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## 5. THE PROMOTION:

BLACK SCREEN: DOOR OPENS AND CLOSES, SCENE FADES IN WITH MICHAELS LINE. IN THE HOME JAMIE AND MARIA ARE OUT OF CAMERA SHOT. WE SEE GRAHAM SITTING ON THE COUCH WATCHING TV AS MICHAEL ENTERS.

MICHAEL: (OVERCOME WITH JOY)  
 MARIA! MARIA! I have amazing  
 news!!!

GRAHAM: (TURNS TO LOOK AT MICHAEL,  
 WONDERING WHAT HAPPENED)  
 What dad? What happened?!?

MARIA: (COMES IN FROM OFF CAMERA  
 HURRIED, AND EXCITED)  
 Did you get it? The promotion. Did  
 you get it?!?

MICHAEL: (EXCITEDLY)  
 Yes! All that hard work and  
 overtime finally paid off. You are  
 looking at the new Vice President  
 of Consumer Relations at Baker  
 Products!  
 (Michael and Maria hug.  
 Michael spins Maria around,  
 and sets her back down.)

MICHAEL:  
 You made a GREAT decision Maria!  
 Moving here to New Rose has been  
 the best thing to happen to us  
 since Jamie and Graham were born.

Jamie enters from another room, wondering what everyone is so excited about. By this time Graham has come into the room as well, and is picked up by Michael. Michael and Graham have indirect dialogue while the conversations shifts to Maria and Jamie.

JAMIE: (NONCHALANTLY)  
 What? What happened?

MARIA: (TO JAMIE WITH EXCITEMENT)  
 Your father got promoted to Vice  
 President!

JAMIE: (SHOWING MORE INTEREST)  
 Cool! So, what does that mean? Is  
 he getting... (Jamie is cut off by  
 Michael).

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MICHAEL: (INTERRUPTING JAMIE)

It means, your dad is going to be controlling a major portion of the company. I'll be working with high end clients, and major corporations. It will be longer hours, but the vacation time I'll get will more than make up for it. Not to mention the raise!

(As Michael talks about the longer hours, Jamie begins to dislike the idea of this promotion)

MICHAEL: (TURNING TO MARIA)

Which reminds me, we are supposed to join my boss and his wife this Friday at 6:30 at their LAKE HOUSE in Manchester for dinner.

MARIA: (EXCITED)

Really!?! I hear it's beautiful there! (Turning to Jamie) You will have to watch Graham. So make sure you are home by 3 on Friday.

(Jamie is disgusted at this point. As she had plans to be with some friends.)

JAMIE: (DISAPPOINTED AND WITH ATTITUDE)

Mom, are you kidding me! You know I was going to Rachel's house on Friday...

MARIA: (IN MOM MODE)

Excuse me? Ok, one I do not like you hanging out with that girl and you know it. I know her parents let her do whatever she wants, and she is not a good influence on you. And two, you have a responsibility to your family. When we need you, you will be there.

JAMIE: (ANGRY AND DISGUSTED)

(Scoffs). Whatever. (Storms out of the room.) (Off screen) I never get to do anything in this dumb boring town!

MARIA: (TURNING BACK TO MICHAEL AND STILL FRUSTRATED)

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MARIA: (TURNING BACK TO MICHAEL AND STILL FRUSTRATED)  
You need to do something about that  
girl's attitude. I can't take it  
anymore.

(Maria exits into another  
room, Graham returns to couch  
and TV. Michael follows Jamie  
to her room)