

Three's a Crowd

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CAST OF CHARACTERS

DANIEL:
FURY:
WILLPOWER:
VOICEOVER:

AT RISE: The lights come up on the apartment. They should be dim. The throw is askew on the couch. We hear screams of a woman, WILLPOWER can do this. As the screams begin a siren begins. The siren and the screams get louder together until it all stops and becomes silent. DANIEL enters from the bedroom door. There is blood on his shirt and his hands.

He has a washcloth in his hand. He slowly wipes his hands off and then stands behind the couch.

FURY

Calling from offstage.

Get the sheets.

DANIEL

Coming.

DANIEL exits through the bedroom door. He exits and then reenters with bloodstained sheets. FURY enters and stares at DANIEL.

FURY

Regretting it?

FURY moves closer to DANIEL. DANIEL continues to stare into space. FURY moves even closer. He's standing right behind DANIEL, close enough to breathe on his neck. They take a moment.

DANIEL

I'm- I'm not regretting it.

FURY

No?

DANIEL

No. I'm simply... contemplating.

FURY

Death?

DANIEL

Chuckling.

Life.

FURY

Getting increasingly frustrated and heated throughout all of their dialogue.

Daniel, get your head out of your ass. If you can't deal with the consequences of your actions then...

DANIEL crosses down to sit on the couch his motions have become slightly jerky. FURY puts an arm around him and begins to pet his head in a demeaning manor. Almost consoling:

They deserve it. Walking around thinking that they're better than you. Than us.

DANIEL

But... I just... It seems...

FURY

Yes?

DANIEL

I just feel... Wrong.

FURY and DANIEL stare at each other. FURY is getting more and more agitated. He starts to pace.

Please. Sit.

FURY sits next to DANIEL. DANIEL takes a moment and then grabs FURY's hand. Struggling to talk.

We have to make a plan.

DANIEL stares at the door.

FURY

I already have one.

FURY chuckles.

These people. Every G-d damn day. Walk around all smug while we're stuck in here. Because of you.

DANIEL

But-

FURY

Menacingly.

You will listen to me.

Loud banging is heard somewhere offstage. DANIEL and FURY look upstage towards the noise.

Can you keep it down in there?!

FURY turns back to DANIEL.
So here's the plan.

Another bang is heard. FURY ignores it.
I'm going to make us something to eat, and then we'll find our next one.

/Another bang. FURY groans.
You'll wake the neighbors!

DANIEL
Is she okay?

FURY
She'll be fine... Where was I? Oh, yes, first food and then planning.

DANIEL
'Cause she- she- she doesn't sound okay.

FURY
She's fine.

DANIEL
Bu-

FURY
Fine!

FURY walks towards the bedroom door. DANIEL stands as FURY walks away. He exits for a few moments.

When FURY returns he's dragging a disheveled WILLPOWER along with HIM.

WILLPOWER
Gently and slowly.
Let go of my arm.

FURY and DREAD glare at each other for a few moments. FURY, DREAD, and DANIEL all cross to a place where they can sit. They sit at the same time and cross their right leg over their left.

FURY
SICKENINGLY SWEET
Could you keep it down? The adults are trying to talk.

WILLPOWER just stares at FURY and doesn't respond. FURY Huffs and crosses to the kitchen area.

WILLPOWER

Daniel.

DANIEL doesn't acknowledge her.

Daniel. Now is not the time to act like a child.

FURY

In a sweet voice. While pouring two bowls of cereal.
Leave my sweet boy alone.

WILLPOWER

Ignoring FURY.

You need to look at me when I'm talking to you.

DANIEL is now clutching his head childishly.
WILLPOWER is used to this clearly its happened
before.

Daniel. It's time for you to go. You can't wish away-

FURY

Dinner time!

FURY crosses over and places a bowl of cereal in front of Daniel and one on the table to the side of him he then pulls to napkins out and places them next to the bowls. FURY crosses back to the kitchen and grabs milk and then returns to DANIEL and places it in front of the bowls. FURY then pulls out a spoon from his left pocket and puts it by his bowl. He feels around his hoodie then reaches inside pulls out a gun and places it on DANIEL's napkin then he sits down and starts eating.

DANIEL

Looking at the gun.

I can't eat with this.

DANIEL continues to stare at the gun.

FURY

Well, only one spoon was clean so you'll just have to make do.

DANIEL starts eating cereal with his fingers.

That is not how I raised you.

WILLPOWER

Put that away right now.

FURY

Mockingly.

You aren't scared of a little metal are you?

WILLPOWER

No, I'm scared of what the two of you will DO with that "little metal" on the table in front of you.

FURY

Talking to DANIEL. Sarcastically.

Isn't she a sad creature. Pathetic.

WILLPOWER

Not as pathetic as someone who has to impose their will on someone else.

DANIEL, WILLPOWER, and FURY all run their hand across their face.

FURY

You're a bi-

DREAD

Don't you start, we've heard enough out of you. You're wasting time we don't have. Daniel, He will take you down with him. Fury doesn't really love you.

DANIEL

But you do?

WILLPOWER

Ignoring him.

We need to go. There is nothing left for you here. You've taken away every opportunity I tried to give you and now you have no choice.

FURY

Like hell he doesn't.

FURY and WILLPOWER move to stand face to face in front of the couch with DANIEL standing in the middle. FURY turns to look at the gun.

WILLPOWER

Don't you dare.

FURY tries to grab the gun and WILLPOWER fights to stop him. DANIEL stays still watching them fight.

While fighting they begin to argue loudly. The next lines from FURY and WILLPOWER happen at the same time.

WILLPOWER (CONT'D)

I need you to find your grace and allow Daniel to do the right thing. It is about time you stopped making a train wreck of his life and-

FURY

You think you're so high and mighty! Always doing the "right thing." Well let me tell you something sweetie his moral compass is broken and there's-

DANIEL

Cutting them off.

ENOUGH!

WILLPOWER and FURY turn to face Daniel.

I've had enough.

WILLPOWER moves next to DANIEL and sits on the couch her hand resting lightly on his shoulder.

I'm the reason we're stuck in this apartment.

TO FURY.

I've listened to you for far too long.

Turning to WILLPOWER.

I've listened to the both of you for far too long.

VOICEOVER

Mr.Harris!

FURY, WILLPOWER, and DANIEL all freeze.

Police! Open this door and with your arms up.

WILLPOWER

Daniel.

DANIEL

Yes?

WILLPOWER

It's time to go.

WILLPOWER motions to the door and DANIEL just stares.

FURY

No. Not now.

DANIEL

Yes.

Sirens are heard in the background. FURY stays standing, completely dumbfounded.

WILLPOWER and DANIEL share a look. FURY walks over to DANIEL with the gun.

WILLPOWER

Is this what you want?

DANIEL nods.

I still believe that you could DO better.

DANIEL

I know.

WILLPOWER

Are you scared?

DANIEL

Yes.

DANIEL, FURY, and WILLPOWER are all standing facing the door at this point. They all share a look. WILLPOWER lets out a deep breath. DANIEL walks to the front door. He stares at the door. WILLPOWER joins him and grabs his hand. They share a look. WILLPOWER unzips DANIEL's hoodie and then her own revealing her name. After a moment, FURY walks over and grabs DANIEL's shoulder and then unzips his hoodie revealing his name. They all look at the gun. He slowly raises his arm until the gun is at chest level with his finger resting on the trigger. The light fades.

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