

# SCENE 1

EMMA  
Nice to meet you.

GIUSEPPE  
Have you ever tried my famous  
Ossobuco?

Emma shakes her head.

EMMA  
I have never been here before.

She looks around.

EMMA (CONT'D)  
It's very nice.

GIUSEPPE  
Thank you. Let me prepare the  
Occobuco for you. It's my mother's  
recipe.

He looks up.

GIUSEPPE (CONT'D)  
Rest in Heaven, Mama.

He looks at Emma again.

GIUSEPPE (CONT'D)  
If I don't eat it at least once a  
week, I'm depressed.

EMMA  
Now I'm afraid to try it.

GIUSEPPE  
What's your name again, child?

EMMA  
Emma.

GIUSEPPE  
Emma, I tell you this; you come  
here any time you want and I'll  
take care of you. OK? Now I have to  
cook.  
(to Max)  
I'll bring appetizers and the  
usual.

MAX  
Thank you, Giuseppe.

INT. TAXI - DAY

Manhattan. Angela and Max look at the high-rises and myriad of people walking on the streets. Max looks at the guy.

MAX

Hey man, if we need to spend a night, where do we go?

GUY

How about a hotel?

MAX

I don't think I have enough money for that. Any other option?

The guy looks at him as he thinks.

GUY

I guess Grand Station would be another option. It's warm inside.

MAX

Thank you.

GUY

Sure.

EXT. STREET, MANHATTAN - DAY

The taxi stops by a building, the trunk pops up. Angela and Max get out from the car and get their luggage. The taxi drives away.

Max looks at the address in his notebook and then glances at the building's number.

MAX

Yep, we're here.

Angela looks at the tall buildings around her.

MAX (CONT'D)

We're in America, baby.

Angela is nervous. Max hugs her.

MAX (CONT'D)

We'll be OK.

ANGELA

It's a different world.

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A HOSTESS, wearing a red Santa's hat, brings Max and Emma to their table.

MAX  
(to the Hostess)  
Thank you. Could you please let  
Giuseppe know we're here?

HOSTESS  
Of course.

As she walks to the kitchen, Max pulls out a chair for Emma.

EMMA  
Thank you.

She sits down. Max sits across.

MAX  
This's my favorite place. Giuseppe  
is a magician and here he comes.

GIUSEPPE (60), in a white chef's jacket, walks to their table. Max stands up and offers him a handshake.

MAX (CONT'D)  
Hello, my friend.

Giuseppe smiles widely and grabs Max's hand.

GIUSEPPE  
We missed you on Sunday. Brunch was  
amazing.

MAX  
Sorry, something came up.

He points at Emma.

MAX (CONT'D)  
This is Emma.

Giuseppe turns his head to Emma and freezes for a second. His smile disappears as he stares at her. Then, he turns his surprised eyes to Max. Max nods his head slightly.

MAX (CONT'D)  
We just met. And I told Emma that  
you are amazing. Please don't let  
me down.

Giuseppe looks at Emma again. She smiles.