

THE GRADUATE

They enter the bar area in Mrs. Robinson's home.

Mrs. Robinson

What do you drink? Bourbon?

Benjamin

Look, uh, Mrs. Robinson. I drove ya home. I was glad to do it but I have some things on my mind. Can you understand that?

Mrs. Robinson

Yes.

Benjamin

All right.

Mrs. Robinson

What do you drink? Benjamin I'm sorry to be this way but I don't want to be left alone in this house.

Benjamin

Why not?

Mrs. Robinson

Please wait till my husband gets home.

Benjamin

When is he coming back?

Mrs. Robinson

I don't know. Drink?

Benjamin

No. *She hands him the drink, he almost drops it.* Are you always this much afraid of being alone?

Mrs. Robinson

Yes.

Benjamin

Well, why can't you just lock the doors and go to bed?

Mrs. Robinson

I'm very neurotic. *She puts on music.* May I ask you a question. What do you think of me?

Benjamin
What do you mean?

Mrs. Robinson
You've known me nearly all your life, you must have formed some opinion of me.

Benjamin
Well, I always thought that you were a very nice person.

Mrs. Robinson
Did you know I was an alcoholic?

Benjamin
What?

Mrs. Robinson
Did you know that?

Benjamin
Look, I think I should be going.

Mrs. Robinson
Sit down, Benjamin.

Benjamin
Mrs. Robinson, if you don't mind my saying so, this conversation is getting a little strange. Now, I'm sure that Mr. Robinson will be here any minute now.

Mrs. Robinson
No.

Benjamin
What?

Mrs. Robinson
My husband will be back quite late. He should be gone for several hours.

Benjamin
Oh, my God.

Mrs. Robinson
Pardon.

Benjamin
Oh, no. Mrs. Robinson. Oh, no.

Mrs. Robinson
What's wrong?

Benjamin
Mrs. Robinson, you didn't - I mean you didn't expect -

Mrs. Robinson
What?

Benjamin
I mean you didn't really think I'd do something like that.

Mrs. Robinson
Like what?

Benjamin
What do you think?

Mrs. Robinson
Well, I don't know.

Benjamin
For God's sake, Mrs. Robinson. *She laughs.* Here we are, you got me into your house. You give me a drink. You put on music. Now you start opening up your personal life to me and tell me your husband won't be home for hours.

Mrs. Robinson
So?

Benjamin
Mrs. Robinson, you're trying to seduce me.

She laughs.

Benjamin
Aren't you?

Mrs. Robinson
Well, no. I hadn't thought of it. I feel very flattered -

Benjamin
Mrs. Robinson, will you forgive me for what I just said.

Mrs. Robinson
It's all right.

Benjamin

It's not all right, it's the worst thing I've ever said to anyone.

Mrs. Robinson

Sit down.

Benjamin

Please forgive me because I like you. I don't think of you that way, but I'm mixed up.

Mrs. Robinson

It's all right. Finish your drink.

Benjamin

Mrs. Robinson, it makes me sick that I said that to you.

Mrs. Robinson

We'll forget it right now. Finish your drink.

Benjamin

What is wrong with me?

Mrs. Robinson

Have you ever seen Elaine's portrait?

Benjamin

Wha- her portrait?

Mrs. Robinson

Yes.

Benjamin

No.

Mrs. Robinson

We had it done last Christmas. Would you like to see it?

Benjamin

Very much.

They enter Elaine's bedroom.

Mrs. Robinson

It's here in Elaine's room.

Benjamin

Hmm...hmm...Elaine certainly is an attractive girl isn't she. I don't remember her as having brown eyes.

Mrs. Robinson

Benjamin.

Benjamin

Yes.

Mrs. Robinson

Will you come over here a minute.

Benjamin

Over there.

Mrs. Robinson

Mhmm.

Benjamin

Sure.

Mrs. Robinson

Will you unzip my dress. I think I'll go to bed.

Benjamin

Oh, well. Goodnight.

Mrs. Robinson

Won't you unzip my dress.

Benjamin

I'd rather not, Mrs. Robinson.

Mrs. Robinson

If you still think I'm trying to seduce you...

Benjamin

No, I don't. But I just feel a little funny.

Mrs. Robinson

Benjamin, you've known me all your life.

Benjamin

I know that but I'm just...

Mrs. Robinson

Come on, it's hard for me to reach. *He does so.* Thank you.

Benjamin

Got it.

Mrs. Robinson

What are you so scared of?

Benjamin

I'm not scared, Mrs. Robinson.

Mrs. Robinson

Then why do you keep running away?

Benjamin

Because you're going to bed. I don't think I should be up here.

Mrs. Robinson

Haven't you ever seen anybody in a slip before?

Benjamin

Yes I have, and I just...Look what if Mr. Robinson walked in right now.

Mrs. Robinson

What if he did?

Benjamin

Well, it would look pretty funny. Wouldn't it?

Mrs. Robinson

Don't you think he trusts us together?

Benjamin

Of course he does, but he might get the wrong idea. Anyone might.

Mrs. Robinson

I don't see why, I'm twice as old as you are. How could anyone think that -

Benjamin

But they would, don't you see?

Mrs. Robinson

Benjamin, I am not trying to seduce you.

Benjamin

I know that but please Mrs. Robinson this is difficult...

Mrs. Robinson

Would you like me to seduce you?

Benjamin

What?

Mrs. Robinson

Is that what you're trying to tell me?

Benjamin

I'm going home now. I apologize for what I've said, I hope you could forget it but I'm going home right now. *He goes down the stairs.*

Mrs. Robinson

Benjamin.

Benjamin

Yes.

Mrs. Robinson

Will you bring up my purse before you go.

Benjamin

I have to go now, I'm sorry.

Mrs. Robinson

I really don't want to put this on again, won't you bring it up.

Benjamin

Where is it?

Mrs. Robinson

On the table in the hall.

Benjamin

Mrs. Robinson...

Mrs. Robinson

I'm in the bathroom.

Benjamin

Well, here's the purse.

Mrs. Robinson

Would you bring it up.

Benjamin

Well, I'll hand it to you. Come to the railing and I'll hand it up.

Mrs. Robinson

Benjamin, I'm getting really tired of all this suspicion, now if you won't do me a simple favor...I don't know what.

Benjamin

I'm putting it on the top step.

Mrs. Robinson

For God's sake, Benjamin would you stop acting this way and bring me the purse.

Benjamin

I'm putting it here by the door.

Mrs. Robinson

Will you bring it in to me.

Benjamin

I'd rather not.

Mrs. Robinson

All right, put it in Elaine's room where we were.

Benjamin

Right. *She enters naked.* Oh God. Oh. Let me out.

Mrs. Robinson

Don't be nervous.

Benjamin

Get away from that door.

Mrs. Robinson

I want to say something first.

Benjamin

Jesus Christ.

Mrs. Robinson

Benjamin, I want you to know that I'm available to you. And if you won't sleep with me this time..

Benjamin

Oh my Christ.

Mrs. Robinson

If you won't sleep with me this time, I want you to know that you can call me up anytime you want, and we'll make some kind of an arrangement.

Benjamin grunts.

Mrs. Robinson

Do you understand what I've...

Benjamin

Let me out...

Mrs. Robinson

Benjamin, do you understand what I've said...

Benjamin

Yes, yes. Let me out...

Mrs. Robinson

Because I find you very attractive. And any time you want you just...

A car screech is heard from the driveway.

Benjamin

Oh, Jesus. That's him.

Benjamin runs out the door.