

ILAN - AUDITION SCENE 1

IN the kitchen

ILAN

I love how Aussies can say anything.

ROSH

Please, don't judge us all by Raymond.

ILAN

Mah! I love him already.

ROSH

I'm sure Kitty's family are typical Australians. Do visit them often?

ILAN

As often as I can: at least once every twenty years.

ROSH

(giggling)

You like them that much?

ILAN

They make Skype with us every week.

ROSH

That's nice.

ILAN

But the internet is not so good. We lose the connection after a few minutes.

ROSH

Does that happen often in Israel?

ILAN

(smirking)

Only if you know where to switch off the router.

ILAN

You and Ray. Where did you meet?

ROSH

Surfers Paradise. October 1984. I was on vacation there and Ray was a struggling Uni student lugging bricks on a building site.

ILAN

Surfers Paradise? I hear when there will be a two-state solution it will be split in half.

ROSH

(wistfully)

It was a whirlwind romance. He wrote me the most beautiful letters.

ILAN

He is a romantic, your husband.

ROSH

A month later he managed to wrangle us two tickets to Paris. What girl could say no to that?

Pause

ROSH

I am getting the sense that out of you and Kitty, she is the more observant one.

ILAN

Ah. You should be a detective.

ROSH

It's your demeanor. The way you hold yourself.

ILAN

I haven't held myself for a long time. It happens to men my age.

ROSH

See! It's that kind of thing... So, I'm guessing when Kitty converted you toed the line.

ILAN

She converted from Catholic to Israeli Jewess. I converted from atheist to Kosher atheist.

ROSH

I'm not sure which would be harder.

ILAN

I had to change only my behaviour, not my beliefs.

ROSH

That works?

ILAN

(big smile)

It's too early to tell. It has been only thirty years since our wedding.