

CALLUM

Yeah. Dad goes for strawberry daiquiri, which doesn't really seem like a very 'him' flavour...

CHRISTOPHER

Yes, he seems more like he'd go for a tobacco-stained ceiling and a flat lager kind of scent.

CALLUM

*(light-hearted)* That is my dad you're talking about.

CHRISTOPHER

Oh, sorry. I seem to be offending everyone today.

CALLUM

No, you're okay. You're definitely right, except replace the lager with some kind of weird old man ale.

CHRISTOPHER

Don't suppose you have anything to eat, do you?

CALLUM

I've got some gum?

CHRISTOPHER

What flavour?

CALLUM

*(checking)*

Uh, I've got watermelon hubba bubba.

CHRISTOPHER

Ugh, it'll have to do.

*CALLUM hands CHRISTOPHER a piece of gum. CHRISTOPHER puts it in his mouth and savours it for a moment.*

CHRISTOPHER

So, are you feeling ready, after all of that?

CALLUM

Yeah, I think so.

CHRISTOPHER

You know, when I got married I just remember feeling so grateful. I still remember when it wasn't an option for someone like me.

CALLUM

I thought it was legalised ages ago?

CHRISTOPHER

It's one of those things that seems a lifetime ago, but it was only about 10 years ago, 2013, I think. Somewhere around then anyway.

CALLUM

Wow.

CHRISTOPHER

Yes, well, I don't think today is quite the right timing for discussing the politics of gay rights, but yes, wow indeed.

CALLUM

And has it gone well for you? Marriage?

CHRISTOPHER

I like to think so. It's just business as usual most of the time. Dog walks, watering the plants, forever discussing what we should have for dinner. Simon's an amazing cook.

CALLUM

How come he's not here today?

CHRISTOPHER

Someone had to look after the little terrors.

*CHRISTOPHER gets his phone out, finds a photo and shows CALLUM.*

CHRISTOPHER

That's him, and those are our fur babies; Archibald and The Countess.

CALLUM

They're really cute.

CHRISTOPHER

They really are, but spoilt. So spoilt. But yeah, most of the time I don't think about it, to be honest, the fact that I'm married. It's just on days like this, I remember how thankful I am that I am at all. Trust me, if you weren't allowed to do this, you'd want to even more. It suddenly matters a whole hell of a lot.

CALLUM

Yeah, guess it would. Thank you.

CHRISTOPHER

For what?

CALLUM

Don't know. Talking to me?

CHRISTOPHER

Oh, don't be so tragically adorable. It's your wedding day!

CALLUM

Yeah!

CHRISTOPHER

Right, I'm going back in. This gum provided me momentary pleasure, but now it's actually made things worse. It's like my stomach is expecting something and now it's angry that I've tricked it.

CALLUM

Yeah, sorry about that.

CHRISTOPHER

It's fine, just hurry up and get married so that I can actually eat. Please!

CALLUM

Will do!

CHRISTOPHER

Thank you!

*CHRISTOPHER exits.*

*BLACK OUT.*