

THE GRADUATE

61 Cont. Benjamin nervously potters around the hotel room. There is a KNOCK at the door. Ben crosses to the door and opens it.

MRS ROBINSON

Hello, Benjamin.

(She walks right in)

BENJAMIN

Hello, Mrs Robinson.

(Ben closes the door behind her. Walks over to her and kisses her)

R

Well..

B

Well..

R

Benjamin, I'll get undressed now, is that ok?

B

Sure, shall I just stand here? I mean, I don't know what you want me to do.

R

Why don't you watch.

B

Oh sure, thank you.

R

Would you bring me a hanger?

B

Pardon?

R

A hanger.

B

Oh, yes.

(Benjamin walks to the closet)

B

Wood or wire?

R

What?

B

Wood or wire, they have both.

R

Either will be fine.

(He hands her a hanger)

R  
Thank you.

(She hangs up her coat and starts to get undressed)

R  
Will you help me with this please?

B  
Certainly.

(He unzips her)

R  
Thank you.

B  
You're welcome.

(He grabs her boob while she is undressing, she doesn't pay attention and continues to get undressed. He then stops and walks to wall and starts banging his head on it)

R  
Benjamin, would this be easier for you in the dark?

B  
Mrs Robinson, I cant do this.

R  
You what?

B  
This is all terribly wrong.

R  
Do you find me undesirable?

B  
Oh no Mrs Robinson, I think you are the most attractive of all my partners friends. I mean that. I find you desirable but for gods sake can you imagine my parents. Can you imagine what they would say if they saw us here, in this room, right now.

R  
What would they say?

B  
I have no idea Mrs Robinson but for gods sake, they brought me up, they made a good life for me and I think they deserve better than this. They deserve a little better then jumping into bed with a partners wife.

R  
Are you afraid of me?

B  
Oh no, your missing the point. Look, maybe we could do something else together. Mrs Robinson would you like to go to a movie?

R  
Can I ask you a personal question?

B  
Ask me anything you want.

R  
Is this your first time?

B  
Is this what?

R  
It is isn't it? It's your first time.

B  
That's a laugh Mrs Robinson, it's really a laugh. Ha ha.

R  
Well, you can admit that now can't you?

B  
Are you kidding?

R  
It's nothing to be ashamed of-

B  
Wait a minute!

R  
On your first time -

B  
Who said it was my first time?

R  
That you're afraid of being inadequate, I mean just because you happen to be inadequate in one way-

B  
Inadequate!

(Long pause)

(She starts to dress)

B  
Don't move!

(He slams the bathroom door to make the room dark. End scene)