

... This is a crucifixion! This is political! Don't tell me it's not!

He storms out the door.

OSBOURNE (CONT'D)

... I have a drinking problem!

The door slams. Palmer Smith looks at Olson. Olson arches an eyebrow.

4 INT. COX KITCHEN - DAY

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OSBOURNE

Bow tie loosened, he stands at a kitchen counter.

His shoulders twist as he does something below frame: we hear the crackle of ice cubes wrenching loose from a tray.

Behind him we see the apartment door opening. Katie, an attractive middle-aged woman, enters, taking her key out of the door, but stops, surprised to see Osbourne.

KATIE

You're home.

Osbourne continues making himself a drink.

OSBOURNE

Hang on to your hat, honey. I have some news. I----

KATIE

Did you pick up the cheeses?

OSBOURNE

Huh?

KATIE

Were they ready? I didn't know you
were coming home this early.

OSBOURNE

(blank)

The cheeses.

Katie rolls her eyes.

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KATIE

I left a message for you to stop at
Todaro's. The Magruders and the
Pfarrers are coming over.

OSBOURNE

The Pfarrers? Ugh. I----what did
Kathleen say?

KATIE

What?

OSBOURNE

When you left the message?

KATIE

She said. She would give you. The
message.

OSBOURNE

Well she, I don't know, I guess we had
bigger news today. My day didn't
revolve arou----

KATIE

So you didn't get the cheeses.

OSBOURNE

Well, since I didn't get the message,
no, I didn't get the cheeses. But
hang on to your hat, I----

KATIE

Oh for fuck's sake, Ozzie, you mean I
have to go out again? All right,
well, you better get dressed.

OSBOURNE

Honey, we have to talk.

KATIE

Not right now. They'll be here in,
what, less than an hour.

5 INT. COX LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

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A hand hovers, hesitates.

VOICE

Is this a, uh, goat cheese?

OSBOURNE (OFF)

Chevre, yes, that is a goat cheese.

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Wider shows the cocktail party, meagerly attended but in full swing. Besides Osbourne and Katie there is Harry Pfarrer (who has just inquired about the cheese), bearded, forties, rugged; his wife Sandy; and a shiny-faced young couple, Doug and Tina Magruder.

Osbourne holds a cocktail tumbler.

HARRY