

Scene 3. An Optometrist's Office, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

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(A PATIENT, MR. LOOMIS, stands before an eye chart.)

VINNIE

Is this your first visit to Atlantic City Optometry, Mr. Loomis?

MR. LOOMIS

Yes, it is.

VINNIE

Well, it's nice to have you with us. Now, cover your left eye, and read from the top of the chart.

(As MR. LOOMIS is about to begin, a Puerto Rican NURSE enters)

NURSE

Dr. DiRuzzio, Mrs. La Porta is here.

VINNIE

My sister? (To his patient, pleasantly.) Just a minute, Mr. Loomis. (To Nurse ) Nurse , tell her again. She can't just come barging in here every time she loses her glasses. She has to have an appointment like everyone else.

NURSE

Yes, doctor.

(NURSE exits.)

VINNIE

Go right ahead, Mr. Loomis.

(RITA bursts in)

RITA

Vinnie!

(RITA rushes right past VINNIE and begins to talk to Mr. Loomis.)

RITA

I know, I know. I don't have an appointment, but I have to talk to you right now!

VINNIE

Rita, that is Mr. Loomis. Put your glasses on. (To MR. LOOMIS )My sister is legally blind.

RITA (To MR. LOOMIS, while putting on  
HER glasses)

Heh, heh, I just hate glasses don't you? Now look, this is an emergency. Will you excuse us please?

(SHE escorts PATIENT to the door, and shoves HIM out, as  
VINNIE tries helplessly to intervene)

VINNIE

Rita, what are you...uh...would you just reschedule with my nurse, Mr. Loomis? Thank you!

VINNIE

Are you crazy?

RITA

Vinnie, this is serious. I'm in a little trouble and I didn't know where else to go. Look. Look at this obituary I just found in the Atlantic City paper.

(SHE holds out a newspaper.)

VINNIE

"British Shoe Salesman Inherits Six Million Dollars from Casino Manager Uncle." I don't get it.

RITA

Let me start at the beginning.

(SHE begins to smoke, puffing vigorously on the cigarette, and blowing a lot of smoke around. VINNIE begins to fan the smoke away. HE'S allergic to it!)

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RITA'S CONFESSION

RITA

I WAS HAVING AN AFFAIR

VINNIE

AN AFFAIR?

RITA

AN AFFAIR.  
AND MY LOVER'S NAME WAS TONY.

VINNIE

TONY?