

EPISODE 25

[This story works better if you read it after Episode 29.
most critically, Episode 29 is better if you read it first]

INT/DAY The family's Living-room

The Living-room is mostly white, with a modern streamlined esthetic. The two gray couches are slightly worn-out due to FATHER frequently using them. A few abstract paintings are on the wall. A flat-screen television is turned on.

FATHER is watching the program.

Enters RACHEL, sixteen year old. She is wearing a bag-pack.

_____ RACHEL

Hey! I'm home!

_____ FATHER

(rises, sitting on the couches)

Hey! Home as soon as I can?

_____ RACHEL

(Seeing him, she recoils somewhat)

...Eeeerr... Hi, Dad.

Mom Isn't home yet?

_____ FATHER

(turns his head around, but not his eyes)

Your mother gonna date sweetie. Evening is juside u phone.

_____ RACHEL

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I'm gonna guess that's a no.

Okay, then.

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You mind if I watch TV with you? While we wait for her?

_____ FATHER

(his hands gesture to the cushion by his side. His arms stay fixed with his torso)

Of course! Make yourself at home my favorite daughter.

Seeing the hands, RACHEL has a compassionate smile, and walks around the couch. She sits down on the right side of her father.

_____ RACHEL

Well, at least I know this means yes.

They spend a few moments side by side. RACHEL doesn't dare touch her FATHER, but still seems to relax a little.

_____ FATHER

~~You do know it's been awhile since we've spent time together. You miss that?~~

_____ RACHEL

(jumps back a little in surprise)

Sorry, I don't know what you are saying.

_____ FATHER

(lowers his head to his thighs with a sigh)

~~You know sweetie, I'm sorry. I really try. I sweat!~~

_____ RACHEL

(she puts a hand closer to his shoulder, but doesn't touch him)

Don't worry, we'll find a solution. Okay?

FATHER nods, his ears swing a little at his neck's sides.

_____ RACHEL

Hell! Even if we don't, you'll still have me and mom, right? we'll take care of you.

_____ FATHER

~~Hey, why forget Danny? I know he isn't very mature, but he means well.~~

_____ RACHEL

(She lowers her eyes)

Yeah, I miss Danny too.

Hearing that, FATHER gets agitated.

_____ FATHER

~~What do you AM BETTER NEXT TIME!~~

The screams make RACHEL jump back, out of the couch.

FATHER swings his limbs wildly all over the place. Parts of him fling around like whips.

_____ FATHER

~~NO, HE DIDN'T DIE? HE COULDN'T. I SAW HIM, YESTERDAY!~~

RACHEL approach him slowly, hands in front of her in sign of appeasement.

_____ RACHEL

Okay, okay. No talking about Danny. I get it.

But please, please, calm down.

_____ FATHER

~~THINGS CAN'T HAVE ING TO GROUND HIM, TO DIE?~~

~~HOW DARE HE DIE? I'M GO FORGIVE. WHAT HAPPENED FOR THIS!~~

_____ RACHEL

(Starts to tear up)

DAD! Please! Get a grip of –

As she gets closer, one part of FATHER strike RACHEL in the stomach, making her stumble until she ends up sitting against the wall hands clutching her belly with a shocked expression.

FATHER continues his freak out, as his screams become unintelligible.

RACHEL is starting to cry.

_____ RACHEL

Oh... oh...

(Tries to calm down)

Okay...I can't...I won't break down now...

her expression hardens, and she whisper:

_____ DAUGHTER

I will get past that.

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