

The Family Man

Jack: Keep your eyes closed. Hold on. Okay open 'em. Welcome to Xanadu. Pretty incredible isn't it.

Kate: It's like a museum.

J: Look around.

K: So what's the big surprise, you didn't rent this for the weekend did you?

J: Think bigger.

K: For the week?

J: This place is a perk, Kate.

K: A perk...

J: mmhmm...

K: For what?

J: A company called P K and Lassiter Investment House uses it to attract new executives. I'm going into arbitrage honey, it turns out I have a knack for it.

K: Jack, what are you talking about?

J: I'll be making twice what I make now, plus a hefty bonus and that's just the start. And we can live in this place practically rent free until we can find a place of our own.

K: Are you out of your mind?

J...I don't think so. This is going to be a better life for all of us. We can put Annie and Josh into private schools.

K: Annie goes to a great school, Jack.

J: I'm talking about the best schools in the country here, Kate.

K: Jack what could you possibly be thinking about, what about...what about my job?

J: Well, uh, this is New York City this is the needy people capital of the world, your Jersey clients aren't a tenth as pathetic as the ones you could find here, ha, ha...

K: I can't even believe you are talking about moving back into the city, Jack, I thought the reason that we left was because we didn't want to raise the kids here.

J: No, no, this is the center of the universe. If I were living in Roman Times I would live in Rome where else. "And today America is the Roman Empire and New York is Rome itself," John Lennon.

K: Jack...
(She sits down)

J: Listen, okay you know something, I'm detecting like a funky tension here, this was supposed to be a happy day, so guess what? I don't need this, we don't have to live here, forget it, I'll commute, I'll drive to work.

K: Ohh...in traffic Jack it's over an hour each way, that's like three hours every day. When are you ever going to see the kids?

J: Kate...you're not understanding me. I'm talking about a perfect life, a great life. Everything we pictured when we were young, the whole package. You said so yourself, life has thrown us a few surprises so we made sacrifices. Well guess what, I can finally get us back on track. I can do that Kate, I want to do that. I, I, need to do that as a man. For all of us. Please just think about this for one second, no more lousy restaurants, no more clipping coupons, no more shoveling snow.

K: Than get a god-damn snow blower Jack. Don't go getting a new career without even telling me about it. And don't take Annie out of a school she loves and don't move us out of a home we've become a family in.

SHE TURNS TO GO

J: Your...your... don't you see I'm talking about us finally having a life that other people envy.

K: Jack, they already do envy us.

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