

JULIE HAS JUST ASKED HER HUSBAND  
FOR THE MONEY HE SAID HE HAD  
INVESTED FOR HER. HE SAID  
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ACT 2

(Lights up on Bistro.)

JULIE: What's the problem?

CHUCK: There's no problem

JULIE: Then why do you look like I've just asked for a kidney (beat) Are you worried about money Chuck?

CHUCK: Who *isn't* worried about money Jules?

JULIE: Yes but are you worried about *our* money?

CHUCK: No

JULIE: You said things are going really well

CHUCK: They are

(JULIE is thinking, she sits and looks at CHUCK.)

JULIE: How many clients do you have? Actual clients Chuck?

CHUCK: Well if the one this afternoon pans out —

JULIE: — Not *potential* clients...actual clients

CHUCK: I don't know, I'd have to look

JULIE: You don't know how many clients you have?

CHUCK: Not off hand no

JULIE: Thirty?

CHUCK: (Blows out air while he thinks) Oh boy uh...I dunno...twenty five

JULIE: Twenty five?

CHUCK: Twenty yeah, maybe twenty

JULIE: Twenty? Okay you have twenty clients

CHUCK: Yeah, I mean obviously more would be better

JULIE: Obviously. So you don't want to go into *our* savings... which is mostly *my* savings, *my* investments that you *assured me are doing very well*... because you're not doing as well as you thought leaves me more than a little confused

CHUCK: Yeah but — For the first little while until things took off, remember?

JULIE: I was under the impression they took off

CHUCK: It's still —

JULIE: It's been two years

CHUCK: I didn't know you were going to rush out and buy a business!

(*Bear.*)

JULIE: Are you struggling, you told me you were doing great... you said things were really picking up

CHUCK: They are!

JULIE: Jesus Christ, I just bought a business on the... you told me things were going really well

CHUCK: Jesus Jules you think I'm going to be struggling for ever... look, this spot I'm doing, if it gets picked up —

JULIE: So you *are* struggling?

CHUCK: Like I said, if this spot gets picked up, who knows —

JULIE: — I don't care about the spot right now Chuck. Why didn't you say anything??

CHUCK: I just mean if the right people see it, then who knows what or where this could go

JULIE: They have you on for two minutes once a month!

**CHUCK:** This might just be the chance to really get something going! If I land something like that, then who knows where it leads

**JULIE:** Chuck, I'm taking about right now..okay...what we are living right now. (*collecting herself*) Are you worried about transferring money from our savings because things are slow right now?

**CHUCK:** I went and got my goddamn licence just to...once I get a good clientele base

**JULIE:** Chuck

**CHUCK:** You know? Then things really start to —

**JULIE:** STOP IT! (*calming down*) Just..stop it. Are you worried about transferring money from our savings?

**CHUCK:** You think I WANT to be sitting through dinners listening to some guy drone on about raising money for some plaque or some fucking thing??

**JULIE:** Chuck!

**CHUCK:** What?

**JULIE:** (*Very serious and very worried*) Tell me right now...that our savings are still there, I don't even care if they are doing well or not well...just that they are still there

**CHUCK:** It's been —

**JULIE:** Tell me the money, my money —

**CHUCK:** — So now it's *your* money

**JULIE:** What?

(*Pause.*)

**JULIE:** Tell me we still have our savings

(*CHUCK says nothing.*)

**JULIE:** Oh God...(*quietly as it sinks in*) Oh god

**CHUCK:** I had to move things around