

KEVIN

INT. LIBRARY - GREENLEAF MANSION - NIGHT

Charity sits in the dark, lit by light from the hall. A SHADOW appears. She looks up to see KEVIN in the archway.

Scene 1
Start →

KEVIN

Hey, baby. How are you doing?

He sits down beside her. She looks at him. She's been crying.

CHARITY

I'm alright. I'm hungry.

KEVIN

We should go talk to Basie, maybe,
you know, at least hear him out --

CHARITY

-- no, I can't do that --

KEVIN

-- but your Daddy's never gonna let
you preach, don't you see that --

CHARITY

-- Kevin, I said no, LISTEN TO ME!

Kevin looks out toward the hall and sees MELISSE, lurking.

KEVIN

Melisse, get on outta here.

She moves on. Kevin shakes his head, then looks to Charity.

CHARITY

(quieter, about to cry)
Why isn't me saying "no" enough?

KEVIN

It is, baby, I'm sorry, it is.
I'll never mention it again.

Charity settles down, blows her nose, then looks to Kevin.

CHARITY

You'd really go to Gigi's church?

KEVIN

No, of course not. She was just
gettin' it so hard from Kerissa.

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CHARITY

You're the nicest person ever.

KEVIN

Naw, I'm just regular.

(pats Charity's leg)

We'll have the kitchen put together
a plate and send it up to the room?

End →

CHARITY

That'd be nice, thank you.

OFF KEVIN -- comforting Charity as she blows her nose again.

KEVIN

INT. CHEZ PHILIPPE - PEABODY HOTEL - EARLY MORNING

KEVIN is sitting alone at a table in the opulent dining room.
It's empty: WAITERS are setting tables. He's NERVOUS.

Scene 2
Start →

SKANKS
Kevin Satterlee...?

Kevin is roused from his reverie and looks up to see --

BASIE SKANKS (40's, muscular, slick, devastatingly handsome).

SKANKS (CONT'D)
Basie Skanks.

Kevin rises and offers his hand and they shake.

SKANKS (CONT'D)
Thanks for comin' out so early.

KEVIN
No problem. I'm up on Sundays.

Skanks sits down across from Kevin and looks at him kindly.

SKANKS
Sorry Charity couldn't make it --

KEVIN
-- me too, but maybe, if we can --

SKANKS
-- yeah, I was gonna say, it's just
as well. This'll give us a chance
to talk man to man.

End → KEVIN
I completely agree.

OFF KEVIN -- COMPLETELY SMITTEN BY SKANKS --