

It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia  
"The Gang Digs for Gold"

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INT. PADDY'S PUB - DAY

FRANK and DENNIS take inventory of the bar as DEE walks in.

DEE

I can't believe it- our cousin  
Larry is getting married!

DENNIS

That loser? How'd he get a girl?

DEE

He didn't. He's marrying another  
guy -and Aunt Dottie gave him ten  
grand as a wedding present!

DENNIS

Ew! That's so unfair! Why doesn't  
she ever give us free cash?

DEE

I know! It's like we're being  
penalized for being hot and single!

DENNIS

If anything, we should get rewarded  
for NOT getting married.

DEE

Half of all marriages end in  
divorce anyway!

DENNIS

I'll NEVER get married.

DEE

It's so unfair! We haven't had a  
handout since graduation. We're  
about due!

FRANK

Will you two shut up? You act like  
you're not gonna get a ton of cash  
when you tie the knot.

DENNIS

What do you mean?

FRANK

Your Aunt has ten grand in an account for each of you. She's just waiting for you idiots to start dysfunctional families of your own to hand it over.

DEE

So if we get married, she'll just give us money?

FRANK

Yeah, but marriage is a TERRIBLE idea! Remember what happened to me? Your mother took everything.

DEE

I dunno... ten grand is a lot of money. Maybe being single isn't so great after all...

DENNIS

I'm tired of being a bachelor. I'm ready to settle down.

FRANK

Don't be stupid. At least wait until you're older and wiser.

DEE

So we can get old and wrinkly like you? No thanks.

DENNIS

Think about what we could do with that money now!

DEE

I could get a new car!

DENNIS

I could get a new wardrobe.

FRANK

Do what you want, but I'll be there to laugh at you when it all falls apart and you lose everything.

Frank heads to the office.

DENNIS

Thanks for your support, Dad!

DEE

We should find someone quick. I could really use that money.

DENNIS

Who do we know that's desperate enough to marry an old maid like you?

DEE

What are you talking about? We're the exact same age!

DENNIS

Yeah, but I've aged a lot better than you. You're past prime marrying age.

DEE

I am NOT an old maid! I'll be engaged WAY before you.

DENNIS

Not likely.

DEE

You wanna make a bet? Fifty bucks!

DENNIS

You're on, old maid!

CHARLIE walks in, wearing a trash bag and holding a plunger.

CHARLIE

Hey guys, I've never seen a toilet that clogged. I give up -we need to call a professional.

Dennis and Dee both stare at Charlie.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

How do you even clog a toilet that much? It's like they forced the shit in with a battering ram.

DEE

Will you marry me, Charlie?

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DEE

C'mon, Charlie! It's not real,  
it's just for money! Plus, it'll  
help our acting skills!

CHARLIE

But you're Dennis' sister. That's  
like, against the "dude code".

DENNIS

That's right -it could put a  
serious rift between us.

Dennis smiles smugly at Dee.

DENNIS (CONT'D)

I've got an idea! Why don't you  
marry ME instead? Then WE can  
split the money!

DEE

But gay marriage isn't even legal  
in this state.

DENNIS

That didn't stop Aunt Dottie from  
giving Larry cash. We don't need  
the state's approval, just hers.

CHARLIE

I don't know, it just sounds  
kinda...

DENNIS

Gay? It's not -it's just a way for  
us to make extra some cash. You  
are my best bro, after all.

Charlie lights up.

CHARLIE

Really? I'm your best bro?

DENNIS

You bet. The BEST.

CHARLIE

Wow. I feel honored!

DEE

You're my best bro too, Charlie.

DENNIS  
Girls can't be best bro's.

DEE  
Can so!

CHARLIE  
Not really. Bros before hoes.

DENNIS  
Whattaya say, Charlie?

CHARLIE  
How much money are we talking about  
again?

DENNIS  
Ten grand.

CHARLIE  
Then yes -I do!

DEE  
You've gotta be kidding!

Mac walks in.

MAC  
What's up, bitches?

DEE  
Charlie and Dennis are getting  
married -to each other. THAT'S  
what's up!

MAC  
Ew! When did you two turn gay?

DENNIS  
Why? Are you homophobic?

MAC  
Yes! I AM afraid -because gay  
marriage is destroying this  
country!

CHARLIE  
Gimme a break!

DENNIS  
How so?

MAC

Because it's not natural, and it goes against God, that's why! What's next? Are people gonna start marrying cats and dogs?

DENNIS

Relax. It's just for show so we can get wedding money from my Aunt Dottie.

DEE

You should marry ME, so we can get a cut too!

MAC

When did you all become gold diggers?

Frank yells out from the office.

FRANK (O.S.)

They take after their mother.

DEE

C'mon, Mac! I'll split it with you!

MAC

No way. Marriage is a sacred institution, and I'm not gonna cheapen it by marrying you for a quick buck. You guys make me sick!

Mac storms out.

DENNIS

See that? The thought of marrying you makes him sick.

DEE

Whatever. I'm smart. I'm hot. I'll find someone else.

DENNIS

Sure. Lots of guys are into Amazon women.

DEE

I am NOT an Amazon woman.

CHARLIE

You're a LITTLE bit Amazonian, but lots of guys are into that.

(MORE)

CHARLIE (CONT'D)  
They have entire clubs for Big  
Beautiful Women!

DENNIS  
Actually, BBW clubs are for fat  
chicks, not tall chicks. Dee's  
fat, but not fat enough.

DEE  
I am NOT fat!

CHARLIE  
Sorry, Dee. I guess you're on your  
own.

DENNIS  
Hey -don't we have some work to do  
for the wedding?

CHARLIE  
Let's go!

Dennis and Charlie head towards the door.

DEE  
What about the broken toilet?

DENNIS  
Just go to Home Depot and pick up a  
migrant worker to take care of it.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. STREET - DAY

Dennis and Charlie walk out of a ring store and try on their  
new wedding bands.

DENNIS  
How does it feel?

CHARLIE  
Awesome! I feel so confident -like  
I'm wanted!

A hot girl walks by and checks Charlie out.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)  
Did you see that? She totally just  
eye-banged me!

DENNIS

It's the ring -they see it and they think you're unavailable, so they want you even more!

CHARLIE

This is awesome!

Mac approaches, walking a dog.

MAC

What's up, ladies? Making a mockery out of marriage, I see.

DENNIS

Who let you walk their dog?

MAC

Actually, it's MY dog now. And guess what? We're getting married!

CHARLIE

What? Dude, that's sick!

DENNIS

You can't marry a dog!

CHARLIE

It totally goes against nature.

DENNIS

It's disgusting!

MAC

I don't see how it's any different than what you guys are doing.

CHARLIE

What? It's bestiality! That shit is illegal!

MAC

So is gay marriage. And you should talk -you have a whole drawer of bestiality videos at home!

CHARLIE

True...

DENNIS

Why do you care so much about what we do? We're not hurting anyone. Besides, gay people should have the same rights as anyone else.

Dennis leans down to pet the dog.

DENNIS (CONT'D)  
Isn't that right, puppy dog?

Mac yanks on the chain, pulling the dog away.

MAC  
Dude, don't do that.

DENNIS  
What?

MAC  
She's not your property. I don't  
go sticking my hands all over  
Charlie!

DENNIS  
You're just jealous because you  
don't have a rich Aunt like me.  
C'mon, Charlie. Let's see if these  
rings work to get us girls.

Dennis and Charlie walk away.

DENNIS (CONT'D)  
Have fun with your bitch!

MAC  
Dude! Right in front of her?! Not  
cool!

CUT TO:

INT. PADDY'S PUB BATHROOM - DAY

Dee watches JUAN (MEXICAN, 33) fix the toilet.

DEE  
I can't believe you fixed it so  
fast! I wish I had a guy like you  
around all the time!

JUAN  
Gracias, Seniorita. It is my  
pleasure to help you.

DEE  
You speak such great English! Why  
are you doing this grunt work?

JUAN  
It's kinda hard to find a good job  
without a green card.

Dee's eyes light up.

DEE  
Really?

CUT TO:

INT. PADDY'S PUB BAR - DAY

Dennis and Charlie plays video games as Frank drinks a beer.  
Mac sits in the corner, petting the dog.

FRANK  
Why you don't just get mail-order  
brides like regular sleaze-balls?  
Then at least you'd get some exotic  
sex slaves to bang.

DENNIS  
Yeah, but that's so much paperwork.

Dee and Juan walk in. Juan walks over to the back of the bar  
and starts cleaning.

FRANK  
Who's the Mexican?

DEE  
Oh, that's Juan. He fixed our  
toilet, he'll be sticking around to  
do some odd jobs.

CHARLIE  
Sweet!

Juan walks away and starts cleaning in the distance.

DEE  
And he's gonna marry me so I can  
get the money from Aunt Dottie.

DENNIS  
How long have you known this guy?

DEE  
An hour, maybe.

MAC

You can't go marry an illegal immigrant just so you can get wedding money!

DEE

Why not? It's win-win. He gets citizenship, and I get cash!

FRANK

I think it's a great idea. Foreigners make great spouses, 'cause you can always deport 'em if they give you lip.

MAC

But illegal immigrants are a burden to our system! They take jobs away from hardworking dumb Americans like Charlie.

Charlie is entranced by his video games.

CHARLIE

That's cool with me, yo.

MAC

You know how much we would be fined if we got caught with him?

Dennis plugs some numbers into a calculator.

DENNIS

But if we DON'T get caught, we could save a lot of money.

FRANK

He's got a point.

MAC

I can't believe you guys are doing this. Marriage isn't just about financial gain!

FRANK

Marriage is ONLY about financial gain. Just ask my ex-wife! Oh wait -

Frank looks to the heavens.

FRANK (CONT'D)

That's right -she's dead!

DEE

Why are you telling everyone how to live their lives? I'm tired of you shoving your moral values down our throats.

CHARLIE

Yeah, didn't you say you were gonna marry your dog or something?

FRANK

You married your dog?!!

The dog is puking in the corner.

FRANK (CONT'D)

What's wrong with her, anyway?

MAC

Aww, dude! I gotta take her to the vet!

DEE

Not until you clean that up.

MAC

That's Charlie work!

CHARLIE

My job was stolen, remember?

DEE

Looks like we might need Juan around to do the jobs that Americans won't do!

MAC

Fine, he can stay and do our dirty work. But if we caught, it's YOUR problem, not mine.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. COFFEE SHOP - DAY

Charlie walks over to the waitress.

CHARLIE

Hey, what's up?

WAITRESS

What do you want, Charlie?

CHARLIE

I'll take one of those...

Charlie points at some brownies, trying to show off his ring. The waitress sees it, but does not react.

WAITRESS

Two bucks.

CHARLIE

Sure thing.

Charlie hands her the money, again trying to show off his ring. She ignores it and hands him the brownie.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

Did you hear I'm getting married?

WAITRESS

That's great, Charlie.

CHARLIE

Yep. Completely off the market. .

The waitress ignores him and starts cleaning.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

Technically, I'm not married YET, so I could totally get together sometime if you ever wanted to...

She stares at him coldly.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

So speak now or forever hold your peace!

CUT TO:

EXT. COFFEE SHOP - DAY

Charlie walks out of the coffee shop and walks up to Dennis.

DENNIS

How'd it go?

CHARLIE

Not good. She didn't get jealous at all!

DENNIS

You're not supposed to SHOW her the ring. You just secretly wear it when you talk to her.

CHARLIE

How does that work?

DENNIS

It's a confidence booster -like stuffing your crotch. You don't run around TELLING girls about it, you just feel more confident.

CHARLIE

You stuff your crotch?

DENNIS

Uh, no, I don't need to. Watch - I'll show you how it's done.

Dennis walks into the coffee shop.

CUT TO:

INT. VETERINARIAN'S OFFICE - DAY

Mac sits in DR. WERNER'S office with the dog.

MAC

What's wrong with her, doc?

DR. WERNER

Nothing's WRONG with her. She's pregnant. That's why she's been so sick.

Mac looks afraid.

MAC

How is that even possible? I can't handle this...

DR. WERNER

It's not the end of the world.

MAC

Can't you do some sort of doggie abortion or something?

DR. WERNER

That's not really what we do here.

Mac buries his face in his hands.

MAC

Oh, God. I never should have had sex with her.

DR. WERNER

(didn't hear) Excuse me?

MAC

Uh... just kidding! I didn't bang my own dog or anything. Haha! I would never do that.

DR. WERNER

(offended) Excuse me?

MAC

I mean, it's not even possible for me to get my dog pregnant. Right? (beat) Right?!!

DR. WERNER

Are you telling me that you had sex with that animal?

MAC

Of course not! No! That would be crazy. I was just joking around.

DR. WERNER

Good. I thought I was going to have to call Animal Cruelty.

MAC

But just out of curiosity -Dogs and humans can't have puppies together, right?

Dr. Werner stares at Mac.

MAC (CONT'D)

Right?!!

CUT TO:

INT. COFFEE SHOP - DAY

Dennis walks in with his hands in his pockets. The waitress smiles when she sees him.

WAITRESS

Dennis! How are you?!

DENNIS

Oh. Hey. Small skim caramel  
macchiato.

WAITRESS

Uh, sure...

The waitress makes him a latte.

WAITRESS (CONT'D)

I haven't seen you in forever. I  
thought you were avoiding me.

DENNIS

No, I've just been busy.

WAITRESS

Well, maybe we can hang out  
sometime?

DENNIS

Yeah. Sure. Whatever.

WAITRESS

Really? Wow, how 'bout Friday?

Dennis winks at Charlie through the window. Charlie is  
visibly upset and making hand motions to stop.

DENNIS

Ooh, Friday nights are no good for  
me. I'm supposed to hang with the  
wife that night.

He shows her the ring.

WAITRESS

You're MARRIED?

DENNIS

Yeah, I guess Friday's out, huh?

WAITRESS

Oh. Maybe some other time then...  
When she isn't around. It can be  
our little... secret...

DENNIS

REALLY?!

CUT TO:

INT. CHARLIE'S APARTMENT HALLWAY - DAY

Mac pounds on Charlie's door with the dog at his heel. Frank opens.

FRANK  
Whattaya want?

MAC  
I'm in big trouble, man. You gotta help me! Can you keep a secret?

FRANK  
You kill someone? I'll get the shovel.

MAC  
No, worse. My dog is pregnant, and I think I might be the father.

FRANK  
Ooh, this is GOOD... Hahaha!

MAC  
Don't laugh, man. I'm serious!

FRANK  
You actually banged your dog?

MAC  
It's not like I planned it or anything! We were just cuddling, and one thing led to another...

FRANK  
You didn't even wear a condom?

MAC  
We didn't have any on us. C'mon, man, help me! I can't be the father to a bunch of man-puppies.

Mac holds out a coat hanger.

MAC (CONT'D)  
Please?

FRANK  
No way man! I'm not giving a dog a coat-hanger abortion!

MAC  
Then what do we do?

FRANK  
We KILL the dog!

MAC  
What? No way!

FRANK  
What's the big deal? People kill dogs all the time! They take 'em to the vet and put 'em to sleep!

MAC  
I can't afford that! I already spent \$200 at the vet today. Plus, I think he might be on to me.

FRANK  
Then we'll kill her the old fashioned way... Let's get Dee's car.

CUT TO:

INT. PADDY'S PUB - DAY

Juan mops the floor as Dee reads a bridal magazine. Dennis and Charlie walk in the door.

CHARLIE  
How could you do that to me?

DENNIS  
I already banged her anyway, what's the big deal?

CHARLIE  
You know I love that girl! A good friend wouldn't do that to their best bro.

DENNIS  
Alright! I'll call off the affair. It's not my fault the ring made her want me even more.

Dee looks up from her bridal magazine. Dennis and Charlie walk to the back and play video games.

DEE  
You guys got rings?

DENNIS  
Yeah.

Dee glares at Juan.

DEE

I want one!

JUAN

Why? You said yourself that this was a sham marriage.

DEE

We still need to make it look real! Dennis and Charlie got rings, and they're not even really getting married. Most guys spend two months salary on their rings.

JUAN

That's a lot of money...

DEE

You ARE getting citizenship out of the deal. And I AM risking prison for you.

JUAN

Uh... okay, I'll get you one.

DEE

Well don't just stand there! Go!

Juan walks out the door as Mac runs in.

MAC

Dee -I need to borrow your car.

DEE

What? Why?

MAC

Just let me use it, or I'm telling the cops about your sham marriage.

DEE

Are you threatening me?

MAC

I don't have time for this nonsense. Give me the car!

DEE

Fine. Take it. I'll be buying a new one soon anyway.

Dee hands him the keys.

MAC

Later, bitches!

Mac runs out the door. DETECTIVE MELVIN (40's), a tall, muscular man walks in with a couple of goons.

DETECTIVE MELVIN

So, this is Paddy's, huh? Who's in charge here?

DEE

That would be me. What can I get ya, handsome?

DETECTIVE MELVIN

We got an anonymous tip that you've got some illegal immigrants working here. Mind if I look around?

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT ONE

INT. PADDY'S PUB - DAY

Detective Melvin and his goons look around the bar. Dennis and Dee whispers to each other.

DENNIS

Juan is SO outta here!

DEE

But I already told Aunt Dottie about the weddings. He even went to get me a ring!

DENNIS

But if we get caught, we'll get fined and lose all the wedding money. It's not worth it!

DEE

But once we do the paperwork, he wont' be illegal anymore.

DENNIS

That could take over a year. What'll we do 'til then?

DEE

Can't we just hide him in the basement?

Detective Melvin walks over to them again.

DETECTIVE MELVIN

Looks like you're all legit. I guess it was a false tip.

DEE

Totally!

DETECTIVE MELVIN

Just remember -the city is cracking down on places that employ ilegal immigrants. If you get caught with one, you could face a big fine.

CUT TO:

EXT. STREET - NIGHT

Mac holds the dog on a leash, with a steak in the other hand. Frank revs the engine to Dee's car about a hundred feet away.

MAC  
Whenever you're ready!

Mac throws the steak into the street. The dog runs after it.

FRANK  
Here goes!

Frank slams the gas and speeds towards the dog. Mac spots two cute blondes smiling at him, BETH and CHERYL.

MAC  
Hello ladies...

The dog yelps as Frank runs over it. The girls run over. Mac doesn't even look under the car. Frank gets out.

MAC (CONT'D)  
Oh my God! Oh my God! What have you done?!

BETH  
Is your doggie okay?

MAC  
You MONSTER! Why don't you watch where you're going?!

FRANK  
Sorry, sir. It was so dark -I couldn't see!

MAC  
That dog was all I had, and she's DEAD now. Dead!

Mac pretends to cry.

CHERYL  
You poor baby, are you alright?

MAC  
I was training her to be a seeing eye dog for blind orphans!

BETH  
That's so kind of you. You poor thing!

MAC  
Just stay with me for a moment. I don't want to be alone...

Mac pretends to cry even harder. The girls rub his back. Mac winks at Frank. Frank gives him the thumbs up.

CHERYL

Wait! I think your doggie is okay!

MAC

Huh?

The dog emerges from underneath the car unscathed. The girls abandon Mac to pet the dog.

BETH

You're such a cute little puppy wuppidy, aren't you!

CHERYL

You had us so scared!

MAC

Great. She's alive. I guess that's good news for all those blind orphans.

Mac glares at Frank. The girls ignore him and keep petting the dog.

BETH

You're such a good girl! Yes you are! Yes you are!

CHERYL

I love you sweetie!

MAC

Maybe we can all get dinner later?

SANDY

You're the best doggie in the whole world! Yes you are! Yes you ARE!

The dog loves the attention and smiles at Mac -it seems to be mocking him.

MAC

You know what? I think we should go. We've been through enough.

Mac yanks on the dog leash.

BETH

What's your problem?

MAC

It's just been a long day, and I think we should go. C'mon, Frank. Drive us home.

FRANK

Sure thing, buddy.

Mac, Frank and the dog hop into Dee's car.

CHERYL

You know this guy?

FRANK

You didn't have to call me a monster in front of the girls.

CUT TO:

INT. DENNIS' APARTMENT - NIGHT

Dennis and the waitress are half naked, making out.

DENNIS

Lets make this quick. My wife could be home any minute.

WAITRESS

It's so much hotter knowing we could get caught...

She kisses his back. Dennis makes a nasty face.

DENNIS

What are you doing?

WAITRESS

Kissing your back...

Dennis looks at the clock.

DENNIS

Uh, we don't really have time for foreplay right now. It's gotta be a quickie, 'kay?

WAITRESS

Uh, sorry...

Someone bangs on the door. Dennis looks surprised.

DENNIS

Weird. Who could that be?

WAITRESS

Your wife?

DENNIS

Oh, right. I guess you should hide  
or something.

WAITRESS

Why is she knocking?

The waitress hides in the closet. The banging continues.

DENNIS

Just a minute!

Dennis opens the door -it is Charlie.

DENNIS (CONT'D)

Charlie! What are you doing here?

CHARLIE

We were supposed to go out tonight,  
remember? Why didn't you answer  
your phone?

DENNIS

Battery must be dead. I'll meet  
you downstairs in a few minutes.

Charlie notices the waitress' dress on the ground and pushes  
his way inside.

CHARLIE

What is that?

DENNIS

That? Oh, that's Dee's.

CHARLIE

The waitress is here, isn't she?  
I'd recognize that dress anywhere.

DENNIS

No! I swear!

Charlie starts searching the room for her.

CHARLIE

Don't lie. Dee could never fit  
into that.

DENNIS

Why don't you trust me?

Charlie opens up the closet door and sees the waitress standing there half naked.

WAITRESS

Hi Charlie.

CHARLIE

Wow... you look great!

CUT TO:

INT. DEE'S CAR - NIGHT

Frank drives Mac and the dog back to the bar.

MAC

Those girls would've totally pity-banged me if you didn't screw up.

FRANK

Don't blame me -the dog moved!

MAC

Lets try this again -pay more attention this time.

FRANK

I got a better idea. Lets enter her into a dogfight!

MAC

That's wrong on so many levels.

FRANK

Why? A minute ago you wanted me to run it over! At least this way we could make some money.

MAC

How would we even find one?

FRANK

What about Dee's Mexican friend Jose? I bet he'll know.

MAC

Just because he's Mexican he'll know of a dogfighting ring? That's so racist.

FRANK

But Mexicans LOVE dogfighting!  
It's like the national sport over  
there.

MAC

It's also illegal -not to mention  
immoral.

FRANK

Running over the dog is better?  
At least this way we might make a  
few bucks if she wins.

MAC

Maybe I should just let her loose  
in the wild. They won't be able to  
link the man-puppies to me, right?

Frank pulls over.

FRANK

That dog isn't carrying your  
children, you idiot!

MAC

It's not?

FRANK

No! It's genetically impossible!

MAC

Why didn't you tell me?

FRANK

It was too much fun watching you  
freak out about it! I had no idea  
you were so stupid!

MAC

Then why did you try to kill her!

FRANK

I missed on purpose -I just wanted  
to watch you freak out about it!

MAC

Then how did she get pregnant?

FRANK

She probably banged another dog.

MAC

She cheated on me? That bitch is  
DEAD!

CUT TO:

INT. DENNIS' APARTMENT - NIGHT

Charlie gawks as he watches the waitress gets dressed.

WAITRESS

I think I should go.

CHARLIE

No, wait -hang out!

The waitress runs out the door.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

Why do you always do this to me?  
You know I love that girl!

DENNIS

I'm sorry, I couldn't help myself!  
I knew I could bang her with no  
strings attached. Since she thinks  
I'm married, she won't expect me to  
call or take her out or anything.  
I won't do it again.

CHARLIE

You expect me to believe you? You  
already lied once.

DENNIS

But she meant nothing to me!

CHARLIE

Sometimes I think our friendship  
means nothing to you.

DENNIS

C'mon, Charlie!.

CHARLIE

I'm calling the fake marriage off.  
It was a bad idea anyway. I  
should've married Dee.

DENNIS

But... what about the money?

CHARLIE

You can find someone else to marry you. And while you're at it, you can find yourself a new best bro.

Charlie storms out.

CHARLIE (O.S.) (CONT'D)

And I'm keeping the ring!

CUT TO:

INT. PADDY'S PUB - NIGHT

Dee and Juan sit at the bar in Paddy's pub. Juan pulls out a diamond ring and offers it to her.

JUAN

For you, señorita.

DEE

Oh, Juan... I'm so sorry. This isn't gonna work...

JUAN

What? Why?

DEE

This whole immigration thing just isn't working out for me.

JUAN

But you said-

DEE

-I just realized that all that paperwork could take forever. And I need somebody to marry me NOW - not forever.

JUAN

I spent all my savings on this ring!

DEE

Just return it!

JUAN

It can't. I got it from the second-hand store, and they don't take returns.

DEE  
You got me a USED ring? You jerk!

JUAN  
You're out of your mind.

Mac and Frank storm in.

MAC  
Dee! We need your Mexican friend  
for something!

DEE  
Take him. I don't even want to  
look at him anymore.

Frank grabs him by the shoulder.

FRANK  
You're coming with us.

CUT TO:

INT. PADDY'S PUB BACK ROOM - NIGHT

Mac and Frank interrogate Juan. Frank holds a chain.

FRANK  
Just tell us where the dogfights  
are and nobody gets beat with a  
chain.

JUAN  
How would I know where there's a  
dogfight?

FRANK  
Don't play dumb. Remember, we can  
get you deported with one phone  
call.

JUAN  
I swear, I don't know!

FRANK  
Maybe this will refresh your  
memory!

Frank swings the chain around. Juan winces.

JUAN  
Wait a minute! My cousin Angel and  
his friends are into dogfighting.

FRANK

See, Mac? Told you torture works!

JUAN

But he needs a new venue 'cause their old place got shut down. If you wanted to host one, I'm sure they'd come.

FRANK

Then call your boys and tell them we'll host one here, tomorrow night. Ten bucks to get in, and it's BYOD.

JUAN

What is BYOD?

FRANK

Bring your own dog.

MAC

Frank, can I talk to you for a second?

Mac pulls Frank aside.

MAC (CONT'D)

We can't have a dogfight in the bar! What if we get caught?

FRANK

Don't get your panties in a bunch! We're not gonna get caught.

MAC

How do you know? We'd go to jail - don't you remember Michael Vick?

FRANK

They just went hard on him 'cause he's a celebrity. We'll make a killing, trust me.

MAC

Really? How much money are you talking about? I'm kinda broke right now...

FRANK

TONS! But we'll need some better fighters. To the pound!

CUT TO:

INT. PADDY'S PUB - DAY

Dee and Dennis clean the bar.

DENNIS

This sucks.

DEE

How did WE wind up with the Charlie work?

DENNIS

I can't believe we're losing out on all this money.

DEE

So much for our future!

Their AUNT DOTTIE (50's) walks in.

AUNT DOTTIE

Hey lovelies! Look who it is!!!

DENNIS

Aunt Dottie! How are you?

AUNT DOTTIE

When I heard were BOTH getting married I HAD to rush to see you!

DEE

What a surprise! Juan and I actually broke up yesterday. The wedding's off.

AUNT DOTTIE

That's such a shame! I was so excited for you! I guess I'll save your wedding money for when you meet a REAL man!

Dennis perks up.

DENNIS

But MY wedding is still on!

AUNT DOTTIE

That's wonderful, Dennis. I'm so proud of you!

DENNIS

Really?

AUNT DOTTIE

Yes -you're a pioneer for civil rights. Just because the state doesn't recognize it doesn't mean they can ignore you forever.

DENNIS

Thanks. Your support means a lot.

AUNT DOTTIE

I always had a feeling about you. Turns out my intuition was right.

DENNIS

What?

AUNT DOTTIE

It explains so much -your obsession with clothes and mirrors...

DEE

Yeah, I sensed it too.

Dennis glares at Dee.

AUNT DOTTIE

When is the ceremony?

DENNIS

We're still working out a date... We can't wait!

AUNT DOTTIE

Let me know -I can't wait either! I'm gonna go pick out a dress to wear. See you soon!

DENNIS

Bye!

DEE

See ya later!

Aunt Dottie exits.

DENNIS

We NEED Charlie back!

CUT TO:

INT. POUND - DAY

Frank and Mac look at dogs in cages.

MAC

I don't know... they seem too cute and cuddly. They don't stand a chance. What about this one?

Mac kicks a cage. The dog whimpers.

FRANK

Maybe they'll work for the opening act, but we need something fiercer for the main event.

A cute puppy licks Mac's hand.

MAC

Maybe this is a bad idea.

A kind-looking elderly pound worker, MS. BENNINGTON, approaches.

MS. BENNINGTON

May I help you, gentlemen?

FRANK

Yes you may! We were actually looking for something a little more "guard dog", if you catch my drift.

MAC

Like a Pitt Bull or Rottweiler.

FRANK

Preferably a dog that's been abused or neglected.

MS. BENNINGTON

We don't offer violent breeds anymore. They're too dangerous. There've been so many bitings lately.

FRANK

Biters! Yeah, that's what we want. Where do ya keep 'em?

MS. BENNINGTON

We don't keep biters. We test them for rabies, then euthanize them.

FRANK

Maybe you have a few in the back, if you catch my drift.

Frank places a twenty dollar bill in her shirt pocket.

MS. BENNINGTON  
What do you mean -the back?

FRANK  
You know, the dogs from death row?  
One of those "bad dogs"... One  
with a real fighter's spirit.

Ms. Bennington eyes them up.

MS. BENNINGTON  
Get out!

CUT TO:

INT. CHARLIE'S APARTMENT - DAY

Charlie is sitting on his couch, huffing White Out. There is a loud banging on the door.

DENNIS (O.S.)  
Open up, Charlie -it's me!

CHARLIE  
Go away!

DENNIS (O.S.)  
I'm so sorry, man. I'll do  
anything to make it up to you -I'll  
do the Charlie work for a month!

Charlie opens the door.

CHARLIE  
Really?

DENNIS  
Just don't call off our sham  
wedding. Think about what we could  
do with that money!

CHARLIE  
How do I know you won't go messing  
around with the waitress again  
behind my back?

DENNIS  
I promise. Scouts honor.

CHARLIE  
Fine. But I want something else.

DENNIS

Anything.

CHARLIE

I want you to help me get a date with her.

DENNIS

How do you expect me to do that? She despises you!

CHARLIE

Why *is* that? Maybe you've been bad mouthing me behind her back so she goes out with you instead of me!

DENNIS

Don't be ridiculous.

CHARLIE

Then help me out!

DENNIS

I just don't think it'll happen.

CHARLIE

At least try! Or else you'll have to find someone else to help you trick your Aunt out of money.

DENNIS

C'mon, man! If I bring someone else, Aunt Dottie will know something is up.

Dennis' phone rings. He looks at the caller ID.

DENNIS (CONT'D)

Dammit! She's calling me a million times since last night and left me ten voicemails. She's freakin' obsessed!

CHARLIE

What did she say?

DENNIS

I dunno, I deleted them without listening.

CHARLIE

Answer it!

Dennis answers the phone.

DENNIS  
(into phone)  
Hello?

WE INTERCUT TO:

EXT. SIDEWALK - DAY

The waitress talks into her cell phone. She looks tired and is wearing the same clothes as the day before.

WAITRESS  
Finally, you answered! I left my keys at your place last night. I need to come by and pick the up.

DENNIS  
Ooh, tonight is no good for me. Maybe I can give them to Charlie, and you can meet him somewhere... Maybe for dinner...

Charlie smiles eagerly.

WAITRESS  
I don't want to see Charlie! Can't I just swing by and get 'em?

DENNIS  
I'm just really busy for a while... Why don't you meet Charlie at Paddy's tonight at eight?

WAITRESS  
But I want to see you!

DENNIS  
You need your keys, right?

WAITRESS  
Yes. I do.

DENNIS  
It's a date then!

The waitress cries. Dennis hangs up the phone.

DENNIS (CONT'D)  
You, my friend, have a date tonight!

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. PADDY'S PUB BASEMENT - NIGHT

The basement is packed -a vicious dogfight is in progress.  
Frank and Mac take bets at a small table.

FRANK  
This was a great idea.

FRANK (CONT'D)  
We've already made more cash  
tonight than we have all month!

CUT TO:

INT. PADDY'S PUB OFFICE - NIGHT

Charlie is dressing up and messing with his hair.

CHARLIE  
How do I look?

DENNIS  
Awesome. She's totally gonna go  
for you.

CHARLIE  
I'm really nervous.

Dee pops her head in the door.

DEE  
Dennis? Can you come here?

DENNIS  
I'm kinda busy helping Charlie get  
ready for his date with what's-her-  
name.

DEE  
I think you need to see this. NOW!

CUT TO:

INT. PADDY'S PUB BASEMENT - NIGHT

Dee and Dennis run down the stairs and see the dogfights in  
progress.

DEE  
What the hell is going on down  
here?

DENNIS  
A dogfight? Cool...

FRANK  
Dammit! I was hoping you two  
wouldn't find out about this.

DEE  
You can't have a dogfight in the  
basement!!!

FRANK  
Why not? It's MY bar!

DEE  
It's OUR bar, and it's totally  
illegal -not to mention immoral!

MAC  
I'm tired of you shoving your  
beliefs down everybody's throat.

FRANK  
Yeah, who made you the moral  
authority?

DEE  
You need to get all these guys out  
of here, NOW! Right Dennis?

Dennis is trying to watch the fight, but Dee blocks his view.

DENNIS  
Can you move aside? Your Amazonian  
height is blocking my view.

A group of cops rush downstairs with guns drawn.

COP #1  
Everybody freeze!

DETECTIVE MELVIN  
What do we have here?

CUT TO:

INT. PADDY'S PUB BAR - NIGHT

Cops pull Charlie out of the office and throw some handcuffs  
on him. The waitress walks in.

CHARLIE  
What's going on here! I didn't do  
anything!

COP #2  
Shut up!

WAITRESS  
What's going on here?

COP #2  
They hosted a dogfight.

CHARLIE  
No we didn't!

A cop brings a vicious-looking dog upstairs. The waitress  
scowls at Charlie.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)  
You look great! I think I might  
have to reschedule.

WAITRESS  
Give me my keys!

FADE TO BLACK.

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