

JORDYN

Hi, welcome to the Minoan Cafe.  
Table for one?

Amara looks back up at Jordyn. She looks down at Jordyn's breasts, and then back up again. Like a deer in headlights.

AMARA

I'm sorry, I've, uh, never been here before. I was just checking out the restaurant...

Amara turns to walk away--

JORDYN

Pretty cool, right?

AMARA

(turns to Jordyn)  
Very cool.  
(turns to walk away)

JORDYN

Would you like to check out a menu?  
I know coming here for the first time can probably feel like a lot.

AMARA

Um, sure. That'd be amazing actually.

Jordyn hands Amara a menu. Amara looks at it--

INSERT - MENU

Lots of seafood dishes: bass, sole, mackerel, octopus, tuna, lobster, crab, snails, mullet, sea perch, wrasse. There are other meats native to Crete: goats, boars, bird.

Of course these Mediterranean dishes have ingredients like: wheat, barley, legumes, nuts, seeds, olives, flax, cheese, eggs, grapes, figs. Desserts made from milk and honey.

This might be too much info but their spices: Sage, thyme, marjoram, mint, capers, juniper, lentisk oil, olive oil.

BACK TO SCENE

Amara looks up from the menu.

AMARA (CONT'D)

Looks amazing. I love how healthy the menu looks. And Mediterranean... of course.

JORDYN  
Omigod, the food here is amazing.

AMARA  
Thank you so much. And... I appreciate how friendly you are.

JORDYN  
Aw, thank you. It's my first time.

AMARA  
You've never done this before?

JORDYN  
I'm actually a personal trainer. I'm covering for someone tonight. Training is my real passion in life.

AMARA  
Wait, so you work at a gym, but you're covering someone in a restaurant?

JORDYN  
The gym is on our estate. A lot of us who work here live on the estate, and we all have free access. State of the art. I'm lead trainer there.

AMARA  
No wonder everyone looks so athletic--

JORDYN  
Hey, eating right and exercise. Two ways to keep the doctor away. And we have a schedule that lets us exercise.

AMARA  
But... if you're a trainer, why would you cover someone in a restaurant...?

JORDYN  
Oh, of course. I left that part out. We all own this place.

AMARA  
I thought Heph owns this place.

JORDYN  
He's the founder and C.E.O. But we own it with him. Someone called out tonight. Being a co-owner, I came in. And I do know the restaurant.

AMARA

I have to ask. What if someone were to ask whether you feel, um, exploited with all the, um, you know. By him?

JORDYN

Exploited by Heph? First, I'd laugh. Ha! But I understand the media drags his name through the mud. Second thing I'd say, we're adults. We made the decision. I love this place. I've also felt more comfortable in my skin since I started working here. Third, I'd ask this person how much do they know about The Minoan Cafe?

AMARA

Maybe they don't know very much...?

JORDYN

Well, I'd tell them the whole philosophy is so cool--

Jordyn is distracted by MALE DINER & FEMALE DINER, 50s, entering. Amara turns to see the married couple behind her.

JORDYN (CONT'D)

Wait, give me one second. Don't go.

Amara smiles and steps aside so Jordyn can work--

JORDYN (CONT'D)

(to the Couple)

Hi, welcome to Minoan Cafe! We have about a fifteen minute wait. But I can take your names down, or there are couple of seats at the bar...

MALE DINER

(to Female Diner)

Wanna sit at the bar?

FEMALE DINER

Yeah, bar sounds great.

JORDYN

Excellent, here are a couple of menus--  
(gives menus to Couple)  
Enjoy your dinner.

MALE DINER

Thank you.

The Couple proceeds to the Bar with menus. Jordyn gestures to Amara to come back to the hostess stand. Amara does so.