DARRIN

Okay, tell me exactly how you feel. Even if it takes all day. I'm here.

SAMANTHA

Josh doesn't listen to my ideas at work. It's like, I know how to plan an office Christmas party, Josh!

SAMANTHA (V.O.) Our kids were the same age and he was an amazing father...

INT. FROZEN YOGURT SHOP - DAY

Sam, Mya and Darrin's daughter, POPPY (12, emo-goth wanna be) dig into their fro-yo. Mya sizes up Poppy.

MYA
Interesting. Your chipped black
nail polish screams apathy, but
your Gucci bag begs for approval.

POPPY

(just as mean)
Riveting. Your snarky attitude
makes you feel superior to others.

REVEAL Darrin sitting next to them.

DARRIN

(same tone) Tween girls think Groundbreaking. being catty for no reason is cool.

He digs into his fro-yo as Sam smiles, impressed.

SAMANTHA (V.O.)
Turns out 12-year-old girls don't always like each other. But kids tend to adapt, so we didn't worry

EXT. DARRIN'S HOUSE - BACKYARD - ANOTHER NIGHT

Not gross, but plain, with a dead garden. Bachelor backyard.

SAMANTHA (V.O.)

And this happened.

Darrin. Knee. RING. Sam's all smiles. Until she's not...

SAMANTHA (V.O.) Which meant this had to happen ...

SAMANTHA First I have to tell you something.

DARRIN Oh God, I knew this was too good to be true... Okay, go, I can take it.

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Sam takes a deep, confidence-building breath.

SAMANTHA I'm -- I'm a witch

DARRIN
Is that all? Honey, I've dated much bigger bitches than you.

A witch! SAMANTHA I'm a bitch?!

DARRIN No! Wait, how are you a witch?

SAMANTHA
Because I can do this...

Sam TWITCHES her nose. The yard transforms into a romantic, lush paradise with grazing DEER. Darrin is weirdly calm.

DARRIN

(thinking, "interesting")

Huh.

He looks around trying to make sense of things.

DARRIN (CONT'D)

(rapid fire)
Your nose fixed my backyard?

SAMANTHA

Yeah.

DARRIN

Because you're magic?

SAMANTHA

Yes.

DARRIN

Because you're a witch?

SAMANTHA

Uh huh.

DARRIN

With magical powers?

SAMANTHA

Yes, babe, are you okay?

DARRIN

(matter-of-factly)

I am shocked. I am trying to understand. I have a couple of more questions.

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SAMANTHA

Okay. Go.

CHYRON: 30 MINUTES LATER

DARRIN (still trying to get it)
But you were never a genie?

SAMANTHA

No.

CHYRON: 1 HOUR LATER

DARRIN
(kind of getting it)
So me, you and Mya can go to the
Witch Realm but Poppy can't.

SAMANTHA
She can't know about it or us.

CHYRON: 2 HOURS LATER

DARRIN

(into it)
But if I was winning the fight and then his boy sucker punched me--

SAMANTHA
Then yes, I'd break my own rule and use magic to save you.

DARRIN Not save me... help me.

CHYRON: 3 HOURS LATER

DARRIN (CONT'D)

A rhino?

Exhausted, Sam TWITCHES the deer into a rhino.

DARRIN (CONT'D)

(excited)
A baby elephant?

Sam TWITCHES the rhino into a baby elephant.

DARRIN (CONT D)

A hippor

Darrin, I can turn everything into anything! Are you cool with me being a witch or not?!

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He takes her hand and smiles, playfully.

DARRIN You think I'm not locking down the first hot witch that'll give me some play?

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SAMANTHA In that case, my answer is--

DARRIN First I have to tell you something. (then, nervous) I sold my company.

SAMANTHA You already told me that.

DARRIN To my parents. For way more than it was worth. So I can find my passion... whatever that is.

(then, confessing) I wanted to tell you, but I felt embarrassed. I'm too old to still be "finding myself". And my parents are, like, sponsoring it, which feels gross and privileged --

It's okay to have help, babe.

DARRIN You don't get it. All my life, I could snap and get what I want.

SAMANTHA Like you're magic?

DARRIN (off her look, realizing) Yeah! Oh right, you get it.

SAMANTHA A little bit.

DARRIN I want to earn my keep, I'm just now sure how. I know I can't spend my life doing something I hate. But if I don't do something, I'll hate my life.

SAMANTHA Uh... You: preaching. Me: choir.

DARRIN

Then, you: marry me? If you still--

SAMANTHA Yes! Give me my ring hurry up!

She holds out her hand, excited. He slides it on with a kiss.

DARRIN Let's go tell the girls!

SAMANTHA

(sarcastic) That'll be fun.

(dreading)
And then we'll tell our parents...

DARRIN

(equally dreading)
That... is the next logical step...

SAMANTHA What, you think they won't like me?

DARRIN

(clearly lying)
No... No... they'll love you!
You think yours'll like me?

Whaaat? My mom's gonna love you...
it's not like she's gonna turn you
into some kind of three-legged
creature with no penis.

DARRIN Wait... do I need to be worried about your mom taking my penis?

(SAMANTHA (probably) Nah ... she's cool.

Off Samantha and Darrin, both trying to hide their concerns,

END OF ACT ONE