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CATHY

It just made my tongue so bit it four imes.

She buts the ice on her tongue.

PAUL

Well, then he needs to give you something else.

CATHY

He told me if this didn't work I should smoke pot. Got any pot?

He can't ven knock a riggin' headache out? Did you get an appointment with soon-to-be-my-newbest-friend Atticus? I'm going t call Mim Dr. A.

keep leaving messages but they never call me back.

PAUL

Reminds me of my dating years. But look how it turned out for me?

He kisses her. She winces

CATHY

(re: he dache) rry. Not you.

INT. DR. VOLLMER'S OFFICE - LATER (D2)

DR. VOLLMER, 50s, Jewish, is playing chess with Adam. Long beat.

DR. VOLLMER How do you feel about your mom being sick?

ADAM

I wish she weren't but she is, so...

DR. VOLLMER

What else do you wish?

ADAM

That I was at my friend's house.

SIDE

DR. VOLLMER

And what would being at your friend's house mean?

ADAM

That I wasn't here.

DR. VOLLMER

What's wrong with being here?

**ADAM** 

You charge too much.

DR. VOLLMER

Do you know how much I charge?

ADAM

No.

Dr. Vollmer smiles.

INT. DR. VOLLMER'S OFFICE - A LITTLE LATER (D2)

Dr. Vollmer sits across from an anxious Paul and Cathy.

DR. VOLLMER

He says he just wants to hang out with his friends.

CATHY

What does that mean? He doesn't want to be around me because he's afraid I'm going to die in front of him? Do you think he thinks on some subconscious level he'll catch my cancer?

DR. VOLLMER

Most teenagers I see who have an ill parent tell me they just want to hang out with their friends.

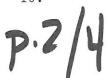
PAUL

But what does that really mean?

DR. VOLLMER

I think he just wants to hang out with his friends. Look, in order for therapy to work, even with young people, they have to want to be here.

(MORE)



DR. VOLLMER (CONT'D)

And he seems like a nice kid who just wants to be normal -- unless he's demonstrating any unusual or outrageous behavior that you're particularly concerned about.

PAUL

He's been aggressively farting.

Beat. Off the Doctor's look:

PAUL (CONT'D)

He's been farting. Pointedly and aggressively and he even fartframed Cathy.

DR. VOLLMER

When you say "aggressive," was anyone hurt?

CATHY

No.

PAUL

Deeply offended.

Dr. Vollmer smirks.

DR. VOLLMER

Just try not to put too much weight on everything Adam does. And enjoy each other.

CATHY

Can I ask you something else?

DR. VOLLMER

Sure.

CATHY

I have a manic-depressive brother and I haven't told him yet. About me. Anything you suggest?

DR. VOLLMER

Is he medicated?

CATHY

No.

DR. VOLLMER

Try to get him to a very calm place first, and if he gets violent call 911.

CATHY

You've been a big help.

STOP

NT. PAUL S CAR - LATER (D2 10

Haul stops the car and Adam opens the door.

CATHY

Tell Mia "hi" for us and call us you're not coming home for dinner.

**ADAM** 

No problem.

Just before Adam gets out of the car he... fart

Oh, geez! Adam!

Adam heads into Mia's as Paul and Cathy roll down their windows.

PAUL (CONT'D)

This is what we're supposed to enjoy? Not cool.

They lear their heads out the window to catch their breath as Paul drives away.

EXT. ATHY'S HOUSE/MARLENE'S HOUSE - LATER (D2)

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Paul parks in front of the house and heads inside. Sean ap roaches Cathy vaving his pregnancy book.

SEAN

Did you have any Braxton Hicks con ractions?

Cathy stops and speaks calmly to him.

CATHY

How are you, Sean? Ar you calm?

SEAN

I feel like my blood is carbonated I usually don't get this excited about the female body when I'm on the outside of it. Did you have Braxton Hicks contractions with Adam?

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