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Jesse/Pru

Summertime/Rigney - 73

No. JESSE

She's up. Be right back. SUMMER

Summer exits. Jess counts pills.

START

One pilly-willy, two pilly-willies... JESSE

You don't learn. PRU

I'm not talking to you. JESSE

Yes, you are. You just did. PRU

Pru, stating the obvious like that? Just proves you have nothing whatsoever to say. JESSE

Yeah? Try this, kid: your wife, she does not take no for an answer. PRU

Okay, I get it. Summer's got backbone and I don't. JESSE

I'm as slack-jawed as anybody, but it turns out, she's like me. PRU

Summer. Is like you. A totally entitled freeloader. JESSE

Ooh, listen to the clever. Borrow much from your dad? PRU

He knows a lot. JESSE

Yeah? Then maybe he can explain to me how "entitlement" got to be a dirty word. PRU

I am trying. To count. JESSE

PRU

You want to know how Summer's like me? She's tough. A survivor.

JESSE

Okay, that—yes—but the rest, the way you're obnoxious, torpid, lazy, vulgar, intractable, unreasonable, bigoted, mewling, needy—Summer is none of those things, and I could go on.

PRU

I am not bigoted.

JESSE

You hate blacks, Hispanics, Asians, Jews, Catholics, Russians—everybody.¹

PRU

What's wrong with being even-handed?

JESSE

Summer, my wife, is in love with the world.

PRU

And the world loves her back? You think?

END

A knock at the door.

JESSE

I can't get that.

PRU

I *can*. But it would take a while.

JESSE

Summer? We need Dad!

Knock, knock.

PRU

Who's there?

THE PLUMBER (off stage)

It's the plumber.

PRU

Lemme guess. He's come to fix the sink.

¹ If the actor playing Pru obviously fits one of these groups, replace that group name with "whites."