

DENNIS KEVIN ALLIE KAITLYN PAUL

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Let Nothing You Dismay

Topher Payne

DENNIS returns from the hall.

DENNIS

Great. Done. Allie, Kevin, come sit.

(they join him on the sofa)

Okay, look. Raising a kid is expensive, right?

KEVIN

Um, yes, it is.

DENNIS

So. This is a check for five thousand dollars. My gift to you. Spend it on the kid, buy a sectional sofa, I don't care.

KEVIN

Dennis, we can't accept this.

ALLIE

Of course we can. Dennis, this is incredibly generous.

ALLIE reaches for the check. DENNIS pulls it back. Reaches in his pocket again.

DENNIS

Or. This is a check for *fifteen* thousand dollars. All you have to do is name the baby Dennis.

KEVIN

You want to buy the naming rights to our baby?

KAITLYN

Oh, Dennis, gross.

DENNIS

People do it all the time! The stadium in Louisville is actually called KFC Yum! Center.

KEVIN

So you think we should hold out for an offer from Kentucky Fried Chicken?

DENNIS

I get it, it seems craven, but look. I've been married three times, still no kids, probably for the best. I'd like to secure my legacy. Ideally it would have my own genetic material, but this is what we're working with.

KEVIN

Dennis. Um, the simplest answer I can give you, is no.

DENNIS

Middle name. Eight thousand.

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ALLIE

Middle name for twelve thousand, plus you pay for his college.

DENNIS

Bachelor's only, no advanced degrees. But he still has to try for scholarships. And he's not allowed to do pageants with Kaitlyn. I won't have my namesake in a Prince Charming pageant.

KAITLYN

They teach confidence and poise!

ALLIE

Your terms are reasonable.

DENNIS

And I wanna be the godfather.

KEVIN

Godfathers traditionally pay for a car when he turns sixteen.

DENNIS

Really?

PAUL

It's true, son, they do.

DENNIS

Alright then. Car at sixteen.

ALLIE

We will consider your offer.

KEVIN

Your odds will improve if you go and buy me a coffee.

DENNIS

I shall return.

DENNIS hits the elevator button.

PAUL

You're not really considering this, are you?

DENNIS

(getting on the elevator)

If he makes a counter-offer, don't say yes 'til I'm back!

We won't!



KEVIN