

A SERIOUS MAN

(COEN BROTHER FILM)

DON/LARRY

(OLDER MEN)

M/M

Danny

Ah!

Struck by a thought he leaps up and bolts from the room.

Larry

Danny! You weren't excused! We're still talking!

Sarah

What a brat.

Larry

What was this card game, Arthur?

Arthur

Some goys run a private game.

We hear the TV go on down the hall and the theme from *F Troop*.

... I think they're Italians.

Larry

Danny, what's going on!

He rises.

BEDROOM

Larry enters to look down at Danny's back. Beyond him *F Troop* flickers on the TV.

Larry

Danny! We're sitting *shiva*!

DON MILGRAM'S OFFICE

Larry, sitting across from Don, has his head buried in his arms on the desktop.

Don

She's retained Barney Silver at Tuchman, Marsh. This is a, uh—this is an aggressive firm, Larry.

Larry
(muffled)

Uh-huh.

Don
These are not pleasant people. Judith is free of course to retain whoever she. . . I take it you don't talk to her?

Larry raises his head, squinting against the light.

Larry
It's hard. I think she emptied our bank account. I tried to ask her about it, very civilly.

Don
Mm.

Larry
She, uh. . .

Don
Yeah, yeah you better open an account in your name only, put your paychecks in there from here on out. Til we know where we stand.

Larry
Can I?

Don
Oh, absolutely!

Larry
That's not, um, dishonest?

Don
Oh, absolutely! You, uh—

Larry
I hate to say this, but I think she's also been sneaking cash out of my wallet.

Don
Ouch. Well, yes, this is definitely, um, adversarial. The

first thing we—are you all right?

Larry is wincing as he rubs a forearm under his shirtsleeve.

Larry
Just a sunburn. I've been spending a lot of time on the
roof. For . . . perspective.

He trails off and his head drops back down onto his arms. Don gives him an appraising look.

Don
. . . Have you seen the Rabbi?

Larry
(muffled again)
Talked to Nachtner.

Don
You should talk to Minda.

Larry
They told me Minda doesn't do pastoral work any more.
Just . . . ceremonial.

Don
Mm. Congratulates the bar mitzvah boy every week, so
forth?

Larry nods miserably.

. . . That's too bad. A very wise man, Minda.

Larry raises his head.

Larry
Getting old.

Don
Very old.

Larry
No, me.