

**BREAKFAST 1**

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M

You want some breakfast? I could make scrambled eggs, French toast....

S

You don't have to make me breakfast.

M

Why not?

S

Not today, Mom.

M

I'll make French toast. It'll be ready in five minutes. You have to eat something.

S

I can take care of myself. You don't have to worry about me.

M

If you could take care of yourself, you would have done it by now. You can't even keep a simple job. Are you going to work today?

S

Of course not. I'm going with you.

M

You've had that job less than a week. They're going to fire you.

S

They understand.

M

What did you tell them?

S

The truth, Mom.

## BREAKFAST 2

M

How did you say it? I hope you didn't make it sound pathetic. I don't want to be thought of as a burden.

S

A burden! You haven't even told me anything. We have to be there in less than an hour and we haven't even talked about this at all.

M

There's nothing to talk about. I've written instructions to your sister. The house will be sold and the money will be split up. Now, don't spend it. There isn't that much and you'll have to make it last. If something goes wrong I won't be around to bail you out any more.

S

It'll be fine. Jesus! It's not all about money.

M

No, but money makes everything else easy.

S

It's not making this any easier.

M

That's because we don't have enough.

S

Is that all you can think about? What if you die? Aren't you scared? Don't you think that maybe this whole thing isn't a good idea? I mean, I don't want to say anything negative, but our family hasn't had much luck with major surgery.

M

I'm not scared. When your father died I asked God to keep me around until all the children were fully grown. You're eighteen now. I just think maybe he listened.

### BREAKFAST 3

S

You're giving up. You're planning on it going wrong.

M

Don't be ridiculous. I'm just being practical. I told the doctor not to work too hard if it becomes tricky. I don't want to live like a vegetable.

S

Jesus Christ, Mom. Are you telling me you think this might really be the last time we talk. How could... How could you go on about my job like that? Now the last thing I'm going to remember about you is you telling me I'm a failure.

M

I don't think you're a failure. I just think you can do better, and I know you'll have to.

S

I'm sorry, Mom. I want you to be proud of me. But sometimes I... I get stuck.

M

Hey, don't you misunderstand me. I love you. I love you with all my heart. I am very very proud of you.

Don't misunderstand me... The moment before they wheeled your father into surgery, I was holding his hand and I was so scared. I looked into his eyes and... I couldn't help myself. I started to laugh. I don't know why but I started to laugh. I was terrified. And I could tell by the way he looked at me he didn't understand. But I couldn't stop. I kept laughing and laughing until he was out of my sight. Please don't **you** misunderstand me too.