

BEN Can I take it with me?

FRAN Put it in a Tupperware. And make sure you bring it back.  
You've got all my containers over there, already.

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BOB (ENTERING) What's that parked in the driveway?

BEN I know... What do you think?

BOB It looks new.

BEN It's off the showroom floor... I got a deal.

BOB It's European.

BEN So?

BOB What are you trying to prove?

BEN I'm not trying to prove anything. That's just what people drive.

BOB What people?

BEN I don't know. People. People I know. People I work with.  
Jesus, it's just a car.

BOB Did you finance it?

BEN Yeah, what else?

BOB You didn't want to talk that over with me, first?

BEN What? You're a bank manager now?

~~FRAN He can't drive. Can't you?~~

BOB There was nothing wrong with the car you had.

~~FRAN They're like that now, Bob. They don't drive the same car for long. Not the kind of people he's with.~~

BOB ~~What people? What people to be with? The kind of people~~  
 You ~~who~~ take out a seventy grand loan to buy a new car, so  
 that ~~you~~ <sup>you</sup> can look better than ~~they~~ <sup>you</sup> are?

BEN Is that what you think?

~~FRANK It's not saying that.~~

BOB You're not even thirty years old and you're driving a brand new car. European, even.

BEN I make good money. Spending it is not a crime.

BOB Your Mom and I paid cash for our first new car. We saved for it. And you know what we did until we had enough in the bank?

BEN Rosie... get me a piece of paper and pencil. I should write this down and stick it on the fridge.

BOB We lived with what we had... a second hand beater.

BEN That was last century.

BOB Nevertheless... we made do.

BEN Yeah, well I'm not prepared to work all my life for the same company for a handshake and a car at cost at the end of it. I want more than that.

BOB It was cost and a bit more. They weren't so generous.

BEN Well, there you go. You got screwed at the end anyway.

~~FRANK Ben.~~

BOB Are you insured?

BEN Of course.

BOB Full comprehensive?

BEN I'm not an idiot.

BOB OK then, it's in your hands.

Bob returns to the yard.

BEN (*AS HE GOES*) I'll take you for a spin... if you want.

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Bob doesn't reply

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ROSIE You can take me.

BEN Maybe next time, Rosie.

FRAN You don't need to talk to him like that.

BEN Like I said... I can't stay.

FRAN You should stand still... just for a minute, Ben. Just to take a look at what's going on around you.

BEN Coming here is like a lesson in how to be a better person. I get it every time. I'm over it.

FRAN Yeah, well that's our job.

He kisses her.

FRAN You want the lasagna?

BEN No, Mom... I got to go.

Ben exits. Fran joins Bob in the yard.

FRAN He's doing well for himself... You might want to notice that now and then.

BOB He should have talked to me about it first.

FRAN What would you have said?