

SWEET INTOLERANCE

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FADE IN.

INT. KITCHEN - DAY

A peppy PAISLEY is baking her heart out in the kitchen. The bench is lined with endless trays of varietal cookies. In enters her warm-hearted husband HARVEY.

HARVEY

Hey Paisley, have you seen my car key- OH WOW.

He looks over the incomprehensible display of baked goods.

HARVEY (CONT'D)

What's all this for?

PAISLEY

(proudly)

The dinner party tonight. What do you think?

HARVEY

I think there's enough here to feed every human in the world, twice.

PAISLEY

They're perfect.

HARVEY

I don't disagree, but honey, it's a dinner party. Normally the expectation is to just bring a plate of something, not an entire bakery's worth.

PAISLEY

I know, but I started baking my Snickerdoodles, then remembered Simon has a dairy intolerance. Obviously I don't want him to miss out so I made a batch of Gingersnaps but realized Gloria can't eat eggs.

(MORE)

PAISLEY (CONT'D)

Then there's Jessica who's celiac so naturally I had to make some gluten-free Peanut Butter Pie Cookies which reminded me of Nathan's nut allergy so now I'm whipping together a little batch of shortbread, nothing too crazy.

HARVEY

Although, Nathan having a hive breakout *would* make the night more entertaining. Not fatal of course, just enough to make a scene.

PAISLEY

No! I'd rather Nathan choke on Gloria's casserole than give my sweet, innocent little sugar cookies a bad name.

HARVEY

I love how considerate you are.

Harvey locates his keys from under a tea towel.

HARVEY (CONT'D)

Oh, Aaron is going to tag along tonight too, I hope that's okay.

PAISLEY

Aaron? With the glucose allergy?

HARVEY

Ah, yeah I think so. That should be fine right?

PAISLEY

Glucose is sugar Harvey. He can't eat any of this. It all has sugar in it. All of it. Oh no, everything is ruined!

HARVEY

Hey hey hey, no it's not ruined. He'll be fine. He probably doesn't even like cookies.

PAISLEY

Don't be ridiculous Harvey, everyone likes cookies. What are we going to do? Can you un-invite him?

HARVEY

You can't un-invite someone because of their allergy Paisley. That defeats the purpose of what you're trying to do here.

PAISLEY

(spiralling)

I know, you're right. Maybe I just don't bring anything then? Yes good idea.

Paisley tries to throw away a tray.

HARVEY

No no no. Slow down. Don't go wasting a perfectly good mountain of cookies over just one person.

PAISLEY

Everyone is just one person. I'm just one person. You're just one person. But to feel excluded even for a moment can ruin this one person's whole night. I never want to make someone feel like that. Not for a second.

He looks over her adoringly.

HARVEY

What can I do to help?

PAISLEY

(brightens)

Can you throw 2 cups of oatmeal into a bowl for me please?

HARVEY

I can do that. Anything else? Do you need a taste tester?

PAISLEY

As a matter of fact, I do.

FADE OUT.