

EXT. ROYAL THEATER PARKING LOT - NIGHT

Ravi sits down against his passenger car door in the parking lot, his tie slightly loose and the top few buttons of his shirt open. He buries his head in his hands and arms.

A car pulls up in the parking space next Ravi. He lifts his head.

The car door swings open right into Ravi's face. The back of his head bounces on his car door. Ravi's nose is bleeding.

DAPHNE

Oh my god! Are you okay?

Daphne helps Ravi shuffle up to his feet.

RAVI

Yeaahhh...

DAPHNE

I'm so sorry! You seem a little woozy. Do you have someone I can call.

Ravi clutches on to his side mirror for balance.

RAVI

I'm- I'm okay. You probably couldn't see me.

Daphne brushes him off and adjusts his name tag. She points at it.

DAPHNE

Sooo, you just quit, fired or are you just burnt out?

RAVI

I uh- wish it was the former two.

DAPHNE

I know that feeling a little too well. Hard to leave a job that beats the hell out of you.

Ravi rubs his eyes.

RAVI

It's just been the stupidest day. Our narcissistic assistant manager was finally fired but not without almost engaging in a gladiator match with the commons security guard. Not to mention I have to find a replacement for him on short notice, on my own.

Daphne lights up.

DAPHNE

Hey, I'm new in town. I'm also going to run out of my moving funds at the end of the month. I could take you up on that. The position I mean.

Ravi is silent.

DAPHNE (CONT'D)

What do you thin-

RAVI

You hit me with your car.

DAPHNE

I did not hit you with my car!

RAVI

(smirking)

You hit me with your car door.

DAPHNE

Come on! I have over a decade of experience in a high stress semi-management position. Food service.

RAVI

I should be getting back to work...

DAPHNE

We are both kinda desperate for what each other needs. I think it's a pretty good idea.

Ravi sighs.

RAVI

Job posting will be up in two days. I'll hear you out in a proper way in an interview if you apply.

DAPHNE  
My name is Daphne.

                  RAVI  
Ravi

Ravi turns around and walks back to the theater.