LINNIE
You think this is easy for me?! I've been sick about telling you!

TEDDY
Yeah, not enough to talk to me *before* you made the decision! Have you both gone nuts?! You're willing to hide who you are just to be financially comfortable?

LINNIE
Ted, it's our decision.

TEDDY
Your...! (Pause. His anger increases.) In your kitchen that night...both crying, said you were *so* frustrated with the cryobank not working for the zillionth time. I said fine. I said it made sense, and for three years I've never once...! *(Stops himself.)*

LINNIE
I know...

TEDDY
(Pause. Summons courage.) I'm his father. *(Beat. This shocks all of them, including Teddy.)* I've never said that in this house. I'm saying it now. I'm his father.

SHARLENE
No, *donor*! And his uncle.

LINNIE
You signed the papers, Ted!

TEDDY
I signed them so you could be his mother! Never even *thought* about seeing a lawyer! *(Beat.)* I might think about it now!

LINNIE
Teddy, if you go to court and say that paper doesn't count, you're saying *I'm* not his mother!

TEDDY
I never imagined you'd pull something like this! You bought a house here! I figured you were here for the duration! So I got the apartment down the road to be close to him!

LINNIE
You made that decision, Teddy! We never asked you to build your whole life around us! And we never promised we'd stay here forever!

TEDDY
(Pause. Pleadingly:) But Lin...if I can't hug him every day?! Have him fall asleep on my chest...or run into my arms and hand me his latest drawing?! Those can't happen on FaceTime!

LINNIE
You want Shar to turn down the position?! She's worked years for this!

TEDDY
Of course not! But what about everything we have *here*? All the money in the world can't...!

SHARLENE
(Stands.) Enough! Both of you! *(Beat. Calmer:)* Ted...my logical, math-y mind told me this was a no-brainer. I was hoping once you heard about the money, the house, all the things we could give Jayden, you'd...but I always knew how you'd feel about this. Linnie was in denial. I just didn't want to face it. *(Beat. Half-chuckles.)* Ted, you've got one of those beautiful artsy, touchy-feely brains...which I love about you. Really. I get why this decision seems crazy. But it wasn't...not to us.

LINNIE
"Wasn't...?"

SHARLENE
(Pause. To Linnie:) I can't be the one to take Jayden away from his...uncle. Maybe this just isn't worth what it'll cost us. *(Pause.)* I haven't signed the contract for the new position.

LINNIE
What?! Honey! I thought—?

SHARLENE
I had to make sure you two were going to be okay! Clearly you're not! This is the job of a lifetime, but...we both agreed long ago that *family comes first. (Beat. Shrugs.)* So...move, don't move...you two work it out. I'm willing to do whatever you decide. *(Turns to go into the house. Stops, turns back.)* Jayden asked me today where Teddy lives. I said, "Not far." *(Beat.)* I'd like to keep giving that answer. Whether it's here or Dubai. *(Exits into the house.)*

LINNIE
(Pause.) I love her, Ted. When she told me about the job, I told her I'd follow her anywhere, and I would. Then I thought about you.

TEDDY
Nice to know I was an afterthought. *(Sits on the loveseat.)*

LINNIE
You're not, but I have to think of my wife and child first! I'm sorry.

TEDDY
Sorry for what, exactly?

LINNIE
(Sits next to him on the loveseat.) You've eaten dinner in my kitchen for three years. You think I didn't notice our family of three turned into four? *(Beat.)* You gave me a son, and...you never left.

TEDDY
You *wanted* me to leave?!