

SCENE 2

A small room near the ceremony room, for pre-wedding checks. CALLUM, the groom, is with his dad, CILLIAN. CALLUM is continuously trying to tie his tie and continuously failing.

CALLUM

I can't believe I'm doing this. *(beat.)* I feel sick. Am I supposed to feel sick?

CILLIAN

I felt sick the day I married your mother.

CALLUM

Sorry if I don't consider that a particularly good omen. Oh, I really don't feel good.

CALLUM holds still for a moment, as though he is considering whether he is about to throw up or not.

CALLUM

Oh god. I thought you're supposed to have butterflies on your wedding day, but this feels more like getting on a rollercoaster.

CALLUM is now struggling to undo a monumental knot in his tie.

CILLIAN

I thought you didn't like rollercoasters. Don't pull too hard on that.

CALLUM

Exactly! I only ever get on them if someone forces me to!

CILLIAN

Oh, yes! Remember when we went to Peppa Pig Land for your brother's birthday and you were screaming blue murder about getting on that little train-

CALLUM

Yes, of course I remember! But that's the point! I just used the word 'forced'. That's not good, is it? Oh god, maybe this is a mistake! No, no, it's totally normal to get cold feet. Everyone goes through this. This is fine, right? Right, dad?

CILLIAN

The heart wants what the heart wants, Callum-

CALLUM

(interrupting)

So, it is fine?

CILLIAN

But sometimes the heart doesn't know what it needs.

CALLUM

So, it's not fine?

CILLIAN

I couldn't say, son.

CALLUM

Come on, dad, I could really use some fatherly advice right about now!

CILLIAN

All I'd say is there isn't a more expensive mistake to undo than a wedding.

CALLUM

I don't care about the money, dad!

CILLIAN

Not now you don't.

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