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MR. TORRANCE, 20s, (could be MS. TORRANCE)
ALISON'S FATHER, 40ish, (could be ALISON'S MOTHER)

Alison auditioned for a part in A Chorus Line and did not get cast. Her father seeks revenge.

ALISON'S FATHER

Is Mr. Torrance here? IS MR. TORRANCE HERE?!

MR. TORRANCE (*off*)

I'll be right there.

ALISON'S FATHER

What is the meaning of this?!

(*MR. TORRANCE enters.*)

MR. TORRANCE

I'm not sure I know what you're talking about.

ALISON'S FATHER

I'm Alison's father.

MR. TORRANCE

Oh. Nice to meet you.

ALISON'S FATHER

I realize you're new this year and you're trying to change things—

MR. TORRANCE

Well Alison didn't even really give an audition—

ALISON'S FATHER

Can I finish? That girl sings like an angel. All right? All these other kids sound like monkeys being shot. My girl is beautiful, she's talented, and she's amazing.

MR. TORRANCE

I'm sure she is, but—

ALISON'S FATHER

Can I finish? That girl has more talent in her freaking foot than you've ever seen in your life. When she did Belle, the audience was weeping for joy. Weeping. An old woman had

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a heart attack she was so good. And she kept watching the show, okay? This woman is dying and she's happy because she's watching my girl on stage.

MR. TORRANCE

She's welcome to audition next year—

ALISON'S FATHER

Are you not listening to me? Do you have some kind of brain problem? Put Alison in the show.

MR. TORRANCE

No.

ALISON'S FATHER

Put Alison in the show.

MR. TORRANCE

I can't do that.

ALISON'S FATHER

YOU ARE A MORON AND I WILL DESTROY YOU!!!

MR. TORRANCE

You need to calm down sir!

ALISON'S FATHER

I WILL CALM DOWN WHEN YOU ARE DEAD OR ALISON IS IN THE SHOW!!

MR. TORRANCE

I'm not putting Alison in the show!

ALISON'S FATHER

Let's go! Let's go!

(ALISON'S FATHER raises his hands in fists.)

MR. TORRANCE

I think you're taking this a little overboard.

ALISON'S FATHER

Come on! Let's see what you got!

MR. TORRANCE

I'm not going to fight you.

ALISON'S FATHER

THEN YOU WILL BE DESTROYED!

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(ALISON'S FATHER attacks. He does a few karate moves. MR. TORRANCE runs. Finally he turns around and pushes ALISON'S FATHER, who immediately collapses.)

Aaaarrghgghh!

MR. TORRANCE

What? I didn't even—

ALISON'S FATHER

Ow my hip! My hip! You broke my hip!

MR. TORRANCE

I barely touched you.

ALISON'S FATHER

You assaulted me! I've been battered and assaulted! I'm barely alive! I need to go to the hospital. It's going dark. Why? Why?! What did I ever do to you?!

MR. TORRANCE

You said you were going to destroy me.

ALISON'S FATHER

I didn't mean it. Oh... this is the end... I'm dying... I'm not going to make it. Goodbye cruel world. I'm coming for ya Papa. I'm coming...

(ALISON'S FATHER passes out. MR. TORRANCE looks around.)

MR. TORRANCE

Um... help?

(ALISON'S FATHER wakes up slightly.)

ALISON'S FATHER

Please... I have to tell you... something.... Come closer...

MR. TORRANCE

Um...

ALISON'S FATHER

Please... closer...

(MR. TORRANCE leans in close.)

MR. TORRANCE

What?

ALISON'S FATHER

I'm suing you.

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MR. TORRANCE

I'm still not putting her in the show.

ALISON'S FATHER

Fine.

(he gets up and leaves.)