

INT. HAROLD'S CAFE - AFTERNOON 1

JANE, NICOLETTE

NICOLETTE CLASHES WITH HER MOTHER

Nicolette and Jane face each other - the tension from their last encounter, a month ago, hangs in the air.

JANE

(tentative)

Sorry if I'm a bit jetlagged.

NICOLETTE

It's crazy you just flew in from England. Hope you had points.

JANE

Not really, but things felt a bit... unfinished, after last time -

Nicolette's wary.

NICOLETTE

I didn't actually believe the Doc when he said you wanted to talk to me... Wasn't too sure I wanted to see you, either.

JANE

I know. I feel awful about what happened. I could have handled things better in Perth.

(beat)

I'm sorry.

Nicolette's thrown.

JANE

You were my guest. We were having a rather nice time and...I threw you out. I shouldn't have done that.

NICOLETTE

Wow. Okay.

(beat)

I'm sorry too.

Jane softens, relieved. Feeling for her mum, Nicolette feels compelled to explain herself.

NICOLETTE

I was worried, Mum. I know I was pretty blunt about it -

JANE

(dry)

Blunt is an understatement.

Nicolette concedes. It is true.

NICOLETTE

You know me. If you're going rush into marrying someone - for literally no good reason - there's no way I could stay silent about it.

JANE

(sl. affronted)
You haven't changed your tune then.

NICOLETTE

Why would I? I was right. You've broken up already. The whole thing was a bonkers idea.

And there's that bluntness again. Jane grows defensive.

JANE

It might have helped if you'd given Des a chance. You showed up already determined to poke holes in our relationship.

Nicolette's stunned by Jane's turn.

NICOLETTE

It's not like they were hard to find.

JANE

You really upset him, the poor man. He didn't deserve that. He's only ever been sweet and kind.

NICOLETTE

I don't care about him. You were the one I was trying to look out for. If you guys were meant to be, nothing I said would've made a difference. You'd have managed to work it out.

JANE

You don't know that. How would you feel if I started interfering in your love life?

NICOLETTE

I'd be shocked you even knew who I was dating. It's not like you ever shown any of interest -

JANE

Nicolette -

NICOLETTE

No. You haven't given a damn about me since I came out.

JANE

(hurt)

So is that what this was about? You punishing me for that time. Have you been waiting ten years just to get back at me?

Nicolette pauses, wildly offended.

NICOLETTE

You actually think that?

Jane doesn't, but it's hard to back down now. She stays silent.

NICOLETTE

I knew this was stupid. There's no point either of us being here.

And with that, she walks out, leaving a shaken Jane in her wake.