

INT. SINS FAMILY HOME FOYER- EVENING

Helen sprints down the stairs and swings the front door open.

Patrick stands on the other side, holding up a large bouquet of flowers.

PATRICK

Hi.

Helen sighs loudly.

HELEN

What are you doing here?

Louisa comes running down the stairs dressed in a bath robe, Auntie Gale stands by the railing. Louisa embraces Patrick and kisses him on the cheek.

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 LOUISA
 Come in, come in.

Patrick hands Louisa the bouquet of flowers.

 PATRICK
 I am so incredibly sorry for your
 loss Louisa, Ken was always so kind
 to me.

Louisa cups Patricks face.

 HELEN
 Uhm?

Louisa looks down at her self.

 LOUISA
 How embarrassing I'm not dressed.
 Give me a minute, make yourself
 comfortable.

Just then Jay-Jay opens the front door joining the group of people, he awkwardly stops.

INT. LIVING ROOM- EVENING

Jay-Jay sits on the couch between Patrick and Helen.

 HELEN
 I can't believe you actually showed
 up.

 PATRICK
 You're mother invited me!

 HELEN
 So you came?

 PATRICK
 What was I supposed to do Hel?

Helen scoffs.

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HELEN

God, don't call me that.

Louisa and Auntie Gale enter the living room. Louisa is dressed in a black dress.

Patrick sits up and hugs Louisa again.

PATRICK

I'm so sorry for missing the funeral I---

Louisa squeezes Patrick tight.

LOUISA

Oh, don't apologize.

Helen rolls her eyes.

AUNTIE GALE

Helen makes us some coffee would you?

(to Patrick)

One sugar Patrick?

HELEN AND PATRICK

Two.

Helen and Patrick look at each other and Helen leaves the room.

INT. KITCHEN- EVENING

Helen boils a cup of water. Jay-Jay enters the room and helps.

JAY-JAY

Are you okay?

HELEN

I can't believe she invited him.

JAY-JAY

Maybe Ken wanted him to be here.

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HELEN

Doubt it.

Beat.

HELEN

She did it to punish me.

JAY-JAY

For what?

HELEN

Being her daughter.

JAY-JAY

Do you want me to say something?

Helen pours the coffee into mugs. She hands some to Jay-Jay.

HELEN

I just want to get out of here as soon as possible.

INT. LIVING ROOM- EVENING

Helen and Jay-Jay hand the cups of tea to everybody.

LOUISA

So how have you been Patrick.

PATRICK

Great, I've been great. Work is great, life is---

HELEN

---Great?

PATRICK

Yes.

Beat. The sounds of sipping coffee fills up the awkward silence in the room. Helen stares at Patrick, which makes him choke on his coffee.

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PATRICK

(choking)

Did you guys hear about the
Garlands?

AUNTIE GALE

I know, it's awful just awful.

PATRICK

Did you guys hear or see anything?

Helen raises her eyebrows.

LOUISA

The police asked us, but we didn't
hear or see anything.

PATRICK

Did you guys know them well or?

Helen clears her throat.

HELEN

You're all of a sudden interested.

PATRICK

Yes, well...

Helen frowns at Patrick.

AUNTIE GALE

Why don't we check the news?

Jay-Jay turns on the television and changes it to the news.

CLOSE UP ON TELEVISION.

A PHOTOGRAPH OF DANNY GARLAND IS PLACED ON THE SCREEN.

TALK SHOW HOST

Daniel Garland has made no official
statement regarding the unusual
circumstances....

The talkshow host fades into the background.

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AUNTIE GALE

Such a shame.

Helen perks up.

HELEN

That's Daniel Garland?

PATRICK

Yeah, the nephew.

HELEN

And he killed...

PATRICK

Not confirmed.

HELEN

I think I've met him...

PATRICK

What? Where?

HELEN

I mean, he woke me up last night. I think so... it looks like him...

PATRICK

Where are you staying? What did he say?

Helen looks deeply at the television.

Jay-Jay begins to sniff loudly.

JAY-JAY

Do you guys smell that?

They all start to sniff.

LOUISA

Smells like smoke.

Helen sits up and looks out the window.

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