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EXT. HUNT FAMILY BACKYARD - DAY

A pool party. Members of the Hunt family, close and distant relatives are running around the pool area in the backyard. Sounds of screaming kids can be heard. Two children, THOMAS and JAMES jump into the water making a big splash, causing their mother JOANNE, (50) to look at the two boys.

JOANNE

Don't you two start fighting alright.

Satisfied, she looks back at LINDA, (45) who is sitting on a flotation device in the pool. She's sipping wine out of a glass.

LINDA

Did you see what they said about  
Gleeson on the news?

JOANNE

Don't even get me started on that  
asshole.

LINDA

I know, but they had him on fucking  
CBS or something, that loser and you-

Thomas and James start play-fighting. Thomas goes to hit James in the head.

THOMAS

Get off me!

JOANNE

Boys! What did I just  
fucking say?

The boys ignore her, continuing to fight each other. Gradually the noises around the pool get louder as more people start speaking.

A MOTHER begins to play a party song, partially drowning out the kids.

CUT TO

INT. FINN HUNT'S ROOM - DAY

The sounds of the party can still be heard, but they are much more muted.

FINN HUNT, (15) stares into their mirror. They're wearing an oversized shirt and swim trunks. They begin to mess with their hair for a few moments.

They turn to the window, the music is booming outside. Through the window they see families running around and playing with each other.

They smile, and fiddle with their shirt.

LAURA, (44) slowly opens the door to Finns room. She's holding a yellow bikini behind her back.

LAURA

Honey?

Finn flinches to the door opening, before turning towards Laura, now awkwardly rubbing their arms.

FINN

Mom, you cant just barge in here like that!

LAURA

It's my house.

FINN

What if I was naked or something?

LAURA

But you aren't.

FINN

Whatever.

Pause.

LAURA

How's your getting ready going?  
Everyone is dying to see you.

FINN

I'm almost done.

LAURA

You're not even dressed.

FINN

It's under my shirt.

Laura places the bikini on the chair next to Finn's bed.

LAURA  
You left it downstairs.

Pause. Finn's been caught.

FINN  
Yeah.

LAURA  
Any particular reason?

FINN  
I didn't want to wear it.

LAURA  
You leave everything you don't want to wear downstairs?

FINN  
I hoped it'd go missing.

Laura wipes her forehead.

LAURA  
I don't understand, you seemed to want it last month.

FINN  
Yeah, well I wasn't out to you yet.

LAURA  
Be--

She stops herself, and takes a deep breath.

LAURA  
I just think that-

FINN  
I know what you think.

You don't want me to make a scene right now.

LAURA  
That's not true.

FINN  
Then what is it?

LAURA  
I just think that some of the family aren't as supportive like.. so maybe you should..

FINN  
Not make a scene?

LAURA  
No-

FINN  
Don't be myself?

LAURA  
That's not what I'm trying to say..  
It's just.. while I love who you are..

Laura places her hands on Finn's shoulders.

LAURA  
Our family might not be as  
appreciative of your new look-

FINN  
Right.

LAURA  
I'm being serious Finn. And it could  
be-

FINN  
Okay, I'll wear the stupid bikini,  
please just get out.

LAURA  
Thank you sweetie. I'm sure you'll  
look as beautiful as ever.

Laura moves to kiss Finn on the forehead, before leaving the room, softly shutting the door behind her.

Finn picks up the top half of the bikini and moves to the mirror, propping up the bikini like they're in it. Through the mirror they see themselves. It's difficult not to cry.

INT. - HUNT FAMILY LIVING ROOM - DAY

Several FAMILY MEMBERS are sitting around chatting. Laura is there with them, speaking with GEORGE, (43)

The music outside is still playing, but muted due to the indoors.

GEORGE  
Those Californians brought it onto

themselves I'd say.

LAURA

I mean the leadership they elected..  
It was bound to happen.

GEORGE

There were so many more sensible  
choices, but give it to them to make  
the worst one.

LAURA

Right-

The conversations continue as Finn begins descending down the  
stairs. They're wearing the yellow bikini.

George claps.

GEORGE

She's here!

Finn crosses their arms as George and Laura move closer to  
them.

George plays with Finn's hair for a moment.

GEORGE

You cut your hair.

Finn awkwardly laughs.

FINN

Yeah.

GEORGE

(to Laura)

I liked her with the long hair, but  
this is so adorable.

LAURA

I know.

GEORGE

And that outfit. Laura did you pick it  
out?

Laura smiles.

GEORGE

I knew it. I always know when it's

from you. God the yellow looks so good on her. She's really growing into a beautiful woman, must be the genes.

LAURA

Please.

GEORGE

I'm serious!

George turns to Finn.

GEORGE

How are you? Mom not being too annoying?

FINN

I'm fine.

GEORGE

You sure?

FINN

Yeah.

GEORGE

Hmm. You know, when we were kids your mother always had a tell when she-

LAURA

We need to say hi to everyone else.

Laura begins to drag Finn away.

GEORGE

C'mon the story was PG!

FINN

Do we really have to?

LAURA

It's just a few people, I promise. Then you can go back to your brooding self or whatever kids like you do these days.

CUT TO

Montage of Laura and Finn meeting with multiple family members and partygoers, starting with FAMILY MEMBER 1 (54)

Family Member 1 squeezes Finn's cheeks

FAMILY MEMBER 1  
She's so tall now!

CUT TO

EXT. HUNT FAMILY BACKYARD - DAY

FAMILY MEMBER 2, a woman (37) and her son FAMILY MEMBER 3 (5)  
are standing at the door to the backyard.

FAMILY MEMBER 2  
Go say hi to your cousin. She hasn't  
seen you in so long.

FINN  
Hi.

Family Member 3 stays silent.

FAMILY MEMBER 2  
Is it that hard to say hi? I know I  
taught you that word.

CUT TO

Laura is talking to someone else off to the side, Finn gets  
pulled over by PARTYGOER 1 (20).

PARTYGOER 1  
Hey.

FINN  
Hey.

PARTYGOER 1  
You're looking good, you got a  
boyfriend?

Finn looks uncomfortable.

FINN  
No.

PARTYGOER 1  
Are you looking for one?

CUT TO

FAMILY MEMBER 4 (18), a sorority girl with HER FRIENDS comes



up to Finn.

FAMILY MEMBER 4

Do you see her boobs? God I'd kill for ones like that.

FINN

Uh, thanks?

FAMILY MEMBER 4

Don't be shy girl. You got to learn to be proud of your assets if you're gonna get anywhere in life.

CUT TO

Finn and Laura standing next to FAMILY MEMBER 5.

FAMILY MEMBER 5

She's so beautiful.

CUT TO

FAMILY MEMBER 6

She-

CUT TO

LINDA

She-

JOANNE

She-

The sounds of Family Members saying she begins to overlap to a point where it becomes unbearable.

END MONTAGE

In an effort to get away, Finn runs from their mother's grasp and into the pool.

EXT. POOL - UNDERWATER CONTINUOUS

In the water at the bottom of the pool the words are muffled, Finn feels at peace and finally able to think. They don't want to leave.

They stay under, the water is peaceful. They begin to shut their eyes and let the water take over. It's nice underneath, they don't have to worry anymore.

Suddenly, an arm pulls on Finn's pulling them out from under the pool, it's Joanne.

EXT. HUNT FAMILY BACKYARD - CONTINUOUS

JOANNE

Oh my god, are you okay?

FINN

I'm fine, I promise.

Outside of the pool stands Laura. She is stressed out.

LAURA

What were you thinking? You cant just.. You can't just do things like that.

FINN

Ok.

LAURA

You just worried me so much Be-

FINN

My name is Finn.

LAURA

What are you doing?

FINN

I said my name.

Laura bends down to whisper to Finn.

LAURA

(To Finn)

Do not make a scene right now.

FINN

So I am making a scene now?

Finn climbs out of the pool.

FINN

I can make a scene.

LAURA

Honey-

FINN

I keep thinking that one day you'll  
finally accept me, that you'll finally  
let me do what I want for one day.

The music outside is still playing, but nobody is really  
dancing to it anymore. They are watching the fight, afraid of  
butting in.

FINN

But you won't. Because you're just  
like dad. At least he had the balls to  
tell me I was a waste of space.

Beat.

LAURA

Don't go and compare me to your  
father.

Finn ignores this.

FINN

(To everyone)

Oh, my name's Finn by the way-

LAURA

Don't ignore me.

FINN

Not sis, not girl-

LAURA

I'm serious!

FINN

I am too.

Beat.

FINN

Your daughter is gone, and you can  
mourn her, but I'm not going to  
pretend she's alive anymore, and you  
shouldn't either.

Finn exits into the house.

INT. FINN HUNT'S ROOM - DAY

Finn stares at the shirt and swim shorts sitting on their bed  
for a moment. They pick the outfit up and head to the  
bathroom.

INT. BATHROOM - DAY

In the shirt and swim shorts, Finn is holding the bikini. They stare at it for a moment before chucking it into the trash. Finn stares into the mirror, and finally smiles.