

#24B: FRANCINE (UNDERScore)

FRANKIE

Francine! Where are you, sweetheart? Your mother and I are worried sick.

FRANCINE

I'm in the city, okay? Don't have a cow.

FRANKIE

Sweetheart, you don't just disappear off the face of the earth for two days, you gotta leave a note or something--

FRANCINE

Don't yell at me, Daddy.

FRANKIE

I'm not yelling.

(Fighting to keep his patience)

You got money for a cab? Just get in a cab and come home.

FRANCINE

So now you're gonna be my father all of a sudden?

MARY

(Hand out for the phone)

Frankie--

FRANCINE

It's two lousy days, Daddy. You disappear for months at a time--

(MARY lights up Frankie's cigarette)

FRANKIE

That's different, Francine--

FRANCINE

I know, I know. You're working. You're slaving away on the road so you can give us a good life. I've heard it a billion times. Gimme a fucking break. Can I please talk to Mom!