

(Three actors -- two women, one man -- appear.)

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SCENE ONE **A New York City sidewalk**

(A HOMELESS MAN sits, leaning against a building, apparently out of it. AMANDA, a bubbly 20-something, and LYNN, somewhat older, enter. It's a beautiful spring night.)

LYNN

I walk by that place every day –

AMANDA

I know, it's easy not to notice it –

LYNN

Who would have guessed the food would be so good!

AMANDA

Everything they serve, everything I've ever had there –

LYNN

It was a great idea.

AMANDA & LYNN

Thank you.

AMANDA

(giggling a little) Thank you.

LYNN

Thanks.

(A pause.)

AMANDA

So this is your building.

LYNN

Yes, this is my building. Yes, it is. Yeah.

AMANDA

Do you want to –

LYNN
What?
AMANDA
Walk some more?
LYNN
(checking her watch) I can't, I have to – the sitter's waiting.

AMANDA
It's okay.
LYNN
It's just that it's my first time leaving Lizzie since we moved here.

AMANDA
It's okay.
(Another pause. AMANDA and LYNN spend a little time in each other's eyes. AMANDA leans in for a kiss; LYNN starts to go there but then pulls away.)

AMANDA
Oh!

LYNN
Sorry, I'm –

AMANDA
Sorry, that's okay, I thought –

LYNN
I thought so too.

AMANDA
But I guess not.

LYNN
I'm sorry. It's just – *(she stops talking)*

AMANDA
(sudden, a change of topic and tone) Have you noticed that your shoe's untied?

LYNN
Um, no, I hadn't seen that, thanks.

(As LYNN bends down to tie her shoe, her back to AMANDA, AMANDA takes off. LYNN stands again.)

LYNN (cont.)

Listen, I'm sorry – Amanda? Amanda? *(she looks around -- no sign of AMANDA)* Oh, my God. *(she wells up)*

HOMELESS MAN

Hey. You got any change for me tonight?

LYNN

I – Not tonight.

HOMELESS MAN

What's the matter? Your girlfriend just dump you?

LYNN

She's not my – we just met, she's not my girlfriend.

HOMELESS MAN

Oh. You got a boyfriend?

LYNN

(an outburst) I was – God, I was married to Robert for twelve years. When you've been stuck with Robert, some scars, they stay with you. I've never lived in New York, I have a daughter, I have parents, I have expectations. There are expectations when you've been married to Robert.

HOMELESS MAN

You're not married to Robert now.

LYNN

No, I'm not.

HOMELESS MAN

So gimme some money.