

A BABY VOICED WOMAN (45) next to Charlotte overhears.

BABY VOICED WOMAN

Isn't it?

They look over at her.

BABY VOICED WOMAN (CONT'D)

I thought it was just sad for me 'cause I know her. But it's really sad, huh? And it's funny cause they were so happy.

SAMANTHA

... Till they weren't

BABY VOICED WOMAN

I know, right? We all told her to get married -- but she didn't want to push him. He'd been married three other times. So, she let it ride and then she came home one night and he had locked her out. She didn't even have anywhere to live. After ten years. Such a shame. She was a smart girl till she fell in love.

Carrie catches Miranda's eye in the mirror, looks away.

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INT. BIG'S SUBLET/KITCHEN -- NIGHT -- SUMMER

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Big takes a bright red lobster out of a pot of hot water with tongs. He places it next to another cooked lobster. He walks to the cooking island where Carrie sits; sipping wine.

BIG

The creatures are ready. Just gonna sit there?

CARRIE

I'm not sitting, I'm thinking.

BIG

Here. Husk and think.

He winks -- puts two ears of corn in front of her, then starts chopping tomatoes.

CARRIE

I'm thinking I'm going to sell my apartment and put the money towards heaven on Fifth.

BIG

Why? You love your place.

CARRIE

I know but --

BIG

But what?

CARRIE

We're together ever night -- so I'm basically paying a mortgage on a glorified closet.

BIG

You write there. It's your office.

CARRIE

There's plenty of room at the new place and -- besides.. I want to make us -- a life there. I want it to be ours.

BIG

It is ours. I bought it for us.

CARRIE

And that's so amazing --but you bought it, so it's really your place. And -- if anything were to happen...

BIG

What's going to happen?

CARRIE

I have to be smart here. I mean, we're not married and I'd have no legal rights to... this home that I built... with you.

Silence. He thinks. Chops. She husks.

BIG

Did you want to get married?

CARRIE

I didn't think it was an option.

BIG

Well, Mr. Bradshaw, what if it was an option?

She hits him with a husk. He smiles.

CARRIE

Well, people are always assuming we are.

BIG

And you know what happens when people assume. They make an ass out of who?

CARRIE

You and me.

He smiles. She smiles. Chop. Chop.

BIG

What do you think, kid?

CARRIE

Why -- Do you want to get married?

BIG

Well, I wouldn't mind be married to you. Would you mind being married to me?

CARRIE

No, if that's what you want. Is that what you want?

BIG

I want you. So. Okay.

CARRIE

Okay. Really? We're getting married.

BIG

We're getting married.

(Beat)

Should we get you a diamond?

CARRIE

No, please, don't get me a diamond.

(Beat; then)

Get me a really big closet.

BIG

Deal.

He puts out his hand. She takes it and they shake.

BIG (CONT'D)

But... You gotta do better on that
corn. Look at all the stuff left on
there.

She looks down at her corn, he's right. She nods.