# George Lopez

"Casa del Diabla"

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## TEASER

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## FADE IN:

INT. KITCHEN - NIGHT (DAY 1)
(George, Angie, Max, Carmen, Benny, Sheriff Deputy Extras)

#### **GEORGE**

Why do I get the feeling you're here for more than lasagna?

BENNY

I had a little surprise waiting for me when I got home. Remember that eviction notice that I thought was a practical joke?

(BEAT) It was for real.

ANGIE

(SURPRISED) Evicted for what, Benny?

BENNY

The Health Department found one or two very minor violations.

GEORGE

(KNOWING) The Health Department
put you in the street for nothing?
C'mon, Mom.

BENNY

Despite what you might've heard from George I'm really not that bad of a housekeeper.

GEORGE

I was in high school before I found out that cleaning solvents were actually for <u>cleaning!</u>

BENNY SHOOTS GEORGE A WITHERING GLARE.

BENNY

Okay, maybe things did get away from me occasionally, but you get used to things running away when you turn on the lights as you get

(MORE)

BENNY (CONT'D)

older. (BEAT) Besides, it was the rats that done me in.

MAX

You have rats in your house?

BENNY

Not <u>in</u> my house, <u>under</u> my house.

One of them, the big rat who I

call Manny after George's father,

ate the next door neighbor's pit

bull and he got all mad and called

the Health Department and they sort

of temporarily condemned my crib.

ANGIE

Temporarily?

BENNY

Yeah, they're going to put a giant tent over it and bomb it so I'm kind of homeless for a few days.

**GEORGE** 

(VERY SUSPICIOUS) How few?

#### BENNY

Two. Three. Four  $\underline{\text{tops}}$ . They said they  $\underline{\text{might}}$  have to fly in a specialist on account of Manny.

CARMEN

Benny could stay in my room, Dad.

GEORGE

(ALARMED) Not until she's deloused!

What about the sofa bed in the living room?

BENNY

(ENCOURAGING) It'll be fun, you'll
see. I won't be a bother. I've got
everything I need right here.
(HOLDS UP PILLOW AND BAG) My
pillow and a carton of cigarettes.

GEORGE

That reminds me -- no smoking in bed!

BENNY

(HOPEFUL) So I can stay?

MAX

You can't say no to family, Dad.

**GEORGE** 

Wanna bet! (BEAT) Angie?

ANGIE

It's up to you, George.

GEORGE

We'll try it for tonight, okay?

BENNY

(RELIEVED) Whatever you say,

George. You're the boss.

BENNY WHISTLES AND A HUMAN TRAIN OF SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES ENTERS THE KITCHEN CARRYING HER POSSESSIONS.

BENNY (CONT'D)

Okay, boys, straight through to

the living room and remember, you

break it you bought it! (TO GEORGE)

You won't be sorry, I promise.

GEORGE

(MAD) Too late, I already am!

AS GEORGE WEARILY TAKES IN THE PROCESSION WE:

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. POWERS AVIATION - THE NEXT DAY - DAY (DAY 2)
(George, Ernie, Plant Extras)

ERNIE ENTERS GEORGE'S OFFICE.

ERNIE

You got a minute, George?

GEORGE

Sure, what's up, Ernie?

ERNIE

My (STARTS CRYING) My ah, my ah

(SOBBING) My ahh, my ahh ...

GEORGE

(CONFUSED) Maya Angelou died?

ERNIE

(SOBBING) My girlfriend ...

**GEORGE** 

(GETTING IT) Your girlfriend

dumped you?

ERNIE NODS YES AND SOBS LOUDER CAUSING GEORGE TO CRINGE WHILE HE SEARCHES FOR THE RIGHT WORDS TO COMFORT ERNIE.

GEORGE (CONT'D)

I'm sorry to hear that. (BEAT)
Hey, that means you've got
plenty of spare room now!

ERNIE NODS YES AND SOBS LOUDER.

GEORGE (CONT'D)

Sorry, I thought maybe if I had a certain unwanted houseguest and you didn't want to be alone maybe we could work something out.

ERNIE

(SOBBING) I miss her so much it hurts, George.

GEORGE

Time heals all wounds, Ernie.

ERNIE

(SOBBING) How much time?

**GEORGE** 

I don't know, two, three months.

ERNIE SOBS LOUDER STILL AND GEORGE REALIZES HIS HONESTY WAS A BIG MISTAKE.

**GEORGE** 

Did I say months? I meant  $\underline{\text{days}}$ , two or three  $\underline{\text{days}}$ , you'll see.

ERNIE

(SOBBING) I sure hope so.

ERNIE GRABS AND HUGS GEORGE.

GEORGE

(UNDER BREATH) What was I thinking? A couple days with Benny in the state you're in would kill you!

ON GEORGE'S LOOK WE:

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. KITCHEN - LATER - NIGHT (DAY 2)
(George, Angie, Max, Carmen, Benny)

 $\underline{\text{GEORGE}}$  and  $\underline{\text{ANGIE}}$   $\underline{\text{ENTER}}$  and are momentarily staggered by the Mess that confronts them. After a beat  $\underline{\text{BENNY}}$   $\underline{\text{POPS}}$   $\underline{\text{UP}}$  FROM BEHIND THE COUNTER.

BENNY

Welcome home! Me and the kids got a surprise for you.

**GEORGE** 

Let me guess, the bomb squad didn't make it in time?

BENNY

No, we made dinner for tonight!

ANGIE

All this is for one dinner?

**GEORGE** 

You really, really, shouldn't have.

 $\underline{\text{CARMEN}}$   $\underline{\text{AND}}$   $\underline{\text{MAX}}$   $\underline{\text{ENTER}}$ , THEIR FACES AND CLOTHES COVERED WITH FOOD AND FOOD STAINS.

MAX

We made dinner for you guys!

#### CARMEN

Chicken mole poblano.

GEORGE WIPES A FINGER ON THE CABINET AND TASTES.

GEORGE

Plenty of chocolate in the mole, just the way I like it.

ANGIE

You shouldn't have gone to so much trouble, Benny.

BENNY

It was no trouble. Just my way of saying thanks to my new roomies.

ANGIE

(SURVEYING MESS) It'll take me a lifetime to -- repay you.

BENNY

I know what you're thinkin', but
don't worry, I'll clean up
everything first thing in the
morning. (REMEMBERS) Ooh, I
forgot I told the kids I'd drive
them in early. We'll figure it later.

(MORE)

BENNY (CONT'D)

Ooh, and before I forget, be careful in the tub 'cause I got some panty hose and some pots soaking up there.

GEORGE AND ANGIE LOOK AT EACHOTHER HORRIFIED.

BENNY (CONT'D)

I don't know about you guys but
I'm starving. Let's eat!

ON GEORGE AND ANGIE'S SHELL-SHOCKED LOOKS WE:

CUT TO:

# MAIN TITLES

## ACT ONE

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## FADE IN:

INT. KITCHEN - THE NEXT NIGHT (DAY 3)
(George, Angie, Benny)

GEORGE ENTERS AS ANGIE CLEANS UP THE MESS FROM DINNER THE PREVIOUS NIGHT. HE IS OBVIOUSLY IRRITATED.

**GEORGE** 

(MAD) I thought we agreed to leave all this for Benny!

ANGIE

I had to get those pots out of our tub, didn't I? Not to mention her panty hose.

GEORGE

She had all day to do this!

ANGIE

Not really, after she dropped off the kids she drove out to Lompoc.

GEORGE

Lompoc? One of her boyfriends must've gotten work-release from prison.

ANGIE

(REMEMBERING) I think it was Julio.

GEORGE

I want her out of my house, Angie.

ANGIE

It's <u>our</u> house, George, and it was nice of her and the kids to make dinner for us last night. Even with all this mess.

GEORGE

(LOOKS UP) I still haven't figured out how we're going to get the mole sauce off the ceiling!

ANGIE

It's just for another day or two,
we'll manage.

**GEORGE** 

I don't want her making another mess in this kitchen again. It's too much work.

ANGIE GIVES GEORGE A KNOWING LOOK.

## GEORGE (CONT'D)

For you, too much work for you!

GEORGE GOES OVER TO A LARGE MARKER BOARD ON THE SIDE OF THE REFRIGERATOR.

GEORGE (CONT'D)

(WRITING) Stay out of kitchen

Benny!

ANGIE

You may need more than a curt note.

GEORGE

I'll put a cooler of beer by the t.v. -- then she really won't have a reason to set foot in here again.

BENNY POKES HER HEAD IN THE DOORWAY.

BENNY

(HOT) Could you keep it down,
people are trying to sleep
around here!

# BENNY EXITS.

AS GEORGE AND ANGIE GIVE EACH OTHER A LOOK WE:

DISSOLVE TO:

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INT. POWERS AVIATION - THE NEXT DAY - DAY (DAY 4)
(George, Ernie, Plant Extras)

GEORGE APPROACHES ERNIE ON THE PLANT FLOOR.

**GEORGE** 

Feeling any better today, Ernie?

ERNIE

Everything I see reminds me of

(STARTS TO SOB) her!

GEORGE

I had to ask.

ERNIE

Oh, George, when will the pain

(SOBS) stop?

GEORGE

We can only hope soon.

ERNIE BEAR HUGS GEORGE AND SOBS UNCONTROLLABLY. GEORGE LOOKS AROUND AND NOTICES PEOPLE STARTING TO STARE.

GEORGE (CONT'D)

Hey, Ernie, this is getting a

little awkward.

ERNIE HUGS GEORGE TIGHTER AND SOBS EVEN LOUDER.

GEORGE (CONT'D)

Dude, people are going to start talking smack about us!

ERNIE

(SOBBING) You're the only one who understands me. (LOUD) I love you, George.

GEORGE

(TO EVERYONE WATCHING) It's <u>not</u> what you're thinking. He means like a brother. Not even, maybe an uncle or something like that!

(BEAT) I'm a married man!

AS GEORGE WILTS FROM EMBARASSMENT AND ERNIE WAILS WE:

DISSOLVE TO:

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INT. LIVING ROOM - THAT NIGHT (DAY 4)
(George, Benny, Max, Carmen, Delivery Boy)

BENNY LOUNGES ON THE SOFA BED WHISPERING INTO THE PHONE AS GEORGE ENTERS.

GEORGE

I need the phone, Mom.

BENNY

(CUPS RECEIVER) I'm talking to Julio, you know, my friend from Lompoc I see every eight to ten years?

**GEORGE** 

I don't care.

BENNY

They're strict with phone
privileges up there, just give
me another minute, Julio's almost

(SEARCHES) finished.

BENNY RESUMES HER PHONE SEX WHISPERING SESSION AND GEORGE GIVES A DISGUSTED LOOK. WATER BEGINS DRIPPING ON HIS HEAD AS HE STANDS THERE.

GEORGE

(LOSING IT) Mom!

BENNY QUICKLY HANGS UP THE PHONE.

BENNY

(INNOCENT) Yes, George.

GEORGE

(UPSET) Why is it raining in

my living room?!

BENNY

Your tub looked so big and clean

I couldn't resist taking a bath.

(BEAT) Or a running start when I

jumped in. (PINCHES FINGERS

TOGETHER) Maybe there was a

teensy bit of spillage.

GEORGE GIVES BENNY A MUDEROUS LOOK FOR A BEAT.

BENNY (CONT'D)

(BRIGHTLY) Your robe soaked up

most of the water!

SFX: THE DOORBELL RINGS.

BENNY (CONT'D)

Why don't I get that?

BENNY OPENS THE DOOR AND WE SEE A  $\underline{\text{DELIVERY}}$   $\underline{\text{BOY}}$  STRUGGLING WITH NUMEROUS FOOD CONTAINERS.

BENNY (CONT'D)

Your timing is perfect. Sure it's all here?

THE DELIVERY BOY TRANSFERS HIS LOAD TO BENNY AND PULLS OUT A LIST.

DELIVERY BOY

(READING) Three Tabasco tamales; two quesadillas with five alarm guacamole; four orders of flaming wings with ancho chile dipping sauce; two special order pizzas with extra spicy chorizo, extra hot sauce and extra cheese, hold the pepperoni.

BENNY

That pepperoni will kill you!
(BEAT) Pay the man, George.

**GEORGE** 

(ANGRY) Me?!

GEORGE TRIES TO STARE DOWN BENNY AND IF LOOKS COULD KILL SHE'D BE DEAD. BUT THEY CAN'T AND SHE QUICKLY GOES ON THE DEFENSIVE.

#### BENNY

I'm so broke I couldn't pay attention. Besides, I gotta eat and after the stink you made about the mess in the kitchen -- which I would've cleaned up given <a href="half">half</a> a chance -- <a href="half">and</a> that note, what choice did you leave me? (LOUD) Max, Carmen, dinner's here, and don't forget to thank your daddy.

 ${\hbox{MAX}\over\hbox{CONTAINERS.}}$   ${\hbox{RUN}\over\hbox{END}}$   ${\hbox{IN}\over\hbox{MAS}}$  BENNY STRUGGLES WITH THE FOOD

BENNY (CONT'D)

And give him a good tip, George, this stuff is hea - vy!

ON GEORGE'S CHAGRINED LOOK WE:

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. POWERS AVIATION - THE NEXT DAY - DAY (DAY 5)
(George, Ernie, Employees #1, #2, #3, #4, Ron, Plant
Extras)

GEORGE IS SITTING AT HIS DESK AS A LARGE  $\underline{\text{GROUP}}$   $\underline{\text{OF}}$  EMPLOYEES STAMPEDES IN.

EMPLOYEE #1

(MAD) We're here to lodge a formal complaint, George.

EMPLOYEE #2

(EMPHATICALLY) And if you don't take care of it we'll go to

Jack, Mel, the shop steward,
the union, anybody it takes!

GEORGE

(CONFUSED) Okay, what?

EMPLOYEE #3

It's Ernie. We know you guys are (FINGER QUOTES) "friends" but he's a safety hazard.

EMPLOYEE #4

He's constantly crying and he doesn't see where he's going.

EMPLOYEE #1

He almost ran me over driving the fork lift!

EMPLOYEE #2

And his tears get everything wet and slippery.

EMPLOYEE #3

Half the people in here could file slip and fall claims!

EMPLOYEE #4

Yeah, and he's depressing the crap out of me!

**GEORGE** 

Look, I get your point. And yes,
Ernie and I are friends, just
friends, but that doesn't mean
I won't take care of this.

ERNIE APPROACHES AND LOOKS FORLORNLY IN THE OFFICE WINDOW.

ERNIE

(UNDER BREATH) She always hated crowds. (SIGHS HEAVILY)

ERNIE BURSTS INTO SOBS AND QUICKLY CROSSES OUT.

EMPLOYEE #1

You better do something, George, or we will. That's a promise!

THE EMPLOYEES START TO EXIT AND RON, AN OBVIOUSLY GAY EMPLOYEE, LINGERS BEHIND.

**GEORGE** 

I said I'd take care of it, there's no need to get hostile!

THE OTHER EMPLOYEES ALL EXIT.

RON

(SOTTO) If you ever want to talk about what you and Ernie are going through just let me know, George.

GEORGE

There's <u>nothing</u> going on with me and Ernie.

RON

I know you and Ernie were together for a long time. This can't be easy for you.

**GEORGE** 

Me and Ernie are just friends.

RON

I want you to know that I'm here for you, George, if you ever need a shoulder to cry on.

GEORGE

I'm fine, you can keep your shoulder to yourself, Ron.

RON

Of course you are (WINKS)
George.

GEORGE

(FLUSTERED) No, I really am!

RON

You go, girl!

ON GEORGE'S EMBARASSED REACTION WE:

DISSOLVE TO:

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INT. BEDROOM - THAT NIGHT (DAY 5)
(George, Angie, Benny)

GEORGE AND ANGIE ARE GETTING READY FOR BED.

SFX: THE DULL THUMPING SOUND OF MUSIC FROM ANOTHER ROOM.

GEORGE

(HOT) I want Benny out of here.

ANGIE

She will be soon.

GEORGE

(HOTTER) Not soon enough!

GEORGE POUNDS HARD ON THE WALL. HE IS ON THE VERGE OF COMPLETELY LOSING IT.

SFX: MUSIC OFF.

BENNY (O.C.)

Sorry!

**GEORGE** 

Movies 'til dawn. Beer for breakfast. I caught her using my nine iron as a back scratcher and I don't even want to think what she was doing with my putter!

#### ANGIE

I know it's frustrating, George, but the kids are enjoying her being here and ultimately that will make us a better, stronger family. (BEAT) Some day.

Eventually. Hopefully. Maybe.

**GEORGE** 

(SARCASTIC) I hope I live long enough to reap all of the benefits!

Did Benny tell you about the party?

GEORGE

(VERY ANGRY) <a href="Party">Party</a>?!

ANGIE

Julio made parole. She said just a couple people. I said okay.

**GEORGE** 

Every time I'm nice to that
woman she takes advantage of me!

ANGIE

(CONCERNED) Is Benny the only thing bothering you, George?

GEORGE SNIFFS THE AIR THEN BANGS HARD ON THE WALL.

GEORGE

(LOSING IT) Put out that cigarette!!

BENNY (O.C.)

Sorry, I'm so comfy I forgot where I was!

GEORGE

(EXASPERATED) Isn't she enough?!

ANGIE

There's nothing else bothering you?

GEORGE

Ernie's girlfriend dumped him and he's driving everybody at work crazy with his crying. Other than possibly joining a gay support group I'm not sure what to do.

ANGIE

(CONFUSED) Did you talk to Ernie?

#### **GEORGE**

I told him he'd get over her,
but it would take some time. He
gets dumped every other month,
he should know the drill by now!

#### ANGIE

When you fall off a horse you have to get right back on.

## GEORGE

Ernie's girlfriend was less like a horse and more like a horse if you know what I mean.

## ANGIE

Nothing would take Ernie's mind off being dumped faster than a new girlfriend.

#### **GEORGE**

Sounds great -- except for that last part about finding a woman to actually go out with a thirty-seven year old man who cries more than a newborn baby.

ANGIE

Isn't there anybody at work you
could fix Ernie up with?

GEORGE

(RE: GAY MALE EMPLOYEE) There is, but he's a he, not a she.

Actually, I think he's more interested in me, so the answer is no.

ANGIE

She's out there, George. Try thinking outside the box.

GEORGE

I'll try, but I think I'd have better luck getting Benny into "Better Homes and Gardens."

ON GEORGE'S DEEPLY TROUBLED LOOK WE:

FADE OUT.

# END OF ACT ONE

## ACT TWO

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## FADE IN:

EXT. BACK YARD - NIGHT (DAY 6)
(George, Angie, Benny, Drunk, Tattooed Woman, Party Extras)

MUSIC: LATINO DANCE / PARTY MUSIC.

 $\underline{\text{GEORGE}}$   $\underline{\text{ENTERS}}$  FROM THE BACK GATE AND FINDS A SEA OF EX-CONS DANCING AND PARTYING. BENNY DANCES OVER.

BENNY

(DRUNK) Welcome home, Georgie!
Mi casa es su casa! Wait, strike
that and reverse it.

GEORGE

(HOT) I thought you told Angie
a couple people were going to
drop by? This looks like a
couple hundred!

BENNY

(DRUNK, DISMISSIVE) Julio is a popular guy, what can I say?

GEORGE

I want all these thugs out of here, Benny. I can feel my property value declining as we speak!

BENNY

Relax, George, have a cerveza.

BENNY HANDS A BEER TO GEORGE.

GEORGE

I don't want a beer, I want you
and your homies out of here!

BENNY

The exterminators said they need another day or two. Manny's got <a href="everybody">everybody</a> stumped!

A DRUNK MAN APPROACHES GEORGE WITH A GOLF BAG.

DRUNK

This your crib, dude?

GEORGE

(LOSING IT) Yes! Get out!!

THE DRUNK MAN TURNS TO EXIT AND GEORGE SPOTS THE GOLF BAG.

GEORGE

That's my golf bag!

#### DRUNK

(INNOCENTLY) I was just gonna

take a couple swings!

GEORGE ANGRILY GRABS THE GOLF BAG AND THE  $\underline{\text{DRUNK}}$   $\underline{\text{MAN}}$   $\underline{\text{EXITS}}$ , STAGGERING ALL THE WAY.

BENNY

(SLURRING) There's one bad barrel

in every apple ... apple barrel.

GEORGE

This whole bunch is rotten!

(LOOKS AROUND) Where are the kids,

I don't have money for ransom!

BENNY

They're at the neighbors, chill.

## ANGIE DANCES OVER.

GEORGE

How could you let this happen,

Angie?!

ANGIE

I went for ice and when I came

back this is what I found.

**GEORGE** 

"America's Most Wanted" right in my own back yard!

ANGIE

Most of them are surprisingly nice, George.

GEORGE

(FACETIOUS) We'll have to have them all back again. We'll invite them for tea and crumpets and maybe some croquet or badminton!

ANGIE

All I'm saying is don't judge a book by its cover.

GEORGE

In this case the cover was probably stolen!

SFX: MUSIC DOWN.

BENNY

Attention everyone, it's time for the cake.

PARTY EXTRAS CARRY IN A BOXY LOOKING CAKE TOPPED WITH CANDLES AND CONCERTINA WIRE.

BENNY (CONT'D)

Oh, look, they did it in the

shape of Julio's old cell block.

Those sentimental fools!

GEORGE

(TO ANGIE) I want her out of here!

ANGIE

She will be, George.

**GEORGE** 

She said four days max and it's

already been almost a week!

ANGIE

They're having trouble with Manny.

GEORGE

That rat will die of old age

before Benny moves out of here!

ANGIE

How did your day at work go?

**GEORGE** 

Ernie cried a river of tears and

(MORE)

GEORGE (CONT'D)

the other employees are ready to send me up it without a paddle.

ANGIE

Maybe there's a girl here we could fix Ernie up with.

GEORGE GIVES THE CROWD THEN ANGIE A LOOK FOR A BEAT.

GEORGE

Desperate times call for desperate measures but I don't think Ernie's ready for this crowd.

ANGIE

(OPTIMISTIC) Perhaps when he's stronger.

A VERY LARGE TATTOOED WOMAN CROSSES.

**GEORGE** 

A lot stronger.

ANGIE

Keep looking George, she's out
there somewhere.

## GEORGE

(SCANNING CROWD AND CRINGING)

I think we can safely rule out

our back yard!

GEORGE CONTINUES TO SCAN THE CROWD AND ON HIS LOOKS OF INCREASING ALARM AND DISGUST WE:

DISSOLVE TO:

## INT. POWERS AVIATION - THE NEXT DAY - DAY (DAY 7) (George, Tina, Plant Extras)

GEORGE LEANS OUT HIS OFFICE DOOR AND CALLS TINA, A TOUGH ACTING MILITANT LESBIAN EMPLOYEE, INTO HIS OFFICE.

**GEORGE** 

Tina, could you spare a minute?

TINA

What's up, George? I heard about the problems you and Ernie are going through and you've got my support. Personally, I thought you two made a nice couple.

GEORGE

You don't understand, Tina.

TINA

No, I do, completely. Never date someone you work with. I dated this girl Stacey in the army and that 24/7 stuff is trouble with a capital T!

**GEORGE** 

Me and Ernie are just friends.

TINA

I respect that about you, George, that you can remain friends with Ernie after being together for so many years.

**GEORGE** 

Me and Ernie aren't together!

TINA

Anything you need, you ask your soul sister. I got your back, girlfriend.

A BEAT WHILE GEORGE REALIZES HOW TO MANIPULATE THE SITUATION TO HIS ADVANTAGE. HE SMILES KNOWINGLY.

**GEORGE** 

We're not together -- anymore, is what I meant. (BEAT) I'm looking to hook Ernie up with a girl, you know, a man-loving girl. Know any?

TINA

Haven't met one yet, but I get what you're after. (BEAT)
A civilian.

**GEORGE** 

Right, I'm thinking maybe a woman would get his mind off (STRUGGLES MIGHTILY) us.

GEORGE CRINGES AND GAGS AT THE THOUGHT OF HIM AND ERNIE AS A COUPLE WHILE TINA MULLS OVER HIS REQUEST FOR A BEAT.

GEORGE (CONT'D)

(UNDER BREATH) Ernie sure better appreciate this!

TINA

Tell you what amigo, or is that amiga, (WINKS KNOWINGLY) I got an extra KD Lang ticket. Have Ernie meet me at the concert and I'll see if I can hook him up with Bruce.

TINA HANDS GEORGE A TICKET.

GEORGE

(CONFUSED) Bruce is a girl?

TINA

Put it this way -- she is now.

GEORGE

Thanks, Tina. And let's just keep <u>all</u> this to ourselves, okay?

TINA

Roger that. (BEAT) So I guess you're tryin' to work things out with Angie, huh?

GEORGE

(GOING ALONG) Yeah, right, you know, for the kid's sake.

TINA

Yeah, those bi-curious things

never work out. Stick with what
you know, George.

**GEORGE** 

I'll do that, you can count on
it!

ON GEORGE'S LOOK OF RELIEF WE:

DISSOLVE TO:

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EXT. BACK YARD - LATER - DAY (DAY 7) (George, Benny, Sheriff Deputy Extras)

 $\underline{\text{GEORGE}}$   $\underline{\text{ENTERS}}$  FROM THE BACK GATE AND SMILES AT THE SIGHT OF SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES CARRYING BOXES OUT OF THE HOUSE.

GEORGE

My prayers have been answered, you're finally moving out.

BENNY

Yes, George, it's true.

GEORGE

Man, one more day and I was ready to take Julio's old prison cell at Lompoc.

BENNY

A punk like you wouldn't fare
too well, but you could mention
my name, I got some juice up
there.

GEORGE

So they finally killed Manny?

BENNY

No, not yet, but me and Julio are going to a motel. Frankly, George, you're driving me nuts with all your rules.

GEORGE

<u>I'm</u> driving <u>you</u> nuts?! Strike <u>that</u> and reverse it, please!

BENNY

(WHINEY) Turn down that stereo;
no beer for breakfast; no
firearms in the tub. Your rules
took all the fun out of crashing
here!

GEORGE

Everybody lives by rules, Benny.

BENNY

Rules are meant to be broken.

Well, for the most part anyway.

(BEAT) I probably should've

followed the one about no

(MORE)

BENNY (CONT'D)

smoking in bed. You're gonna need a new sofa.

GEORGE STANDS THERE STUNNED FOR A BEAT AS  $\underline{\text{TWO}}$   $\underline{\text{DEPUTIES}}$  CARRY A BURNT AND SMOLDERING COUCH OUT OF THE HOUSE.

BENNY (CONT'D)

You need to learn how to relax,

George. When I look at the two

of us sometimes I wonder if

there wasn't some kind of mix-up

at the hospital and I went home

with the wrong baby. (BEAT)

Okay, boys, let's move out!

BENNY AND THE SHERIFF DEPUTY EXTRAS EXIT AND AS GEORGE STARES AT THE SMOLDERING COUCH WITH A LOOK OF DISBELIEF WE:

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT TWO

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## FADE IN:

INT. POWERS AVIATION - DAY (DAY 8)
(George, Ernie, Plant Extras)

ERNIE, GRINNING FROM EAR TO EAR, QUICKLY APPROACHES GEORGE ON THE PLANT FLOOR.

ERNIE

Hey, George, thanks again for hooking me up with Tina and her friend tonight.

ERNIE HOLDS UP THE KD LANG CONCERT TICKET.

GEORGE

Any time, Ernie, but don't get your hopes up too high. Maybe you and Bruce, uh, whatever her name was, won't hit it off.

ERNIE

I won't, George. It's funny, I always thought Tina was a you know what.

**GEORGE** 

Yeah, funny, remember that.

ERNIE

Wow, I can't believe I'm

actually going out with a

Teamster! (BEAT) Do you think
I should bring (SOTTO)

protection?

GEORGE

I'd bring a chain mail suit, a large caliber automatic and a camera, just in case. But hey, that's me.

ERNIE

George, I can't thank you enough.

GEORGE

(GUILTY) Thank me tomorrow.

(SOTTO) If you can find me.

AS GEORGE QUICKLY CROSSES OUT WITH A GUILTY LOOK WE:

CUT TO BLACK:

THE END