

# DA-PHYLLIS /2-1/ OBSESSION

**NILES:** Listen, Daphne. Do you have a minute? **There's something** I wanted to ask you. Nothing **earth-shattering**, it's just... What's that perfume you're **wearing**?

**DAPHNE:** I **knew I should** leave it **to** you to notice. It's Obsession.

**NILES:** No it isn't! I was just **wondering**. **Anyway**, I **couldn't help but notice** it's very **pleasing**.

**DAPHNE:** Yes it is. I **even** spray a bit on my brush and comb it through my hair. It's **silly** really, **as if** anyone's going to smell my hair. (*leaves*)

**FRASIER:** Well, what did she say?

**NILES:** I **couldn't do it!** I was **about to** ask the question, then **all I could think of was**, **what if** she said 'No'?!

**FRASIER:** I **wish I could** say I'm surprised but **honestly** I'm not. After all **you've been through** with Maris, you were just **scared of** another rejection.

**NILES:** It was actually worse **than that**. I was more than scared, I was **terrified**. I can't **go on like this**. **Worshipping** Daphne **from a distance**... Do you have any idea how **frustrating** it is to be completely in love with someone and **not be able to** tell her **how you feel**? Daphne!

**DAPHNE:** Sorry. I just came back for the laundry basket. I **didn't mean to** overhear that...

## DA-PHYLLIS /2-2/ THE **NEXT** STEP

**NILES:** Oh, my God! How long was she standing there?

**FRASIER:** I don't know. **If I'd known** Daphne was standing there, I **would have said** 'Shut up, Daphne's standing there.'

**NILES:** You saw **the way** she looked at me and how she ran out of here? She **must have heard** everything. She knows how I **feel about** her and she ran away **so she didn't have to** hurt my feelings **by turning me down** in front of you.

**FRASIER:** Listen, calm down. You're thinking of the **worst-case scenario**. **That's not what** happened at all. She was just **caught off-guard**. This **may even be for the best**. You said you **wanted to take the next step**.

**NILES:** I can't believe this is **actually** happening! Did Daphne really **hear me say** that I'm completely in love with... Daphne!

**DAPHNE:** I'm sorry! I really **do** need that basket.

**FRASIER:** Niles, you've got to talk to her! If you wait, it will only **become incredibly awkward!** You can't **leave things like this**, Niles. Come on, you've got to **sort it out** now. Go, go!