

(2 WOMEN)

Sisters Maggie and Jennifer are sitting on a bench overlooking a graveyard.

JENNIFER

Did you say hi for me?

MAGGIE

I did.

JENNIFER

I visit about once a month now, this is your?

MAGGIE

First time since...

JENNIFER

The funeral?

MAGGIE

I couldn't, couldn't.

JENNIFER

It's understandable.

MAGGIE

It's odd talking to a stone.

JENNIFER

Better than keeping it inside. I must have said a thousand words here.

MAGGIE

How often again?

JENNIFER

Pardon? Oh, numerous. I came everyday for months then the odd day.

MAGGIE

How often does Dad visit?

JENNIFER

Sometimes he'd come with me sometimes alone. He only came with me for the first few months.

MAGGIE

How often does he visit now that he's met someone.

JENNIFER

He still visits about once a week.

MAGGIE

Really? He didn't seem that loyal to mom.

JENNIFER

True, I never thought of it much. I think it's a case of when someone's under your nose all the time, their not missed until their gone.

MAGGIE

You always were the sensible one.

JENNIFER

Until I married Charlie.

MAGGIE

We all made that mistake. Mom and dad were the only ones to stay together in the family.

JENNIFER

Not completely.

MAGGIE

What?

JENNIFER

Mom told me they were separated at one time.

MAGGIE

No.

JENNIFER

She said it was a few months before Brian was born. Over him apparently.

MAGGIE

No kidding.

JENNIFER

Mom was pregnant when they married too.

MAGGIE

I don't know my parents.

JENNIFER

They were in love but, um, jumped the gun was how mom put it. They, eloped.

MAGGIE

Eloped? They have wedding pictures.

JENNIFER

They apparently had a ceremony later, after Brian was born.

MAGGIE

I don't know what to say.

JENNIFER

I felt the same when mom told me.

MAGGIE

When did she tell you this?

JENNIFER

A month before she died.

MAGGIE

Have you mentioned this to Brian or Ted?

JENNIFER

No. She asked that I keep it to myself for a while but she did ask that I tell everyone, eventually.

MAGGIE

She was so adamant that I get married in the church and be a virgin and all that. So, why'd they fight over Brian?

JENNIFER

Apparently dad came home one day and accused mom of cheating on him and that Brian wasn't his kid. So she kicked him out. She never saw him again until the day Brian was born.

MAGGIE

What a soap opera.

JENNIFER

She said they never talked about it.
Life just went on. But...

MAGGIE

What?

JENNIFER

Mom got a call about ten years ago
from this lady. Thelma or something,
They met and this lady confessed that
she slept with dad that night he
accused mom of cheating.

MAGGIE

What?!

JENNIFER

I think they call it something like
guilt deflection, he likely felt bad
so he wanted to bring mom down to his
level of guilt, pain or hurt.

MAGGIE

Did she ever tell dad?

JENNIFER

No. I was so mad at her for not
doing anything about it.

MAGGIE

Have you told dad?

JENNIFER

I can't bring myself to. I do want
to but, it was so long ago and their
own business.

MAGGIE

That's why Sam and I broke up.

JENNIFER

He cheated on you?

MAGGIE

I caught him.

JENNIFER

I'm sorry.

MAGGIE

I immediately went out and got laid.

JENNIFER

What?

MAGGIE

I found a young stud in a bar and fucked his brains out. It was so great! Such a release!

JENNIFER

Maggie!

MAGGIE

Oh I needed it. The last two years we rarely had sex.

JENNIFER

Charlie and I slowly fell apart. I'm angry at myself for the last three years. Such a waste, it would have been so better if we'd broken up earlier.

MAGGIE

How did the kids take it?

JENNIFER

Jenny was distraught, blaming herself no matter how many times I told her it wasn't. Kevin was silent, I couldn't tell how it affected him.

MAGGIE

My Shelia was oddly happy. I asked her about it and she said that dad didn't deserve my love.

JENNIFER

Good for her.

MAGGIE

I'm not sure where she got her strength from.

JENNIFER

Yeah. Did you want to go?

MAGGIE

Yeah. I'll try to come into town more often to see mom.

JENNIFER

I'm always here.

MAGGIE

And you too. Love ya sister.

JENNIFER

You to.