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BOB
Is there a blessing for ice tream?

She raises her cup.

SARAH

Cheers.

BOB

L'chaim.

EXT. NEIGHBORHOOD SIDEWALK - NIGHT

Sarah and Bob are walking down the street, talking and eating ice cream.

Starts

SARAH So...Have you always been an actor?

BOB

It's all I ever wanted to do. What do you do?

SARAH

I teach kindergarten.

BOB

No kidding. I remember kindergarten. I got straight A's in sandbox.

SARAH

I have one little boy who likes to play in the sandbox. His father is an architect. He hires the other children to build sand castles for him.

BOB

So, kindergarten, huh? You 11ke it?

SARAH

You sound like my mother. She always says, "Sarah is so smart. They should let her teach a higher grade." Anyway...Yes, kindergarten is my preference. I don't have to spend all my time on academics. I can give the children more individual attention. Work on their emotional development.

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SARAH (CONT'D)

So maybe they won't end up as screwed up as the rest of us.

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BOB

You think we're all screwed up?

SARAH

I don't know. I look at the children in my classroom. They're so open. So...free. I don't remember ever being that free.

BOB

What would make you feel that free?

SARAH

I don't know. If I could do one thing that was just for me. Without worrying about how my parents will feel about it. That would be...wow.

BOB

I think your parents are great.

SARAH

I love my parents. They've sacrificed their whole life for me. But they expect me to sacrifice my whole life for them.

EXT. SARAH'S APARTMENT BUILDING - NIGHT - CONTINUING

Sarah and Bob have returned to Sarah's building and sit on the front steps.

BOE

Remember the story I told before? The one that was on the radio?

SARAH

Yeah.

BOB

I wish I had a father like that.

My father and I never got along.

He hated that I wanted to be an actor. We used to have these awful bust-out, knock-down arguments.

But you want to hear something wild?

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Bob #2

BOB (CONT'D)

Whenever my dad and I would have an argument, the next time I saw him...he'd have bought me a new pair of shoes. Just like that. I'd see him and he'd say, "Here. Here's some shoes." And the bigger the argument, the more expensive the shoes. It used to drive me crazy. I could never figure out .. Why shoes? It finally occurred to me that it was his way of telling me that he, no matter what, he still loved me and that everything was okay. But, boy, you should see my closet. One suit and twentyseven pairs of wingtips.

SARAM Where is your father?

BOB Both my parents are dead.

Ch. I'm sorry.

BOB

That's why I envy you. The only family I have are whatever people I happen to be working on a show with at any given time. My life is very...transitory.

They sit in silence for a moment.

SARAH

You know, I was going to tell you, a woman I went to school with is a director with Milwaukee Rep. Have you ever worked there?

No, but I'd like to.

SARAH I'll tell her to look out for you.

BOB Appreciate it.

SARAH My pleasure. (pause) (MORE)



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