

A weathered playground sits off to the side. You can tell it hasn't been used in quite some time. Baseball equipment lays all over, the site of many father-son catches. An oft-used barbecue next to the house.

You can tell a lot about this family from seeing this backyard. You like this family a lot from seeing this backyard.

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TRACY (O.S.)

Cal?

Cal looks up. Tracy approaches. She's wearing sweats. It's pretty obvious that she's been crying. Awkward silence. Neither knows what to say.

TRACY

I just wanted to say that...

Her voice cracks. She turns away.

TRACY

Shit.

She gathers herself. Cal steps forward. Instinct tells him to comfort his wife but he can't anymore and he stops himself. She realizes this. There's something harsh and complicated about the reality of it all.

Tracy looks at the U-HAUL, wipes her eyes and tries to lighten things.

TRACY

Do you want me to back that thing out of the driveway for you?

CAL

I'll be fine.

TRACY

You have trouble in reverse is all.

CAL

It was two times --

TRACY

Three if you count my father's foot.

CAL

I did that on purpose.

TRACY

I knew it.

They smile, in rhythm for a moment. Then they realize, stop smiling. Cal turns awkwardly.

CAL

Once I'm settled, I'll get the kids so they can see the place.

He walks to the truck. Tracy's voice stops him.

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TRACY

I think I'm have a mid-life crisis maybe. Can women have mid-life crisis?

CAL

(AVOIDING ENGAGEMENT)

Make sure the lawn gets enough

water.

TRACY

In the movies it's always men having them and buying ridiculous yellow Porsches, but I'm not a man and I really don't want a yellow

PORSCHE --

CAL

You have to fertilize once a month. Not twice a month, not once every two months.

She takes a deep breath, finding her balance.

TRACY

We got married so young, Cal. And I'm forty-one. And that's so much older than I thought I'd be.

CAL

The sprinklers turn off behind you.

TRACY

And I got really upset with an umpire at Molly's t-ball game last month -- like really upset, like I screamed at him and wished he would die -- and I started feeling like the person I promised I wouldn't turn into, you know?

CAL

If it rains a lot, you need to shut off the automatic setting.

TRACY

And we haven't been us, not for a

long time. And I don't know when
you and I stopped being `us`
but... I mean, do you?

Cal finally turns and looks at her.

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CAL

I think it was when you screwed
David Jacobowitz.

Ouch. Tracy's face registers the blow, but she nods:
she also understands it.

CAL

Make sure my azaleas get enough
sun.

Cal turns, gets in the U-HAUL, and backs out...

And immediately crashes into the neighboring FENCE.

20 INT. CORPORATE APARTMENT - EVENING 20

Cal leads in Molly and Robbie.

CAL

Okay, well, this is it. What do
you think? Didn't have a lot of
time to house-hunt, but...

They look around his depressing, beige apartment. A
pathetic TV plays the Disney Channel in the corner.

CAL

There's a second bedroom with twin