

BOOKER

I figured if I got her and the landlord in the same place, she would have some words, hopefully some unkind words, and he would change his mind about the rent increase.

TESS

I'm not mad at that plan.

BOOKER

I know, right? (THEN, CALLING OFF)  
Grandma Zo, meet us on the roof! We...  
(LYING)... uh, set up a boxing ring!

GRANDMA ZO (O.S.)

Woot, woot! I'll grab my gloves!

AS BOOKER AND TESS RUN UP THE STAIRS, WE:

RESET TO:

M-2: EXT. ROOFTOP - MOMENTS LATER (D2)  
(BOOKER, TESS, GRANDMA ZO, GEOFF)

GRANDMA ZO WALKS OUT ONTO THE ROOF, HOLDING BOXING GLOVES.

GRANDMA ZO

Hey, there's no ring up here. What's this funny business?

JUST THEN, GEOFF (30ISH HIPSTER LANDLORD) ENTERS.

GEOFF

I was told there was a money-draining emergency so I came at once.

**Start**

BOOKER

Grandma Zo, this is our landlord, the  
guy responsible for the rent increase.  
Landlord dude, this is Grandma Zo.

GEOFF

So, there's no emergency? I'm outtie.

GEOFF TURNS TO LEAVE. BOOKER AND TESS BLOCK HIS WAY.

GEOFF (CONT'D)

Get out of the way, tiny tenants. I've  
gotta get to one of my other buildings.

GRANDMA ZO

Kids, don't move. (THEN, TO GEOFF) So,  
you're the tough guy giving my family  
grief, huh?

GEOFF

Yeah, so? Who are you?

GRANDMA ZO

I'm your worst nightmare.

GEOFF

No, my worst nightmare is men in  
sandals. Why should I be so scared of  
you?

GRANDMA ZO

Because I know a guy, who knows a guy,  
who can make life very difficult for  
you.

GEOFF

Yeah, right. (OFF HER LOOK) Like how?

GRANDMA ZO

For starters, this place hasn't been updated in twenty years. Nothing is up to code. And there's a giant hole in this wall.

GEOFF

Where?

GRANDMA ZO PUNCHES O.S., AND WE REVEAL: A HOLE IN THE WALL.

GEOFF (CONT'D)

You just put that there!

GRANDMA ZO

Yeah, but who'll believe you? You're a mean landlord, I'm just a (FEEBLY) feeble old lady.

GEOFF

You wouldn't.

GRANDMA ZO

You bet your cheap imposter cologne I would. So, what's it gonna be? You gonna re-consider raising the rent?

A BEAT, THEN:

GEOFF

Fine! Fine. Rent stays the same.

GRANDMA ZO

And....?

GEOFF

And I'll repair everything, but not  
the hole in the wall. You did that.

GRANDMA ZO LOOKS AT HIM.

GEOFF (CONT'D)

Fine, even the hole in the wall.

DISSOLVE TO:

M-3: INT. 3RD FLOOR HALLWAY - LATER (D2)  
(BOOKER, TESS, GRANDMA ZO, GEOFF)

BOOKER AND TESS WALK DOWN THE STAIRS, FOLLOWED BY GRANDMA ZO  
AND GEOFF, WHO WALK ARM IN ARM. GEOFF IS TERRIFIED.

GRANDMA ZO

So glad we finally see eye to eye. And  
you know what? I like ya, Geoff.

GEOFF

(SCARED) Uh, yeah, I like you, too?

GRANDMA ZO

(HOLDING RENT NOTICE) And if you make  
trouble for my family again, all I  
have to do is call a guy who will call  
a guy who will call a guy. And you do  
not wanna meet that guy.

GEOFF RUNS OFF.

BOOKER

Grandma Zo, that was awesome!

GRANDMA ZO WAVES THE RENT NOTICE. TESS AND BOOKER FIST BUMP.

GRANDMA ZO

Grab your bags, kid. You need to move.

**End.**