

Let Nothing You Dismay

Topher Payne

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PAUL

Kevin, any word from the birth mother?

KEVIN

Nothing new. Lizzie's boyfriend said he'd text us updates.

DENNIS

I hope he's getting a better signal than I am.

KAITLYN

I've got some presents for her out in the car. I'm just dying to meet her!

ALLIE

Well, she's a little busy right now, so...

TAWNY

Allie, I'm so sorry you two weren't able to have baby the normal way. Compassion.

KAITLYN

Oh! Come on, Mother, don't say "the normal way," Allie can't help it if she's barren!

DENNIS

It was Allie's problem? I always assumed it was Kevin. You know, I would've been willing to offer-

KEVIN

You *did* offer, Dennis. The first time was thoughtful and after that it was creepy.

ALLIE

Actually, we're really thrilled with how things worked out. It was meant to be.

KAITLYN

You'll keep your figure. I see girls from my pageant days who had kids, their bodies are like a crime scene.

TAWNY

So true. Before I had my lift, my breasts looked like a pair of pantyhose filled with cream cheese.

KEVIN

Okay, whoa. That is *vivid*.

KAITLYN

Who wants breakfast?

DENNIS

Not if there's cream cheese.

NOREEN

See if Pop wants a bun.



KAITLYN

Milford. Milford! Dennis, take his ears off.

(DENNIS removes MILFORD'S headphones)

Milford, ya want breakfast?

MILFORD

I would like a shrimp cocktail.

KAITLYN

Come again?

MILFORD

Just some shrimp, a little cocktail sauce. Slice of lemon.

PAUL

You're not at Red Lobster, Pop. We've got egg pie and Noreen's buns from the nuns. Those are your options.

MILFORD

Then nothing.

PAUL

Pop. You cannot live on shrimp alone. I swear, this guy. It's like living with a cuttlefish.

MILFORD puts his headphones back on, but wanders, finding the binder with local information.

TAWNY

I'm going to have a little vodka, anyone else want in?

KAITLYN

Mother, you brought vodka to a hospital?

TAWNY

I assumed they wouldn't have any here.

DENNIS

I'll take a little, thanks.

KEVIN

It is *breakfast*.

TAWNY

It's brunch Eastern time.

ALLIE

You're still in Eastern time.

