

V.O.

Ok, remember. Compliment her eyes. Tell her you love her dress. You've been out of the game for awhile, but that won't stop me from having fun tonight. Let's do this!

INT. THE DECLA' DECLAM.EVENING!

REDD MOIMER, 25 Y.O. Black, 5'6", dressed in red formal attire including a vest with a red pattern, red bowtie, and black pants. His hair is up in a pompadour style combed. Redd stands across from LIN TRIX, 27 y.o. Asian, dressed in steel blue turtleneck, a pin presenting her logo is on her chest, and steampunk style glasses. They are in the new restaurant The Decla' Declam which is packed. They are standing in front of a table with a lit candle on it.

REDD

Wow. You look even more beautiful in person than you do in photos.

LIN

(chuckling)

Oh you, it's nice to finally meet you too.

Redd continues to stare at Lin mouth agape. After awhile he shakes his hand and begins to speak.

REDD

Excuse me, where are my manners.

He bows.

REDD (CONT'D)

I'm Redd Lesly Moimer, pleased to finally meet you, Mrs?

He holds out his hand to her.

LIN

Oh, it's doctor actually, but I'm Lin Eden Trix.

REDD

Doctor?

Redd speaks while pulling out Lin's chair for her and her sitting down.

REDD (CONT'D)
That's cool, what's your doctorate
in.

Redd makes his way to his seat and sits down.

LIN
Environmental science, but I don't
want to talk about work at all.

REDD
Oh yeah that's probably a good
idea, sorry, if I bad at this, this
is my first date in a really really
really long time.

LIN
What? But Laura told me you were
married 9 times, surely you went on
a date before you married them?

REDD
I can't remember anything that
stands out plus people get married
all the time without being taken
out on a date all the time. Besides
should we be talking about our exes
on a first date?

Redd nervously takes a large drink of his water.

LIN
Oh shit, you're probably right.
Sorry, I'm just like you, I haven't
been on a date in all the 27 years
I've been alive.

REDD
Aww, that makes me sad, I'll try to
make this date night the most
perfect date night just for you.
And just for the record you're
doing great so far.

LIN
Thanks, everything I know came from
wikihow, oh! One of the tips was to
not to make it feel like a job
interview.

REDD
(quickly)
How's your mom!

LIN

Wha?

REDD

I mean how's your family, I guess.
They don't ask that in a job
interview.

LIN

Yeah I guess you're right. Well my
mom works in cyber security for
Lilac Corporation and my father's
into finances in Michigan. They're
both getting into their 60's now.
How about yours?

REDD

(nervously)

Oh, uhh, isn't it weird that a
waiter hasn't come over yet? It's
been awhile?

LIN

Yeah, I guess it's because they're
busy tonight, now what about your
family.

REDD

Oh I think someone's coming over
right now.

Redd picks up his menu and opens it so that it covers his face.

REDD (CONT'D)

You know what irks me?

LIN

What?

REDD

The silly names they give these
menu items? The Rootin Tootin
Cowboy Burger, A Zensational
Zucchini Zalad, and oh what's this
the Slippery Supercilious Sa-

Redd puts the menu down. While OLIVE DABROAD, 25 y.o. White,
wearing fancy server clothing, has made her way to Redd and
Lin's table.

OLIVE

SALMON!

REDD
(surprised)
OLIVE!

OLIVE
Oh hey Redd!

REDD
Why-? Wha? I thought you worked at
that gas station on Smith?

OLIVE
That place barely paid, they lost a
loyal cashier. Hi Redd's friend.

LIN
Uhh, hello.

OLIVE
(whispering to Redd)
Hey Redd, who is yer uhh lady
friend.

REDD
This Olive, is Dr. Gorgeous, but
you can call her Lin.

OLIVE
Hi Mrs. Dr. Gorgeous, nice to meet
you.

REDD
Lin this is my first ex wife.

LIN
Oh my what a coincidence running
into her he-

Both look at Olive who's face is scrunched up and titled up.
She's scratching her head.

REDD
Ol-?

OLIVE
OHH! This is a date!

REDD
Yes! So could yo-

OLIVE
Hey Redd, you haven't dated since
she who shall not be named.

LIN
Who's she who shall not be named.

OLIVE
I can't tell you that on account
that she can not be named.

Olive turns toward Redd and puts his hand to the side of his mouth.

OLIVE (CONT'D)
(whispering)
You know she's not that bright.

REDD
Guess I've got a type.

Olive looks at him with a puzzled look and then shakes it off.

OLIVE
Well, welcome you two lovebirds to
the Decla' Declam, would you like
to view our wine menu tonight?

REDD
No thank you, Olive, I have to
drive later on tonight.

OLIVE
Aww, don't worry Redd, I'll drive
ya home, I wouldn't wanna let that
get in the way of enjoying yourself
on your date and all.

Redd and Olive stare at each other in silence.

REDD
You know what, I think we'll eat
somewhere else, come on Lin.

LIN
Oh alright, I guess. It was nice to
meet you, Olive.

OLIVE
Bye now, see you later, Redd!

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Redd and Lin get up from their table and began to head to the exit.

REDD

There's plenty of restaurants
around here, I'm sure we can fi-

ROSEMARY TROMER, 25 y.o. white female walks into the Decla'
Declam. She's wearing a feather boa and a pink sequence
dress. Around her arm is a man who is her date.

ROSIE

REDD!!

Rosie immediately puts her arms around Redd and begins giving
him kisses on his face. Lin looks on confused as Redd tries
to pull away from her.

ROSIE (CONT'D)

I didn't expect to see you out
tonight, no one did. Why do you
look so handsome.

She looks over to Lin and her eyes go big and she lights up.

ROSIE (CONT'D)

Oh are you on a date? Little Redd
dating again, when was the last
time you did that huh, not since,
she who shall not be named I guess.

ROSIE'S DATE

(annoyed)

Excuse Me! Who is this!

ROSIE

Oh Hunter, don't worry sugah, this
is an old flame from one of my past
lives, I've moved on to bigger and
better things.

LIN

Wait so this is another one of your
ex wives?

REDD

Yes. She's my second, actually.

ROSIE

Really the first, I was actually
able to consummate the marriage

REDD

Okay, well lovely seeing you again
Rosie, I hope you and Mr. over here
have a lovely evening. Come on Lin.

LIN
Bye Rosie.

ROSIE
Have fun you two.

INT. THE DECLA' DECLAM.EVENING!

Redd grabs Lin's hand and leads her farther in the restaurant passing by tables.

REDD
There's gotta be a back door exit somewhere.

LIN
Those two seemed like nice people

REDD
Yeah, they are, but tonight isn't about them, it's about you and-

Redd and Lin pass by a table where AUBURN HILLARD, 24 y.o. white female, is sitting wearing a lobster bib and holding a clipboard. Many plates of food sit in front of her.

AUBURN
REDD?

REDD
AUBURN? What are you doing here?

AUBURN
I'm here on work, the paper wanted a review on the fresh new surf and turf restaurant in the mall. And in my opinion it's 5 stars, the Slippery Supercilious Salmon is to die for.

LIN
(to the side)
Is this another one of your ex wives?

REDD
(to the side)
Yeah, unfortunately.

AUBURN
You two looked like you haven't had a bite to eat, why don't you sit down and enjoy some.

LIN

Oh, that's sweet of you, but no thanks, I'm vegan and me and Redd were actually looking someplace else to eat.

AUBURN

There are plenty of vegan options if that's what you're worried about, Goldie and Sapphire made sure of that, Goldie especially beca-

REDD

Wait, did you say Goldie and Sapphire.

AUBURN

Yeah, you didn't know they own this restaurant.

Redd completely freezes with just a blank smile on his face. Auburn continues talking to Lin.

AUBURN (CONT'D)

Those are Redd's fourth and eight ex wives, but you need not worry about them. We're all just happy for Redd, I'm glad he could make it out tonight, he's locked himself away in his house ever since his and heather- I mean she who shall not be named. What I'm trying to say is-

ONYX SR. CINES, 25 y.o. white, dressed in a black gown with sequins slaps Redd on the back breaking his trance.

ONYX

SO THEY JUST LET ANYBODY IN HERE.

REDD

(angrily)

Oh hi Onyx.

AUBURN

Hi Onyx.

AUBURN (CONT'D)

(to Lin)

This is another one.

ONYX

Oh, who's this, is little Redd on a date?

REDD

Buzz off, Onyx, don't you have someone else to bother.

ONYX

I'm just messing around. She's cute, will she last, will you give her more than 3 months of fun and then refuse to grow up?

AUBURN

ONYX!

ONYX

I'm just messing around, Auburn.

ONYX (CONT'D)

(to Lin)

Hey, you're a young girl, get out of here and find yourself a real gu-

The lights dim and a spotlight opens to a spot on the stage. GOLDIE SNAPPER, 25 y.o., 6'11", white, dressed in a gold suit walks onto the stage with SAPPHIRE DRAVIS, 25 y.o., 6'10", white, dressed in a bright blue suit.

GOLDIE

Welcome one and all to the grand opening of Decla' Declam!

SAPPHIRE

And let's give a big hand to- wait, is that Redd?

Spotlight moves from stage over to Redd.

GOLDIE

IT IS! We are in the presence of the one and only Redd. Get up here, pal.

Redd is shaking his head and gesturing no with his hands.

SAPPHIRE

Get up here you devil.

Sapphire and Goldie walk down to him and pick him up by his shoulders and put him on the stage.

GOLDIE

Let's give a very big thank you to
the one who's been a constant
source of inspiration, REDD MOIMER!
It's good to see you tonight!

SAPPHIRE

Would you like to say a few words.

REDD

No, I'd like to get back to my
date!

SAPPHIRE

Oh, you're on a date, where'd you
meet her, Tinder?

GOLDIE

Bumble?

SAPPHIRE

Hinge?

GOLDIE

Grinder?

MAUVE SAVOIE, 24 y.o. white, wearing headphones and a tee
sticks his head in from off stage.

MAUVE

Somebody say Redd was on a date?

REDD

Mauve? You're here too, are there
any more of my ex wives here?

MAUVE

Taupe's back here too, we're
working the backstage audio for
Goldie.

TAUPE SAVOIE, 24 y.o. white, wearing a black suit, playing
the cello.

TAUPE

(angrily)

We will if you get back here!

MAUVE

(whispering to Redd)

Also I heard a tip that the hottest
celebrity's are gonna be here
tonight.

TAUPE
MAUVE!

MAUVE
Tell me about how your date goes
later. Coming!

Redd continues to look confused off stage, before Goldie
grabs his shoulder.

GOLDIE
Hey, ex husband get over here.

SAPPHIRE
Hey that's my ex husband.

GOLDIE
No, that's my ex husband.

Mauve sticks her head in from off stage.

MAUVE
Hey that's my ex husband.

Redd can see Lin shaking and covering her eyes and her walk
away towards the exit. He begins to frown.

AUBURN
Hey that's my ex husband.

Redd begins to cry.

REDD
STOP!

REDD (CONT'D)
(angrily)
THIS IS MY FIRST TIME OUT IN WEEKS,
MY FIRST TIME ON A DATE SINCE...
THE FIRST TIME I'VE FELT HAPPY
SINCE... AND YOU ALL RUINED IT.
YOU'VE EMBARRASSED ME AND YOU'VE
EMBARRASSED LIN AND YOU SHOULD ALL
BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF.

Redd walks off stage and chases after Lin. All of Redd's ex
wives gather toward the stage.

AUBURN
Oh my, I've never seen Redd this
upset.

OLIVE

I have, but that means we've really done it.

MAUVE

And he has had a rough past 2 weeks with the divorce.

ONYX

Hey Redd's always been there for us, we should be there for him through his rough patch.

TAUPE

YEAH!

GOLDIE

Redd has brought us all together, let's be there for him.

ROSIE

We've gotta make this date night the most perfect date night Redd has ever had.

EXT. OUTSIDE THE DECLA' DECLAM. NIGHT

Redd turns out of the restaurant to see Lin sitting on the curb, her face in her hands. He walks over to her and sits down next to her.

REDD

I didn't mean to upset you.

LIN

Upset me?

She lifts up her head to show tears streaming down her face, snot in her nose, and her face is red.

LIN (CONT'D)

You didn't upset me.

REDD

Then why are you crying.

LIN

From laughing so hard, you're so hilarious and fun, you and your ex wives. You are all something marvelous.

REDD

So my ex wives, didn't ruin my chances.

LIN

No, not at all. Earlier I asked you about your family and it seems to me that they're all back inside.

REDD

Oh boy, I've got some apologizing to do.

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The restaurant is now completely empty. TAUPE is on stage playing cello on stage and all of Redd's ex wives are standing looking in their direction. Redd and Lin look in awe. Rosie walks over to them.

ROSIE

Redd, one time you told me my pumps didn't match my dress and you were right and that's the nicest thing anyone's ever said to me.

She hugs him tightly.

REDD

You're welcome?

Onyx walks over to them and puts her hand on Rosie's shoulder.

ONYX

I think what Rosie's trying to say is that you've been there for us come hell or high water, and we wanna do the same for you.

GOLDIE

That's why I emptied the restaurant.

SAPPHIRE

(crying)

Oh, all the money we're gonna lose.

TAUPE

(happily)

I'm playing for you two and I'm taking requests!

MAUVE
I'm running the booth.

Mauve is wearing one headphone in front of a DJ set spinning a record.

AUBURN
I'll lead you two to your table.

Auburn leads them over to a table where Olive is standing.

OLIVE
And I'll take your order.

REDD
I don't know what to say, thank you all. I love you guys all so much. You're my, my family.

OLIVE
We love you too, Redd, now what will it be.

Redd and Lin are holding menu's now, sitting down.

REDD
You know what, I think I'll have it, yeah! I'll the Slippery Supercilious Salmon.

Redd pronounces the L in Salmon. Mauve scratches a record, a glass is dropped in the background.

OLIVE
The- The what?

REDD
I know the name's silly, but I'm embracing it, The Slippery Supercilious Salmon.

Lin pushes her seat away from the table and stands up.

LIN
(angrily)
I can get over the fact that you don't floss.

REDD
What? I don't see the point in it.

LIN
(angrily)

I can get over the fact that you
still play with stuffed animals.

REDD
Redd Jr. is not just a stuffed
animal, he's my son.

LIN
And I can even get over the fact
that you have all 9 of your ex
wives still in your life.

OLIVE
Technically it's eight.

LIN
(looks toward Olive)
Thank you, Olive.

LIN (CONT'D)
(back to Redd, angrily)
But pronouncing the L in salmon,
I'm sorry.

Lin throws her napkin on the table and walks out. All of Redd's ex wives watch from behind the curtains except Taupe who continues playing as if nothing happened. Redd is stunned for a couple of seconds. He then sighs and laughs.

REDD
I'm officially done with dating!

REDD (CONT'D)
(yelling)
Hey Olive, you're driving me home
tonight, bring out your finest
wine!

REDD (CONT'D)
Taupe, why are you playing this
sappy crap, play something upbeat.

Taupe begins to play some upbeat music.

REDD (CONT'D)
Yeah, that's more like it.

REDD (CONT'D)
Hey, there's no bread basket on the
table, what's with that. Who do I
have to marry around here to get
some bread on this table.