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MARGARET

She really didn't want me coming back here.

MIKE

Well, you got back here anyway. It was / good to see you.

MARGARET

Anyway, that's what I meant. She and I wouldn't have gotten along, I don't think, so it's probably for the best you don't have a job for me. I'm not fancy enough for this office. You're all lace-curtain Irish now.

MIKE

(Beat) What?

GOOD PEOPLE

MARGARET

You *are*, it's great. I'm happy for you.

MIKE

What do you mean, "lace-curtain."

MARGARET

What do *you* call it? "My wife is throwing me a party."

MIKE

What, you don't throw parties?

MARGARET

Not really. Not *catered*.

MIKE

It's a special— It's not like we do it all the time.

MARGARET

You don't have to get defensive. I was just saying. You're not . . .

MIKE

What.

MARGARET

Southie at all.

MIKE

Ouch.

MARGARET

You wouldn't know that that's where you're from, I'm saying.

MIKE

So I've lost my street cred.

DAVID LINDSAY-ABAIRE

MARGARET

No, I think it's awesome.

MIKE

Yeah, you keep saying that, but I'm starting to not believe you.

MARGARET

I *do* think it's awesome. You're like someone on a TV show.

MIKE

Uh-huh.

MARGARET

You *are*. You know what I mean. Professional.

MIKE

All right, professional I don't mind, but lace-curtain . . .

MARGARET

It just means you did good.

MIKE

No it doesn't. I haven't been in the neighborhood for a while, but I remember what lace-curtain means.

MARGARET

It's a good thing, Mike.

MIKE

No it isn't. It means I think I'm better than other people.

MARGARET

That's not what it means.

MIKE

Yes it does.

GOOD PEOPLE

MARGARET

Well, that's not how *I* mean it.

MIKE

The old-timers called the Kennedys' lace-curtain: "Aw, they don't care about us. They're all lace-curtain now."

MARGARET

Well, I don't know anything about that.

MIKE

Or when a union boss or whoever moved out to Wellesley.

MARGARET

Where do *you* live?

MIKE

(Beat) Not Wellesley.