

10 Page Dialogue Sample: COMMONWEALTH: A PLAY SET IN MASSACHUSETTS

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Lights up on The Boathouse Bar. It is a typical sea side dive bar.

MOLLY O'RIORDAN, a women in her late 20's, wears jeans and a T-shirt, pops up from behind the bar. She is cleaning and getting the bar ready for the day. Behind the bar is Molly's domain.

ANGELA ROSSI, late 20's, wearing something short and tight, bursts though the front door carrying two stuffed CVS shopping bags, and two massive Dunkin' Donuts Iced Coffee's.

ANGELA

I know, I know, shut up.

MOLLY

I just wasn't expectin' you this early. Only a half an hour late.

ANGELA

I went for a run.

MOLLY

Has hell frozen over?

ANGELA

Be nice to me, or I won't show you what I got ya.

MOLLY

All that for me?

Angela walks up to the bar and empties the contents of her bags on the bar. It is a boatload of pregnancy tests.

Ange, did you stop at every CVS in town? You know I only need one?

ANGELA

Every girl knows you use at least three. One to say you did it. One to confirm and one to do a clean take so you can actually show it to people.

MOLLY

And what are we supposed to do with the rest? Hand them out as party favors?

ANGELA

Anyone who leaves the bar together gets one on the way out.

MOLLY

In that case we should be handin' out condoms, not pregnancy tests.

ANGELA

Will you just take the damn test already?

MOLLY

I don't gotta pee right now.

Angela hands Molly a huge Dunkin' Donuts Iced Coffee.

ANGELA

And that's why I brought you this, drink up and get peein'!

MOLLY

Ange, I would rather just wait for the doctors appointment. And if it is positive, I still have to figure out how to tell Ryan how it happened.

ANGELA

Molly. You mean you two haven't had the talk yet?

MOLLY

Angela, he's gonna know.

ANGELA

Just tell him he shot straight for once! It's a miracle baby! The stork dropped by, he's not gonna care how it happened, just as long as it's his. It is his right?

MOLLY

Go fuck yourself.

ANGELA

I don't know why you don't wanna know, I would wanna know! I don't suggest findin' out when you go in to see if you have the clap.

MOLLY

Worked wicked well for you.

ANGELA

Why am I more excited about this than you are?

MOLLY

It's not a sure thing. I could have just pissed my money away. And this whole fuckin' thing coulda been for nothin'.

ANGELA

Hun, you're young, your chances are wicked high, and if it doesn't work this time, so what, it's not like we are gonna run out of money.

MOLLY

Well, Ange, like, you *know* this isn't a life plan? I don't wanna talk about this right now. Is Zoey feelin' any better?

ANGELA

Don't change the subject to my kid. We are talkin' about your kid.

MOLLY

My non kid.

ANGELA

Your could be kid, if you would just pee!

MOLLY

My NON kid that coulda cost me twenty fuckin' grand and possibly my fuckin' marriage all before she attached to my uterus.

ANGELA

Oh, so it's a she? Zoey's been buggin' the shit outta me for a sister. A tip from one mom to another? Have a normal name before the Demerol kicks in, and the nurse shames you into changin' it.

MOLLY

I was a big opponent of Electra from the start.

ANGELA

It's all yours! I'm referrin' to it as Baby Electra from now on.

MOLLY

Ange! Stop it.

Angela throws a pregnancy test at Molly.

ANGELA

Take the test and I'll stop.

Molly throws it back.

MOLLY

No. I got work to do. You can help by grabbin' a broom. I had to rush outta here wicked quick last night to trick my husband into thinkin' we naturally conceivin' a child.

ANGELA

There's no shame with I.V.F. It doesn't mean there is somethin' wrong with you guys. It's just there to give you guys the extra thrust.

MOLLY

There is nothin' wrong with it as long as your husband knows you are doin' it and is fully aware of where the money is comin' from.

ANGELA

Are you goin' to blame me for this if it all goes to shit for you?

MOLLY

No, I'm wicked stupid to think that I could make Ryan believe that after four years of marriage and tryin' to have a kid, that a whole month of non stop sex happened to work?

ANGELA

Oh, I'm sure Ryan hates that!

MOLLY

I just hope it makes up, slash, distracts him from the mood swings.

ANGELA

What do I get for dealing with the mood swings?

MOLLY

A nice cold place to work?

ANGELA

The tips have been nice cuz my highbeams are always on.

MOLLY

Seriously, he's gonna have me committed, it's outta control, even for us.

ANGELA

Listen Molly, he's not gonna fuckin' care how it happened. Once the kid's here, all that shit isn't gonna matter. Zoey can be a pain in the ass sometimes, and puts a damper on my social life, and I am tired all the time, fuck, I forgot where I was going with this...I'm just kiddin', I love her more then anythin'. You definitely should have a kid. You're gonna be a great mom. How was the rest of last night? Did it ever pick up?

MOLLY

It was wicked slow last night, I only sold to Pete. So what did the Doctor say about Zoey?

Angela grabs a broom and helps to ready the bar.

ANGELA

It's just that fuckin' cough. Glad I cut out of work early for that. Fuckin' hope these rich kids have fancy ass healthcare and don't get my kid sick. Maybe I should just bite the fuckin' bullet and get her a nanny until we move.

MOLLY

That child needs to socialize with children her own age. It's not a good thing when a four year old has her own special seat at a bar.

ANGELA

You mean Barfly Bob is not the best baby-sitter? I'm mother of the fuckin' year, right? All I'm saying is she's got two weeks to get over this fuckin' cough.

MOLLY

I don't get why you're takin' a four year old to Disney, she's not going to remember it.

ANGELA

You don't understand how obsessed this chick is with Minnie. But more than that, it's nice to finally be able to do something nice with my kid. Jesus Molly, this place is a mess. Did you prep anythin' last night? You coulda swept, Pete wouldn't have minded.

MOLLY

I know, I got distracted...he needed girl advice.

ANGELA

Pete's got a girl?

MOLLY

No Ange. It was all about you.

ANGELA

Still?

MOLLY

You should probably stop having him babysit when you go out with other guys.

ANGELA

Is that mean?

MOLLY

It's not great Ange.

ANGELA

But he likes helping.

MOLLY

Ange...

ANGELA

I know, I know, I know.

MOLLY

Just don't flirt with him so much.

ANGELA

Molly, I've told you, if you flirt with them more, they buy more.

MOLLY

You know he's liked you since middle school, and you are just usin' him to pay your bills.

ANGELA

Excuse me, thanks to him and the crowd he brings in, we can watch The Pats win the Superbowl on your T.V.

MOLLY

Think if you were wicked smart, you would have just sucked it up and married him.

ANGELA

Yeah, I'm the D.A.'s ideal daughter-in-law. I got no interest in livin' with anyone else's parents.

MOLLY

You never would have to see 'em, you'd live in the basement.

ANGELA

He's such a fuck up.

MOLLY

You going to his party? You know his parents are outta town.

ANGELA

Can't give him the wrong idea!

MOLLY

You know he threw this thing just so we would show.

ANGELA

It's nice to still be popular. I got a sick kid at home! Get off my back! Damn it Molly, who dropped maple syrup?

MOLLY

Sorry! I didn't have the time to clean. He brought up...remember that time the three of us ditched and stole his moms car and drove to P-Town?

ANGELA

Funny, I remember that differently, I remember us running outta gas in middle of the Sagamore Bridge and Colin havin' to rescue us.

MOLLY

Ha. Good times.

ANGELA

So that little stroll down memory lane...you...didn't....

MOLLY

No. I didn't organize the shipment yesterday.

ANGELA

I can do that. Grab the door?

Angela exits towards the kitchen. Molly locks the door.

Angela comes back with a leprechaun cookie jar. She sets it on the bar and opens it. Through out the rest of the scene, she takes out and counts dime bags of cocaine, while keeping track on a piece of paper. She does this every other day.

MOLLY

Are you still good for bringin' hot dogs for the barbecue?

ANGELA

Yeah, um, funny story. So I thought I would be fancy and get us some gourmet hotdogs, from that new Whole Foods, you being in the family way should only eat organic. Do you even want to know how much they charge for a fuckin' hotdog?

MOLLY

No, please tell me.

ANGELA

Three fifty a piece! You can get a whole fuckin' pack of Fenway Franks for that!

MOLLY

Angela, you didn't.

ANGELA

Let the record show, I am a wicked good friend, and I care about you a lot, and I was going to actually spend the three fifty and buy you and your litter of a family these fancy ass hot dogs, that let's be honest, came from the same cow. Anyway, I'm waitin' in the deli line. I take my number...

Counting the coke

How much did you sell Pete?

MOLLY

His usual amount.

ANGELA

Got it. Anyway, I'm like eighth in line. I'm here for the full experience, I'll wait it out. This guy behind the counter starts makin' eyes at me, so ya know, I was wearing'...

MOLLY

Your fuck me shirt?

ANGELA

Perhaps.... Not the story. So Brandon...

MOLLY

The deli guy?

ANGELA

Yeah, he motions me over, so I go. He wants to take my order, so why not? I tell him his hot dogs are over priced, but I'll take fifteen of 'em. I want you to know, I was going to spend fifty two fifty on hot dogs for you.

MOLLY

Still, didn't ask you to do that. But continue.

ANGELA

As soon as I tell Brandon my order, there's this huge crash, I didn't even have to turn around, cause I knew it was my kid. Zoey comes up to me cryin' screamin' 'Mommy mommy, mommy,' then I turn back around and Brandon's gone.

MOLLY

Damn, he could have been the one!

ANGELA

Ha. Ha. ha.

Referring to her activity

How many do you need for today?

MOLLY

Gimme six and gimme two for walk ins. Is Zoey okay?

ANGELA

Yeah, she's fine, but I can never go back into that place now.

MOLLY

Why? Cause she cried?

ANGELA

She knocked over a whole display of tea shaped like the fuckin' Boston Tea Party!

MOLLY

Fuckin' classic. So, you bought Fenway Franks?

ANGELA

I got the franks.