*Lucky Louie* “Switchtrack”

In an episode of the HBO sitcom *Lucky Louie*, Louie comes home after a hard day’s work at the auto body shop for a long-anticipated romantic weekend with his wife, Kim. He has a gift for her—red roses—which he presents with a flourish. Kim looks disappointed, and after a moment she gives Louie some advice.

**Kim:** Listen. Try not to take this the wrong way, okay? But if we’re going to be married for the next 30 years, I need you to know that red roses are not my thing. I really don’t like red roses.

**Louie:** Okay, well, can I critique how you just told me that? It’s not that big a deal. I just think that you should have thanked me for the flowers first, and *then* said the thing about the roses.

**Kim:** I’ve told you before that I don’t like red roses. Remember that?

**Louie:** But still, I was thinking of you, so I bought you flowers.

**Kim:** If you were thinking of me, you wouldn’t have gotten me red roses.

**Louie:** Oh, come on, Kim, I brought you flowers. That’s a nice thing! You say thank you. It’s called being polite.

**Kim:** You know what would be polite? If when I told you things, you actually listened!

**Louie:** Hang on, all I’m asking for here is a tiny bit of gratitude. So maybe they’re not your favorite kind of flowers—

**Kim:** No, I didn’t say *not my favorite flowers*, I said, *Don’t bring me red roses.*

**Louie:** What is wrong with you? Are you allergic to saying thank you to people?!

**Kim:** How do you expect someone to thank you for giving them something they specifically told you they don’t want?

**Louie:** You know what’s a better question? How you get given red roses and turn around and act like this?!

**Identify the 2 topics:**