

LOUIE EP 407

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EXT. NEW YORK CITY STREET - DAY

Louie and Janet walk out of an office building onto the street.

JANET
What does she cost?

LOUIE
Eight hundred dollars for the two hours.

JANET
Oh, my god.

LOUIE
Yeah. For that kind of money, we could pay to have Jane killed.

A beat. Janet tries not to laugh, then starts laughing. She pulls out a cigarette and lights it and smokes.

LOUIE (CONT'D)
Hey, listen. You know, we can...we can do this. You know, we just gotta...can we just...let's get back on track. I mean, we're...we're a good team.

Janet hands him her cigarette. He takes a puff.

LOUIE (CONT'D)
I'm willing to try anything you wanna consider, I just. Let's not do that again, all right?

JANET
Yes, I agree. I mean we used to be so smooth with this. I guess I just didn't figure that life after divorce has its ups and downs like a marriage has.

LOUIE
Yeah, wow. It's like a whole other relationship to manage, right? Whew.

He gives her back the cigarette.

LOUIE (CONT'D)
Anyway, I've been goin' through my shit and I know that's contributing to the problem, so...

JANET
 Hey! What's with the new
 girlfriend, by the way!?

LOUIE
 Girlfriend?

JANET
 (nodding)
 Amia? The girls never stop talking
 about her.

Janet studies Louie.

JANET (CONT'D)
 Ah!! Somebody's in love.

Louie smiles, looks away.

LOUIE
 (shrugs)
 Well.

JANET
 Louie! That's so great! Oh, my god!
 That makes me really happy!

Janet gives him a big hug.

JANET (CONT'D)
 Ahhh. So tell me, is it serious?

LOUIE
 Well, I...you know, I feel...I
 really like her. And uh...but she's
 leaving. And uh...

JANET
 She's leaving?

LOUIE
 Yeah, she's going back to Hungary.
 She was here for a month, and
 uh...well, now like ten days or so.
 Yeah, she's leaving, back to
 Hungary.

JANET
 For how long?

LOUIE
 Ever. I mean, for good. She's
 not...you know.

(MORE)

LOUIE (CONT'D)

That's where she lives. I just...we just been...hangin' out.

JANET

Wait, I don't understand.

LOUIE

She's my neighbor's niece. My neighbor, she's this old lady from Hungary and her niece, Amia, came to help her come back there. So like...uh...she's got like a son and a career there. It's not...we just like each other and we've been spending time together while she's here.

JANET

Well, shit. Marry her. Make her stay.

LOUIE

That's not really an option.

JANET

Why? What's so big about her life back in Hungary?

LOUIE

Well, I don't know if you know this, but the economy is shit here right now. And...Anyway, I don't really know entirely, honestly, because we don't really communicate. She doesn't speak English. At all.

JANET

She doesn't speak English? At all?

LOUIE

None. No. We just...but we communicate, we have like a repore, it's really nice. But she's leaving, so...

JANET

This isn't right.

LOUIE

What?

JANET

You had this woman hanging around, with the kids. And you're getting close to her, and they're spending time with her and then she's leaving?

LOUIE

Yeah...so.

JANET

Well, how are the girls gonna feel when the rug is pulled out?

LOUIE

They're gonna be sad. So am I. We're enjoying her company while she's here and then we're all gonna miss her.

Janet isn't buying this.

LOUIE (CONT'D)

You know, Janet, sometimes you're supposed to be sad. And it's okay, it's the flip side. And it's actually good.

JANET

Yeah, you want the kids to be sad?

LOUIE

No! Well, yes. If it's because they love somebody.

Janet laughs and shakes her head.

LOUIE (CONT'D)

Hey, you don't get to do this. This isn't...you don't get to...you're with Patrick and I don't run that down, I don't, I don't pick that apart.

JANET

Okay, you wanna talk about me and Patrick? Go ahead.

LOUIE

Okay, fine! Well, you guys...are pretty...solid.

(MORE)

LOUIE (CONT'D)

And the girls love him and he seems like a great guy and your relationship has brought a lot of stability to their lives that they lost when we broke up. So...yeah. He smells like Kale.

JANET

Hey, listen. I don't care who you spend your time with. If you wanna shake up European chic...then-

LOUIE

-It's not like that! It's not like *that*.

On Janet, making a shocking realization.

JANET

Oh. Wait a minute. You're not even fucking her? Are you kidding me? Oh, come on Louie. Can't you just figure out how to live a life already?

LOUIE

Oh, my God! Oh, my God! I gotta go.

Louie runs away, leaving Janet on the street.