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MonicaCourteney Cox
PhoebeLisa Kudrow
JoeyMatt LeBlanc
Chandler
RossDavid Schwimmer
Ms. Tedlock
CeliaMelora Hardin
LowellStuart Fratkin
Steve
MarcelMonkey

SETS

INT.	COFFEE	HOUSE

INT. MONICA AND RACHEL'S APARTMENT

INT. ROSS'S APARTMENT

INT. CHANDLER AND JOEY'S APARTMENT

INT. CHANDLER'S CUBICLE

INT. CHANDLER'S NEW OFFICE

INT. PHOEBE'S MASSAGE CUBICLE

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SCENE A

TEASER

FADE IN:

INT. CHANDLER'S CUBICLE - DAY - (DAY 1) (Chandler, Ms. Tedlock, Lowell)

CHANDLER IS AT HIS DESK, ENTERING STUFF ON THE COMPUTER, SORTING THROUGH FILES, ETC. MS. TEDLOCK, A SERIOUS-LOOKING WOMAN, COMES UP.

MS. TEDLOCK

Chandler.

CHANDLER

Ms. Tedlock. Don't you look nice.

And may I say, that is a very

flattering sleeve length on you.

MS. TEDLOCK

Yes. Well. Mr. Kostelic would like you to stop by his office at the end of the day.

CHANDLER

Big Al wants to see me?

MS. TEDLOCK

Mr. Kostelic would like to discuss your future with this company.

CHANDLER

Okay, look. If this is about those prank memos, I had nothing to do with them. Nothing.

MS. TEDLOCK LOOKS AT HIM SUSPICIOUSLY, THEN MOVES OFF.

CHANDLER (CONT'D)

(CALLING AFTER HER) And frankly, I think those kind of shenanigans have no place in an office environment.

JUST THEN, CHANDLER'S CO-WORKER LOWELL AND ANOTHER FEMALE EMPLOYEE PASS BY. BOTH HAVE AUGMENTED THEIR BUSINESS CLOTHES WITH VARIOUS PIECES OF PIRATE GARB.

LOWELL

Hey, Chan. Whoa. Someone forgot it was "Pirate Day".

CHANDLER

(SMILES, SHAKES HIS HEAD) I guess
I didn't get the memo. But, uh...
avast, ye hardies.

HE TURNS AWAY, HIDING HIS SMILE. THEN HEADS OFF TO SEE MR. KOSTELIC. AS HE PASSES OTHER CUBICLES, WE SEE PEOPLE IN PIRATE COSTUMES.

CHANDLER (CONT'D)

(TO GUY TYPING IN CUBICLE) Hey, Ned. Nice parrot.

FADE OUT.

ACT ONE

SCENE B

FADE IN:

INT. COFFEE HOUSE - THAT EVENING - (NIGHT 1)
(Monica, Phoebe, Rachel, Joey, Chandler, Ross)

MONICA, JOEY AND ROSS ARE THERE. RACHEL COMES OVER WITH A TRAY OF DRINKS.

RACHEL

Coffee. Cappuccino. And a nice hot cider for Monica.

MONICA GOES TO DRINK, HESITATES, LOOKS IN THE MUG.

MONICA

Rach, why does my cinnamon stick have an eraser?

RACHEL LOOKS CONFUSED FOR A MOMENT. THEN PULLS A CINNAMON STICK FROM BEHIND HER EAR.

RACHEL

(WITH A LAUGH) That's why.

SHE PUTS THE CINNAMON STICK IN MONICA'S CIDER, REMOVES THE PENCIL, LICKS IT OFF AND STICKS IT BEHIND HER EAR. PUT OFF, MONICA SETS DOWN HER MUG. PHOEBE RUSHES IN.

(I/B)

PHOEBE

Hey, you guys. Chandler's coming with, like, this really incredible news. So, when he gets here, let's all act like we --

CHANDLER ENTERS.

CHANDLER

Hey.

PHOEBE

Never mind. It would have been good.

RACHEL

(TO CHANDLER) What's up? What's going on?

CHANDLER

All right. It's a typical day at work. I'm inputting the numbers, people are walking around in pirate costumes... Then Big Al calls me into his office and tells me they want to make me Processing Supervisor.

EVERYONE

Hey, great! Congratulations! I
like that news!

CHANDLER

So I quit.

EVERYONE

What?? Oh my god. Why?

CHANDLER

Why?? 'Cause this was supposed to be a temp job. If I'd taken that promotion, it'd be like... like admitting that this is what I actually do.

JOEY

Oh, man. Does this mean we gotta start buying our own toilet paper?

ROSS

Uh, Joey, remember we had that talk
about trying to see the "big
picture"?

MONICA

(TO CHANDLER, CRINGING) Was it a lot more money?

CHANDLER

Doesn't matter. I just don't want to be one of those guys who's at the office 'til eleven o'clock at night, worrying about the WEENUS.

RACHEL

The WEENUS?

CHANDLER

Weekly Estimated Net Usage
Statistics. It's a processing term.

RACHEL

Oh, that WEENUS.

ROSS

So, what are you gonna do?

CHANDLER

I don't know. See, that's the thing. I don't know what I want to do. I just know I'm not gonna figure it out working there.

(THEN) Although I'm sad I'm gonna miss "Characters-From-The-Bible Day".

PHOEBE

Ooh, ooh. I know something you can do. I have this massage client, Steve? Anyway, he's in real estate, and he was crossing Fifth Avenue, and he was hit by a bike messenger.

SHE PAUSES.

CHANDLER

Are you pitching "real estate" or "bike messenger"?

PHOEBE

No no. He's opening a restaurant, and he's looking for a head chef.

MONICA

Um, hi there.

PHOEBE

(TO MONICA) Right, yeah. I know you're a chef. That's why I thought of you first. But now Chandler's the one who needs a job.

CHANDLER

I don't really have a lot of cheffing experience. Unless this is an all-toast restaurant.

MONICA

(TO PHOEBE) What kind of food is he talking about?

PHOEBE

He wants to do something eclectic.

He's looking for someone who can

create the whole menu.

MONICA

Oh my god!

PHOEBE

Yeah. (TURNING TO CHANDLER) So what do you think?

CHANDLER

Thanks, Pheebs, but I really don't see myself in a big white hat.

PHOEBE

Okay. (BEAT, THEN) Hey, Monica.

Guess what?

MONICA COLLAPSES, EXASPERATED.

DISSOLVE TO:

SCENE C

INT. MONICA AND RACHEL'S APARTMENT - SATURDAY - (DAY 2)
(Monica, Rachel, Phoebe, Chandler, Joey, Ross)

CLOSE ON THE TV. THE SPORTS CHANNEL IS ON. IT'S A LUMBERJACK COMPETITION. LARGE MEN ARE HURLING SMALL TREES. PULL BACK TO REVEAL RACHEL, PHOEBE, ROSS AND JOEY WATCHING, FASCINATED.

ROSS

You watch something like this, and you realize why evolution is just a theory.

ROSS CROSSES AND TURNS OFF TV. CHANDLER ENTERS, WEARING A NICE SUIT AND CARRYING TWO NECKTIES. HE HOLDS UP ONE, THEN THE OTHER.

CHANDLER

Which tie? This one? This one? This one?

RACHEL

I don't know. Stop moving them.
(HE DOES) That one.

CHANDLER PUTS ON THE TIE.

PHOEBE

Where are you going, Mr. Suity-Man?

CHANDLER

Well, I'm off to see... (PULLING
OUT A CARD) ...Dr. Robert Pillman,
Career Counselor A-Go-Go. (OFF
THEIR LOOKS) I added "A-Go-Go".

JOEY

A career counselor?

CHANDLER

Hey, you guys all know what you want to do.

RACHEL

I don't.

CHANDLER

(TO ALL BUT RACHEL) Hey, you guys all know what you want to do.

You've got, like, goals. You've got dreams. I don't have a dream.

ROSS

Ah. The lesser known "I <u>Don't</u> Have A Dream" speech.

MONICA BOUNDS IN, PSYCHED.

MONICA

I love my life! I love my life!

PHOEBE

(GUESSING) <u>Brian's Song!</u>
(THEN, OFF THEIR LOOKS) No?

RACHEL

The meeting with the guy went great?

MONICA

Great. He showed me where the restaurant's gonna be. It's this cute little place on Tenth Street. Not too big, not too small...

just right.

CHANDLER

Was it formerly owned by a blonde woman and some bears?

MONICA

I'm cooking him dinner Monday
night. Sort of an audition. (TO
PHOEBE) Oh, and he asked if you
could come. Which would be really
good, 'cause then you could "ooh"
and "aah" and make yummy noises.

RACHEL

What are you going to make?

PHOEBE

Yummy noises.

RACHEL

Aaaand, Monica, what are <u>you</u> going to make?

MONICA

I don't know. It's got to be so great...

SHE STARTS PULLING OUT COOKBOOKS.

ROSS

Does anyone know a good date place in the neighborhood?

JOEY

How 'bout Tony's? If you can finish a thirty-two ounce steak, it's free.

ROSS

Okaaay, does anyone know a good place if you're not dating a puma?

CHANDLER

Who are you going out with?

PHOEBE

Is this the bug lady?

RACHEL RUBS HER HANDS TOGETHER FURIOUSLY LIKE A FLY.

RACHEL

(AS THE BUG LADY) "I love you, Ross."

ROSS

Her name is <u>Celia</u>. And she is not a "bug lady". She's curator of insects at the museum.

MONICA

So, what are you guys doing?
ROSS

I thought we'd go out to dinner.

And then maybe after, we'd go back
to my place and I'd introduce her
to my monkey.

CHANDLER

And he's not speaking metaphorically.

JOEY

(ASIDE TO ROSS) Soooo. Back to your place. You thinkin' maybe... heh-heh?

ROSS

I don't know, heh-heh. We'll have to see, heh-heh.

JOEY

I'm thinking heh-heh. (OFF
ROSS'S LOOK) I'm telling you,
she's gonna take one look at
Marcel's furry little face, and it
will seal the deal.

ON ROSS'S SMILE ...

CUT TO:

SCENE D

INT. ROSS'S APARTMENT - LATER - (NIGHT 2)
(Ross, Celia, Marcel)

MARCEL IS SCREAMING, HANGING ON TO CELIA'S HAIR FOR ALL HE'S WORTH. CELIA, TOO, IS SCREAMING.

CELIA

Aaaaaaahhhh! Get it off me! Get it off me!

ROSS

(OVERLAPPING) Celia. Please stop screaming. You're scaring him.

Please stop -- (BABY TALK;

OFFERING A BIT OF BANANA) Marcel?

Want a 'nana? Want a 'nana?

CUT TO:

SCENE E

INT. MONICA AND RACHEL'S APT. - SAME TIME - (NIGHT 2)
(Monica, Phoebe, Rachel, Joey, Chandler)

MONICA IS WORKING IN THE KITCHEN, EXPERIMENTING WITH DIFFERENT DISHES. JOEY, RACHEL AND PHOEBE ARE HANGING OUT.

MONICA

(TO JOEY, OFFERING A SPOONFUL) Try this salmon mousse.

JOEY

Mmm. Good.

MONICA

Is it better than the other salmon mousse?

JOEY

Well, it's... creamier.

MONICA

Yeah, but is that better?

JOEY

I don't know. We're talking about whipped fish, Monica. I'm just happy I'm keeping it down.

CHANDLER ENTERS, TIE ASKEW, A BEATEN MAN. HE HOLDS A LARGE ENVELOPE AND A THICK STACK OF PAPERS.

RACHEL

Oh my god. What happened to you?

CHANDLER

Eight and a half hours of aptitude tests, intelligence tests, personality tests, and what do I learn? (READING) "You are ideally suited for a career in data processing for a large multinational corporation."

PHOEBE

Oh, that's great! 'Cause you already know how to do that.

CHANDLER

Can you even believe it? Don't I seem like someone who should be doing something really cool? I mean... I don't know. I always thought I'd end up doing something... (SEARCHING)
...something.

HE SITS, DESPONDENT.

RACHEL

(CONSOLING) I know. (THEN) Well, listen, until you figure it out, could you tape "Days Of Our Lives" for us?

CHANDLER GIVES HER A LOOK.

MONICA

Here. Maybe this'll cheer you up.

SHE OFFERS HIM A TINY APPETIZER.

CHANDLER

(NOTING ITS TEENSINESS) Uh, I had a grape about five hours ago.

Maybe I'd better split this with you.

MONICA

It's supposed to be that small.

It's a pre-appetizer. The French call it an amuse bouche.

CHANDLER

(POPS IT IN HIS MOUTH, THEN) Well, it is "amoozing".

SFX: PHONE RINGS

MONICA PICKS IT UP.

MONICA

Hello? Oh, hi, Wendy. Yeah, eight o'clock. What did we say, ten dollars an hour? Great. Okay, see you then.

SHE HANGS UP.

PHOEBE

"Ten dollars an hour." For what?

MONICA

Oh, I asked one of the waitresses at work to help me out Monday night.

RACHEL

(POINTEDLY) Waitressing?

JOEY

Uh-oh...

MONICA

(SCRAMBLING) Well, of course I thought of you, but... but...

RACHEL

But-but?

MONICA

But this has to go perfect.

And... Wendy's more of a

professional waitress.

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RACHEL

Oh, and I'm maintaining my amateur status so I can still qualify for the Olympics?!

SHE STORMS OFF.

CHANDLER

(TO MONICA) Quick! Give her one of those little things! She needs to be amoozed!

ON MONICA'S DARK LOOK...

DISSOLVE TO:

SCENE H

INT. ROSS'S APARTMENT - LATER THAT NIGHT - (NIGHT 2)
(Ross, Celia, Marcel)

ROSS, HOLDING MARCEL, OPENS THE BEDROOM DOOR. WE HEAR THE SOUND OF A TV FROM WITHIN.

ROSS

Look, Marcel. Entertainment
Tonight is on.

HE TOSSES THE MONKEY IN AND QUICKLY SHUTS THE DOOR. THEN REJOINS CELIA ON THE COUCH.

ROSS (CONT'D)

Sorry. He's been a little out of
sorts since he ate my deodorant
stick. So, you feel like a movie?
I rented -- (OFF HER SMILE) What?

CELIA

Uh, you've got a little banana in your hair.

SHE REACHES OVER TO PICK IT OUT. THEY ARE NOW VERY CLOSE.

ROSS

Thanks.

CELIA

I'm really glad you asked me out.
Yesterday, when I was gluing the
legs back on the tarantulas, all I
could think about was you.

ROSS

Uh... I think that's good.

CELIA

(LAUGHS) It's pretty good.

SHE LEANS IN AND KISSES HIM. IT'S ONE OF THEM GOOD KISSES.

ROSS

(BREATHLESS) Bwah.

AND THEN HE RETURNS IT. THINGS GET MORE PASSIONATE. CELIA RUNS HER HANDS OVER ROSS'S CHEST. SHE STARTS TO UNBUTTON HIS SHIRT. THEN NUZZLES HIS EAR AND WHISPERS:

CELIA

Talk to me.

ROSS

Um... O.K... The, uh, the weirdest thing happened to me on the subway this morning --

CELIA

(WITH A SEXY SMILE) No no. Talk dirty.

ROSS

What? Now?

CELIA

(BREATHY) Come on, Ross. Come on.

Say something hot.

ROSS

(SEARCHING) Um -- I -- Uh --

CELIA

(OVERLAPPING, LEANING CLOSER)

What? What?

AT A LOSS, ROSS BLURTS OUT:

ROSS

Vulva!

ON HER PUZZLED REACTION:

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SCENE J

FADE IN:

INT. CHANDLER AND JOEY'S APARTMENT - THE NEXT DAY - (DAY 3)
(Joey, Ross, Chandler)

ROSS IS TELLING JOEY ABOUT THE DATE AS THEY FIX BAGELS.

JOEY

"Vulva"??

ROSS

All right! I panicked! She -- she took me by surprise! Look, it wasn't a total loss. We ended up cuddling.

JOEY

Whoa. You cuddled. How many times?

ROSS

Shut up. It was nice. (THEN) I'm just not a dirty-talkin' kinda guy.

JOEY

What's the big deal? You just say what you want to do to her, or what you want her to do to you, or what you think other people might be doing to each other. Tell you what. Try something on me.

ROSS

Please be kidding.

JOEY

Why not? Come on. Just close your eyes and tell me what you'd like to be doing right now.

ROSS

(THINKS, THEN) Okay. I'm in my apartment...

JOEY

(COAXING) Yeah? What else?

That's it. I'm in my apartment. You're not there. I'm not having this conversation.

JOEY

Come on. You like this woman. You want to see her again, right?

ROSS

Yeah.

JOEY

Well, if you can't talk dirty to me, how are you going to talk dirty to her? Now tell me you want to caress my butt.

ROSS

Okay. Turn around. (OFF JOEY'S RAISED EYEBROW) I just don't want you looking at me while I'm doing this.

JOEY

(TURNING AROUND, WITH A SMILE) All right. All right. I'm not looking. Go ahead.

ROSS

I -- I want to kiss your neck.

JOEY

That's nice. Now go a little lower.

ROSS

(DEEP VOICE) I want to kiss your neck.

JOEY

How old are you, six?

ROSS

Fine, fine. (GIVING IT HIS BEST)

I want to feel your soft, hot skin
with my lips.

JOEY

There you go. Keep going.

CHANDLER ENTERS, UNOBSERVED, AND TAKES IN THE SCENE.

ROSS

I want to take my tongue and --

JOEY

Say it. Say it!

ROSS

Run it all over your body until you tremble with --

HE STOPS, AWARE THAT CHANDLER IS IN THE ROOM. CHANDLER JUST SMILES.

CHANDLER

With...?

JOEY/ROSS

We were just --

CHANDLER

(HOLDS UP HAND) Shhh. Don't explain. I just want to remember you like this. Forever.

JOEY TURNS TO ROSS.

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JOEY

The trembling thing was nice.

ROSS

Shut up.

JOEY

(TO CHANDLER) Hey, while you were sleeping, that guy from your old job called.

CHANDLER

Again?

JOEY

And again and again and again.

SFX: PHONE RINGS

JOEY (CONT'D)

(INTO PHONE) Hello? And again.

JOEY TOSSES THE PHONE TO CHANDLER.

CHANDLER

Hello? Oh, hi, Mr. Kostelic.

How's life on the 15th floor? ...

Yeah, I miss you, too. It's a lot
less satisfying to steal pens from
your own home... Wow. Uh, that's

very generous. But, listen, I've
got to do something else.

(MORE)

CHANDLER (CONT'D)

I just think it'd be too depressing if I'm still in the processing game when I'm fifty. (OOPS) No, I didn't. Happy Birthday. ... Look, this is not about the money. I just — I just want to do something that's more than a job. Something I actually care ab— And that's on top of the bonus structure you mentioned earlier?

ROSS/JOEY

(WHISPERING) What about the dream?
You gotta find your dream.

CHANDLER

Al. Listen to me. I am not "playing hardball" here. This is not a negotiation. This is a rejection. No! Stop saying numbers! I'm telling you, you've got the wrong guy. You've got the wrong guy! I'll see you Monday.

HE HANGS UP THE PHONE. ON ROSS AND JOEY'S STUNNED REACTION...

SCENE K

INT. CHANDLER'S NEW OFFICE - MONDAY - (DAY 4) (Phoebe, Chandler, Lowell, Helen)

A SMALL OFFICE WITH A WINDOW AND NEWER FURNITURE. CHANDLER IS SHOWING PHOEBE AROUND.

PHOEBE

Wow. It's huge. Oh my god, this is so much bigger than the cubicle. This is a cube.

CHANDLER

(OPENING BLINDS) And look...

PHOEBE

You got a window!

CHANDLER

Yes, indeed. With a view of...

(NOTICING) ...a man urinating. But hey, some people can't see him at all.

LOWELL STICKS HIS HEAD IN.

LOWELL

Hey, Chan, just heard.

Congratulations. Director of
NERPS.

CHANDLER

(TO PHOEBE) Northeast Regional Processing Services.

PHOEBE

Oh, I wasn't really asking, but...
neat.

CHANDLER

(TO LOWELL) Hey, don't forget,
Wednesday's "South-of-The-Border
Day".

LOWELL

Is it? I didn't get a memo.

CHANDLER

I'm sure it'll get to you.

LOWELL EXITS. CHANDLER TURNS TO PHOEBE.

CHANDLER (CONT'D)

Sit here, sit here. Check this out: (INTO INTERCOM, VERY PROFESSIONAL) Helen, could you come in here for a moment?

HELEN, A WEARY-LOOKING SECRETARY, ENTERS. CLEARLY CHANDLER'S BEEN DOING THIS ALL MORNING.

CHANDLER (CONT'D)

Thank you, Helen. That'll be all. (OFF HELEN'S LOOK) Okay, that was the last time, I promise.

SHE SIGHS AND EXITS. PHOEBE WHISPERS TO CHANDLER:

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PHOEBE	*
She didn't seem very warm.	
CHANDLER	*
I know. She has no personality.	
HE REALIZES HIS FINGER IS STILL ON THE INTERCOM BUTTON. HE QUICKLY PULLS IT AWAY.	*

CUT TO:



SCENE M

INT. MONICA AND RACHEL'S APARTMENT - LATE THAT AFTERNOON - (DAY 4) (Monica, Rachel)

IT'S AN HOUR BEFORE THE MEAL. MONICA STIRS A POT HERE AND SHAKES A PAN THERE AS SHE TALKS ON THE PHONE.

MONICA

(INTO PHONE, DESPERATE) Wendy,

don't do this to me.

RACHEL ENTERS FROM HER BEDROOM, CARRYING HER COAT.

MONICA (CONT'D)

Wendy, we had a deal. You

promised -- Wendy -- Wendy --

Wendy! Fine!

SHE SLAMS DOWN THE PHONE.

RACHEL

(ALL INNOCENCE) Who was that?

MONICA

(PISSED) That was Wendy.

RACHEL

The professional waitress?

MONICA

She was invited to this party, and apparently there is a remote possibility that Christian Slater will be there, so...

RACHEL

(SYMPATHETIC) Oh, that's too bad. Bye-bye.

SHE HEADS FOR THE DOOR. MONICA IS DESPERATE.

MONICA

Ten dollars an hour. Twelve dollars an hour.

RACHEL

Oh, I wish I could. But I made plans to walk around.

MONICA

Rachel, when you ran out on your wedding, I was there for you. I put a roof over your head. And if that means nothing to you... I'll give you twenty dollars an hour.

RACHEL

Done.

CUT TO:

SCENE P

INT. MONICA AND RACHEL'S APARTMENT - LATER - (DAY 4)
(Monica, Rachel, Phoebe, Steve)

RACHEL, NOW DRESSED FOR WAITRESSING, IS OPENING THE DOOR. PHOEBE IS THERE WITH STEVE, A PROFESSIONAL-LOOKING GUY IN AN EXPENSIVE SPORT COAT.

RACHEL

Welcome to Monica's. May I take your coat?

MONICA

(COMING OVER) Steve. Come on in.

PHOEBE

Shhh.

SHE INDICATES THAT STEVE IS TALKING ON A CELLULAR PHONE.

STEVE

(INTO PHONE) That's insane. Two point three million for a Brownstone on East 83rd? Tell him I hung up on you when you told me. ... Okay, I'll talk to you in the morning.

(MORE)

STEVE (CONT'D)

(HANGING UP; TO THE WOMEN) I know what you're thinking. Real Estate is for suburban ladies with no lives and rhinestone glasses.

Well, girls, that used to be me.

What's for dinner?

PHOEBE

(OVERSELLING) Mmmmm! Everything smells so delicious! I can't remember when I've smelled such a delightful combination of... smells!

MONICA GIVES PHOEBE A LITTLE "OKAY, WE GET IT" LOOK.

MONICA

(TO STEVE) Would you like some wine?

STEVE

That'd be great.

THEY MOVE OFF. PHOEBE PULLS RACHEL ASIDE AND DROPS HER CHEERFUL FACADE.

RACHEL

What's up?

PHOEBE

(WHISPERED) In the cab on the way over, Steve blazed up a doobie.

RACHEL

What?

PHOEBE

Smoked a joint? Lit a bone?

Hemp? Weed? Ganja?

RACHEL

I'm with ya', Cheech. So... do you think he's gonna be cool?

PHOEBE

(LOUDLY) Mmmmm. Is that salmon mousse? (THEN, SOTTO TO RACHEL)

I don't know. He seems cool.

You think we should tell her?

RACHEL

Nah. She's got enough to deal with. Look, if he starts laughing at something that isn't funny, we'll just laugh, too, and Monica'll think she didn't get it.

PHOEBE

Oh, god. I wish I had something to help me relax.

MONICA

(CALLING OVER) Uh, Rachel, I believe we're ready for our first course?

RACHEL

(BRIGHTLY) I'm there.

RACHEL MOVES TO THE KITCHEN. STEVE AND PHOEBE SIT AT THE TABLE.

PHOEBE

My mouth is watering. Mmmmm!

RACHEL SETS OUT A PLATE WITH FOUR MINUSCULE AMUSE BOUCHES.

MONICA

Okay, these are rock shrimp ravioli in a cilantro ponzu sauce with just a touch of minced --

STEVE SPEARS ALL FOUR ON HIS FORK AND POPS THEM INTO HIS MOUTH.

MONICA (CONT'D)

-- ginger.

STEVE

(CHEWING) Holy crap! These are

fantastic!

MONICA

(EAGER) Really?

STEVE

Oh my god! These are the best ponzu things I've ever eaten.

MONICA

(THRILLED) Oh, I'm glad you like them.

STEVE

Are you kidding? I could eat, like, a hundred of them!

MONICA

(PULLED UP SHORT) Oh, well...

that's all there is of this. But
in about eight minutes, I'll be
serving some delicious onion
tartlets.

STEVE

Oh, that sounds great!

WITH THAT, HE GETS UP AND STARTS LOOKING THROUGH THE CABINETS.

RACHEL

Can I get anything for you?

STEVE

Nah, I don't know what I'm looking for.

MONICA LOOKS PUZZLED. PHOEBE AND RACHEL EXCHANGE A SILENT LOOK. RACHEL TURNS TO MONICA AND MIMES A GUY SMOKING A JOINT. INTERPRETING THIS AS THE "OKAY" SIGN, MONICA GIVES HER A THUMBS-UP. RACHEL ROLLS HER EYES AND TRIES AGAIN. THIS TIME MONICA UNDERSTANDS HER. SHE LOOKS TO PHOEBE FOR CONFIRMATION. PHOEBE NODS. HOWEVER, MONICA SHAKES HER HEAD, DISMISSING THE IDEA AS RIDICULOUS. JUST THEN:

STEVE (CONT'D)

Cool! Taco shells!

HE STARTS MUNCHING A TACO SHELL. MONICA GIVES A DESPERATE LOOK TO THE OTHER WOMEN, REALIZING THEY'RE RIGHT.

STEVE (CONT'D)

These things are great! You don't even need the taco stuff!

MONICA

You, uh -- you don't want to spoil your appetite.

SHE GINGERLY TAKES THE TACO SHELLS OUT OF HIS HAND. HE GIVES THEM UP WILLINGLY BECAUSE HE HAS SPOTTED...

STEVE

Hey, Cheerios!

HE PULLS OUT THE BOX. BEFORE HE CAN EAT ANY, MONICA TAKES IT FROM HIS HANDS.

MONICA

You know, if you can just wait another six and a half minutes --

STEVE

Macaroni and cheese! We have to make this!

MONICA

(SWEETLY) No, we don't.

STEVE

Okay.

HE HANDS THE BOX OVER TO MONICA.

MONICA

Now, why don't we just sit back down and...

SHE NOTICES THAT HE HAS SURREPTITIOUSLY SNEAKED A BAG OF GUMMI BEARS.

MONICA (CONT'D)

Okay. Give me those.

STEVE

(ALL INNOCENCE) What?

MONICA

Come on. Hand over the bears.

STEVE

We'll share.

MONICA

Give them to me.

SHE REACHES FOR THE BAG.

STEVE

Hey!

THEY STRUGGLE OVER THE BAG.

PHOEBE/RACHEL

Uh, guys... It's not worth it...

THE BAG TEARS OPEN, SCATTERING GUMMI BEARS ABOUT THE KITCHEN. SEVERAL FALL INTO MONICA'S SOUP POT.

MONICA

Oh, man...!

STEVE

(LOOKING IN SOUP POT, PLAYFUL) Oh, no! Bears overboard! Swim! Swim for your lives!

(MORE)

STEVE (CONT'D)

(TOSSING IN CHEERIO "LIFE
PRESERVERS") Grab onto one of
these!

MONICA

Okay, that's it. Dinner's over.
STEVE

What? Why?

MONICA

"Why"?? How would you like it if you were building one of your buildings, and I came in and -- and -- I don't have an example! It's just -- I've waited seven years for an opportunity like this, and you can't wait four and a half minutes for a stupid onion tartlet??

SFX: OVEN GOES "DING!"

STEVE

(PLEASANTLY SURPRISED) Hey.

ON MONICA'S EXASPERATED EXPRESSION...

DISSOLVE TO:

SCENE R

INT. COFFEE HOUSE - LATER THAT NIGHT - (NIGHT 4)
(Monica, Rachel, Phoebe, Joey, Ross)

EVERYONE BUT CHANDLER IS THERE. MONICA IS RECOUNTING HER EVENING TO THE GUYS. SHE IS BUMMED.

MONICA

...so he said he really loved the food, but that we could never work together because I "harshed his buzz". Then he tried to eat a handful of mothballs and left.

ROSS

Oh, man. I'm sorry.

JOEY

What a tool.

RACHEL

You don't want to work for a guy like that, anyway.

MONICA

(MOROSE) I know. I was just hoping this would be, you know... it.

ROSS

You'll get there. You're an amazing cook.

PHOEBE

(YUMMY NOISE) Mmmm. And I mean that.

THEN RACHEL TURNS TO MONICA: A BEAT.

RACHEL

(GINGERLY) By the way, am I still getting paid for the full three hours? (OFF MONICA'S LOOK) Just a question. We'll talk later.

ROSS

Can I get some coffee?

RACHEL

Uh-huh.

SHE POINTS TO THE COUNTER. ROSS ROLLS HIS EYES AND GOES. JOEY FOLLOWS. THEY SPEAK CONFIDENTIALLY.

JOEY

So? So? How'd it go with Celia?

ROSS

I was unbelievable.

JOEY

All right!

ROSS

I was the James Michener of dirty talk. It was the most elaborate filth you've ever heard. There were different characters, plot lines, themes, a motif. At one point there were villagers...

JOEY

And the... heh-heh?

ROSS

Well, by the time we were done with the dirty talk, it was kinda late, and we were pretty exhausted, so...

JOEY

You cuddled.

ROSS

Which was nice.

THEY REJOIN THE WOMEN.

PHOEBE

You guys wanna catch a late movie or something?

RACHEL

Maybe. Shouldn't we wait for Chandler?

JOEY

(GLANCING AT HIS WATCH) Where the hell is he?

CUT TO:



SCENE T

INT. CHANDLER'S NEW OFFICE - SAME TIME - (DAY 4)
(Chandler)

CHANDLER IS, IN FACT, IN HELL. HE'S YELLING AT ONE OF HIS SUBORDINATES ON THE PHONE.

CHANDLER

Yes, Fran, I know what time it is, but I'm looking at the WEENUS, and I'm not happy. ... (WITH RISING INTENSITY) Oh yeah? Oh yeah?? Well, let me tell you something. You're gonna care about it, 'cause I care about it! You got that? Good!!

HE SLAMS DOWN THE PHONE. THEN SLOWLY PUSHES HIS CHAIR BACK FROM THE DESK, EYEING THE PHONE AS IF IT WERE AN ALIEN POD.

CHANDLER (CONT'D)

Whoa...

AS CHANDLER WONDERS WHAT HE HAS BECOME...

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT TWO

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SCENE W

FADE IN:

INT. PHOEBE'S MASSAGE CUBICLE - ANOTHER DAY - (DAY 5) (Phoebe, Steve)

PHOEBE HAS A VINDICTIVE SMILE ON HER FACE AS SHE MASSAGES STEVE.

PHOEBE

How's this? (OFF HIS YELP) Oooh, sorry. How 'bout over here? (WHEN

HE YELPS AGAIN) That means it's

working. Does this hurt?

STEVE

No.

PHOEBE

How 'bout this? (OFF HIS CRY OF PAIN) There you go.

ON PHOEBE'S CONTENTED SMILE...

FADE OUT.

END OF SHOW

