

TALLULAH

How dare you?

3 actors (2 women/1 man)
It can be adapted to 2 actors

Drama/Romantic

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**This scene can be adapted to 2 characters
(MARGOT and STEVEN).**

MARGOT is having lunch with his ex husband STEVEN, his new boyfriend and TALLULAH, who claims to be MARGOT and STEVEN's son's girlfriend. NICO is MARGOT and STEVEN's son.

TALLULAH has a newborn daughter.

TALLULAH
Where was Nico conceived?

STEVEN
Uh, that'd be a too personal question.

MARGOT
In my graduate school dorm room in the middle of midterm exams.

STEVEN
You're absolutely right.

Beat.

STEVEN
So Lu, I'm trying to chart your course. The last time you saw Nico was in Tennessee. We were traveling around the country. For how long?

TALLULAH
A couple of years.

STEVEN
Weren't you scared? With a baby?

MARGOT
They travel, Steven. It's what they do.

TALLULAH
Yeah, it was fun.

STEVEN
If it was so much fun, why did he leave?

TALLULAH
He just was, he said he was tired.

STEVEN

Oh, so you're in love, you're living in a van with a baby, and suddenly my son just decides to ditch his kid and what, walk back to New York?

TALLULAH

Well, he's probably hitchhiking.

MARGOT

Steven, what are you doing?

STEVEN

I'm trying to get it straight, Margo. I'm trying to find out what happened. What the fuck happened to our son? This, this is the last person who saw him alive. Doesn't that concern you?

MARGOT

Of course it concerns me.

STEVEN

Do you honestly believe any of this shit? That he would leave his child in the care of this girl? How do we, how do we even know that that kid is his?

MARGOT

For God's sake, Steven, people leave all the time.

STEVEN

He could be dead for all we know.

TALLULAH

He's definitely not dead.

MARGOT

Of course he's not dead.

STEVEN

Are you giving her money? Are you? Margo, this girl is a liar.

MARGOT

You're the liar. You're a liar and you're unkind. You just don't want to see her for what she is. Wow, 20 years of deception and all of a

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MARGOT (SEGUE)

sudden you're the fucking pope of honesty. I'm looking out for you. You don't get to be the hero. All our friends may think you did something brave but you cheated and you lied, and you fucked around, and you left. And now you get to have all of this. And I get to rot in that goddamn apartment in the middle of all your shit.

STEVEN

Well then move on. Sign the papers. Be done with it.

MARGOT

Why? Why? Because God forbid I make it hard for you as if it isn't hard enough being a faggot. You let me build this family on a lie. You let me make it my life and you knew. The whole time, that's what kills me. You knew.

STEVEN

Goddammit, you knew the whole time too. You knew. If we're really being honest here.

MARGOT

I loved you and I loved our family. And how dare you call someone else a liar? How dare you be mean to her? At least she has the balls to be who she really is.

MARGOT leaves with TALLULAH and her baby.