

THE WEDDING TRUTH

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INT. LIVING ROOM - EVENING

EVE, mid-20s, attractive and intimidating, and HANK, oblivious and handsome, sit in a loveseat.

SUE, late 50s, uptight, paces back and forth while on the phone, while BOB, mid 50s, aloof, stands near an opening while he holds a beer and stares at Sue.

MAX, late teens, lazy, lays on RAIN, also late teens, hippy.

Sue puts her phone away.

SUE

Bob, my lovely husband that I decided to marry instead of Joe from down the street...

BOB

Why you gotta say it like that?

SUE

Did you order the premium style flowers like I asked you to?

BOB

Uh. No.

SUE

Bob dammit, how many times do I have to tell you, you need to be serious about this, this needs to be the most extravagant wedding! I Will not have my daughter be wed in a shabby establishment. Now we have to look for another place to deliver premium flowers for the wedding tomorrow...damn it!

HANK

Sue, come on, we already have enough flowers ordered for the wedding, Eve and I are fine with what we have already.

SUE

Hank, I told you, call me 'mother' I mean, after all, you are marrying my daughter, we aren't strangers. Come one, try it!

HANK

Right now?

SUE
Yes, Now!

HANK
Uh...m-mother.

Sue squeals and pulls out her phone.

EVE
Ugh...

SUE
Alright, now I have to call the caterers to make sure they have everything set for tomorrow.

Max groans loudly and sits up from Rains lap.

MAX
Oh god! Can I just leave already! I hate this, you guys always do this, especially you mom!

SUE
Max, what are you talking about?

MAX
You said you had some BIG news to tell us and all we have been doing is watching you on the phone nonstop! Get on with it!

BOB
Hey, don't give us attitude.

SUE
Yeah, I can have you in this room for as long as I want, don't you dare think you can talk to me any type of way just 'cause your graduating high school.

MAX
Just tell us what the big news is. I'm sure Hank and Eve are tired too, plus I need my chakra re-arranged.

BOB
What the hell is a chakra?

RAIN
Well if you really want to know-

SUE
No...no Rain we do not want to know.

RAIN
But in order to rearrange your chakra you must need to-

SUE
Why are you even here?

MAX
She's my girlfriend, duh.

BOB
When did you get a girlfriend?

SUE
Bob, they've been together since freshman year.

She claps her hands.

SUE (CONT'D)
ALRIGHT! We have major things to talk about. Hank, Eve, we have everything ready for you tomorrow, we have booked your favorite singer to sing at the dinner, and now all we have to do is rehearse your vows!

Sue goes over to Hank and Eve and force them to stand up.

SUE (CONT'D)
Action!

HANK
Well, this is sudden...I Guess I will go first. Eve...ever since I laid eyes on you in law school, I could not have been a happier man. You took me into your heart, your lovely home, your father even gave me a job in his law firm. You and your family are pr-

Eve starts to move away from him slowly.

EVE
Stop. Just stop.

HANK
Eve?

Beat.

EVE
I cant do this, mom, dad, I cant do
this...I just *can't* do this
anymore!

SUE
Honey, what is wrong? Are you shy
or something?

EVE
No.

BOB
Emotional?

EVE
No...

MAX
Constipated?

EVE
Max!

RAIN
I have the perfect remedy for an
upset stomach, I call it the fluffy-

EVE
Shut up! Everyone just shut up!

Bob, Sue, and Hank gasp in unison. Max shakes his head.

SUE
What is up with you!

EVE
I thought I could do it, but I
can't anymore. I can't lie anymore.
I hate this.

MAX
Yeah I hate our parents too.

EVE
That's not what I-

Rain starts hugging max.

RAIN

Babe, remember, hate is all in the mind, its the consciousness trying to sway you from your own heart-

EVE

I like you Rain, but if you don't shut the fuck up...

Rain smiles awkwardly and in fear.

SUE

What is going on?

EVE

I...am in love with another man.

Beat.

HANK

Eve, you...

EVE

That's why I can't go through with this wedding.

SUE

You mean I planned this wedding for nothing? I spent money on the most extravagant things only for you to tell me that you don't want to get married to this perfectly, well behaved, and well established man? Are you saying that after all this time you couldn't have told me that you were thinking of leaving him!?

EVE

I told you plenty of times that I didn't want to have an *extravagant* wedding! In fact I told you I didn't want a wedding at all, but you had to go and do whatever you wanted no matter what!

Sue starts crying, Bob goes to console her.

SUE

(sobs)
My wedding gift.

BOB

Honey.

EVE

What do you mean, what did you do?

BOB

We...bought a house for you and Hank, that was the big surprise we were going to tell you tonight.

MAX

Whoa! What!?

Hank pulls Eve to the side.

HANK

Hold on, how in the world...

(whispers)

You said you were going to leave him. You said you wouldn't do this again...

Eve pulls away from.

EVE

I'm sorry, I just...

Eve leaves the living room in tears.

SUE

Eve! EVE! Come back here and lets talk about this!

Beat.

MAX

Soooooo...is this a bad time to say that even though I was accepted, I wont be going to Yale like dad, and that instead Rain and I are going to Montana and joining a commune.

Bob, Sue, and Hank turn to glare at Max.

RAIN

Oh, don't worry, it's a vegan one!