

ANNIE
I didn't say it wasn't true.

JODI
So if it's my happiness that makes you happy, then it's actually your happiness that you care about.

ANNIE
Alright, fine, I can't be happy if you aren't happy.

JODI
But even if I am happy, off in some drunken all-nude co-ed dorm, that may not be enough to make you happy.

ANNIE
Which is perfectly okay, because as I said, this is not about my happiness.

JODI
What if I told you I was happy?

ANNIE
You? Ha!

JODI
What do you mean, "ha!"

ANNIE
"Ha!" I don't believe you could be happy walking away from your staggeringly immense potential. You are so gifted, Jodi, if I had half your brain-power--

JODI
You do.

ANNIE
God, I wish we'd spanked you when we had the chance.

JODI
Then I wouldn't be happy.

ANNIE
Jodi, let's be real, you are not happy! You have no plans, you sleep half the day, you shuffle around here like it's Assisted Living--

JODI
So it isn't enough that I'm happy, I have to fulfill your idea of what happiness is?

ANNIE
Yes you do. And you know why? Because I am your mother.

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JODI

You really need to get over that.

~~STOP.~~

LIGHTS FADE as JODI exits with her laundry.

LIGHTS UP as NEIL and TUCKER come in. TUCKER looks around.

TUCKER

This is quite a home, Neil. Quite a place you've got for yourself.

NEIL

Thanks.

TUCKER

Now I'm embarrassed about where I live.

NEIL

Oh, I'm sure it's fine.

TUCKER

No it isn't "fine." A dog shouldn't have to live the way I do. I hear everything that happens in the other apartments. And if anything ever happened in my apartment, they'd hear it and be pretty disturbed. A lot of people are having serious problems these days, Neil. Have you noticed that?

ANNIE enters.

NEIL

Oh, Annie. Here you are. You came back early.

ANNIE

Well, it was a reunion.

NEIL

Was it, fun?

ANNIE

It was a reunion.

NEIL

This is my friend Tucker.

ANNIE

Hello, Tucker. Would you like something?

TUCKER

Sure! What have you got?

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