

## JOSH SIDE 1

Claire? Josh

I'm in here. How was the meeting? Claire

What's all this? Josh

I got some toys for Caleb. Claire

Did you get him a mitt? Josh

What— Claire

Why can't anyone get that boy a mitt? Josh

What is this about? Did no one ever get you a mitt? Claire

I have five sisters. I was the youngest. Did you know there was a Little Mermaid Nintendo game? I had that. She threw bubbles at her enemies.... Josh

*She pulls out a child's baseball mitt.*

Is this what you were going on about? Claire

Yes! Josh

This? This glove? Claire

A mitt. Josh

*Claire pulls out a ball.*

Claire

I assumed we needed this too.

*She throws to Josh, he drops it, they both laugh. She looks at him honestly.*

Claire *cont.*

We are an Aunt and Uncle. Let's just be a good Aunt and Uncle. Swoop in. Spoil them. Then leave the parents to deal with the teen years while we spend our savings on traveling.

Josh

Whatever you say.

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**JOSH SIDE 2**

*Josh is up working on his laptop; it is the middle of the night.*

Claire

What are you doing?

Josh

Go back to sleep. *(Beat. He types. She watches. Beat.)* Colleen is pregnant again. She called earlier.

Claire

She just gave birth to Lily.

Josh

It's been a year.

Claire

I guess it has been... Wow. Good for them.

Josh

She's already past the first trimester. She waited to tell me.

Claire

That was considerate.

Josh

It's going to be a boy. *(Beat)* Sorry. This is due Monday. *(He types.)*

*Beat.*

Claire

You want to do what the boys did? You want to get a surrogate?

Josh

Yes. You don't want that.

Claire

No. I don't. *(This is the first time they've honestly said this aloud.)* I think it's expensive and the eggs may not stick and the disappointment has exhausted me.

Josh

I love you.

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### JOSH SIDE 3

Josh

You need to call the boys and warn them. *(Beat)* Claire?

Claire

It's not about them being gay.

Josh

Babe, did you hear her? I don't see how that isn't a factor here.

Claire

Because you're in love with liberalism. You watch Rachel Maddow and vote for Hillary and think that life is red or blue, but it isn't. This is about what they are exposing their child to. He is exposed to sexual ideas. Making his toys kiss. That picture—

Josh

I don't like this.

Claire

Do you think they'd ever touch him—unintentionally—nothing deliberate—but somehow make him feel—

Josh

This is crazy.

Claire

It's not—they have serious boundary issues—

Josh

How?

Claire

A picture of a naked boy being held by a naked grown man. Is that okay with you?

Josh

He's their son.

Claire

Yes. A naked man in a shower with a baby boy and a camera.

Josh

Stop.

Claire

And at first Damon didn't want us to see it. Did you notice that? And then. Damon said, "His little cock".

Josh

I said it first.

Claire

It's not the same when you say it. Would a mother call a boy's penis a "cock"?

Josh

I don't know Claire.

Claire

Mothers I know don't say "cock". Men say "cock".

Josh

They *are* men.

Claire

Men who suck cock—

Josh

You are way out of line.

Claire

Since when are you on their side?

Josh

There is no side—I love you—I just—

Claire

They always made you uncomfortable!

Josh

Damon makes me uncomfortable because he is pretentious. Not because he's gay.

Claire

I didn't call social services—she did—his mother.

Josh

She is not his mother.

Claire

He has no mother.

You are not his mother—

Josh

I know that—

Claire

*They* are his parents. Not us. *(Beat)* We *know* them.

Josh

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