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**DAMAGES:** Season 2 Ep.10 "Uh Oh Out Comes The Skeletons"

INT: Upscale Dining Restaurant/Day

(Father sipping wine/hand is a little shaky/small talk ensues/not comfortable for either party scenario)

Claire:

How has retirement been?

Father:

Quiet.

Claire:

Quiet's good.

Father

Most of the time. Of course, it wouldn't be so quiet if I had some grandchildren.

Claire

You know, if you wanted grandkids, dad, you should have had more than one kid yourself.  
It was a bad idea to put all your eggs in one basket.

Father:

Your mother didn't want any more.

Claire:

That's 'cause she was depressed.

Father:

That's nonsense.

Claire

What do you know? You were overseas most of the time.

Father:

I knew her, claire. Don't try to tell me I didn't know her.

Claire

Well, I had to live with her, and she was depressed, because, instead of going out into the world and accomplishing something, she had to raise me

(father takes another sip of wine/hand a little shaky....Claire watches...uncomfortable silence...)

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Claire: Continued:

I'm sorry you don't have grandchildren, dad. I truly am. I guess there just wasn't enough time.

Father:

Time?

Claire:

You know, the irony of this is that you're the one who pushed me to go to law school.

Father:

Time doesn't have anything to do with it. Either you want kids or you don't...

Claire:

I'm the lead counsel for one of the biggest energy companies in the world.  
You know how many women can say that? One. Me.

Father:

Yeah...But what do you have to look forward to, claire? (takes another sip of wine)

Claire:

I have to get back to work. (gets purse & takes out money to put on table & gets up)  
thank you for coming in town for my party.

Father:

You're Leaving?

Claire:

Yes...And I think you've had enough wine...see you dad (Claire Kisses dad goodbye)

Claire Exits...