

TURNING TABLES

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A young eager couple moving into their first apartment get harsh insight from their older, old fashioned neighbors. The older neighbors discover they were once eager with dreams.

JARED, black: late 20's, solid boyfriend building a foundation with his girlfriend, big heart

LAURA, white: late 20's, wants to be a great host, perfectionist

OLDER WILL, white: early 50's, bitter, set in his ways, jaded

OLDER ANNETTE, white: early 50's, complacent with the hardships in life

YOUNG ANNETTE, white: early to late 20's, super eager to enjoy life, dreams of traveling

YOUNG WILL, white: early late 20's, bit of a daredevil, thinks life will go his way

SET:

Empty apartment, boxes in the background, coffee table in the middle with 4 floor pillows.

FILMING:

The camera will be circling around the backside of the actors.

SCENE 1: INTERIOR APARTMENT - DUSK

LAURA

(setting up circle coffee table with glasses and food)
Hey can you find 2 more glasses that match these?

JARED

Babe, we don't even have chairs. I don't think they're going to care about matching glasses.

LAURA

Please? I want to make this really nice. They seem like good people.

JARED

Sure.

LAURA

(naively) And Annette mentioned something about starting a neighborhood watch program... so now we'll be get to know our neighbors. (Laura starts to select a music station) Hey, is jazz good?

JARED

That's perfect. I'm sure they'll really like it. (goes to box to find glasses)

(doorbell rings, Laura goes to answer the door)

OLDER ANNETTE

Hi Laura.

LAURA

Oh hi, Welcome! Come inside. And please, excuse the lack of furniture, we just moved in.

OLDER ANNETTE
(reluctantly) Oh that's fine,
we know how it is.

OLDER WILL
(looking around curiously)
So this is how the one bedrooms
are laid out...

OLDER ANNETTE
Laura, this is my husband Will.

LAURA
So glad to meet you. Annette
mentioned you've been living in
the building for a while.

OLDER WILL
Going on 30 years now..

(They all take a seat around
the table. Jared brings the 2
matching glasses and sits at
the table)

LAURA
And this is my boyfriend Jared.

JARED
Hey, nice to be here. (Older
Will gives him a weird look,
reluctantly shakes his hand)
So you're uh, heading outta
town tomorrow?

OLDER ANNETTE
That's right, we're visiting
family in Santa Monica.

OLDER WILL
It will be really nice to get
out of the neighborhood. Your
kind are a bit rowdy.

JARED
Excuse me?

LAURA

(placing a hand on Jared's shoulder) It's ok Jared.

JARED

No, wait, Jack what do you mean by, "my kind are a bit rowdy?"

OLDER WILL

(chuckles) Oh that's just the way I talk. You know how it goes.

JARED

No, I don't. How does it go?

OLDER WILL

Son, you don't need to cause anything. Don't be like the others.

OLDER ANNETTE

Now Jared, what is it you do?

LAURA

(Jared is too upset to answer)
He's does client services for healthcare.

JARED

(begins to calm down, clears throat) Good place to work for, even better people. (gives older Will a look)

OLDER ANNETTE

Well that can be a stressful job.

OLDER WILL

It's probably no stress for him. Look at how relaxed he his.

LAURA

It can be really tough. There are a lot of people in need.