

PARTY

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(A rooftop. A party. Guests, champagne)

Guest 1

Attention! Attention!! Can I have everyone's attention, please? I've just been informed-

Guest 2

Oh my god! He's on his way up!

Guest 1

I've just been told he's on his way up, so lets fill our glasses-

Guest 3

Fill your glasses! Everyone! Champagne all around!

Guest 4

Yippeee!! Hooray!!

Guest 1

He's just going to die!

Guest 5

A perfect day. A perfect view. I'm so happy for him. I couldn't be happier for him.

Guest 6

Who deserves it more? Really? Done more?

Guest 5

And never complained. But forged ahead. It hasn't always been easy for him-

Guest 6

Who is it ever easy for?

Guest 5

Yes, but for *him*. I couldn't be happier.

Guest 6

Agreed. Cheers! (*they drink*)

Guest 4

Does everyone have a glass? Are they full?

Guest 7

Empty. Empty here.

Guest 4

We'll have to fix that. Won't we? (*fills glass*) I'm so excited. Have you ever been so excited?

Guest 7

You'll have to get back to me on that one. Maybe when I finish this glass.

Guest 4

Oh *you*. Always so funny.

Guest 7

No. You. You're the funny one.

Guest 4

Im not funny. Im happy.

Guest 8

Lets all be happy. For Him.

Guest 1

(*To Mother and Father, seated downstage, staring out*) And whats happening here? Why, you both look so glum. Down in the mouth. Oh! You need glasses for the toast! Someone - please bring his Mother and Father-

Guest 2

Right away! Two cold glasses coming right up!

Guest 1

(To Mother and Father) Look at this view! Have you ever seen such a view?

Mom

Yes. I suppose it is...lovely. Such good friends, all of you...

Dad

Good friends wouldn't let him go-

Mom

Dear. Shh. We agreed.

Dad

We agreed...

Mom

Its hard.

Guest 1

Of course.

Mom

We want to be happy. For him. We're trying.