

Nova walks up to see all the different flavors, separated from her by a glass shield with a sign that reads: DO NOT TOUCH THE GLASS.

Nova holds up Casper so he can "see" too.

PAOLO

Welcome to Paolo's! What can I get--

As soon as Paolo sees Nova, an expression of disgust spreads across his face.

PAOLO (CONT'D)

Didn't I ban you from my shop?

NOVA

Oh, come on! What's a simple misunderstanding between old friends? Water under the fridge, my friend.

PAOLO

It's water under the bri -- Ugh! You snuck in and licked all my gelato while I was distracted. I had to shut down for a week to make new batches.

NOVA

Well I had to taste them before committing!

PAOLO

In front of the health inspector?

NOVA

How was I supposed to know that?!

PAOLO

Addio.

NOVA

No, no, no. Okay, I'm sorry! Look, I just want a scoop for me and my buddy here and then I'll get out of your receding hair line.

PAOLO

EXCUSE ME?!

Paolo starts yelling in Italian and Rory quickly steps in.

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RORY

Whoa, whoa, Paolo! She's sorry, okay?
Calm down.

PAOLO

GET HER OUT OF HERE! LA MANCANZA DI
RISPETTO!

RORY

Okay. Cara! Get Nova outside, I'll get
the gelato.

Cara carries Nova out the door and Paolo calms down.

RORY (CONT'D)

Look, I'm sorry for her, okay? Just
give me one scoop of stracciatella and
we'll be gone.

NOVA

(yelling from the door)
AND ONE FOR CASPER!

RORY

(sighs)
And one scoop of your doggy gelato.

PAOLO

I don't see a doggy.

RORY

Paolo. Come on. You know me...

PAOLO

That's right. And I'm not so happy to
see you in here either. Now be gone!

RORY

Hey! You owe me. Might I remind you of
a certain little incident? Where you
forced a certain child into a certain
kind of labor?

PAOLO

I don't know what you are talking
about.

RORY

Oh yes, you do.

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PAOLO
Oh no, I don't.

RORY
Oh yes, you do.

PAOLO
Oh no, I don't.

RORY
Don't make me have a flashback.

PAOLO
You are crazy.

BEGIN FLASHBACK:

INT. PAOLO'S GELATO - DAY

7 year old Rory stands in front of Paolo's gelato flavors. She has her hands on the separating glass, leaving her dirty fingerprints all over it.

Paolo appears behind her, taps her on the shoulder, and hands her cleaning supplies.

He stands over her while she wipes the glass clean.

After Rory's done, she stands crying in the corner as Paolo hangs up a "DO NOT TOUCH THE GLASS" sign on the separator.

END FLASHBACK.

INT. PAOLO'S GELATO - DAY

Rory gives Paolo a "told you so" look.

PAOLO
You know I couldn't see that, right?

RORY
The sign, Paolo! The sign!

PAOLO
Okay, fine! I give you gelato. But none for the dog.

NOVA
(from the door)
Why not?!

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PAOLO
Because your dog is not real!

Nova gasps in the most dramatic way you can imagine and faints.

Rory gives Paolo a look. He really shouldn't have said that.

CUT TO:

EXT. PAOLO'S GELATO - CONT'D

Paolo's separator glass is completely shattered. The girls walk away from the store and Paolo yells after them.

PAOLO
YOU ARE BANNED! BANNED PER SEMPRE!

RORY
I'm sorry, Nova.

Nova angrily mumbles something to herself.

RORY (CONT'D)
Nova?

NOVA
I'll show him. I'll show everyone.
He'll be sorry.

RORY
Oh, no.

NOVA
Oh, yes.

ACT II

EXT. NOVA'S FRONT YARD - DAY

Nova, Rory, Grace, and Alfie stand under the bright summer sun. With her hands clasped together and a bright smile on her face, Nova stands at her very own home-made gelato stand with a sign on top that reads:

- WASABI GELATO -
NOVA'S HOME-MADE DELISHUS gelato
BETTER THAN PAOLO'S

Nova waits for customers while Grace mixes a new batch and Alfie frantically waves a fan over the already-made batch so it doesn't melt. Rory comes over and reads the sign.

RORY
Why Wasabi?