

Audition Side 4: VAL & ANJALI

ANJALI

S'cute, right? Isn't he?

I got him for you.

As a little treat.

You've been working so hard, and you wouldn't get on Raya-

VAL

That is a discriminatory hiring practice-

ANJALI

Oh stop! You know uggos get worse tips.

Plus, eye candy is very important for the ecosystem.

VAL

...

ANJALI

I hired Handsy Mike's line replacement too. She can't come until dinner rush-
Something about the buses not running, or-

I dunno, I don't take the bus.

Look it went well.

Ma did great.

She only cried twice!

VAL

I should have been there-

ANJALI

Val.

It was good.

He seems legit. And experienced - his dad consulted on the Taco Bell
expansion. I know, nepo baby, but-

Aren't we too, kinda?

VAL

Anj-

ANJALI

You're right, ma would have to have more money for that to be true-

VAL

Why didn't you bring me-

ANJALI

Why is it empty in here?

VAL

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Understaffed-

ANJALI

Isn't it good I got you a new waiter then?

VAL

We're gonna **to** sell, right?

Anjali, we're selling, yeah?

ANJALI

Ma has invested a lot into this place-

VAL

She has to sell it.

ANJALI

She doesn't, Val.

She doesn't have to do anything she doesn't want to do.

VAL

It's killing her.

Keeping this place running, it's destroying her / health-

ANJALI

She likes to / work.

VAL

I'm here everyday, me. I hear the gunk in her lungs- She doesn't breathe right-

She's not like you, she doesn't just "miss working" she's / old-

ANJALI

Oh good, I was wondering when you'd remind me what a sad little housewife I am!

She just wanted to tell him "no", okay?

Like, that was her plan.

She wanted to say "no deal" like she was fuckin Desi Howie Mandel. Do

you think you would have been able to recover from that?

I know you think I'm just, the dumbest bitch, but if you had gone instead of me, there would be nothing on the table right now, because you would have covered it, with the insides of each other's throats.

I bought us time, okay?

VAL

I don't think you're dumb...

Just a bitch.

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ANJALI
Your eyes look puffy-

VAL
Your outfit is slutty.

ANJALI
Ha.

VAL
...How much?
What's the deal on the table?

ANJALI
If we want a partnership-
Fifty percent stake, expansion into three new locations across California, but only
as long as she agrees to be like, "the face in perpetuity" which, she refused-

VAL
What's ON the table then?

Like, to fully-?

VAL
Fully cash out?
What' that number?

ANJALI
...Seven to sell.

Val chokes.

ANJALI
Oh, calm down-

VAL
That kind of money could send your kid to private school-

ANJALI
So could Umar, tomorrow.
Not everything has to be about the money, Val.

*From the kitchen, off, we hear Faaz
say "HA! Ya 7mar! IT'S SAFFRON!"
Anjali looks at her phone.*

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ANJALI
Shit, I gotta go.

VAL
Where, what-?

Anjali hands one of the pints to Val-

ANJALI
I gotta pick up the kid from daycare. Remember? My kid?

VAL
Dressed like that I forgot you're a mother-

I'll fight you, take your hoops out-

VAL
Oh go take your frozen yogurt home.

Gestures to the frozen yogurt.

ANJALI
Umar loves pistachio. I think.

VAL
So...are things good now with you guys?

ANJALI
Umar says they are, so it must
be. He uh-
He's still always around-
But he's starting to like, find hobbies? So
that's good. To fill his time with-
I guess things are like, fancier now, and it's nice to have a house, but- I
don't know. Life was easier-
Kinder, with less money and more work-

VAL
Just saying, Umar and Mom are not the same-

ANJALI
Okay, first, ew-?
And, of course not, but-
I'm just saying, that all money is, is, just, money-
...It's fine. I'm
happy.
Marital bliss!

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When are you getting married?

VAL

When are you getting divorced?

ANJALI

Ha, bitch.

No, it's fine. I'm happy.

VAL

You said that already.

ANJALI

Have you eaten yet? Like, actually eaten, not just snacked off plates-
Cause if it's closed for lunch, do you wanna-?

VAL

I can't leave. I'm working.

ANJALI

'Kay.

VAL

I have to check on mom.

ANJALI

No, right, and my kid, I gotta-

VAL

I have responsibilities.

ANJALI

You're the only one, yeah yeah-

VAL

I didn't mean-

ANJALI

It's okay, Val.

ANJALI

Gotta stand by / your choice.

DIANA

Your choice! Anything you want!