

TARA and LEO AUDITION SCENE 1

IN The dining room

TARA and LEO waltz in through the front door and make their way to the couch.

TARA

I hope my parents know that I'm doing it all for them.

LEO

Babe, what have you got against a traditional wedding?

TARA

It perpetuates the patriarchal hegemony in a gender stereotypical trope.

LEO

Right... I'm not sure what you just said, but tradition is important.

TARA

Why don't we just elope? Get married on a beach by a civil celebrant - and not the creepy kind, assuming we can find one.

LEO

Because we owe it to our parents to make them happy

TARA

I know we do... (pauses to think) but why do we?

LEO

Years of being told so.

TARA

I'll never make our children feel that way.

LEO

(pointing to RAY through the window)

Look at your dad. He and your mum are going to all this effort to make my parents feel comfortable. He's probably never cooked a kosher thing in his life.

TARA

True. That barbecue has had more prawns in it than a Thai fishing trawler.

LEO

Better keep the crustaceans between us.

TARA

You gonna make me?

(pause)

LEO

We'll still have as much sex after we get married, right?

TARA

Sure we will, I promise.

LEO

A real promise?

TARA

(seductively takes his hand and puts on her chest)

Cross my heart. My big, heaving heart.

LEO

Well, if you can't trust a firm, pert heart...

TARA

Anyway, a chuppah is an antiquated anachronism - I'm not going to change. I'll still be the same Tara Cohen.

LEO

You're not changing your name?

TARA

Not unless you change yours.

LEO

(miffed, withdraws his hand)

And when were you going to tell me that?

TARA

(putting her hand down his pants)

Tell you what?

LEO

.... Huh? I forget...

TARA

(halting the foreplay)

This lunch was a bad idea.

LEO

It's one meal so our parents can get to know each other. How bad can it be?

TARA

(LEO kisses her neck) Leo, I can't fool around with them watching.

LEO

It's one way glass. They can't see in.

TARA

I'm talking about that thing (points to the giant photo)

LEO

So let's go upstairs.

TARA

But your parents will be here any minute.

LEO

I'll be quick, I promise.

TARA

We've only two more weeks for it still to be a sin... OK.

They exit off stage, up to her bedroom.