS ANDY LOOKS ON.

MELANIE

One, two, three.

SHE THROWS A DIFFERENT BEAN IN EACH TIME.

MELANIE (CONT'D)

One, two three. One, two, three.

(THEN) Why do I have to make three  
bean salad one bean at a time?

ANDY

Jim's very particular. He notices the  
mixture.

MELANIE

Really?

ANDY

He'll send us home. We'll have to  
start over.

MELANIE

One, two... (THEN, REALIZING) Now I've  
lost count.

"ACCORDING TO JIM"

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ANDY

Start over. (THEN) Wait. Before you  
do... I can't wait anymore. I have to  
give you your present now.

ANDY PULLS A PRESENT OUT OF THE PANTRY AND GIVES IT TO  
MELANIE.

ANDY (CONT'D)

Merry Christmas. You're going to love  
it.

MELANIE

Ooh, our first Christmas as a  
dating couple. I'm so excited!

ANDY

Me, too. Put an extra little bit of  
the old ticker into this one.

MELANIE OPENS THE PACKAGE.

MELANIE

Oh. A Chinese checkers set. Huh.

ANDY

Well, what do you think?

MELANIE

I think it's a Chinese checkers set.

ANDY

Or is it a Chinese checkers set  
exactly like the one you used to play  
with your favorite babysitter?

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MELANIE

I've never played Chinese checkers in my life. I actually find it a little racist.

ANDY

Oh, come on. Remember? You told me on our third date. It was the sweetest story. And I totally listened.

MELANIE BEGINS TO TEAR UP.

ANDY (CONT'D)

Oh, a little emotional, are we?

ANDY LOOSENS HIS TIE AND SWEEPS EVERYTHING ON HIS KITCHEN ISLAND ONTO THE FLOOR.

MELANIE

I never told you any story about Chinese checkers.

ANDY

Yes, you did. Our third date. Drinks at the Palmer House. You told me the story.

MELANIE

What was the babysitter's name?

ANDY

Eleanor.

MELANIE

Eleanor what?

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ANDY

Rigby. No, wait, Roosevelt. No,  
wait, Robinson. Not Eleanor, Jackie.

MELANIE \*

That's right. My babysitter was  
Jackie Robinson. She broke the  
Chinese checkers barrier in my house.

ANDY

So it's coming back to you?

MELANIE \*

Andy, I want the truth!

ANDY

Really? Because personally, I'm more  
interested in feelings.

MELANIE \*

Andy, you obviously you heard that  
story from another girl. This is the  
most insensitive present I've ever  
gotten.

ANDY TIGHTENS HIS TIE BACK UP AND BEGINS REPLACING THE ITEMS  
ON HIS KITCHEN ISLAND. \*

ANDY

No, no, no. There is no other girl.  
No one told me this story. I made the  
whole thing up.

MELANIE \*

You did what?

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ANDY

I wanted to give you a meaningful  
gift, but I couldn't think of  
anything. So I made up a story that  
has absolutely nothing to do with you.

MELANIE \*

I can't believe you would sink so low.  
Is it really that hard to give me a  
gift based on who I am?

ANDY

Okay, can I just say one more thing in  
my defense?

MELANIE \*

Go ahead.

ANDY DROPS TO HIS KNEES.

ANDY

Please don't leave me, please don't  
leave me, please don't leave me. \*

AND WE:

FADE OUT.

COMMERCIAL BREAK

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