

EPISODE THREE: PINEAPPLE

INT. DR. SHAVEL'S OFFICE - DAY

Sara and Dave sit in silence, as far as possible from each other, on the couch. Sara's hands are crossed, sulking.

DR. SHAVEL

Good afternoon, you two.  
I'm sensing that you two might have something you want to bring up right off the bat today. Dave? Shall we start with you? Tell Sara what you're feeling and why you're coming in with such a negative energy today?

DAVE

I think you'll completely understand me on this one. I brought some notes. Cause that's the thing to do, right?

Dave pulls crumpled chicken scratch pieces of paper out of his pocket and puts them on a table along with a gum wrapper and other pocket gems.

DAVE (CONT'D)

First of all, I am not negative. I'm--

SARA

You are negative!  
(to Dr. Shavel)  
He's been like this for a whole day now, even though we always promise not to go to bed mad at each other.  
(to him)  
You broke our rule.

DAVE

I'm sorry I broke our rule, honey. I just.....

DR. SHAVEL

It's ok, Dave. This is a safe space. Please, share why you decided to violate and break a baseline sacred rule that your marriage was built on.

DAVE

When you put it like that it sounds-

SARA

(quietly to Dave)

It's the first time we went to bed that angry, over something so ridiculous.

(to Dr. Shavel)

He's insecure, because our amazing neighbor, who is a professional masseuse and is trying to build his business, has offered his services to me

(looking at Dave)

AND Dave

(back to Dr. Shavel)

and the neighborhood, trying to drum up clients by word of mouth.

DAVE

I'm not insecure. Look, there are things you don't see, that as a male, I see, but babe, because you are a good person, you don't see the conniving--

SARA

Conniving!! Chad is not conniving!! He's a miracle worker!

(to Dr. Shavel)

I'm telling you, Dr. Shavel. He completely cured my neck. I've had chronic pain since I can remember and now I'm back in Krav Maga and I'm in such better alignment. And my back!

(chatty to Dr. Shavel)

Remember when we were talking about when you feel like your back catches when you're standing up? Totally fixed. I'm telling you. Miracle worker.

DR. SHAVEL

He fixed that lower back tightness?

SARA

(hand up swearing)

Back in Krav Maga. Full force.

DR. SHAVEL

(only to Sara, chatty)

Wow.

(MORE)

DR. SHAVEL (CONT'D)  
That's really amazing, because you know once it gets to a certain place where it pulls, I feel like you start losing the flexibility from the waist down.

SARA  
Exactly! No, my flexibility is back. Chad makes sure and gets in some deep stretches each session.

DAVE  
Ok, I thought we were in mental therapy here! Not physical therapy!

DR. SHAVEL  
(turns to address Dave)  
Oh, Dave. As we all know, our mind, body, and spirit are all connected, and while we specifically are working certain aspects of the relationship here, I'm sure you can see how much Sara is benefiting from having her physical well-being treated as well. Isn't it a positive that Sara feels so much healthier and without pain and is able to return to activities she has loved in the past?

DAVE  
Absolutely! Honey, I'm so happy that you feel so much better. I know your neck has been bothering you for such a long time and it's great to see you back at Krav Maga. Look, I'm happy you're better and I didn't mean to overreact, it's just that Chad....

Sara and Dr. Shavel stare at Dave intently and he suddenly becomes aware of the importance of his wording.

DAVE (CONT'D)  
You know what? If it's helping you and you're feeling better, then I understand if you want to continue his sessions.

Big smile from Sara.

DAVE (CONT'D)

However I'm also open to paying for another masseuse through an agency or---

SARA

Thank you, honey. I love you.

DR. SHAVEL

That's just wonderful, Dave. What progress we've made today. You've been able to look past your own self-induced issues and consider what is best for your wife and her well-being.

The buzzer goes off.

DR. SHAVEL (CONT'D)

Time flies when you're making progress! Again guys, fantastic work today.

DAVE

(holding up his notes)

Should we file my journal notes somewhere? With Sara's? Maybe we need to analyze them later.

DR. SHAVEL

I think we've worked through those sufficiently. Sara, I'll see you for our solo session. Otherwise, until next time you two.

Sara heads out and Dave takes a minute to gather his notes and pocket trinkets, then follows her.

CUT TO:

INT. SARA AND DAVE'S KITCHEN - MORNING

Dave and Sara are a rough in pjs the morning after date night. There is an arrow sticking out of the wall, empty beer mugs, a cape and crown lying around, and some type of medieval bodice thing.

DAVE

(At arrow)

Damn. I promise I'll fix the wall soon, babe.

SARA

Let's take it easy on battle night,  
huh? Not burn down the castle?

They both laugh.

SARA (CONT'D)

I'm so glad we're back to us, you  
know? I love when we're connected.

DAVE

Me too, babe.

Sara stands behind Dave and leans on his back for a hug.  
Dave's phone goes off and he checks it.

DAVE (CONT'D)

Oh my god! Oh my god, it's Steve!  
He texted me!

SARA

Oh great! Well, we'll see him at  
Cody's birthday party this  
afternoon! I already got Cody a  
gift and I'll grab some wine and a  
veggie plate or fruit or something  
for us to bring.

Dave is staring blankly at the screen in shock.

DAVE

(reading the text)  
Don't forget to rsvp to the Evite.

SARA

Oh, I did. For both of us. Ugh, I  
saw Rachel's name on there. I bet  
she's only going to push them to  
buy that new house. I wonder if  
Eugene is going with her.

DAVE

(reading the text again)  
Rsvp to the Evite.  
(to himself)  
That's what he sends me?

SARA

It's courteous to respond so they  
can know how many guests they have,  
how much food to bring, to plan for  
the kids, you know. Speaking of  
which, I'll just meet you at the  
party.

(MORE)

SARA (CONT'D)  
 I'm meeting Brenda to help her plan  
 the party.  
 Did you know she and Steve are  
 thinking of trying for another one?

Dave is staring in space, deep in thought, and doesn't even hear her.

SARA (CONT'D)  
 (irritated)  
 Dave, don't you think it's sweet  
 that Brenda and Steve want to have  
 another one?! Don't you think  
 that's sweet of them?... Hello?!  
 Earth to--

Dave snaps back to reality.

DAVE  
 Yeah, no! They should totally have  
 another party! I mean, like an  
 adult one would be cool. Like the  
 old days--

SARA  
 Another BABY Dave!! They're  
 thinking of having another baby!  
 Not another party!!! God. Just when  
 I think we're "so connected".

DAVE  
 Sorry! I was just really thrown by  
 Steve's text. I didn't even know he  
 knew what an Evite was and that's  
 all he said?

SARA  
 Maybe Steve has grown up a bit.  
 Ever think of that? Maybe he's  
 being an adult. Anyway, I'm going  
 to get ready.

Sara walks out and leaves Dave still stunned.

CUT TO:

INT. CHILD ADOPTION OFFICE - LATER THAT AFTERNOON

Brenda and Sara sit in an office. The walls are plastered with information on adoption and pictures of kids.

BRENDA

Thanks for coming with me to this, Sara. I think it will be good for you to get some information, too. You know. Just in case.

SARA

Sure! I mean, we haven't even tried yet, but good to know all the options available. I'm definitely getting to the last call on eggs.

BRENDA

You've got time. Plus, they work miracles these days even if you have problems.

(looking at her to do list)

By the way, Steve picked up the cake, ordered the jumping castle, and picked up decorations so we just need to get stuff for the grill. You're bringing a veggie plate and fruit?

SARA

(looking deeply at the wall pics of children)

Yeah. I can do that. You know, my gynecologist said I'm all set to have a baby.

BRENDA

The Russian one?

SARA

Yip. She tells me every year  
(in Russian accent)

You are good for baby. Strong.  
(back to normal voice)

But this year she did say it was time to decide.

(Russian accent)

It is time for you to have baby now, or, if you want, for \$10K I freeze eggs. I can suck eggs out of stomach or vagina and you have more time.

BRENDA

Geez. Yeah, I guess you could freeze your eggs, but I feel like you should just jump in. Best decision Steve and I ever made.

SARA

Dave is so excited to see Steve. Steve texted him and he lit up! I think it will be great for them to get back in touch.

BRENDA

(cautiously eyeing her)  
Yeah. How's it going with Diane?

SARA

Dr. Shavel? I forget you two are buds. Great! She helped us work through this little argument the other day. Chad, our neighbor, came by to give me a massage and--

BRENDA

You've got to get me in touch with him! I want in on those massage house visits.

SARA

Totally. Anyway, Dr. Shavel helped Dave work through some weird insecurity he was having about Chad. I don't know where it came from, but he got on board with the fact that I'm actually back into my best fitness life after Chad fixed my back.

BRENDA

Amazing. Invite Chad to the BBQ! I'd love to meet him.

SARA

Ok! Will do.

BRENDA

I'm really glad Diane is working out.

After a moment.

BRENDA (CONT'D)

(cautiously)

You know. I know things are so much better for you two and I'm so happy for you, but... I know it can get better.

SARA

(slightly still distracted  
by kid pictures all over)  
Yeah, I mean we are better. I feel  
great about us. A baby is a big  
step though.

BRENDA

(directly into Sara's eyes  
with clear diction)  
As your best friend and someone who  
loves you very much, I just want  
you to have the best life, be happy  
and have the things you want, a  
baby or whatever that is, and I  
know that....If you're still in a  
place where you want more control  
over your life, there are options  
available for you.

SARA

I am happy. I mean, we'll figure  
out the baby options when we're  
ready. I just wanted to give us  
some time to settle now that we've  
worked through--

BRENDA

(intense, clear precise  
diction)  
I mean, that if you feel you just  
can't get there in your  
relationship, then there are  
options to elevate it to your  
standards. I can talk to Diane for  
you and we can see if there is a  
less traditional path to work on a  
relationship that--

Adoption counselor knocks then comes into the room.

ADOPTION COUNSELOR

Hi Ladies! Welcome! Thanks so much  
for coming in today!

Sara looks a little confused by Brenda's comments, but both  
turn their attention to the counselor.

ADOPTION COUNSELOR (CONT'D)

(at the file folder)  
Ok, Mrs. Wilson, I see we have some  
interest in adding to the family.  
(at the women)

(MORE)

ADOPTION COUNSELOR (CONT'D)  
How lovely! Do you two have kids  
now?

BRENDA  
Oh, no, it's not us. She's a good  
friend that's also interested in  
the process for her and her  
husband. It's my husband and I that  
are thinking about adopting. We  
have two kids now and are thinking  
about trying for another or  
potentially adopting. I just want  
to learn as much about the process  
so we're ready to go if we go that  
route.

ADOPTION COUNSELOR  
Oh that's great! And your husband?  
Will he be joining us? It always  
helps to have the other partner  
around for the initial  
consultation. Honestly, we can also  
really help them get on board, if  
you know what I mean. Break down  
how easy the process can be, and  
highlight the beautiful rewards  
that can come from adoption.

BRENDA  
(with conviction)  
Oh he's on board. No problem there.  
He's always on board when my heart  
is set on something, I'm very  
lucky.

Brenda smiles and Sara looks at her suspiciously, still  
thinking about their conversation that was cut off.

ADOPTION COUNSELOR  
That's great to hear. Sounds like a  
loving family. And you Mrs....

SARA  
Mrs. Canton. Sara, please.

ADOPTION COUNSELOR  
Sara, if you decide you want  
another meeting with your partner,  
we can absolutely make that  
available to you, but sounds like  
you both have fully supportive  
husbands excited to grow the  
family. Now let's get started.

Sara half smiles. Brenda smiles, then looks at Sara meaningfully.

CUT TO:

INT. TOM'S CAR - AFTERNOON

Tom and Dave are in the car about to pull up to the Brenda and Steve's house.

DAVE

Pineapple! I know the safe-word, geez. You're being paranoid, Tom. It's going to be great. We're going to see Steve again!

TOM

We've got to be prepared, Dave. We have no idea what we're walking into here. I mean it could be  
(spots something out of the window)  
....holy.....what the hell is...

They look into the front yard and there are balloons, paper cartoon characters on sticks in the front yard, and a huge smiley green dinosaur with the face cutout and a man's face poking out.

DAVE

Tom, you know we are going to a 5 year old's birthday party, right? This actually looks great.

TOM

(eyes locked on something)  
I'm not talking about the....I'm talking...what is...  
(squinting)  
is that, is that?

Dave catches on to what Tom is seeing.

DAVE

Oh my god, in the dinosaur? Is that him? He's the dinosaur?

Tom looks full of fear at Dave.

TOM

It's him. Steve is a big smiling green dinosaur.

The smiling dinosaur catches their eye through the dashboard and begins to wave and break into a dance. The dinosaur holds up a sign that reads "This way to Cody's Fossiltastic Five Year Festival!"

TOM (CONT'D)

Fossil what? That doesn't even make sense.

DAVE

Come on Tom, he sees us. Let's go.

They both get out of the car with a six pack of beer each and slowly approach Steve.

CUT TO:

EXT. BRENDA AND STEVE'S FRONT YARD - SECONDS LATER

Dave and Tom approach Steve, the big green dinosaur.

STEVE

Welcome, fellas! Great to see ya!  
Tom, I didn't know you were coming too? Did I miss you on the Evite?

TOM

Hey Steve. Oh, miss me what?

STEVE

Just that I didn't see you as an attendee, but I also didn't see that you rsvp-ed as anyone's plus one on the Evite.

TOM

Oh. I mean. Can't I just come?  
Without a...Dave just told me about it so--

DAVE

Yeah man, sorry about that. We didn't know it was a big deal about the Evite thing. I mean, I didn't even really know what that was, but I invited Tom. We were excited to see you again man! It's been a long time! You want a beer? We bought the old fav, Old Lagunitas.

Sara steps through the front door.

SARA

Oh hey, honey! Hey Tom, I didn't know you were coming?

TOM

Hey Sara. Yeah, I just...Dave told me about it. I didn't know the e-thing.

SARA

(dismissing with her hand)  
Come on in, you can drop the beer over there on left.

She escorts Dave and Tom in the door.

DAVE

(to Steve)  
You coming in, man? Can't wait to catch up.

STEVE

I'll be right there, fellas! I'm just waiting on one more couple to arrive. They're so late, I think they might have become extinct! Haha, get it?

Dave tries to fake a smile. Tom looks horrified and side-eyes Dave. Sara laughs.

SARA

Haha, good one Steve! Come in guys!  
(to herself smiling)  
Steve is so great.

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM/KITCHEN OPEN AREA IN BRENDA AND STEVE'S HOUSE - MOMENTS LATER

Dave and Tom go to the beverage table to drop off the beer. They each pop a beer and stand like wallflowers, taking in the scene. They can hear kid noises from outside. Clearly the inside is for the adults.

Sara is talking to other people, while setting up cupcakes and adjusting decorations. In the corner of the room, they see Brenda come out of the back part of the house, followed by Chad, who is carrying a fold-up massage table.

BRENDA

Again, Chad, I cannot thank you enough! I feel fantastic! Sara has said nothing but great things about you, and now I see why. I feel like a new woman!

Chad spots Dave and lingers on their eye contact. Tom sees it go down.

CHAD

(Smiling big, speaking loud enough for Dave to hear)

Oh, Brenda, anytime, you know that.  
(clearly intended towards Dave, but speaking to Brenda)

That's why I entered this profession, to really help people feel their best and live their best lives.

BRENDA

Chad, you are a gem! Please hang out. Help yourself to some food, a drink.

CHAD

Thanks, Brenda.

Brenda walks off to help the women with party needs. Chad finds a place for his massage table and saunters off to peruse the snack and beverage table.

TOM

(whispering to Dave)

Oh my god! This guy, can you believe him? What a faker scammer.

(staring Chad down from afar, while touching his own biceps and shoulders)

Look at him with his...his biceps and really buff shoulders....

(snaps back to Dave, suddenly)

I've got it! We're going to expose him TO-day!! We're outing this guy today Dave.

Tom pulls out his phone.

TOM (CONT'D)  
 (while googling)  
 I'm going to....google....body  
 stuff....and...ok.

Tom excitedly looks to Dave.

TOM (CONT'D)  
 Here's what you're going to do,  
 Dave. Let's get him talking near  
 the others, then I'll test question  
 him on body stuff that I'm going to  
 google right now, and then bam!  
 Busted! Outed in public. End of  
 shady neighbor.

DAVE  
 Uh. I don't know, Tom. I mean, we  
 don't know that he isn't really a  
 massage therapist. What if he  
 actually knows stuff? We don't know-

TOM  
 He doesn't know, Dave. Plus, I'll  
 google really hard stuff. Come on.

Dave reluctantly follows Tom into the group of people near  
 Chad. The group continues to talk.

CHAD  
 (puts out his hand to Tom)  
 Oh hi there. Have we met? I'm Chad,  
 this stud over here's neighbor. How  
 do you know everyone?

Tom reads his phone quickly then outstretches his hand.

TOM  
 (Speaking way too loud)  
 Oh hey, Chad! I'm Tom, Dave's best  
 friend. Uh, we know each other  
 because we met in football  
 days...when I pulled my ...my...  
 (sneaking looks at his  
 phone)  
 Vast literally...

Tom takes a quick peep at his phone to check his wording.

TOM (CONT'D)  
 ...my vast literal...here  
 (touches his leg, still  
 looking at his phone,  
 then interrogates)  
 (MORE)

TOM (CONT'D)  
Have you ever heard about that? Do you know how to treat that? As a massage professional?

CHAD  
(stone-faced, frowning and suspicious)  
First of all, Tom, is it? Do you mean you pulled your vastus lateralis? Did you tear it? Or was it just sore? Did you ever get it scanned?

Dave looks away. This is painful for everyone involved. Tom struggles on with his plight.

TOM  
Well, Chad. My Coach sent me to a physical therapist, who....did a technique.

From behind them both, Sara is floating around with a plate.

SARA  
Pineapple?!

Dave and Tom snap to attention. Tom surveys the scene.

SARA (CONT'D)  
(not noticing their spaziness, scanning the room)  
Hey guys. Hey, Chad. Pineapple, anyone?

She pulls one off the plate to each it.

SARA (CONT'D)  
It's delish! I just picked it up fresh!

CHAD  
I'd love some pineapple, Sara. Thank you. How are those trap release pulls we've been working on? Should I take a look at them before I leave today?

Chad grabs a pineapple and smiles at Sara.

SARA  
That would be great! Yes please. Let me come grab you in a bit.

We see Rachel and EUGENE, her husband, enter through the front door, followed by Steve, the green dinosaur. Sara goes to them with the dish.

STEVE

Pineapple! Yay, thanks Sara!

Tom's head flies the other direction at the hailing of his safe word, once again.

DAVE

(Whispering to Tom)

Dude, calm down.

Rachel saunters up to Dave. Eugene goes straight to the beverage table. Tom runs straight to the beverage table for another beer.

Rachel looks around to see no one can hear her talking to Dave.

RACHEL

(softly, seductively)

Well, good day to you, you brave knight in shining armor. I've heard you're quite a master with the sword.

Rachel winks at him. Dave looks horrified and looks for an escape. Across the room, Chad continues to engage with Tom, who's touching different parts of his body, testing Chad's anatomy skills. Dave tries to walk away, but Rachel blocks him.

DAVE

(nervously)

Oh hey, Rachel. How are ya? Good to see Eugene! I need to catch up with him.

Rachel steps in even closer to corner Dave.

RACHEL

Oh, yes, we all do need to catch up. You should come by "the castle", if you know what I mean.

DAVE

What? The castle? No, I do not know what you mean. I don't....

(looks around panicky)

Pineapple!

Tom looks to be in deep interrogation of Chad and doesn't hear the cry for help.

DAVE (CONT'D)  
Pineapple!

Sara steps back into the scene.

SARA  
Honey! Crazy about the pineapple I see! I'm so glad I brought extra.

Dave takes a pineapple, but doesn't eat it.

SARA (CONT'D)  
Oh...hey...Rachel.

Rachel changes her tune.

RACHEL  
Oh hi, Sara! How are you? I was just chatting here with Dave. You know, if you two want to upgrade the castle, make room for some heirs, maybe a couple of other wives, I don't know what stage of the Renaissance you two are into, give this maiden a call and I can get you a GREAT deal right now.

SARA  
Oh. Uh yeah, thanks, Rachel. I'm going to go say hi to Eugene, haven't seen him in--

DAVE  
(desperately interjecting)  
I'm coming with you!

Dave scampers behind Sara as they both make a B-line to get away from Rachel.

SARA  
(whispering to Dave)  
She is the absolute worst. She needs to give up the castle stuff. Maiden my ass.

DAVE  
How does she even know about that anyway?

SARA  
 (apologetically)  
 Sorry, babe. You know Brenda and  
 her big mouth. She told Rachel we  
 have medieval nights at home and  
 Rachel won't drop it.

They approach Eugene at the beverage table by himself.

SARA (CONT'D)  
 Hi, Eugene! How are you? Great to  
 see you! Been a while!

EUGENE  
 Hey! Great to see you guys, too.  
 We've just been so busy. I just  
 finished traveling for work and  
 Rachel is working all the time.  
 This is the first time we've been  
 able to get out and see everybody  
 with our schedules.

DAVE  
 So work is going well! I'm sure you  
 get tired of it, but that's so  
 great you traveled to so many cool  
 spots!

EUGENE  
 Yeah. I mean, it was a good time at  
 first, but I'm ready to stay in one  
 place.

Eugene spots Tom across the room and waves.

EUGENE (CONT'D)  
 Oh hey, Tom!

TOM  
 (across the room to  
 Eugene)  
 Hey, man!

We zoom into Tom and Chad's conversation. Chad smiles at the  
 group, then turns back to Tom. They're in the corner. No one  
 can hear.

CHAD  
 (menacingly)  
 Let's just say, I know you were  
 trying to make me look bad back  
 there. I don't know what you're up  
 to

(MORE)

CHAD (CONT'D)  
 (steps closer)  
 But I'm watching you.

TOM  
 I don't know what you're talking  
 about. I just  
 (scanning the room)  
 LOVE PINEAPPLE! That's all I can  
 say.

Chad looks at him like he's lost his mind. Tom sees his cry  
 for help is lost. Dave is laughing with Eugene.

TOM (CONT'D)  
 I just LOVE PINEAPPLE! That's it,  
 what can I say, I love PINE-AP-  
 PLEEEEE!!

Across the room, we see Dave and Eugene cheers. They are  
 clearly having a good time, not hearing Tom's cries for help.

CHAD  
 Alright, weirdo, go eat your  
 pineapple. Just know I'm watching  
 you.

Chad walks away, bumping Tom's shoulder. Tom takes a deep  
 breath and runs up to Dave and Eugene.

DAVE  
 I know, man! They were my team  
 forever! Then I had to reassess. It  
 was hard after years of loyalty.  
 (acknowledging Tom)  
 Oh hey, Tom! Man, it's so good to  
 see Eugene!

TOM  
 Oh hey, Eugene! Great to see you  
 too! I was just  
 (mouthing clearly to Dave)  
 Craving some pineapple over there  
 and wish I could've gotten some  
 pineapple, but I guess that was  
 just too much to ask.

Dave realizes his error, then also is irritated about his own  
 ignored cry for help.

DAVE  
 Oh, man. So sorry, but I've got to  
 say, you know. I had my own craving  
 for the old pineapple just recently  
 actually.

(MORE)

DAVE (CONT'D)  
(irritated at Tom)  
Really a bummer when you're just  
craving and crying out for it and  
it never comes.

Eugene eyes them suspiciously.

EUGENE  
Looks like you two need to work out  
some dietary issues. I'm going to  
go find Steve, haven't seen him in  
forever! Where is he?

They all look around.

TOM  
He's the green dinosaur.

EUGENE  
I did see that. Cheers to his  
commitment.

They cheers and Eugene walks off.

CUT TO:

INT. BRENDA'S KITCHEN - MOMENTS LATER

Sara is pouring herself a large glass of wine when Chad pops  
in behind her and starts rubbing her traps.

SARA  
Hey, Chad! Thanks. Yeah, the traps  
are better.

CHAD  
Well, let's see here.

Chad starts pulling and pushing parts of her back as Sara  
groans in enjoyment. Brenda enters.

BRENDA  
Well! I want back in!

SARA  
He's the best. Great party! Is Cody  
having a good time? I've barely  
popped out there to see how the  
kids are doing. I saw Steve in the  
jumping castle. He is so adorable  
with them!

BRENDA

He is! His idea. So cute. Listen, thanks for going with me earlier. I felt good about the process. And I really would feel good about adopting. I don't know, maybe we'll do both!

SARA

Both! Brenda wow, that's...

CHAD

That's wonderful. I've always wanted to adopt. I know when I find that special person, that's got to be something we can do together. It's that important to me.

Dave and Tom come into the kitchen and Dave's face darkens as he sees Chad once again massaging his wife.

DAVE

Well look at this. A LOT of freebies going out today. Makes one wonder how someone makes any money at this profession.

SARA

Dave! Chad, I'm so sorry. He's just in a mood. He knows how grateful I am for you, making me feel so much better and getting rid of the pain I've had in my neck forever.

(at Dave menacingly)

We JUST discussed it actually.

CHAD

Dave, I'm sorry if I've upset you. Sara is a client of mine and once I commit to someone's well-being, I commit long term to make sure they're living their best life and without pain.

Dave takes a deep breath, realizing Chad is playing to the crowd.

DAVE

I'm just saying...that...I'm seeing a lot of ...I mean how much therapy does one person need?

Sara snaps her head around to him.

SARA

Apparently MORE than what we've been through! If only Chad could rub out my mental pain as well as he does my muscular pain!

CHAD

I must admit here, that I am also very skilled in the counseling profession and offer my years of experience and services--

DAVE

Oh shut up, Chad. The only thing you're a professional in-

SARA

Dave! Stop! Oh my god! Everyone, I'm so sorry.

Sara stomps out with her wine and everyone stands around in quiet awkward silence.

DAVE

I'm going to go talk to her.

BRENDA

Oh no, you're not. I'll go talk to her. She needs a minute.

Brenda strolls out after her. Silence amongst those left.

CHAD

I guess I'll be going.

Chad starts to walk out. Tom and Dave eye him suspiciously.

CHAD (CONT'D)

(to Tom)

Good luck with that literal vastus. Sounds like a really hard-core football injury.

TOM

Yeah, I'll come talk to you about my feelings about it in a therapy session at your office, now that you're a therapist, too. Where's your office, huh? Are you also a brain surgeon? How about a dentist, huh? I've had a little tooth ache lately.

CHAD  
 (dismissively)  
 I'll see you guys later.

Dave and Tom stand silent in the kitchen. The plate of pineapple sits right next to them, mocking them.

CUT TO:

INT. DR. SHAVEL'S OFFICE - DAY

Dr. Shavel sits across from Sara, looking uptight and concerned. Sara looks a little crazy. Her hair is a bit wild and her eyes wide.

DR. SHAVEL  
 I understand you're upset, Sara.  
 Sounds like it was a really rough.  
 I'm so sorry.

SARA  
 (digging into Dr. Shavel)  
 Oh, no! No no. No, "Diane". Yes, that's right. Brenda has let me in on the whole thing. I know you two are buds and I know you've got a WHOOOOLLEEE lot more to offer that what's been thrown my way. Now don't get me wrong. You've been great, Diane, really. You've been really great. And I thought that the work we've done was what was going to get us there. That whole "reciprocal learning environment" thing. Just a fantastic effort. I really applaud you for that. BUT I want to be real with you now, Diane. I talked to Brenda. Diane. Diane, I want an upgrade, Diane. I want the good shit, ok? The whole package, the whole enchilada, alright? Whatever it is that you did for Brenda. Whatever in God's name you did to Steve, I want that!! I want ALL of that!! The kid loving, the cooking, the polite, thoughtful romantic, non-jealous husband that doesn't put ketchup on everything, ok? I want that!!  
 (pointing aggressively at Dr. Shavel)  
 And I know you can do it, Diane. I know you can.

Diane looks at her wide-eyed. Sara stares at her, anxiously awaiting an answer.

DR. SHAVEL

Now, Sara, I know you're upset-

SARA

Uh! I don't want to--

DR. SHAVEL

WHAT I was going to say is...I am a little upset that Brenda went behind my back and discussed some of the inner workings of ....of my techniques. However, since I do view you as a very valuable client and see an obvious need for my services...I can't make any promises. Let me just say that. BUT, I can try.

SARA

(not backing down)

Try what? Try what, Diane? What can you try? I want to hear you say it!

Dr. Shavel's face gets a little more real, slightly more dark.

DR. SHAVEL

I can try to transition Dave into the husband of your dreams.

A smile swarms over Sara's face. She stares through Diane, then at the wall, in deep thought. A glimmer of excitement enters Diane's eye as well.

**END EPISODE THREE**