

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

(The new young couple enters
and sits at the table)

YOUNG ANNETTE
(enthusiastically) Oh hey,
Laura invited us over.

YOUNG WILL
They're getting something from
their car.

OLDER ANNETTE
(sincerely) That's nice.

YOUNG WILL
Well we just moved in and we're
really liking the neighborhood.

OLDER WILL
Isn't that charming?

OLDER ANNETTE
And where are you two from?

YOUNG ANNETTE
We'll I'm originally from Santa
Monica, but we just moved here
from Los Angeles.

OLDER ANNETTE
Oh. I'm from Santa Monica too.

YOUNG WILL
We met at college down there
and I starting visiting her a
lot.... A lot (smiles).

OLDER WILL
(chuckles) I remember that
kinda hustle. Men nowadays
forget the art of wooing a
woman.

YOUNG WILL
Well I knew pretty fast when I

saw her. I was driving into school one day and noticed her on the side of road with a flat tire.

YOUNG JILL

He was such a gentleman. He'd help anyone out who need it.

OLDER WILL

Huh. (chuckles) Sounds familiar. Really familiar.. used to do stuff like that till I got a knife pulled on me.

OLDER ANNETTE

Honey don't bring that up. That's how it all started.

OLDER WILL

Got a few nasty scars too.

OLDER ANNETTE

It was a while ago. We've moved on since then.

YOUNG ANNETTE

(perplexed) And how did you two settle in here?

OLDER ANNETTE

Well we moved in here in the late 80's. Sort of thought this would be a starter apartment but ended up staying here for other reasons.

OLDER WILL

(sigh) Well those other reasons sure got us locked in.

YOUNG WILL

Always good to think outside of the box.

OLDER WILL

Well ya can't be too sure of

yourself. Life throws you curve balls.

YOUNG WILL

Yeah, I know. But I think I can manage situations quite well.

OLDER WILL

Well you seem like an intelligent guy. I'm sure you can, but maybe everyone else can't. (sigh)

OLDER ANNETTE

And some people just don't have that go-getter attitude like you. I like it personally, it's fresh.

YOUNG ANNETTE

We'll I'm sure there's a bit of that in everyone. We all want to travel the world, right?

OLDER ANNETTE

Well no, (pause) not really. We had those aspirations when we were younger. But we never quite got our footing right.

OLDER WILL

Let's just say we had a couple things set us back...

YOUNGER ANNETTE

Sorry to hear that. Any advice to pass along?

OLDER WILL

Don't believe the bullshit nice crap everyone tells you. Every person disappoints you at some point.

OLDER ANNETTE

Well, that's a bit extreme.