

Transcript

Speaker 1

I remember back a long time ago In the days of the childhood In the evening when the sun was sinking low Walking in the wild room Skipping and clipping through the flowers And we go Looking back on all the happy hours Anyone could understand running eBay Shouldn't of cuts a bee, babe Birds of a feather We should be together like birds of a feather Got to be together like birds of a feather You and I didn't have a lot of friends Didn't have too much to say So they never would let us join in, all the games they used to play. Seems like it was on yesterday, down in Lincoln, June. I remember what the kids used to say, as we go strolling about you and me. It shouldn't have got to be a baby. Wait, did you get to her?

Speaker 2

Yes, I did. Wow.

Speaker 3

Oh, good, okay.

Speaker 4

Oh, here it is. Let's get your trunk.

Speaker 2

I double-blanked the car and you're already mad at me. What car? Oh, we bought a car. We bought a car? Yeah, what for?

Speaker 5

I'll explain later. It's that big blue one right over there in the middle of the road.

Speaker 1

Are you kidding me? Sorry, driver, go.

Speaker 6

There's my girl. One second.

Speaker 1

Lady, you can't stop the Miller Street. Let's go.

Speaker 4

I'm sorry.

Speaker 6

I promise two more seconds. Welcome home, gift.

Speaker 2

Oh, you made this? From scratch.

Speaker 6

It's cashmere. I did everything but shaved the goat. Margaret, can you just, I'm so sorry.

Speaker 2

Yeah, get the front of there.

Speaker 6

Okay, you got it.

Speaker 2

Here we go.

Speaker 6

Right on, girls. All right, here we go. Oh, God.

Speaker 2

Watch out for the bike. Oh, God. There we go.

Speaker 7

Whoa, whoa, whoa. Hey, I would have done it.

Speaker 8

Oh, hi.

Speaker 7

I would have done it.

Speaker 8

Please, please. We got it. Dad! Oh my goodness, I'm.

Speaker 4

So glad to see you. You too.

Speaker 7

Look at that. What happened? So how was camp?

Speaker 2

It was amazing.

Speaker 7

So you were in a play?

Speaker 2

Yep.

Speaker 7

Oh my God, incredible. Look at those boxes for. Don't worry about that. I want to hear more about camp. What else you learned? What else did you do here?

Speaker 6

We're moving.

Speaker 2

What?

Speaker 7

Sylvia. Wow.

Speaker 5

We're moving.

Speaker 7

She saw the boxes.

Speaker 6

She was putting it together.

Speaker 5

I don't think she was. Are you moving? Okay, just... Look, we wanted you to settle in before we sprung the news, but your dad got his promotion.

Speaker 7

Yeah, isn't that great?

Speaker 5

And we found this great house. Oh, the best house, the best house. Well, that's the thing. We got really lucky.

Speaker 6

New Jersey.

Speaker 2

New Jersey.

Speaker 6

I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I said I'd stay out of it.

Speaker 2

We're leaving New York.

Speaker 7

Barely leaving New York. It's just on the other side of the river.

Speaker 2

But we're happy here. We don't need to move.

Speaker 7

No, we don't need to move, but we want to move, right?

Speaker 2

I don't. I'll have to leave all of my friends and change schools, and I'll never see Grandma anymore.

Speaker 5

That is not true. Look, you're going to keep all your friends here, and you're going to make more friends. And listen to this. I'm not going to work anymore. Do you know what that means? That means that I'm not gonna be gone all the time, running from class to class. God, you know how bad I felt about that.

Speaker 2

But you love teaching art.

Speaker 3

Oh, yeah.

Speaker 5

Yeah, I do, I do. But this is our opportunity. I'll be home now. I can be home with you every single day. I'll get involved at your school, just like all your friends' moms. And we'll have family dinners and I'll learn to cook. I know it's a lot. Can you just try to believe us?

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 5

I love you so much. Come here. Come here. You too. And you. Sylvia. Sylvia.

Speaker 7

Come on.

Speaker 5

Come on. You know you want to.

Speaker 7

Faster.

Speaker 6

Okay, I'm coming, I'm coming.

Speaker 8

There we go. Oh, my darling.

Speaker 6

I'm never going to see you again.

Speaker 7

Oh, Jesus.

Speaker 8

Wow.

Speaker 7

So dramatic all the time.

Speaker 6

What are you taking over there with the schmucks and the condos on the other side of the husband? I'm taking in a condo, schmucks and those mafia diners where they shoot each other over cannolis.

Speaker 9

God.

Speaker 2

God? Are you there, God?

Speaker 9

It's... It's me.

Speaker 2

Margaret Simon. Um... I just wanted... Well...

Speaker 10

First, I've heard a lot of great things about you.

Speaker 2

I don't want to move. I've never lived anywhere but the city, and I don't want to do this. Please, I'm begging you. Please just stop this move from happening. If you can't do that, just.

Speaker 11

Please don't let New Jersey be too horrible.

Speaker 3

Okay, you need some light.

Speaker 5

Oh, God.

Speaker 2

They smell bad.

Speaker 5

Oh, they don't smell good, honey. You're going to be there very soon, believe me.

Speaker 10

I'll get it. I already know your name is Margaret and you're in 6th grade. The real estate agent sent out like a tiny flyer about you to the whole neighborhood. It was like this big and it had your picture. Oh, okay. I'm Nancy. I'm in 6th grade too. Do you want to come over to my house and run under the sprinklers with me?

Speaker 2

Oh, I don't know.

Speaker 10

You don't know.

Speaker 2

Oh, no, I just mean, I'll have to ask. just a second. Mom.

Speaker 5

Yeah.

Speaker 2

There's a girl from the neighborhood who asked if I could go into the sprinklers with her. Oh, that's great.

Speaker 5

Yeah.

Speaker 2

I need my bathing suit.

Speaker 5

Good luck finding it in here.

Speaker 10

That's all right. She could have borrow one of mine.

Speaker 5

Oh, hello.

Speaker 10

Nancy Wheeler. I live in the bigger house up the street. Come on, let's go. Whose class are you in at Delano?

Speaker 2

The letter said room 18.

Speaker 10

I'm in room 18 too. We were supposed to have Miss PIPPS, but she ran off with some guy to California. So we're getting a new teacher now. Come on. Mom's upstairs. Voila. My bathing suit's over here. Here, it's clean.

Speaker 2

Thanks.

Speaker 10

Where should I change? What's wrong with here? Nothing.

Speaker 2

I don't mind if you don't mind.

Speaker 10

Why would I mind? You're still flat. I'm already growing. See? I'm gonna have a pretty big chest. You know, coming from New York, I thought you'd be a lot more grown up. Have you ever kissed a boy?

Speaker 2

You mean like really kiss? Like on the lips.

Speaker 10

Yeah. Have you?

Speaker 2

Not exactly.

Speaker 10

Neither have I. But I practice a lot. You want to see?

Speaker 2

What? Sorry.

Speaker 10

You have to practice or else you won't be a good kisser.

Speaker 2

Ready to go? Sure.

Speaker 9

Follow the leader.

Speaker 10

Now, watch me.

Speaker 11

I'm a supermodel.

Speaker 12

Evan, you stupid idiot. You're such a great model, by the way.

Speaker 2

Who are they?

Speaker 10

It's my dumb brother and his stupid friend.

Speaker 11

That wasn't called for.

Speaker 2

Who are you? Margaret. He moved in down the street.

Speaker 11

Oh, so you're the new people? Ask your dad if he wants me to cut the lawn. Five bucks and I trim too. Evan, get over here right now. I'm gonna go. Dude. Gotta get us more bird seed. Yeah. My name's Moose. Moose Fried. I live down the street too. but don't forget to ask your dad about the lawn thingy.

Speaker 2

Yeah, I won't.

Speaker 11

Now I gotta go see Evan.

Speaker 10

Sorry you got stuck with Moose.

Speaker 2

Oh, that's okay.

Speaker 10

Anyways, listen Margaret, I've decided I want you to join my secret club. There's three of us and I'm letting in one more. But you can't wear socks or else the others might not want you. Oh. See you later.

Speaker 2

Are you there, God? It's me, Margaret again. It's the first day of school tomorrow. I met this girl Nancy. I don't really know if she liked me. I think she just expected me to be different or something. Anyway, well, to get me thinking, maybe it is time for... things to be happening around here. Come in. Look. Anyway, just think about what I mentioned.

Speaker 5

Found this, too, if you need it.

Speaker 2

Thanks, God. Thanks, Mom. Mm-hmm.

Speaker 7

Oh, wow, look at you.

Speaker 5

Are you ready for your first day? How you feeling? It's gonna be great, right?

Speaker 7

And if it's not great, first days don't count anyways. Right.

Speaker 5

Exactly.

Speaker 7

All right, see you later. Bye. Bye.

Speaker 5

Did I not unpack your socks?

Speaker 2

Oh, um, uh, I don't want socks.

Speaker 5

Why? You'll get blisters.

Speaker 2

I just don't.

Speaker 5

Okay.

Speaker 2

Oh, wait, Dad! Hey, Dad.

Speaker 7

Yeah? Hey. Hey.

Speaker 2

I forgot to ask you. A boy named moose asked if he can cut our lawn for 5 bucks.

Speaker 7

Moose? Oh, well, tell them thanks, but no thanks. I just got a new power mower, and I'm really excited for the grass to grow. All right, knock them dead today, all right, sweetie.

Speaker 2

Okay.

Speaker 7

Bye.

Speaker 5

Just need to warn you one more time about the socks.

Speaker 10

Margaret Taren. Hello. Good. I thought you'd forget. Guys, this is Margaret, the one I was telling you about. Margaret, this is Janie. Hi. Nice to meet you. Yeah, you too. And this is Gretchen. So, you're the 4th.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 10

Well, you're lucky we saved you a seat, else you'd be sitting next to Norman Fisher.

Speaker 9

Oh my God.

Speaker 10

Oh my God, don't look. Philip Leroy just walked in. I was praying so hard he'd be in our class. Who's Philip Leroy? Take a guess.

Speaker 2

Is that our teacher? Her.

Speaker 10

No, that's Laura Danker. Stay away from her, okay? My brother says that she lives behind the A&P with him and Moose and lets them feel her.

Speaker 13

Good morning, class. First, let me introduce myself. I am Mr. Benedict, and I'm your new 6th grade teacher. Please complete the following sentences so we can get to know each other a little better, yeah? Now, I'll begin just to start things off for you guys. I love that I'm finally getting to be a teacher for the first time. I hate feeling self-conscious, trying not to feel self-conscious, and then you only feel more self-conscious, and then you're blabbing in front of a whole bunch of kids. Um, I'm looking forward to the year with you all. Okay, uh, your turn.

Speaker 3

Yes.

Speaker 8

Okay.

Speaker 5

Can any of you go in here?

Speaker 3

Oh, no.

Speaker 5

Back in the box.

Speaker 1

Longed to hold you. Okay.

Speaker 5

All right. Enough.

Speaker 1

Enough. Enough. You'll never be free. No, my baby. No, no. You gave a promise to me.

Speaker 5

Hello.

Speaker 6

Guess who?

Speaker 5

Oh, Sylvia, hi. Margaret's not home yet.

Speaker 6

It's 3.32.

Speaker 5

Yeah.

Speaker 6

You said she's out at 3.15 and the walk is 10 minutes.

Speaker 5

Yes, I did say that. But, well, I'm sure she'll be walking through that door any minute now.

Speaker 6

Well, okay. I guess I'll just wait.

Speaker 5

Okay.

Speaker 6

So how are you?

Speaker 5

I am fine. I'm good. Yes. And how are you?

Speaker 6

Fine. I read that when you don't have any loved ones around, your life expectancy drops drastically. But you know, I've had a good run.

Speaker 5

You have. You really have. Margaret is here. Just a second. It's Grandma.

Speaker 2

Oh, where's the Band-Aids? Grandma.

Speaker 6

Honey! How's New Jersey? Are you okay? You can tell me the truth.

Speaker 2

You know, it's actually not that bad.

Speaker 6

That's great news. Wonderful news. Anyway, I was thinking that you could come visit the weekend after next. I'll get tickets to a show, you can stay overnight, and we'll have a little slumber party. That could be fun, right?

Speaker 2

Oh, I'd love that.

Speaker 6

Oh, I knew you would. Great. And I'll tell your mother it was your idea, okay?

Speaker 2

Bye.

Speaker 6

Bye, sweetheart.

Speaker 2

Bye. Bye. Love you. Hey, Mom, can I go to Nancy's?

Speaker 5

Right now? You just got home. I haven't even heard about your date yet.

Speaker 2

I know, but can I go?

Speaker 5

Can I have one word? Is that a word?

Speaker 2

Can I go?

Speaker 5

Yes, Okay, go. I love you. Bye, bye.

Speaker 9

Freddie was like, boom, boom. That's if you're my.

Speaker 12

She wants attention.

Speaker 9

Obviously. Oh, no, with her. The way.

Speaker 10

Hi. We were just talking about Laura Danker again.

Speaker 9

Yeah, and how she got even bigger over the summer.

Speaker 2

Yeah, she looked so grown up.

Speaker 10

She's born of Boston's 4th grade, and I bet you at all she gets her period too.

Speaker 9

Well, I know for sure someone in the school does.

Speaker 10

How?

Speaker 9

I always check the bins. You know those little bins in the stall?

Speaker 10

All right, let's get down to business, First of all, This secret club is a secret. Nobody tells anybody what happens here, all right? Duh. Second, if you want to be in the club, then you have to follow the rules.

Speaker 12

What kind of rules?

Speaker 10

Well, I don't know. I'm thinking of them. Don't rush me. Well, I have one. If you want to be in the club, then you have to wear a bra.

Speaker 9

I have one.

Speaker 10

If you guys get your period, you have to.

Speaker 9

Have to tell us about it. Yes. Immediately.

Speaker 10

Every detail, especially how it feels.

Speaker 12

Mm-hmm. Ooh, mine is we can make a boy book and write down the names of the boys that we like. Mm-hmm.

Speaker 10

What about you, Margaret? What's your role?

Speaker 2

Um, yeah, with the boy books, we have to show them to each other at every meeting, and we can't ever lie.

Speaker 10

All right, let's get this party rolling.

Speaker 1

Like a fool I went and stayed too long I'm wondering if your love's still strong Ooh, baby
Yeah, it's time to see you delivered I'm yours Then that time I went and said goodbye
You're not ashamed to cry Ooh, baby I'm still delivered I'm yours Here I am, baby Okay,
honey.

Speaker 5

All right. See you tomorrow.

Speaker 2

I want to get a bra.

Speaker 5

Oh. Do you think you need one? Oh, no. Oh, honey, I'm so sorry. No, I just mean that bras are kind of a pain. So, you know, why start sooner than you need to? But if you want one, we can get you one. So you want one?

Speaker 2

Yes, I already said that.

Speaker 5

Right. Okay. Great. Well, all right. Well, then we will do that. This week.

Speaker 2

Yes. Good night. Good night.

Speaker 5

Good night, my sweet.

Speaker 3

Okay.

Speaker 2

So we'll have that time with God.

Speaker 8

I'm sorry. Hold on, let's go.

Speaker 3

Are you here for the PTA meeting?

Speaker 14

Oh, yes. Hi.

Speaker 3

Hi.

Speaker 5

I'm Barbara Simon.

Speaker 3

Oh! Barbara, I'm Jan Wheeler, Nancy's mother. I met Margaret. We're just about to get started, so please come in and have a seat. Thank you. All right. Here we go.

Speaker 4

Thank you all for coming.

Speaker 3

Delano is nothing without its dedicated parents. Let's dive right in and get started the way we do every year by forming our committees. First up, we have the Campus Improvement Committee. Any volunteers? Okay. Wonderful. Uh-huh. Barbara, you? Okay. Next, the Delano Social Committee. Sure, yeah. Okay. Great. All right, the fundraising committee. Good for you, Barbara. This is gonna be great.

Speaker 13

All right, pencils down. Kindly pass your worksheets forward.

Speaker 11

How'd you do, Martha?

Speaker 13

All right, uh, before the bell, I want to share some news that I think will make you all very happy. Now that you all are in a sixth grade, you'll get to do a full year-long research project.

Speaker 9

Yes, yes! Oh, it was worse.

Speaker 13

Margaret, I would like to talk to you for a moment after class.

Speaker 9

Uh-oh.

Speaker 10

What'd you do, Margaret?

Speaker 2

Hi.

Speaker 13

Please have a seat. So basically I'm just having little chats with each student in advance of your research projects to answer any questions or perhaps guide you toward a topic of choice.

Speaker 2

Oh.

Speaker 13

And I read you're getting to know you paper. And I noticed under the I hate section you wrote religious holidays, which I found curious. If you don't want to share, you don't... You don't have to, Margaret.

Speaker 2

Oh, no, it's just, I guess I just don't like those holidays because I don't celebrate any of them. My dad is Jewish and my mom's Christian, so instead of picking which religion I am, they just decided that I wouldn't have one and I can choose when I grow up.

Speaker 13

And have you given them much thought?

Speaker 2

Not really. My grandma wants me to be Jewish.

Speaker 13

And your other grandparents want you to be Christian, I imagine.

Speaker 2

I don't know. I've never met them before. They live in Ohio.

Speaker 13

So you've never met them at all?

Speaker 2

No.

Speaker 13

Oh. Well, if I may suggest it, I feel like religion could be a very compelling research topic for you.

Speaker 6

Tickets are 10th row, dead center, very hard to get. Tell her that.

Speaker 5

I will.

Speaker 6

Is she excited?

Speaker 5

She's excited.

Speaker 6

I mean, is she excited? Or is she just excited?

Speaker 5

She's excited.

Speaker 6

Okay, I'll let you go. I'm excited. Okay, bye. Bye.

Speaker 2

Hey. What happened to the couch?

Speaker 5

It's time to turn over a new leaf. I was thinking maybe something modern. I don't know. I have to think about it. How was school? You're home a little later than usual, Yeah.

Speaker 2

Hey, how come I've never met your mom or dad?

Speaker 5

Well, what made you think about that?

Speaker 2

Just wondering. I mean, I know that we don't see them because they're so far away, but why don't we even talk to them?

Speaker 5

We just, we just don't. It's, such a long story.

Speaker 2

What do you mean?

Speaker 5

I mean, I'll tell you another time.

Speaker 2

Why can't you just tell me now?

Speaker 5

Look, I just... So, we don't see my parents because, they don't want to.

Speaker 3

What?

Speaker 5

My mom and dad are very, very devout Christians. And before you were born, When your dad and I first fell in love, they told me that it would be very hard for them to have a, sorry, Jewish son-in-law. They told me it would be very hard for them to have a Jewish son-in-law. And that if I wanted to marry him, that was my business, but I wouldn't be their daughter anymore.

Speaker 2

But you are their daughter.

Speaker 5

I guess, um, what I mean is that, um... they just didn't want me in their life anymore. So I'm not. It's okay. Oh, honey. It was a long time ago. I have you guys. Okay. You know what? I took Dad to the station so we could have the car because we're supposed to go shopping, remember? Remember, bras?

Speaker 2

Woohoo! Hey there, God, it's me, Margaret. I can't believe this. What kind of parents would do that and blame it on religion? God, please take care of my mom. She's a good person. She's nice to everyone. Even when she doesn't need to be.

Speaker 5

Can't forget about you.

Speaker 2

I don't know why this happened, but please, somehow, make it all okay.

Speaker 5

And here are the bras.

Speaker 2

Oh, also, I'm getting a bra today. Like something to put in it, please.

Speaker 5

Excuse me. We're looking for a bra for my daughter.

Speaker 15

We don't have many that small. But come with me, dear. I'll measure you. Arms up, dear. Barely A 28. Not even a double A. Your best bet is gonna be to go with one of these grow bras here. So one day when you do grow, it'll grow with you.

Speaker 5

Okay, thank you very much. Sure. Thanks. We'll just go try it on.

Speaker 3

Oh, yeah.

Speaker 5

Can I just, I'll just, yep. Here we go. This is always a tough bit. I can't even do this to this day. Okay. All right. See? How's that feel?

Speaker 2

I cannot wait to take it off.

Speaker 5

Yeah. Welcome to womanhood. Oh, hello.

Speaker 7

Hello.

Speaker 5

Look at you. Working the land. Heavy machinery.

Speaker 4

Ouch.

Speaker 7

You better if I take my shirt off, or it's too much.

Speaker 5

Not for me.

Speaker 8

Ooh. There it is. Yeah.

Speaker 7

You ever been kissed in the suburbs?

Speaker 5

No, sir.

Speaker 2

I'm Lord Anker. What's your name?

Speaker 1

Shake, shake, shake, Senora, shake your body liner. Shake, shake, shake, Senora, shake it all the time. Work, work, Senora, work your body liner.

Speaker 7

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Speaker 5

Oh my God. Oh my God. Did you lose a finger? It does say stop the engine. motor before cleaning the mower, unplugging the chute.

Speaker 7

Whose side are you on?

Speaker 5

Well, no, you turn off the motor before you...

Speaker 7

I'm fine.

Speaker 5

Put that in there.

Speaker 10

Dad, turn the mower off, Dad. Well, time for boy books, everyone. Who wants to go first?

Speaker 9

Like it matters. We all already know who everyone put down. Phillip Leroy! He's so cute. He's been the same since second grade.

Speaker 10

Well, he looks better this year. Really? Yes, he must have gone to the beach or something. She doesn't look any different. Who'd you put down, Margaret?

Speaker 2

Yeah, I put him too.

Speaker 10

All right, well, that was quick. Now it's time to check for the bras. Gretchen has a bra. Janie has a bra. Margaret has a bra. Now let's go around and tell our sizes.

Speaker 9

Well, mine didn't say it had a size. It just said it was a grow bra.

Speaker 12

Yeah, I got that one too.

Speaker 2

Oh, same here.

Speaker 10

Not me. I'm A 32 AA. If I want to get out of those small bras. You're gonna have to do the same exercise and technique I do. Doesn't exercise? Of course there is. You hold your arms out like this and you say, I must, I must, I must increase my bust. I must, I must, I must increase my bust. Does that really work? I'm living proof. Now come on, get up. Get up, get up, get up. You'll see. Get up. I must, I must, I must increase my bust! I must, I must decrease my bust! We must, we must, we must increase our bust! We must, we must, we must increase our bust! We must, we must, we must, we must increase our bust! Shut up.

Speaker 8

You're so stupid! Shut up.

Speaker 5

Grandma said she'll pick you up right where you pull it.

Speaker 2

Yes.

Speaker 7

And I don't want you to talk to anybody on the bus, especially Mandy.

Speaker 5

Right.

Speaker 7

And find a nice seat by yourself.

Speaker 2

OK, Dad.

Speaker 7

By the bus driver.

Speaker 5

Excuse me, sir. This young lady, she's traveling by herself today, and I was just wondering if you could keep an eye on her. Sure, lady.

Speaker 2

OK, goodbye, goodbye. Bye.

Speaker 7

See ya.

Speaker 5

Have fun.

Speaker 7

Right there, right there.

Speaker 5

There you go.

Speaker 7

See ya.

Speaker 5

Independence is good, right?

Speaker 2

Are you there, God? It's me, Margaret. I'm a little nervous actually about being alone, so can't you just not let anything really horrible happen? Oh God, that makes me feel a little better. You know, maybe I will do my school project on religion. I think it's finally time for me to decide what to be, God. You wouldn't mind, would you? I'll tell you all about it, and I promise I won't make any decisions without you first.

Speaker 16

I am the very model of a modern major general. I've information, vegetable, animal, and mineral. I know the kings at the end of the book, the best historical. Grandma.

Speaker 2

Darling, you made it! Look at you! You look gorgeous. Don't you? Your hair's red.

Speaker 6

Yes, everybody thinks I'm a showgirl. Come on, we'll drop your bag with a doorman, and then we're gonna scoot to the Delacorte.

Speaker 2

Yay.

Speaker 16

Then I can write a washing bill in Babylonian uniform and tell you every detail of Caractacus' uniform and show him matters, vegetable, animal, and mineral. I am the very model of a modern major general.

Speaker 6

Wait a minute, okay. You should always put your hand lotion on last thing at night. And then some ladies put gloves on over that to sleep in. You know why?

Speaker 12

No.

Speaker 6

Okay, you have to promise not to tell anybody that's what I'm going to tell you now, okay? swear.

Speaker 12

I swear.

Speaker 6

So I actually did this. I got really fabulous hand cream and I bought these white gloves and I put them on. All right, now I did, I did. And so I'm lying there like I must have been asleep and you know, and I must have gone like this and I was like, who's in here? Oh, God, you're a fab. I had the best time tonight. It was amazing. You are a great date, Toots. Oh, my gosh, you are. Oh, Lordy, Lordy. Before I forget, if you hear like a or a, it's not me. Okay? You're just dreaming, you're dreaming, all right? Okay. Sweet dreams.

Speaker 2

Hey, Grandma.

Speaker 6

Yeah, sugar.

Speaker 2

Do you think maybe I could go to the temple with you sometime?

Speaker 6

You bet you can. Really? Really.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 6

We'll go in the morning. I gotta find what to wear.

Speaker 7

Welcome. Welcome.

Speaker 6

My granddaughter is here with me today.

Speaker 7

Shabbat shalom.

Speaker 6

My granddaughter. My granddaughter. There's the rabbi. He's the best in the city. Two hours in and out, being bang boom.

Speaker 17

Welcome, dear friends.

Speaker 6

Oh, it's starting.

Speaker 17

Shabbat shalom.

Speaker 6

Shabbat shalom. Shabbat shalom means hello, goodbye, peace and harmony, and other stuff.

Speaker 17

This morning. We open our prayer books and we turn to page 26. Ma tovu o halecha ya'akov, mishkin o techa yisrael. Va'ani verov hasteka avo ve techa. Eshtakhavah el hechal kod shecha b'yir a techa. Va'ani Eshtakhavah v'yakhra'a. Ebra galit ne'ar nai osi.

Speaker 1

Va'ani tekilatil lecha'ar nai, ethotzone.

Speaker 17

People agreed to the terms of their covenant with God.

Speaker 6

Oh, that was lovely.

Speaker 2

Oh, sweetheart. Congratulations. Mazel tov. I don't know, God. The people seem nice and I like the music, but I guess I expected something else. I don't know what exactly. A feeling maybe?

Speaker 5

I can't believe that she took you to temple without even asking us.

Speaker 7

I'm honestly surprised it took her so long.

Speaker 2

I told you guys that it was my idea. I just wanted to try it out. I'm gonna try church too, Mom, so don't find out.

Speaker 5

I don't care about church. I don't want you to go to church. I don't think you should be bothering yourself with any of this stuff for you.

Speaker 2

Said that I can choose my own religion when I grow up. Yeah, when you grow up.

Speaker 5

When you're an adult.

Speaker 2

I'm almost 12. That's almost an adult.

Speaker 5

Honey, no. Margaret. Honey, I shouldn't have laughed.

Speaker 7

It was funny.

Speaker 5

I just. I don't want her to go through any of it.

Speaker 7

I don't either, but it might not be the worst thing. Think about it.

Speaker 5

What does that mean?

Speaker 7

Well, she'll go to a couple of endless services, and then she'll realize how lucky she was we never made her go. You know what got me off going to Temple?

Speaker 5

What?

Speaker 7

Going to Temple. You don't understand a word they're saying, and you sit there for a long time.

Speaker 5

Oh, honey. Oh.

Speaker 7

What?

Speaker 5

I'm so sorry. I'm...

Speaker 7

What?

Speaker 5

I swear I'm gonna buy the furniture.

Speaker 7

This is all I need. Look at it. And look.

Speaker 5

Oh, God.

Speaker 7

Find me a couch that does this. Okay.

Speaker 3

How ugly the ceiling in our gymnasium is? It is. It is. We'll have it refinished, painted completely black, and then we'll cut out little stars and recreate the night sky.

Speaker 5

Oh, lovely. How many stars would we need?

Speaker 3

Oh, I was thinking 5 or 10,000.

Speaker 6

Oh.

Speaker 3

It shouldn't take us long. I've got scissors right here.

Speaker 5

Okay.

Speaker 13

Promenade right. Now single fall. And that's it. Yeah.

Speaker 12

All right, great. It's everything counts. Have a good evening. I'm so glad this is done.

Speaker 2

Yeah, that sucks.

Speaker 4

It's horrible.

Speaker 10

Guys, Gretchen thought it's a book. What book? You know.

Speaker 3

My dad's anatomy book that I told you about.

Speaker 12

It looks like a thumb. What? Oh, it's so saggy. The wobbly mom.

Speaker 10

My brother's looks like that.

Speaker 12

How do you know?

Speaker 10

He walks around naked. I see it. It's not a pleasant sight.

Speaker 12

I never want to see anyone naked or have anyone see me naked. It's just gross. Come on.

Speaker 10

What about when you get married?

Speaker 12

Especially then.

Speaker 10

Janie, once you grow a little, you'll want the whole world to see you. Just like the girls in Playboy.

Speaker 12

What girls in Playboy?

Speaker 9

You've never seen Playboy?

Speaker 12

Where would I see it?

Speaker 10

My dad gets Playboy. Wait. So you have a copy here in this house. I don't know where it is. Of course you know where it is. Go on. I don't. Margaret, come on. Go get it, Margaret.

Speaker 9

Look how round they are. Mine just look like little wizard hats.

Speaker 10

Hillary Bright is a 19-year-old who loves water skiing horses and going out to the mall for an Orange Julius.

Speaker 9

Do you think any of us will look like that when we're 19?

Speaker 10

We must, we must, we must increase our cost.

Speaker 4

We must, we must, we must increase our cost.

Speaker 8

We must.

Speaker 1

Jesus.

Speaker 8

Jesus! Head on! Jesus! Tell everybody Jesus! Be afraid.

Speaker 2

I don't know if I've got the feeling, God, but I'm sure in a good mood.

Speaker 8

I remember.

Speaker 4

My wife in Tennessee And one day she said to me Virgil quick come see.

Speaker 2

Hey, what are you doing?

Speaker 3

Are those Christmas cards? New Year's cards.

Speaker 5

Trying to get on top of it this year.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 5

Oh, there's a mailman. Can you, you've got your boots on? Can you just run those out to him? Thank you, honey.

Speaker 2

Sure, of course. Thank you.

Speaker 7

Thank you.

Speaker 2

Norman Fisher.

Speaker 5

So who's Norman Fisher?

Speaker 2

This weird kid in my class. I don't even know why he invited me. I barely know him.

Speaker 10

Hello? Did you get invited to stupid Norman Fisher's birthday party? Yeah, you did too. Everyone did. The whole class. Janie, Gretchen, everyone. Even Philip Leroy.

Speaker 2

Even Laura Denker.

Speaker 10

I said everybody. Anyways, my mom talked to Norman's mom, and I guess... It's a big deal dinner party. We have to look extremely nice.

Speaker 8

No. No, no.

Speaker 10

No. Where are my shoes? Oh, my God.

Speaker 1

There we go. Oh, look. Stop moving.

Speaker 4

We are done.

Speaker 8

OK, I'm.

Speaker 4

Perfect. Come on, over your body. One more. OK, let's go. Oh, I'm going to get these printed.

Speaker 5

OK, here, just lick them with your fingers and stick it back.

Speaker 3

You got to go. You got to go.

Speaker 4

Bye. Thank you, Jan.

Speaker 12

God, I'm so excited. All right, I'll just, just, just. I'll just, yeah, okay, have fun.

Speaker 10

He's hilarious.

Speaker 2

How come she never talks to anybody?

Speaker 12

I don't know.

Speaker 10

Because she's too busy doing other stuff.

Speaker 9

That's why.

Speaker 12

Now if everybody's had enough to eat, we can start the games.

Speaker 9

The games.

Speaker 12

Austin first.

Speaker 10

Okay, now it's Janie's turn to spin. This is a great party. Do we have to play this game? Well, then let's play a different game, I have one. It's called 2 Minutes in the Closet.

Speaker 2

What's that?

Speaker 10

Well, we all get a number, and then somebody will call out, like, number 6. And then those two will go into the closet, and you know... Number 3. Who's #3? Somebody's got to be #3. Go ahead, into the bathroom. Somebody give Freddie a step stool. What do you think they're doing?

Speaker 3

I'm sorry.

Speaker 14

Your next.

Speaker 2

I pick number 12.

Speaker 10

What?

Speaker 4

You're 12? It is. Sorry.

Speaker 1

Gather 'round and start a-talking That some billy would take me walking All through the backyard we go walking Then you look into my eyes Lord knows the mind's surprise The only one who could ever reach me Was the son.

Speaker 4

Of a preacher man The only boss who could ever...

Speaker 9

Margaret, turn around.

Speaker 2

Um, so... Hi. Hey. So... So the kiss was really good? They were pretty good kisses, yeah. Kisses.

Speaker 10

He kissed you more than once? Like, how many times?

Speaker 2

About 5, I think. I don't know. I think I lost count. I know I shouldn't be enjoying this, God, but it's just too good. Sorry, I'm gonna focus.

Speaker 1

The Book of Isaiah, chapter 9, verses 6 and 7 says, For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father.

Speaker 2

Only you could give me a hint, God. I'm more confused than ever. Which religion should I be? Sometimes I just wish I'd been born one way or the other.

Speaker 5

Hi there, this is Barbara calling from Delano Elementary School, and we're just looking for donations. Sorry. Oh, God. I didn't realize it was dinner. Okay.

Speaker 3

Bye-bye. Hi. Come, come, come, come. I can't believe it's still there. Okay. Okay.

Speaker 4

No.

Speaker 3

Jan, I just popped by to pick up your stars.

Speaker 12

Yes.

Speaker 5

Oh, I've been cleaning. Come on in. I'll just get the stars. They're almost ready. You know why I ordered furniture and they still haven't sent it.

Speaker 3

Oh my gosh.

Speaker 5

So crazy. Okay, stars. Stars, stars, stars.

Speaker 2

Thank you.

Speaker 3

Oh, and don't say anything, but Deb's stars are a little lopsided. Oh. You know, yours are so good. Thank you. think you could do her allotment too? Just between the two of us.

Speaker 5

Yes.

Speaker 3

Thank you. You are such a doll. Well, I better get going. There's lots to do still.

Speaker 5

Get the door there. Thank you.

Speaker 3

I think you could be.

Speaker 5

Sure, any time.

Speaker 6

Hello, girls. I'm Mrs. Webster, and I am here to speak to you today about your changing bodies.

Speaker 9

Told you this was the big sex movie.

Speaker 6

Some of you may have already begun to experience these changes, while others of you still haven't experienced a single change at all. We're going to watch a short film to learn a little bit more.

Speaker 18

All girls are unique, but sometime between the ages of 9 and 16, one very special thing happens to every girl. Menstruation. Once a month, a velvety lining of blood and tissue forms in her uterus to make a warm, nutritious place for a baby to grow. If a baby is not conceived, the lining is not needed, and so the blood is released through the vagina. That's menstruation.

Speaker 9

Who do you think will get it first?

Speaker 10

Who do you think will get it last?

Speaker 5

I honestly don't know what's taking me so long to get this dumb furniture. I guess I just want our house to look like one of those nice little houses nice little families have. Do you like these egg chairs?

Speaker 10

When did you get your period?

Speaker 2

Just tell me how old you were.

Speaker 5

I think I was 14.

Speaker 2

That late.

Speaker 5

That's not late, actually. I mean, I had a cousin who was 16.

Speaker 2

Sixteen? Oh my God. I'd die if I didn't get it before I was 16.

Speaker 5

Honey, you will get it exactly when you're supposed to get it. Don't worry about it.

Speaker 10

My mom got me Radio City tickets since I got all straight A's. Does anybody want to come? Only bad thing is, my brother and moose are coming.

Speaker 2

Oh, I'll go.

Speaker 10

Okay. I got it.

Speaker 2

Got what?

Speaker 9

My period.

Speaker 10

I just don't really understand how you got it first, when I have way more than you.

Speaker 9

Well, that doesn't mean anything.

Speaker 12

Okay, just tell us how it happened. Start from the very beginning.

Speaker 9

Well, I was sitting there at dinner, eating my meatloaf, and I felt something coming out of me. So I went to the bathroom, pulled down my pants, and that's when I saw the blood. So I called my mom and I showed her and she got some sanitary napkins, as she calls them. I put one on and, that's the whole thing.

Speaker 10

That's the whole thing.

Speaker 9

Just that. I told you everything.

Speaker 10

No, there has to be something more.

Speaker 9

My sister said that it kind of has a smell, but I haven't noticed that yet. A smell? Like what? She said it kind of smells like the monkey bars. The monkey bars? Yeah. I used to love the monkey bars.

Speaker 2

But do you feel older now?

Speaker 9

Like more mature? Oh, yeah. I don't know how to explain it, and you won't understand it till you get it, but I feel like everything's changed.

Speaker 2

Oh, dear God, it's me, Margaret. I've never been so jealous my entire life, and I hate myself for being jealous. Just please, just let me grow and let me get my period. Let me just be normal and regular like everybody else. Just please, Amen.

Speaker 12

I don't know if I want to do this.

Speaker 2

It's fine. It's just that we're ready. Just in case. Come on.

Speaker 9

Okay.

Speaker 2

Please, God, let it be a lady.

Speaker 12

Please. Thank you.

Speaker 2

Let's just put him back. No, come on. Come on.

Speaker 10

Tic-tac.

Speaker 2

What a tic-tac? I don't know. Everything got that. Oh, man. come here. Hey.

Speaker 5

You got a postcard.

Speaker 2

Oh, thanks.

Speaker 5

Who's in DC?

Speaker 2

Nancy. They went for President's Day.

Speaker 5

Oh.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 6

Okay.

Speaker 2

Want the door closed? Yeah, sure. I got it. come on.

Speaker 6

Hello? Simon resident, Sylvia speaking.

Speaker 2

Grandma.

Speaker 6

Margaret? What's wrong?

Speaker 2

I just really miss you.

Speaker 6

Oh, honey. Me too.

Speaker 2

I'll be back next week to see the Rockettes, and maybe could I come down and stay the night like we did last time?

Speaker 6

Sweetheart. I'd love to. I'd love... But... Well... I'm gonna be in Florida then. I, uh, I heard about this hotel, and there's a lot of people my age there, and, uh...

Speaker 2

Um...

Speaker 4

Okay.

Speaker 6

Wait a minute. Wait. Um... What if you fly down to Florida and spend a few days with me? Isn't your spring break soon?

Speaker 2

Yeah, the end of April.

Speaker 6

Perfect. I'll still be there.

Speaker 2

I'll ask Mom and Dad.

Speaker 6

Oh, great. That's my girl. Bye, darling.

Speaker 10

Come on! Come on! Front row tickets! Front row tickets! Remember? I'm coming! Yes, coming! I'm so excited.

Speaker 2

Hi.

Speaker 9

Hey.

Speaker 8

Excuse me?

Speaker 4

Okay.

Speaker 8

Thank you.

Speaker 11

Sorry, lefty.

Speaker 2

Oh, no, it's okay.

Speaker 11

Do you have the waiters anywhere?

Speaker 2

Oh, you can have mine. I didn't drink any out of it. Thanks.

Speaker 11

Hey. Do you know something I've always liked about you, Ronda?

Speaker 2

No.

Speaker 10

Come with me. I gotta go to the bathroom. We'll be right back. Don't touch my food. I've had a ghost since we got here, and then I drank like 3 7-Ups or something.

Speaker 12

Oh, no. Oh, no.

Speaker 2

What? Oh, please. Oh, no. Nancy? Oh, no. Nancy, what's wrong?

Speaker 10

Go get my mom, Margaret.

Speaker 2

What's going on? Go get my mom. Please, quick, let me in. Please, just go get my mom. Okay, I'll be right back. Mrs. Wheeler, Nancy's crying. She needs you.

Speaker 3

Nancy.

Speaker 10

Mom, please help me, please, help me, please.

Speaker 3

The door's locked, Nancy. I can't get in. You have to unlock it.

Speaker 10

I can't open it.

Speaker 9

I can't.

Speaker 3

Yes, you can, Nancy. Unlock this door. Come on. Let me in. What's going on? All right, Calm down. Calm down. I can't help you. Hey, look at me. Calm down. I can't help you if you don't stop crying and talk to me. Hey, what is it?

Speaker 9

Oh.

Speaker 3

All right. Here, we'll just, Margaret. Margaret, would you get Nancy a pad, please, from the dispenser on the wall? She got her period, sweetie.

Speaker 2

Does she always act like that?

Speaker 3

What's her first time? She's just a little scared.

Speaker 2

Thank you, sweetie.

Speaker 3

All right. Yeah? All right. Well, you girls wash up. I'm gonna go tell the others not to worry. Not too long now.

Speaker 2

Okay? Are you there, God? It's me, Margaret. I don't even know what to say. I'm going to Florida.

Speaker 12

Happy birthday.

Speaker 2

Thank you so much. Happy birthday. Thank you. Why do we have different seats? He said we're in groups to study different countries. Hello. Hey.

Speaker 10

Happy birthday.

Speaker 2

Thanks.

Speaker 10

Oh, no, I got you something. Ow.

Speaker 9

It's a pinch to grow an inch. And you know where you need that inch. Hey.

Speaker 2

Are you there, God? It's me, Margaret. I hate Philip Lemeroy. I hate him. I hate Laura Danker, too, with her big *****. Oh, they give me everybody. I'm wearing a sweater. I hate Nancy that liar. And Norman Fisher the way he reads with his stupid lips clapping everywhere. Please, just hurry up and get me to Florida. I feel like the Normans should be here. Make us do all the work. What time is your mom picking you up?

Speaker 14

Not till later. I have to go to St. Thomas for confession first.

Speaker 10

Confession.

Speaker 14

Just something you have to do when you're Catholic.

Speaker 2

What do you confess?

Speaker 14

Things.

Speaker 2

What kinds of things? Never mind.

Speaker 14

You're just copying straight out of the world book.

Speaker 2

It's 4 words. Germany invaded Belgium when?

Speaker 14

So you're still cheating. Mr. Benedict will know if you're cheating.

Speaker 2

I'm not cheating. Jeez. Shh.

Speaker 10

Quit actually like you know everything and are so great.

Speaker 14

This has nothing to do with being great.

Speaker 2

I know all about the stuff that you do.

Speaker 14

What's that supposed to mean?

Speaker 2

I heard about you and Moose Fried.

Speaker 14

What about me and Moose Freed?

Speaker 2

Oh, how you and Evan and Moose go behind the A&P.

Speaker 14

And why would I do that?

Speaker 10

I don't know why you do it.

Speaker 2

But I know why they do it. So I can feel you up or something and you let them-- You're a liar.

Speaker 14

You're lying.

Speaker 2

I'm not lying.

Speaker 14

Just like Nancy. All you do is pick on people and make up stories. Think I don't know about you and your friends?

Speaker 2

Laura! Wait, please.

Speaker 10

Laura.

Speaker 2

Wait up, please.

Speaker 14

You think I don't know that all of you make fun of me like it's some kind of game? It's not me. Do you think I want to be the biggest kid in the class? How would you feel if you were to wear a bra in 4th grade and everybody called you names just because of how you looked?

Speaker 2

I don't know. Hey, wait, I really am sorry! Laura? Laura? I'm the worst person who ever lived, God. I picked on Laura Danker just because I felt mean. I don't want to be like

Nancy. I don't even know if I want to be friends with her anymore. I've been looking for you, God.

Speaker 9

I looked for you in temple.

Speaker 2

I looked for you in church. I didn't feel you at all. Why? Why, God? Why do I only feel you when I'm alone? Yes, my child.

Speaker 19

Do you have something you'd like to confess?

Speaker 3

I...

Speaker 2

I did something really awful. I'm really sorry.

Speaker 7

Dear Barbara, your letter felt like an answer to prayer. Your father and I have been thinking about you a lot. We're getting older and suddenly, more than anything, We'd like to see our only daughter and finally get to know our granddaughter, Margaret Ann. We're flying east next week, and we sincerely hope you'll let us visit. Love your mother, Mary Hutchins. So you sent them a card? I don't.

Speaker 5

Know why?

Speaker 7

Do you remember what it was like when they just cast you out?

Speaker 5

Yes.

Speaker 7

Do you? Because I remember.

Speaker 5

I know. And how they treated you was just... I know.

Speaker 7

How they treated me. They think you're going to hell because you married a Jew. Think about that.

Speaker 5

I know.

Speaker 7

Do you really, really want to open up that door? We have a good life.

Speaker 5

Yes, yes. But what if this means they've changed?

Speaker 7

And if they haven't?

Speaker 5

They're my parents. Only ones I got.

Speaker 7

They are your parents.

Speaker 12

Oh, God.

Speaker 8

My goodness. I'm sorry.

Speaker 7

Oh, well.

Speaker 2

What's going on?

Speaker 7

Oh.

Speaker 5

Oh, honey. We got a letter from my parents, from your grandparents.

Speaker 7

And they're coming to visit next week.

Speaker 5

Next week? They're really excited to meet you.

Speaker 2

I won't be here. I'll be in Florida. I'm still going to Florida, aren't I?

Speaker 5

Margaret, look.

Speaker 2

No, what? I can't even go to Florida now? Come on, I don't even want to see them. I want to see Grandma.

Speaker 5

I know, and we will make this up to you.

Speaker 2

I promise you will go to Florida just another time. Does Grandma know about this?

Speaker 3

No, not yet. We have to call her.

Speaker 2

Well, I'm not doing it. You can do it yourself.

Speaker 5

No, of course, of course.

Speaker 7

I...

Speaker 5

No, I will...

Speaker 7

Please let me call, please.

Speaker 8

This beautiful day.

Speaker 6

One moment. Don't eat all the cheese without me. I'm just kidding. You eat as much as you want, depending on your cholesterol. I'm sure it's low. Simon Residence.

Speaker 7

Hi, Mom. Yes.

Speaker 6

Her.

Speaker 7

Margaret's plan to come to Florida next week isn't going to work out. I'm really sorry.

Speaker 4

Just give me a phone.

Speaker 2

Hey, Grandma.

Speaker 6

Margaret, what happened? What's going on?

Speaker 2

We got a letter that my other grandparents are coming. And I just really wanted to see you.

Speaker 6

Put your mother on the phone right now.

Speaker 5

It's okay. Sylvia.

Speaker 6

What the hell's going on, Barbara?

Speaker 3

Sylvia, I'm so very sorry about this, and I will try and explain it another time.

Speaker 6

No, you're gonna explain right now. I'm sorry, I have to go.

Speaker 2

Are you there, God? It's me, Margaret. absolutely miserable. Everything is going wrong. Everything. I'm begging you, make something happen so that they don't come and they can still go to Florida.

Speaker 5

Please, Margaret, even if it's fake, can you just look happy? Or at least not so unhappy.

Speaker 2

Why do you even want to see them? After everything that they did to you.

Speaker 5

Because I want them to see how great we've done and how proud I am of our family. That's them. Okay. Hi. They might hug you. I don't know. Just be prepared. Hi.

Speaker 8

Hello.

Speaker 5

Hello. So nice to see you.

Speaker 4

Oh, you too, Barbara.

Speaker 5

Oops.

Speaker 8

Hi, honey.

Speaker 2

Oh.

Speaker 4

This must be Margaret Ann. We're very glad to meet you.

Speaker 7

Yes, we are.

Speaker 11

Yes, we are.

Speaker 5

Bags. We'll get the bags. Herb's just out with the car. Yeah, so, okay.

Speaker 7

Hey.

Speaker 8

You guys okay?

Speaker 7

Yeah.

Speaker 5

Mom, Dad, you remember Herb?

Speaker 7

Yeah, hello, Herb. How are you? Okay. Hi.

Speaker 4

Hello.

Speaker 7

Nice to see you. I'll take this one.

Speaker 8

All right.

Speaker 7

All right, should I put these up?

Speaker 3

Yes, thank you.

Speaker 5

Here we are. Make yourselves comfortable.

Speaker 4

Lovely home.

Speaker 5

Thank you. Yes. Okay, so Margaret, can you show them to their room and I'll just get dinner started?

Speaker 2

Sure. Up this way.

Speaker 4

Gosh, you look just like your mom when she was your age.

Speaker 2

Yeah, this way.

Speaker 8

Hey.

Speaker 7

How are you doing?

Speaker 5

How are you doing?

Speaker 7

I used up all my small talk in the car to do like sports, TV shows.

Speaker 5

Game shows. I used to watch game shows.

Speaker 7

Okay, game shows.

Speaker 8

Game shows.

Speaker 7

Hmm. I'm coming.

Speaker 6

Herb.

Speaker 7

Mom.

Speaker 6

Baby, come give your mom a big hug. Oh, look at your little face.

Speaker 7

Yeah, my mom is here.

Speaker 5

Uh, yes, she is. What's happening?

Speaker 6

Well, Margaret said she needed to see me, so we flew from Florida. Are your parents here yet? Oh, this is Maris Binamon.

Speaker 11

Rhymes with cinnamon.

Speaker 5

Hi.

Speaker 2

Grandma.

Speaker 6

There's my Margaret. Oh, I missed you, missed you, missed you so much.

Speaker 2

I thought you were in Florida.

Speaker 6

I know. Well, Florida came to you.

Speaker 5

Mom, Dad, this is Sylvia, Herb's mom. Sylvia, these are my parents, Paul and Mary.

Speaker 6

Hello.

Speaker 5

We have pot roast.

Speaker 6

Sure. Dinner is delicious, Barbara.

Speaker 8

Oh, my God.

Speaker 2

You have definitely improved.

Speaker 8

It is very nice. It is. Thank you.

Speaker 5

Well, I have to admit it was a bit of a jolt. But it's nice to have everyone here together, the whole family. And Mr. Vinneman.

Speaker 6

Nice to have you, too. To life.

Speaker 7

So, do you watch Jeopardy?

Speaker 4

I used to braid your mom's hair when she was a little girl. Did your mom ever braid your hair?

Speaker 2

Yeah, she used to do it all the time.

Speaker 4

I can see she taught you how to braid with your bracelet. there's just so much we want to get to know about you, Margaret.

Speaker 11

12 years is a lot to catch up on. Yeah, long time. So, we were wondering, do you go to Sunday school? Have you ever thought about it?

Speaker 6

Nope. Never. Not once.

Speaker 4

We asked Margaret the question, Sylvia. Margaret.

Speaker 6

Well, you're wasting your time because Margaret went to Temple and she's Jewish.

Speaker 7

What did you say?

Speaker 5

Excuse me?

Speaker 6

Margaret went to temple.

Speaker 7

Okay, what are you talking about? You're done. Okay, that's it.

Speaker 6

Well, you left the room and they're trying to convert her.

Speaker 11

Well, Margaret has a right to be baptized if she wants to be.

Speaker 3

Baptized.

Speaker 11

If she wants to be.

Speaker 5

I can't believe this. I can't believe you're doing this.

Speaker 7

All right, everyone, this discussion is over. We're her parents and this discussion is over.

Speaker 6

Yeah, you're right. It's over because she's already Jewish.

Speaker 4

Sylvia. Well, in our eyes, she's Christian.

Speaker 5

No, Margaret is nothing.

Speaker 3

Margaret is not Jewish or Christian. She is no religion.

Speaker 6

Until she decides.

Speaker 4

Well, how can she be Jewish if her mother is Christian?

Speaker 6

Stop, you would come on. We're never there for her.

Speaker 7

What's never her?

Speaker 16

Do you think that we wanted this?

Speaker 2

Have you forgotten?

Speaker 4

We stole our family away. Stop it.

Speaker 2

All of you, just stop it. I don't care. I don't care anymore. It's all just so stupid. Religion, just stop fighting. I don't want a religion. I don't care. I don't care. Margaret, I don't even believe in God.

Speaker 7

Are you happy?

Speaker 5

I'm so sorry.

Speaker 7

I'm so sorry. This is not your fault. Okay, this is not your fault. No, that was everybody else. No, it was not you.

Speaker 2

No, Dear Mr. Benedict, what I learned about religion is that it makes people fight. Not every religion says the same thing. If you pray to God, he'll listen to you and help you and make things better. But I've prayed and prayed and everything just gets worse.

Speaker 11

Okay, we'll call you.

Speaker 2

I don't know anymore, but I think that maybe the truth is there's nobody up there. There's nobody listening. There's only just me. Sincerely, Margaret Simon.

Speaker 13

Margaret.

Speaker 5

Hey.

Speaker 2

Hey.

Speaker 5

Wait, come here.

Speaker 2

I don't really feel like talking.

Speaker 5

Yeah, I don't either. But, I do want to say sorry for how things went. And I know that this past year has not been easy. You want to just sit for a minute? yeah. Good idea. It's tiring trying so hard all the time, doesn't it?

Speaker 13

One, two, three, cheese.

Speaker 2

Cheese! Junior High! Come on, everybody. Margaret, come on. Hey. Thanks, Mr. Benedict. You're a really good teacher.

Speaker 13

I wouldn't say all that. Still trying to iron out some of the kinks.

Speaker 2

Well, you're really good.

Speaker 13

I'm glad you felt that way.

Speaker 2

Hey. Do you want to come dance?

Speaker 14

Really.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 10

Yes, I knew it! We simply already won.

Speaker 8

You've been going for ages. Ages, can I please follow?

Speaker 10

Regina, quit complaining all the time. Not complaining. Nancy.

Speaker 8

Mom, please. I got it.

Speaker 5

Really nice work on the shading, Daniel. I think maybe you could put a wash here just to blend that, but I... it's beautiful.

Speaker 3

Oh, hi, Barbara.

Speaker 5

Jan.

Speaker 3

It's so funny to see you. I was just going to call you. Oh. Can you believe it about the stars?

Speaker 5

Oh, I know. Geez.

Speaker 3

I guess everything is a fire hazard these days. Anyway, we're getting committees together over at the junior high, and I can think of at least three that you'd be perfect for.

Speaker 5

Oh, Jan, that sounds great. And I'd love to, but I don't want to. But thank you for asking me.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker 5

And have a good day.

Speaker 6

I'm gonna write you so many letters, so many letters, the mailman's gonna say, that's it, no more. Okay. Oh, have the best time, honey. We'll see you when you get back. See you soon, sweetie. Have fun. Bye.

Speaker 10

Love you. Bye.

Speaker 5

Another day, another day. Okay.

Speaker 2

Got it.

Speaker 5

I think this is it. Now we just have to close it.

Speaker 7

Wait, Camera, camera, camera.

Speaker 5

Yes.

Speaker 7

Yeah.

Speaker 5

Okay, now we just have to close it.

Speaker 7

Okay, got it? Yeah, yeah. Ready, go.

Speaker 10

Oh, my God. Are you okay?

Speaker 7

Ah, just kidding.

Speaker 5

Every time.

Speaker 7

If it's there, I'll take it. Okay. Good stuff. There it is.

Speaker 5

Almost like we've done it before.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 5

Is it lawn day?

Speaker 7

It is. We haven't. No, if you wanted to go into the kitchen and grab it.

Speaker 10

Yeah.

Speaker 2

Sure. Hey, Roose. Here, Dustus, thanks.

Speaker 11

Oh, thank you. Yeah.

Speaker 2

Well, have a good summer. We'll be seeing you for a while.

Speaker 11

Oh, where are you going?

Speaker 2

Camp. New Hampshire. Yeah.

Speaker 11

Oh.

Speaker 2

Leave in today.

Speaker 11

Well, have fun.

Speaker 2

Thanks.

Speaker 11

And I don't know, maybe we can hang out when you get back.

Speaker 10

Really.

Speaker 8

Yeah.

Speaker 2

Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Speaker 9

My God.

Speaker 2

My God. Mom? Mom? Mom? What is it?

Speaker 3

What's wrong?

Speaker 2

I got it. I got my period.

Speaker 5

What?

Speaker 2

I got it, right.

Speaker 3

Yeah. Yeah. Yes. Oh, my God.

Speaker 4

I don't know why I'm crying.

Speaker 3

Oh, my goodness. Wow. Are you okay?

Speaker 2

I'm fine. Yeah? I'm fine. You feel... Yeah, I'm fine. No, no, no, I'm fine. I don't believe this is happening. I don't believe in a head. You're a woman. I'm a woman.

Speaker 5

Okay, down to business. We need pads.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 5

Yeah. I actually bought you some. Really? I was gonna sneak them into your trunk. I can't, you know, just in case, but okay. One sec. Be right there. Okay, so. This is how they work. So you just pull...

Speaker 2

I know how to do it. I've been practicing in my room for two months. What? You have? Yes, All right.

Speaker 5

Well then, you're, you don't need me.

Speaker 10

Yeah.

Speaker 3

I'll be right out of here. Okay.

Speaker 2

Are you still there, God? It's me, Margaret. Thanks. Thanks an awful lot.

Speaker 19

I listen to the wind, to the wind of my soul Where I'll end up well I think only God really knows I'll set upon the setting sun But never, never, never, never I never wanted water once And never, never, never I listen to my words, but they fall far below I let my music take me where my heart wants to go I swam on the devil's lake But never, never, never, never I'll never make the same mistake No, never, never, never