

CATHY  
It just made my tongue so loose I  
bit it four times.

She puts 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?

PAUL  
He can't even knock a friggin'  
headache out? Did you get an  
appointment with soon-to-be-my-new-  
best-friend Atticus? I'm going to  
call him Dr. A.

CATHY  
I 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: headache)  
Sorry. Not you.

He kisses her very gently on the forehead.

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

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

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START

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.

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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.

//STOP

Dr. Vollmer smiles.

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

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

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

SIDE 2

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)

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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 fart-framed 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.

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Beat.

CATHY  
You've been a big help.

STOP

~~Cathy and Paul stand to exit.~~

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INT. PAUL'S CAR - LATER (D2)

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Paul stops the car and Adam opens the door.

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

ADAM  
No problem.

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

PAUL  
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 lean their heads out the window to catch their breath as  
Paul drives away.

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

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Paul parks in front of the house and heads inside. Sean  
approaches Cathy waving his pregnancy book.

SEAN  
Did you have any Braxton Hicks  
contractions?

Cathy stops and speaks calmly to him.

CATHY  
How are you, Sean? Are 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?

DR. VOLLMER