



Peyton

From *Snakes in a Lunchbox*

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Age Range: Young Adult, Adult

Style: Comedic, Contemporary

Monologue:

“Last night, my dad left the halfway house, came over and punched my Mom in the face a bunch until she picked up a knife out of the sink and stuck it in his arm. Which is... He’s okay. I mean, he’s not dead or anything, but the way she looked when... He’s gonna be in the hospital for a bit ‘cause she hit an artery, and then he’s going back inside. It’s a violation of his condition of release or something, so there isn’t even going to be a trial or nothing. The thing is... when she did it, I wasn’t... I saw them fight, you know, before he - I mean, the first time. They fought a bunch, but she never... It was always them fighting. The two of them, it’s how they were. Last night, I looked at her face - and I thought she was going to kill him. Stab him in the neck, or the heart. And I didn’t feel bad about it. Not one bit. I just thought: took you long enough, Momma. (beat) Don’t tell anyone. (beat) Never mind, say whatever. I figure everyone will know in a day or two anyway. They always do””

Play Synopsis:

Peyton has been the ultimate school bully for ages, but has had a change of heart. In this monologue, Peyton tells a former victim why things have changed.

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