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7. PARTY PREPARATIONS.

SETTING: MID-AFTERNOON IN MICHAEL AND MARIA'S ROOM. MARIA IN FRONT OF THE MIRROR PUTTING ON NECKLACE AND EARRINGS. MICHAEL IS TRYING TO DECIDE BETWEEN TWO TIES.

MICHAEL: (TO MARIA)
Which one looks better? (Holds up one tie at a time to his neck switches back to the first) I like this one better. What do you think?

Camera cuts to hall way outside of Michael and Maria's bedroom where we see Jamie sneaking past their door dressed up for a party. As she passes the camera, Maria answers and we hear a door close quietly off camera.

MARIA: (CHUCKLING)
I think... You already got the job. You should stop stressing out about this dinner.

Camera returns to the room where Maria is moving toward the foot of the bed while Michael responds.

MICHAEL: (WITH A "JUST GIVE ME AN ANSWER" FACE)
I know, but I still want to make a good impression.

MARIA: (MARIA SITS ON THE FOOT OF THE BED TO PUT ON HEELS, LOOKS UP AT MICHAEL AND LAUGHS)
The second one... (Smiles)

Scene cuts to living room where Michael and Maria are ready to leave. Graham is watching TV. Michael calls out to Jamie.

MICHAEL: (LOUDLY)
Jamie! (Waits a moment) Jamie! Come here!

Jamie does not come when called.

MICHAEL: (TURNING TO MARIA)
Where is that girl?

MARIA: (AGGRIVATED)
She was in her room when I got in the shower. (Shouts) JAMIE! We have to leave now, come here!

Camera cuts to Jamie's empty bedroom, Michael opens door.

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MICHAEL: (OPENING DOOR WITH FRUSTRATION)
Get out... (Trails off when notices
Jamie missing) (Calls out to Maria
down the hall) She's not here!
Where on earth did she go?!?

Maria comes into room with Graham in tow.

MARIA: (ANGRILY)
What do you mean she isn't here?!
She knows she has to watch Graham
tonight!

Maria gets out her cell phone and tries to call Jamie. No
Answer. Maria tries again, still nothing.
I can't get her on her phone, and
we have to go!

Maria remembers suddenly that Jamie wanted to go to Rachel's
house.

Michael! I'll bet she snuck out to
go to Rachel's! (Maria calls
Rachel's house)

At this time Michael goes to Jamie's computer and begins
looking for a post on social media telling where she went.

MARIA: (ON THE PHONE WITH RACHELS
PARENTS)

Hi, this is Maria Adams. Is Jamie
over at your house? (Pause) Oh...
REALLY? (Pause) No, they aren't
here. (Pause) No, that's fine. Just
send her home if you see her.

MICHAEL: (FRUSTRATED)
So where is she then?

MARIA: (VERY ANGRY)
Well, apparently Rachel told her
parents she was coming over her
tonight. So they do not know where
either of them are.

MICHAEL: (LIVID)
Well... Call Judy then, see if we
can drop off Graham on the way. We
will deal with that girl when we
get home!

MARIA: (HURRIEDLY)
Ok, I'll call her.

Fade out as Maria dials the phone.