

ALEX – “THE REGULARS” AUDITION SCENE

START**DANI**

Hey, if I can get some here, so can you.

ALEX (offstage)

Ain't that the truth!

(ALEX, a local woodworker and out-lesbian in her late 20s, approaches Dani and Mark from the other side of the room – where she's been hard at work, building bar stools as they've been talking. She and Dani are roommates and best friends from college.)

ALEX (CONT'D)

And from what I heard through those painfully-thin walls of our apartment, you *definitely* didn't have a hard time getting some last night!

DANI

Oh, lay off, Alex. What do you know about it?

ALEX

Hey, I only report everything I hear.

DANI

How did I get so lucky to have a roommate like you?

ALEX

Hm, how did you?! You'd think I'd be tired of her ass by now, but here I am! Building your bar stools, sanding the edges of your newly-constructed bar, so none of your patrons get a splinter in their delicate fingers.

DANI

Uh... I'm also paying you, Alex.

ALEX

Eh, well that never hurts.

DANI

(to Mark)
With friends like these... --

ALEX

With friends like these!

(She teases Dani with a wink, as she wipes her hands on her pants.)
Speaking of which – who's the new friend we've got here?

MARK

I'm Mark.

(He offers her his hand, but she simply gives him a nod and a grin, with her arms folded.)

ALEX

Pleasure. Listen, Dani, y'all look really busy standing around over here, but I wanna remind you that Callie is gonna be stoppin' by any minute with her big surprise. And you know how those can be... so I want to make sure you're – y'know – *emotionally* prepared.

DANI

You think I'm not used to your sister's hijinks by now? *I think it's sweet.*

ALEX

(veering into her cynical groan)

Yeah, it's very sweet that my *very*-heterosexual sister wants to win the ally-of-the-year award. But maybe if she didn't hang out with my friends all the time, she'd meet someone instead of complaining about how she wishes she was gay like me. ~~It's tired.~~

DANI

Oh relax, Alex. She looks up to you, and she wants to be part of your world, even when it's not in her best interests. Not too many straight men here. Oh, except you, I guess, Mark.

(Mark winces a bit, not wanting to call attention to himself.)

ALEX

(gesturing to Mark)

This dude's not... y'know?

(He's saved by the entrance of Alex's older sister, CALLIE – mid-late 30's, recently divorced and over-the-top enthusiastic – dragging a big bag behind her.)

ALEX (CONT'D)

Callie, what in God's name is in that bag?

CALLIE

Hi, Dani! Alex. I can't wait to show you what I've been working on.

ALEX

(rolling her eyes and groaning, as she pulls her hair back)

Here we go...

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