

CALLUM

It's okay. Come here.

They kiss each other and hug. JANINE claps happily.

JANINE

Now, shall we try again?

CALLUM

(to MARIA) Do you want to? I'm game if you are.

MARIA

I do! I really do! Let's get married!

CAROL steps forward.

CAROL

Excellent. Shall we begin?

JANINE

Hold on a minute. We can't just keep going. Imagine the wedding video! It needs to be one graceful, perfect moment. I think we should all take a little thirty minutes to gather our thoughts,

(indicating to MARIA's face)

Maybe sort out what's going on here, and then we can finally do what we all came here to do. Okay?

There is a rumble of agreement from the party.

JANINE

Now shoo! Shoo! It's bad luck to see each other before the vows!

(beat) Oh, I love a wedding!

MARIA and CALLUM EXIT. The rest of the guests fall into animated discussion. STACEY approaches DARREN.

STACEY

This is all a bit exciting, isn't it?

DARREN

What do you want?

STACEY

Nothing.

DARREN

Why did you say that earlier?

STACEY

Say what?

DARREN

You know.

STACEY

No...

DARREN

You said, 'love you'.

STACEY

No, I didn't.

DARREN

Yes, you did.

STACEY

Didn't.

DARREN

Did.

STACEY

Didn't.

DARREN

Did!

STACEY

I didn't!

DARREN

I know what I heard! You did!

STACEY

Okay, I did.

DARREN

Why??

STACEY

I don't know, thought it might be nice to hear it from someone.
Especially since, you know, *she* won't be saying it.

DARREN

That doesn't mean I want you to say it!

STACEY

Wow. I was just trying to do a nice thing. You should be thanking me.

DARREN

I'm not going to thank you.

STACEY

Wait, but you said it back.

DARREN

No, I didn't.

STACEY

You definitely did.

DARREN

...I think my dad's calling me.

STACEY

He's not.

DARREN

I'm going.

STACEY

Okay. Love you.

DARREN

Stop it!

DARREN EXITS. STACEY continues to be entertained.

BLACK OUT.