

JO

Ugh. He will do for now. But I met this other man at Starbucks. Funny story. Wanna grab a coffee?

JAMES

Sure. I'm intrigued.

JO

How's Cassie doing?

JAMES

She's good but apparently has a boyfriend. And wait for this. He has a rat-tail. Not only is my seven year old dating, but she's dating a kid who looks like he should be on Swamp People. I've failed as a mother.

JO

Well, what do you expect? She has you as a mom.

Jo reaches over and swats James playfully as she says this, they both laugh. James is stopped at a traffic light and her phone goes off. She looks down and sees Gunner has sent her a text.

START**PHONE**GUNNER (~~TEXT~~)

Hey mom. Brad Pit (family dog Pitbull Schnauzer mix) is acting really weird. I don't know what to do. Are you coming home soon?

PHONEJAMES (~~TEXT~~)

What's he doing?

PHONEGUNNER (~~TEXT~~)

He's acting crazy. Like paranoid. Jumping all over the place and tipping over, like he can't stand up and his eyes are weird.

PHONEJAMES (~~TEXT~~)

Ok, I'll be home in ten.

JO

What's up?

JAMES

Dog is sick or something. We'll have to rain check on the coffee.

CUT TO.

INT.JAMES' HOUSE. LATE AFTERNOON.

As James comes through the door, Gunner rushes over to her and leads her to the kitchen. When they get there the dog is going bezerk.

GUNNER

He's in the kitchen. I think he got into my backpack. He ate a pot gummy.

JAMES

What? He's stoned? How much did he eat? It could kill him, he's only twenty pounds. And why do you have pot in the house! No drugs. What if Cassie had found it and not Brad Pit!

GUNNER

I'm sorry! It won't happen again, I promise.

JAMES

Get my purse, I need to call the vet.

JAMES (PHONE)

Hi, yes. I need to bring my dog in, he's very sick. Yes, Brad Pit Blakely. He's eaten some cannabis. I don't know. Gunner, how much did he eat?

END

Gunner shrugs. As James is on the phone, Gunner is filming the dog on his phone. James is indicating with her hand for him to stop.

CUT TO.

EXT. LAKESHORE. DAYTIME.

~~James sits beside Russ on a small patch of grass surrounded by ugly industrial looking buildings. They are eating indian rotis. James has her phone in hand and types a message to Whitney. We see the long stream of previous messages sent to Whitney with dates going back the span of a year.~~