

CHRISTINE

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John's feeling very proud. He turns around to head back into the club himself when he finds himself face-to-face with... Christine. She SMACKS him across the face.

JOHN

OWW!

CHRISTINE

You sonofabitch!

JOHN

Whoa, what's wrong? Why did you-

She SMACKS the other side of his face.

JOHN

OWW!

CHRISTINE

I saw you on the dance floor! That stupid lasso move! You did that to me at my sister's wedding!

JOHN

Christine, I-

CHRISTINE

How are you even here?!

John sighs.

JOHN

I just found out I had a daughter, and I wanted to know who- I'm sorry I lied to you all those years ago. It makes me sick. You probably tried to find me, but-

CHRISTINE

-I never tried to find you.

John looks at her, surprised. She looks at him like, *what?*

CHRISTINE

You crashed a wedding using a bullshit Russian accent. Not exactly the kind of guy I'd want to raise a kid with.

JOHN

Fair enough, but-

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CHRISTINE
But I wanted a kid. So I chalked it
up as a happy accident.

John takes a deep breath.

JOHN
Look, I only found out about
Natalie last week, and as soon as I
did I dropped everything to come
down here. I can't make up for not
being there all those years. But I
want to try.

CHRISTINE
(incredulous)
Are you insane? *This is her
wedding!*
So here's what you're gonna do.
You're going to get into that
cab...
(points to one)
Go back to the hotel, pack up, and
go home. We don't know you.
Whatever you are going through,
it's called consequences, live with
it. Before the funeral you didn't
know you had a kid... and you still
don't.

JOHN
But I do.

CHRISTINE
No - you don't.

Her words crush him. Just then, Natalie pops her head out.

NATALIE
Alberto, come back inside and dance
with us! I want you to teach me all
those moves!

JOHN
Okay, I'll be on the dance floor in
a minute. I'm just finishing up a
conversation with your mother.

NATALIE
Mom, he is the best!
(to Alberto)
Wait, are you single? Cuz my mom
is.

(MORE)

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NATALIE (CONT'D)

(sing songy)

I don't know, I think maybe you two-

She lets her voice trail off as she flashes a devilish smile.

NATALIE (CONT'D)

Anyway, you better be on the dance floor in less than five minutes or I'm calling off the wedding!

Natalie smiles, exits.

JOHN

I just want to make this right. I will go out there right now and tell her the truth about everything.

CHRISTINE

The hell you will. You don't know how she's going to react. She might have a meltdown. *At her wedding.* So you're gonna go - *now* - and I'll tell her you had too much to drink and had to leave.

This hits John like a ton of bricks.

JOHN

Well what if I told you I was really hoping to walk her down the aisle? Does that change anythi-

POW! She PUNCHES him in the nose.

JOHN

(holding his nose)
JESUS!

CHRISTINE

I'm a second degree black belt.

JOHN

Yeah, I can tell.

John sulks over to the cab gets in. Christine watches as it pull away and goes back inside.

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