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FINN

Mom! Hi! What are you doing here? I didn't expect you...

JANE

Hi, Honey. Wow, you look great.

FINN

I'm so surprised to see you.

JANE

You're not going to believe this.... Your father and I are getting remarried.

FINN

What?

JANE

Your father and I are getting remarried.

FINN

Since when?

JANE

Well, um, we ran into each other a couple of months ago and thought we'd have dinner and, you know, catch up. It just turned into one of those wild things and we closed the restaurant. And then we took a long walk and pretty soon we were making out in the moonlight. We had so much fun.

FINN

Does Grandma know?

JANE

Yeah.

FINN

Well what does she think?

JANE

Oh she's fine about it.

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FINN

Well, was Dad planning on letting me know about this?

JANE

No. He wanted me to tell you first and we want you to come to the wedding.

FINN

Oh. Thanks.

JANE

That's an odd response.

FINN

Oh, Mom, give me a minute here. You can't expect me to make this instant switch after you've been telling me my whole life what an asshole my dad is.

JANE

Honey.... he was. So was I. But we've forgiven each other.

FINN

Hell, it would have been nice if you'd done this forgiving this twenty years ago.

JANE

We couldn't. We had a lot of growing up to do.

FINN

Yeah, well in the meantime, I got to grow up with you telling me that marriage is bullshit.

JANE

Oh I never said that.

FINN

You did. You did say that, Mom.

JANE

No.

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FINN

You did, Mom!

JANE

No, I didn't.

FINN

We were sitting in your kitchen and you were pouring me that awful mushroom tea and you said, I remember your exact words, you said that "lifetime commitments were impossible to keep and serial monogamy was the only way to go."

JANE

Why would I say such a bizarre thing?

FINN

You say things like that all the time.

JANE

Well, uh.... I've changed my mind.

FINN

Do you have any idea how crazy you've made me?

JANE

Well you shouldn't listen to me.

FINN

It's too late. The imprint's been made, I'm a mess.

JANE

Oh Finn. Give it a break. You're not a mess. For a 26-year-old I was a mess. I was a mess. At least you know what you want.

FINN

No I don't.

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JANE

Yes you do. You're just scared. Maybe I've been a flake and you want to tie me up and do a slide show of my crimes. Fine. But then move on and live your life.

FINN

Mom.

JANE

What?

FINN

Do you like Sam?

JANE

Yes. Yeah. Yeah I do, I like him a lot.

FINN

Why don't you ever tell me?

JANE

'Cause it shouldn't matter what I think.

FINN

I've been fooling around on him.

JANE

Oh... Oh God, don't be stupid, Finn.

FINN

I know, I know...

JANE

Don't ever tell him.