

JENNY - The Pleasure of Being Served

Synopsis:

ROSA, an undocumented immigrant housekeeper from the Philippines is working for HUDSON, a rich, young, American trust fund kid. Hudson has two girlfriends, Lynn (a Filipina) and JENNY (an American). The two women visit Hudson on alternating weekends and they don't know about each other. Part of Rosa's responsibilities include making sure the two women never meet and never know each other's existence. This requires Rosa to switch photos, laundry and toothbrushes depending on which girlfriend is visiting what weekend.

A full length expansion of the award winning 15 minute film of the same title. Watch on vimeo ["The Pleasure of Being Served."](#)

Backstory:

- She's one of two American characters in the film. The rest are Filipinos. It's only when she and Hudson, the other American character, are on screen do we hear English spoken.
- The film will be shot in New York City and New Jersey.
- Jenny's part would only require two days of shooting tops.
- She is to work with a 10 year old actor to play her son.
- There is no nudity but there will be lots of scenes of public displays of affection with the lead male, Hudson, in front of Rosa.
- Pretty straight forward. She plays a single mother dating Hudson. She befriends Rosa the main character as the two bond over being single mothers, romance novels and dating while being a parent.

SAMPLE SCENE:

Rosa is seated at the table. Jenny pours her a cup of tea.

JENNY

Can you please stay for an extra half hour? My ex husband is dropping off Christopher, you'll be able to finally meet him.

ROSA

Yeah, that's fine.

JENNY

Christopher is ten years old. For the most part I think he's old enough to be on his own after school. We're trying something out where he can be on his own Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and hopefully Tuesdays and Thursdays you can pick him up, help him with his chores, errands, homework, whatever he needs.

ROSA

No problem at all.

JENNY

Christopher finally got his Ultra Man Action Figure.

ROSA

Richard asks for that too.

JENNY

Does he have one?

ROSA

No.

Jenny leaves the kitchen for a few moments. She returns with an "Ultra Man" action figure and lays it on the table.

JENNY

Here you go. A brand new "Ultra Man" action figure.

Rosa's eyes widen. She reaches out and gently picks up the precious toy.

ROSA

So this is it, huh?

JENNY

Brand new.

ROSA

How much is it?

JENNY

It retails for two hundred and fifty dollars.

ROSA

Oh, I can't afford it.

JENNY

Don't worry about it, it's yours. Give it to Richard.

ROSA

I can't. Sorry. This is way too much.

JENNY

It's fine. When Christopher turned ten, he got three of them from his relatives. No one got the memo that I was getting him one already. So now I'm stuck with this one and two others. I've been meaning to do something with them, return them, sell them, donate them, whatever. I just haven't had time.

ROSA

But it's so much money.

JENNY

It's fine. It'll be one less thing to think about for me.

ROSA

Thank you so much.

JENNY

You're welcome. Christopher loves his toy so much, he wants to take it everywhere with him. I tell him no, he'll just forget it somewhere. The other day Hudson proposed that we go on a hike somewhere, the three of us. I said there's no way you're bringing that thing with you.

ROSA

Yeah, better leave it home.

JENNY

Yeah, the three of us are going to Mohonk Mountain Preserves in New Paltz. I'm still wary of Hudson and Christopher hanging out together. I've been holding back the two of them meeting for the longest time. I try not to introduce my son to my dates unless I know, for sure, that the relationship is going somewhere. Christopher gets attached easily to the people I meet. I don't want to have two breakups if things don't work out, know what I mean? You understand, right as a single mother?

ROSA

It's tough. For now it's really just me and Richard. Everything is about us getting together again.

JENNY

But life's too short, live a little, date, have an affair, love and romance makes the world go around. There's enough for every body.

ROSA

Maybe.

JENNY

I really like Hudson. I think I'm lucky to have found him. After I got divorced from Christopher's dad I said to myself no more, so I didn't date for awhile. Then eventually I figured why not? Love and Romance can be fun. Even drama keeps you on your toes and reminds you what you're made of. I have a great career, I have a great son, it's just nice to have someone to share them with.

There's silence between the two. We then hear the door open.

JENNY

Christopher, we're in the kitchen.

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