

A Fork in the Road

'Breaking up in public can be a painful business,
especially when there are forks involved.'

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FADE IN

INT. RESTAURANT - NIGHT

A young couple lean towards each other over a candle. They kiss. The woman admires her diamond ring. Their bliss is interrupted by DAVID talking loudly.

DAVID (O.O.V)
God damn it! It was an accident.
These things happen.

MIA (28) and DAVID (30) have half-eaten meals. She is jabbing her food with a fork.

MIA
An accident? I suppose your dick slipped? If I hear one more whining platitude from you, I swear to God...

DAVID
(pause)
Mia, don't let it end like this.

MIA
Nyaah!

She stabs him in the forehead with the fork.

DAVID
You crazy bitch!

MIA
David. Oh my God, I'm so sorry.

A concerned WAITER is approaching.

MIA (CONT'D)
I didn't mean to. Are you okay?

She leans across the table.

MIA (CONT'D)
Here. Let me see if I can...

She takes hold of the fork and pulls.

DAVID
Aah! Don't touch me! Leave me alone.

WAITER
Is there a problem, sir?

DAVID

A problem? No. No, I'm fine. I'm a fucking Darlek, that's all! Actually, yes. Can I have another fork please? This one seems to be dirty.

WAITER

Sir, you're disturbing the other customers. I must ask you to leave.

DAVID

Me? She just stabbed me!

WAITER

I must insist.

DAVID

I'm going!

He stands and walks away, the fork still embedded. The waiter follows.

DAVID (O.O.V)

Get your hands damn off me.

Mia bites and chews a bread roll without gusto. Tearful, she glances around. The young couple are staring at her.

MIA

He cheated on me.

The woman nods. The man glances between Mia and his partner, and swallows a glass of wine.

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