

The Proposal

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FADE IN

INT. BISTRO - NIGHT

A young well dressed man, BRIAN is seated at his table waiting for his companion to show up. He fidgets in his seat pulling something from his pocket. BRIAN holds the ring in his hand before noticing that someone is moving toward the table and nervously shoving it back in his pocket.

A young elegant beauty, SARAH enters and sits across from BRIAN

SARAH
Sorry I'm late.

BRIAN
No it's fine.

SARAH
There was this woman swerving into traffic on my way home. She was texting and steering with her knees.

BRIAN
Idiot.

SARAH
I'm sorry?

BRIAN
No, her. She's an idiot.

SARAH
Wow, Brian, this is amazing. Did you have an trouble getting reservations?

BRIAN
Not at all. Called and got right in.

SARAH
Tiffany and Mike have been trying to get into this place for months, they always seem so packed.

BRIAN
Well, it's like my Dad used to say, if you ask for things the right

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BRIAN (CONT'D)

way, you get what you want.

SARAH

I am impressed. You seem nervous.
Is something wrong?

BRIAN

Well actually-

Waiter enters,. He's a handsome young man in a white shirt,
tie and cummerbund. His name is SEAN

SEAN

Hello, I'm Sean, I'll be taking
care of you this evening. Can I get
you started with a glass of wine?

SARAH

Normally I would say no, but you've
twisted my arm. I'll take a glass
of whatever your house zin is.

SEAN

Is Tree Top okay?

SARAH

Sounds lovely.

SEAN

And for you, Sir?

BRIAN

Water's fine for me, thanks.

SEAN

Okee doke, I'll get those right out
for you.

Sean exits

BRIAN

Thank you, Sean.

SARAH

Thanks. Sorry about that, Brian.
You wanted to say something?

BRIAN

Yeah, uh...listen Sarah, I know we
haven't known each other very long,
but when I'm with you, I don't want
to be anywhere else. You're kind
and sexy and smart. I was going to

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BRIAN (CONT'D)

save this until after dinner, but

Gets on one knee and pulls out a ring

Sarah Collins, will you marry me?

SARAH

(Looking startled and slightly uncomfortable) Brian? Wow, I...uh...I don't know what to say.

BRIAN

Say, you'll marry me and you'll make me the happiest man on earth.

SARAH

We've only just met last month.

BRIAN

I know, but when you feel it, you feel it.

SARAH

Brian. I...I'm really enjoying the time we're spending together. I think you're adorable and I definitely want to see where this goes, but I can't get married. Not right now.

BRIAN

You don't feel the same?

SARAH

(Laugh reassuringly) Brian, I think you're amazing. I don't want to stop seeing you. I just don't want to marry you. I don't want to marry anyone. Not right now.

BRIAN

(Still on his knee. Takes a breath) Gee, I really wished I had saved this for after dessert...I mean now with our drinks coming...Whooo this is weird.

SARAH

Things don't have to be. Let's just have dinner. It's no big deal.