

CONDITION

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INT. KITCHEN - EVENING

COLE talks with her mother SARAH in the kitchen.

SARAH

I thought for a moment there, just
for a moment, things were fine.

COLE

Not in this family, I'm afraid.

SARAH

Yes, yes. (pause.) Can you take
out the ah, the eggs for me?

Cole takes eggs out of the refrigerator, placing them on
counter.

COLE

Do you need help with---

SARAH

No, no, I'm fine. I'll do it. Go
relax and talk to Dad.

COLE

...Mom...I'm sorry things---

SARAH

No, no, it's fine, don't worry,
don't worry...

COLE

Yeah but if she wasn't such a
nasty bitch all the time--

SARAH

I said no, just, go into the other
room and let me cook.

COLE

I want you to understand it's not
me.

SARAH

It's never you, it's never any of
us. Yet, it's all of us. We are a
dysfunctional family.

COLE

Who isn't? What family is not
dysfunctional? Everybody's crazy.

SARAH
I don't want to have a crazy
family!

COLE
But we are, just face it.

SARAH
I don't want to face nothing!

JIM
Hey, what's all the yelling?

COLE
Nothing, Dad, we're just talking.

JIM
No you aren't, that's yelling. I
don't want to hear yelling.

COLE
I don't want to yell.

JIM
What's going on?

COLE
Nothing, just forget it.

SARAH
It's fine.

JIM
I don't want to hear anymore
yelling.

SARAH
Go back inside.

Jim leaves the kitchen.

COLE
Mom, you need to understand it's
her, she's always causing shit to
happen.

SARAH
I know but you need to learn to
ignore her and be the bigger
person.

COLE
Yeah but she says the most
horrible things to me.

SARAH (WHISPERING)
You know she's not well.

COLE (SIGHS)
Yeah.

SARAH
Whenever she gets rude, you have to be the bigger person and let it be. I know it's hard but you have to do it. It is the only way she will get better.

COLE
Such bullshit.

SARAH
It's not.

COLE
There's only so much I can take.

SARAH
You have your own life. You don't see her everyday. Make the best of it when you do. It isn't easy for any of us.

COLE
Do you need more bread crumbs?

SARAH
Yes, please.

Cole hands Sarah bread crumb container.

COLE
I'll try. But she needs to try also.

SARAH
She does. Imagine how she feels. Put yourself in her shoes and imagine what she feels. Okay? I'm not saying she's right, Cole. I'm only saying she isn't well and we are her family. She needs us to be stronger.

COLE
I know.

SARAH

Go talk to Dad. I'll do this. Tell your sister to come down so she can set the table.

COLE

I don't want to talk to her right now. Can you do it?

Sarah looks at Cole.

Alright, FINE, I'll get her...

SARAH

Cole, I love you. Everything will be okay.

COLE

Okay...I hope so.

SARAH

It will.

COLE

Okay.

SARAH

Don't get upset. Life is too short.

COLE

I know, I know...

SARAH

It's hard on all of us...you know this.

COLE

Yes, I know.

Sarah hugs her daughter.

SARAH

Come on. Fix yourself up and go talk to Dad. Dinner will be ready soon. You hungry?

COLE

Yes.

SARAH

Okay.

COLE

Mom, can I set the table and we
talk in general about other
things?

SARAH

Of course.

Cole gathers up some plates from the cabinet.