

KING OF STATEN ISLAND (MARGIE tells SCOTT she is seeing someone)

(Margie, a widow, is the mother of Scott and Claire)

MARGIE

(Sitting at Kitchen table) I need to talk to you about something.

SCOTT

(Gets off couch and sits at kitchen table) What's up? Someone die?

MARGIE

No. Nobody's dead. *(PAUSE)* I'm seeing somebody.

SCOTT

What does that mean?

MARGIE

Uh, uh..I'm seeing a man. I've been dating someone for a little while now.

SCOTT

You're dating someone? *(Happy for her!)* That's awesome! Like, why are you dating him secretly, you little slut? *(Still so happy for her!!)* Why didn't you tell me? Is he really, really old or.....is he really young? Is it one of my friends? Is it Igor?

MARGIE

No, no, no. I just.. *(laughs)* I didn't want to bother you, unless it was really serious.

SCOTT

Bother me? You're my mom. I hope you're getting banged out real good. Who's the lucky guy?

MARGIE

Um... it's a..It's Ray.

SCOTT

Who's Ray?

MARGIE

Remember the kid you tattooed? His father.

SCOTT

That fucking prick?

MARGIE

Yeah, I know. He's a really nice man, he's really good to me. And he's a fireman.

SCOTT

(LOSSES IT, Stands up) He's a fireman?! That's fucked up!

MARGIE

Why?

SCOTT

What do you mean, why? You haven't dated anyone in 17 years since Dad, and the first guy you date is a fireman? You don't think that's a little fucking weird?

MARGIE

I got nothing against fireman.

SCOTT

Neither do I, but the guy doesn't like me and he has the same job as Dad. I'm fucked up as it is, Mom. I have Crohn's. There's something wrong up here. *(points to his head)* I can't find my watch! Haven't I been through enough?! Wait, what did I do? What did I do wrong? I'm sorry. Like, what did I do?

MARGIE

(Stands up) I'm not doing it to you. I just..dont want to be alone the rest of my life.

SCOTT

I don't want you to be alone either. That would suck, but, come on. It's pretty obvious this is not a good choice, right?

MARGIE

(Pause. Sighs. Sits back down) I would like us to have dinner. This is very, very important to me. I am in a serious relationship with a very nice man.

SCOTT

You're in a serious relationship?!! With that guy? Come on! You don't tell him you love him, do you? You're not, like, saying that, right?

MARGIE

Well, we don't use that word yet. But, if he said it to me, I would say it back.

SCOTT

Oh, my God! Jesus! Do you not learn?! Look what happened last time. (*Points to photo, of his deceased Father*) You want to do that again?

MARGIE

(*Stands*) Okay. All right? How about this? How about we come by the restaurant and we have dinner when you're working and just come by and just say "Hi". You say a "Hi" a couple of times. How about that?

SCOTT

How about that? How about that? Why don't you ask him? (*Picks up photo, of his deceased Father*) Why don't you just build another shrine to Ray, while you're at it? Right across from Dad's, so they can be fucking pals! (*EXITS*)

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