

INT. KITCHEN - DAY

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Louise sits at the kitchen table. A vase with wilted flowers sits in the middle. James is next to her. Aaron runs in, yelling like a madman.

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AARON

I hate her, I hate her! Why does she have to work here? I want her fired!

Louise and James remain silent. Louise's eyes are bloodshot.

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LOUISE  
Aaron, your father and I have  
something to tell you.

AARON  
I want Sophia out of here!

JAMES  
(forcefully)  
Aaron! Your mother and I are getting  
separated.

Aaron freezes. He bites his nails.

AARON  
Separated?

LOUISE  
Yes, honey. Things between us aren't  
working. \*  
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AARON  
But... you go to parties together,  
and we all have dinner as a family.

JAMES  
Like your mother said, it's not  
working. We will try...

James looks at Louise. She looks down.

JAMES (CONT'D)  
We will try to make it work. In the  
meantime, I'll be sleeping downstairs.  
So try to not make too much noise if  
you wake up early, ok?

Aaron looks at his mother.

LOUISE  
I'm going to the grocery store.  
Going to get some pork chops. Your  
favorite, right? \*  
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AARON  
Yes, mom. \*

Louise exits the kitchen. James grabs the vase and exits  
the kitchen through the back door, which leads to a big yard  
and a small creek. Aaron watches as James fills the vase  
with new flowers and fills it up.