

DEAD PARENTS

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INT. NIGHT. PARENTS MANSION. DEAD DAD WRAPPED IN SHEET LIES IN CENTER OF LIVING ROOM. CLINT (OLDEST SIBLING) AND CARRIE (YOUNGEST) SURROUND DEAD DAD IN LIVING ROOM. QUIET RAIN AND THUNDER MUSIC IN THE BACKGROUND.

CLINT

God, you shouldn't have to see your dead dad at your age, Carrie. You should go back to your room.

CARRIE

It's fine, Clint. I've seen this before. I saw our dog Misty take her last breath in front of me. {Loud Thunder SFX}

CLINT

What? Jesus Christ!

Cayden and Candace enter living room carrying dead mom wrapped in a bloody sheet.

CAYDEN

We found mom dead in the bathtub. There's a huge wound on her head. She must have fallen.

CLINT

Thanks doctor...I mean dropout. Why is she all wet? She ran in there to get dad's Epipen, not take a fucking bath.

CAYDEN

Fuck you! And I don't know. All I know is when I went in there she was in the bath tub, bleeding, not responding and the water was running. Must have hit her head on the handle.

Cayden throws mom next to dad.

CANDACE

Oh my god... I can't believe these two lives are gone. Hope their energies find peace.

Clint calmly but sternly speaks. When not speaking Candace lightly sways back and forth with long periods with her eyes closed. Carrie is always quietly studying the room when not speaking.

CLINT

There's not going to be any peace when the cops come. This looks very bad. We all have to have the same story, ok? Otherwise we could all go to jail!

CAYDEN

Fuck you! What do you mean story? These were both accidents. You got something to hide. Dad only goes into shock like that when eats peanuts and you served him that leftover burger.

CLINT

Listen here, you little second tier shit! I don't know how old that burger was. Dad wanted it so I gave it to him. It was obviously bad and dad just had a bad reaction to it. You're not pinning this on me. If anyone is to blame it's Candace for getting rid of dad's Epipen. What the hell were you thinking, Candace? You gotta grow out of this hippy spiritual bullshit you're in to. Your the reason dad is dead.

CANDACE

It has mercury in it! It's been proven to cause autism! I saw it on the internet! And I'm an energy purist and we believe that everyone's life force is meant to be pure and never tainted with unnatural medicines.

CARRIE

There are no proven cases that Epipens cause autism. Also, why would you worry about our seventy year old father becoming autistic?

Clint begins examining moms body. Candace begins to exit the room when she brings up Reiki healing.

CANDACE

Huh, you're too young to know that. Anyways, dad was fine when I put him to bed. I've been studying Reiki healing and dad allowed me to heal him with my palms.

Clint begins examining moms body. Carrie yells at her sister and sits down between the bodies near the feet.

CARRIE

You do not have magical healing powers in your palms. You're delusional!

Carrie becomes curious with touching the bodies. She begins to rub the legs and feet as the others talk.

CLINT

Cayden...There's a lot of strange burns on mom. Was she electrocuted? I thought you said she just hit her head.

CAYDEN

Are you accusing me of electrocuting mom, you sick asshole?

Candace returns with two healing crystals and a candle. She places the crystals at the heads of the bodies and the candle in between and lights it.

CLINT

Yeah, I am. We all know you hated mom and dad. They always compared you to me and you could never live up to the standards I set.

Candace begins to wave her hands over the bodies.

CANDACE

Yeah, we all know you have trouble loving yourself. You project your problems outwards when you should be examining the problem inside. We can't all be to blame for your problems. I think if you just let go, you're life force will guide you down the right path.

The boys mostly ignore what Candace is saying.

CLINT

You're a college drop out, with a shit job and a trail of broken relationships. You should have killed yourself instead.

Cayden in his rage tackles Clint and they wrestle on the ground. Candace stands up and begins to violently sway back and forth and mumbling nonsense. Carrie stares at her brothers fight with quiet amusement. A half smile appears on her face. She slowly stands and after a moment lets out a scream.

CARRIE

STOP!{Loud Thunder SFX} I killed mom and dad!

The room goes silent and Cayden and Clint stop fighting. Candace stops swaying.

CANDACE

No, you didn't. You can't blame yourself for what our brothers did.

Everything Carrie says is in a matter-of-fact tone.

CARRIE

Shut up, Candace. I killed mom and dad. Mom was still breathing when I found her bleeding out in the bath tub. I always wanted to see someone electrocuted. The water was already running so I just dropped in the hair dryer...And dad was dying from anaphylactic shock but I found dad's epipen. He was so happy for a moment at the thought of me saving him. But then I missed and injected his medicine right into the mattress. The look on his face was...I don't think I'll ever experience that again.

The group is silent and stunned. The silence is broken by Clint and Cayden hysterical laughter.

CAYDEN

Holy Shit!

CLINT

You are one dark mother fucker! Why would you do that?

Carrie kneels down to her fathers body. She uncovers it and the body is face down.

CARRIE

I wanted them to buy me the new Doom playstation game but they said it was too violent. So now I can buy it.

Carrie pulls the wallet from her dad's body.

CLINT

Well...ha...shit. I came here tonight to kill mom and dad too. You were right, Cayden. I need the family money. I owe some bad people money and I'm afraid I'm going to lose everything. They threatened Trish and the kids. So, yeah, I put peanut dust in Dad's burger. I figured it would look like an accident.

CAYDEN

Jesus, haha...I came here to kill them too. You all were right. I can't stand the way they've made me feel my whole life. All of their attention was on you and they made me feel worthless. And I've got nothing. At least you have something to lose, Clint. I don't even have the shit job anymore. So...when mom ran to the bathroom in such a rush to get the medicine I saw my chance to make it look she tripped and fell. It was perfect. One shove and she was gone...I thought.

Clint gives out a hearty laugh.

CLINT

Hahaha, Wow! I can't believe we all wanted mom and dad dead. Huh, I never realized how much alike we all are. I can't tell you how good this feels. It's such a huge relief. I really thought I might have to kill one of you when shit was getting out of hand.

CAYDEN

Yeah and I still kinda want to kill you haha.

CLINT

Ha...Ok, so here's the story we tell the cops. Dad had a severe reaction to accidentally eating some peanuts and mom ran into the bathroom looking for his Epipen. She tripped on the rug and fell into the bathtub, hitting her head. We never found the Epipen, Dad died minutes later and mom died instantly from the head injury.

CANDICE

Wait! I had nothing to do with this. I will not lie. My life force will not allow it. I'm calling 9-1-

{Loud Thunder SFX} Carrie comes up behind Candice and twists Candace's neck killing her instantly. Her body falls on top of the parents bodies. There is a moment of silence and the remaining three erupt into laughter. Family Matters theme song plays.

Blackout