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CAST LIST

LAUREL BRIGHT...........................................POPPY MONTGOMERY
DANNY BRIGHT............................................PATRICK BRAMMALL
MARGARET DENYAR.................................SWOOSIE KURTZ
KELLY FURST...........................................KATEY SAGAL
DWIGHT FURST...........................................JOHN CARROLL LYNCH
AMBER FURST...........................................BROOKE ELLIOTT
BECCA FURST..........................................KELLI GOSS
COLE FURST............................................WILL STOUT
ERIN BRIGHT............................................TALITHA BATEMAN
OWEN BRIGHT..........................................ANSON BAGLEY
SHAWN..................................................XOLO MARIDUEÑA
TROY......................................................IGNACIO SERRICCHIO
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ACT ONE

OVER BLACK, we hear the voice of LAUREL, who says:

LAUREL (O.C.)
Mr. Bright? Mr. Bright, can you hear me?

DANNY BRIGHT’S POV comes into focus: Laurel, in scrubs and ID tag.

LAUREL (CONT’D)
Don’t be alarmed. I’m a doctor.
You’ve been in a coma for five years.
(as Danny stirs)
Don’t try to move.

CLOSE ON: Danny, in bed.

DANNY
What about my wife?

CLOSE ON: Laurel.

LAUREL
Brace yourself. I’m afraid she ran off.

DANNY
Oh god.

LAUREL
With President Kardashian.

DANNY
Oh god!

LAUREL
A lot’s changed since your accident.

INT. BEDROOM – EARLY MORNING
We now see DANNY lying in bed. Laurel stands over him.

DANNY
Last time it was a stroke. You’re getting darker.

LAUREL
That’s what makes it funny.
DANNY

I’m not sure it’s --

She kisses him.

LAUREL

The kids are already up. Come on.

DANNY

How was your shift?

LAUREL

Good.

Laurel studies herself in the mirror, concern creeping in.

LAUREL (CONT’D)

Do I look yellow to you? I looked yellow at work, but I thought it might be the lights. And the other day I had that pain in my side, remember? Could be liver disease.

DANNY

It’s not liver disease.

LAUREL

It would make sense. My Aunt Rachel died of liver disease.

DANNY

Uh huh. What was it you thought you had last week?

LAUREL

Osteogenesis Imperfecta.

DANNY

And what was it you were?

LAUREL

Wrong.

DANNY

I hate to break it to you, Doctor, but you might be in perfect health.

He hugs her for a long beat. Then:

LAUREL

Obviously you’re in perfect health.
He starts kissing her neck.

DANNY
Not bad after a five year coma.

LAUREL
But seriously, what if there’s something wrong with my liver?

DANNY
Then we’d better make this count.

She gives in to the wisdom of this and they fall into bed.

INT. KITCHEN – DAY (A SHORT WHILE LATER)

CLOSE UP of ERIN, 13. She is impeccably dressed for school.

ERIN
Since today is our thirteenth birthday, the family figured you were old enough to know the truth...

We see that she’s talking to her brother OWEN, also 13, who listens warily. He is rumpled, always looks like he just tumbled out of bed. Erin pretends this is difficult:

ERIN (CONT’D)
Something happened to you when we were inside Mom. Apparently, your brain never formed all the way.

OWEN
(calling)
Mom...!

ERIN
It’s been such a strain for us, using small words around you, so you wouldn’t feel uberfludopenous. Oh, I’m sorry, you don’t know what that means.

OWEN
Yes I do!

Danny and Laurel enter, a bit flushed.

LAUREL
Happy birthday, my babies!

She gathers and kisses them both.
OWEN
Erin tried to tell me my brain didn’t form and you’ve all been pretending I’m normal.

DANNY
Hey, we’ve never pretended you were normal.

LAUREL
Erin, don’t tease your brother on his birthday.

ERIN
But that’s how I celebrate my birthday!

DANNY
What do we want on our waffles?

OWEN
Chocolate ice cream.

DANNY
You sure, buddy? Chocolate ice cream always makes you --

Suddenly, Laurel emits an enormous BELCH. Owen giggles.

ERIN
Mom!

LAUREL
Sorry, my reflux. I forgot to take my medicine.

Laurel’s mother, MARGARET (60, elegant, refined) enters:

MARGARET
Well, I heard that from the driveway.

She carries a large cake box, which she puts on the counter.

ERIN / OWEN
Grandma! / Hi, Grandma!

DANNY
Margaret! We were just talking about big pills.

(continues)
LAUREL
 Danny!

MARGARET
 Hello, Danny, I wasn’t expecting to see you in your underwear.

DANNY
 I wasn’t expecting to see you in my house.

Margaret hands each kid a birthday card.

MARGARET
 I wanted to give the children their presents. Laurel, you don’t go to work with your hair like that...?

DANNY
 Actually, it got that way from --

Laurel jabs him.

ERIN
 Thanks, Grandma!

She’s opened her envelope and holds up her present.

ERIN (CONT’D)
 It’s season tickets to the ballet!

MARGARET
 I’d still love you to take lessons. It’s not too late you know, if we can talk your mother --
LAUREL
Mom, please, not the ballet thing.

MARGARET
I know you didn’t like it, but Erin’s different, she has the shape for it.

Laurel stares at her. Danny jumps in.

DANNY
Owen! What did you score?

Owen holds up the contents of his envelope.

OWEN
A voucher for a math tutor.

Laurel and Danny react.

MARGARET
Doesn’t that sound fun?

As Margaret goes on, Laurel pulls Danny aside.

LAUREL
We’re going to let her do this? She can’t give Owen a math tutor as a present!

DANNY
You know I don’t agree with anything -- ever -- that she says or does, but... he could use the help.

LAUREL
So he’s not a genius at math. Who ever uses it in real life anyway?

DANNY
Well, I’m an architect, so...

He points to himself and raises his hand.

LAUREL
I’m not letting her put pressure on my kids. She did that to me and now I’m a nervous wreck. It’s amazing they let me cut people open and move stuff around in them.

Owen, meanwhile, is rummaging through a drawer.

(CONTINUED)
Mom, do we have candles for the cake?

Laurel sees an opportunity. As she crosses toward him:

(for Margaret’s benefit)
Well, let’s see. We need thirteen candles, and they come in packs of four. How many packs will we need?

Owen considers this.

Three?

No, three times four is only twelve.

Owen smacks himself on the head.

Of course, three times four! I was thinking four times three.

(looking at voucher)
Says they’re open seven days a week.

Danny puts a plate of waffles in front of Margaret.

Have some waffles, Margaret.

About time, I’m starving to death.

Really? Think you could be a little more dramatic?

Margaret reels, then collapses, unconscious. Laurel rushes to her. Danny looks guilty.

I’ll call ninety-one one!

INT. HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOM – DAY

Margaret is waking up in a bed. Danny stands over her.
MARGARET
What happened? Where’s Laurel?

DANNY
You’re going to be fine. Apparently, it was diabetic shock. Why didn’t you tell us you were feeling faint?

MARGARET
I’m fine. You didn’t have to rush me to the hospital.

DANNY
Oh, we didn’t rush, we stopped at Six Flags. Wanna see a picture of you on the Viper?

MARGARET
Where’s Laurel?

DANNY
She’ll be back in a minute. You know, this is your fault for not paying attention to your diet.

Laurel enters during the following. She carries a chart and looks concerned about something.

MARGARET
I do. It’s these damned generic drugs I’m forced to take.

DANNY
I bet I know whose fault this is...

MARGARET
I used to be able to get decent name brands. Now I’m getting drugs from God knows where, all because of that damned --

DANNY (CONT’D)
And veiled racism in five, four, three, two --

MARGARET / DANNY
Obamacare!

MARGARET
Well it’s true. I used to choose my own --

DANNY
Sometimes it’s inconvenient, but millions of people --

LAUREL
Okay, stop!

(CONTINUED)
MARGARET
Did you say racism?

The BLACK PATIENT in the next bed looks at her, she turns away.

LAUREL
Danny, go take the kids to school, tell them she’s fine.

DANNY
All right. Bye, Margaret.

Margaret hmphs at him as he exits.

MARGARET
Can we go now? The only thing making me sick is this gown. Honestly, how do they --

LAUREL
We’re not the same blood type.

Margaret is thrown.

LAUREL (CONT’D)
(holding up the chart)
That’s not genetically possible.

MARGARET
Someone made a mistake. Get my clothes?

LAUREL
Dad was type O. I know, because while he was sick I read his chart a billion times. You and I should be the same.

MARGARET
Never mind, I’ll get them.

Laurel holds up the index finger of her left hand. There’s a bandage on the end of it.

LAUREL
I even checked my blood against yours.

MARGARET
Maybe you were careless. You’ve made mistakes before.

(CONTINUED)
Laurel now extends the rest of her fingers. They all have bandages on the end.

**MARGARET (CONT’D)**

How do you get this thing off?

She looks at the tube in her arm, then unplugs the IV and starts walking away with it.

**LAUREL**

(piecing it together)

This is why you didn’t tell me you were feeling faint. You didn’t want to end up here. You’re not my mother.

Margaret stops.

**LAUREL (CONT’D)**

I’m adopted, aren’t I? That’s why I’m not like anyone in our family. It’s why I’m the only one who can do this:

She throws her arm back and around the back of her head. Margaret winces.

**MARGARET**

I’ve asked you a million times not to--

**LAUREL**

You have to tell me the truth!

Margaret finally cracks.

**MARGARET**

I couldn’t love you more if I’d been... If I was the one who actually...

**LAUREL**

Why didn’t you tell me?

**MARGARET**

I wanted you to feel normal.

She looks at her mother, incredulous.

**LAUREL**

When??

**INT. BRIGHT HOUSE – KITCHEN – TWO DAYS LATER**

Laurel, Danny, Erin, and Owen sit at the table, post-breakfast.
OWEN
So she’s not our grandmother.

ERIN
Stop saying that. She is!

LAUREL
Of course she is. Just not biologically. She’s... I don’t know what she is.

OWEN
Is she like a friend of the family?

DANNY
I would never say that.

ERIN
Are you going to call your real parents?
(re: paper in Laurel’s hand)
You’ve been carrying their number around for two days.

LAUREL
I haven’t decided yet. I just need time to adjust to the idea.

OWEN
Gosh, Mom, you must feel so uberfludoponous.

ERIN
Nailed it.

OWEN
Yeah, I did.

LAUREL
I wonder what they’re like.
DANNY
Well, biologically, they’d have to be beautiful, smart, funny, kind --

LAUREL
They gave me up, how kind can they be?
What if they’re murderers? Or drug dealers? Or kidnappers?

DANNY
If they’re giving children away, they’re terrible kidnappers.

LAUREL
They didn’t want me then. Why would they want me now?

DANNY
Well, they can’t have you anyway. You’re mine.

She smiles. She’s still rattled, but his words help.

DANNY (CONT’D)
(to the kids)
Okay, guys, get your books, bus is leaving.

They get up, kiss Laurel, and head out. Owen hangs back.

OWEN
If I was adopted by someone else, I would find you no matter what.

LAUREL
(touched)
I know you would, Owen.

Owen exits. Laurel looks at the phone number. Finally, she pulls out her phone and nervously dials. We hear it ring on the other end, and then the voice of her father, DWIGHT:

DWIGHT (V.O.)
Hello?

Laurel freezes, then ends the call. After a beat her phone RINGS. She backs away from it, even throws a dish towel over it. Finally, she gathers her nerve, and accepts the call.

LAUREL
Hello?

But Dwight has disconnected. Laurel hits redial. It rings and:

(CONTINUED)
DWIGHT (V.O.)

Hello?

She clicks off, hating herself. After a beat, the phone RINGS again. She slams the phone in the oven. Danny enters, to grabs his keys, as we hear a RING coming from the oven.

DANNY

You gonna stand there, or are you gonna answer the oven?

Laurel shakes her head. Danny exits. Laurel takes a deep breath and answers the phone. This is it.

LAUREL

Hello?

END OF ACT ONE
ACT TWO

INT. BRIGHT HOUSE - KITCHEN - DAY

A dazed Laurel sits, phone in her hand. Danny enters, fixes himself leftover cake during the following.

DANNY
Kids are dropped off. We have to have a talk with Erin. She told Owen it was No-Pants Friday in his class. He didn’t fall for it, but he did say, “fool me once” which is a concern.
(noticing Laurel and her phone)
What happened? Did you...?

LAUREL
I just got off the phone with my... birth father?

Danny shifts gears -- he can see she’s rattled.

DANNY
How was it?

LAUREL
It was... Wow.

DANNY
What was he like?

LAUREL
It was a little hard to hear.

DANNY
Why?

EXT. DRAGSTRIP - DAY

We hear a deafening ROAR as two DRAGSTERS rev their engines, raring to take off for a DASH. The sound is joined by that of a LIVELY CROWD in the stands.

We’re focused on the crew of the car belonging to Team Furst. The team is led by DWIGHT FURST (55, greying, glass eye). Beside him is his son, COLE (26). His daughter, BECCA (22, blonde, pretty), stands in front of the car as it takes position. Sexy and vibrant, she plays to the crowd.

(CONTINUED)
Rounding out the crew is Dwight’s other daughter AMBER (29), who is annoyed to see her son SHAWN (14) lost in his cell phone instead of focusing on the race. She smacks him to get his attention.

    AMBER
    Shawn, pay attention!

    SHAWN
    Mom!  God!

As the starting light tree hits green, the cars TEAR.

Seconds later, the cars race past the finish line. Chutes open, as the Fursts cheer their victory. They triumphantly pile into their TRUCK and head to meet their driver at the end of the track.

EXT. FAR END OF THE TRACK – MOMENTS LATER

As the Team Furst car slows to a stop, the truck pulls up and the family piles out. KELLY FURST, 55, hot, gets out of the car and removes her helmet.

    KELLY
    And that’s how you do it!

    BECCA
    Way to go, Mom!

The family ad libs congrats as Cole begins the process of hitching the Team Furst car to their truck.

    COLE
    Yeah, Mom did a great job, but how about some love for the guy who installed the new 41-34 performance brass valve stem?

    DWIGHT
    (annoyed)
    It’s a three dollar part, Cole. Just hook up the car.

    AMBER
    (mocking)
    Ha ha.

    DWIGHT
    Amber, knock it off and help your brother.
Amber and Cole, stung, get to work. Kelly gives Dwight a look as they get into the truck.

INT. TRUCK - CONTINUOUS

Kelly sits in the driver’s seat, Dwight in the passenger.

KELLY
Okay, you’re sniping, what’s wrong?

DWIGHT
Nothing.

KELLY
Is it the bank? Did you tell them we’ll be back on track next month --

DWIGHT
It’s not the bank.

KELLY
Then what is it?

DWIGHT
Kelly, I’ll tell you when we get home.

KELLY
Dwight! I will remove your other eye.

DWIGHT
(giving in)
I got a call from a woman today.
Named Laurel.

KELLY
From the bank?

DWIGHT
I told you it wasn’t the bank!
(them)
Her birthday is April eleventh. She’s thirty-eight. It’s her. It’s Roxy.

KELLY
Roxy...

Kelly leans back in absolute shock. She reaches for Dwight’s hand. They sit in silence.

There is a thump on the back window. It’s Amber, giving them the thumb’s up. Kelly turns on the ignition.

(CONTINUED)

COLE
It’s so weird. We have a step-sister.

AMBER
No, she’s our sister, you dolt.

COLE
Half-sister?

AMBER
(slowly and loudly)
Our mom and dad are her mom and dad. She’s our sister.

BECCA
(to Kelly)
What I don’t get is how you could give a baby up. You’re, like, the best mom ever.

DWIGHT
And dad, Becca? And dad?

KELLY
Sweetheart, your dad and I were sixteen. My family could barely afford to keep me.

DWIGHT
God, imagine telling my old man I was bringing home a baby? We would have been living on the streets.

KELLY
It was the right thing.

AMBER
So what does she want now, all of a sudden?

DWIGHT
She wants to get to know us. She just found out she’s adopted.
AMBER
She’s thirty-eight and never figured that out? What an idiot. At least we know she’s related to Cole.

BECCA
Amber, leave him alone.

AMBER
I bet she’ll be thrilled to find out she’s related to the girl who dresses like a whore in those lumber commercials.

BECCA
It’s an appliance company!

Dwight
(to Becca)
You’re mad about the wrong part of that, sweetie.

COLE
Hey, Amber -- you’re not the oldest anymore. Now we’re both the problem middle child!

Amber takes a swing at him and he ducks.

KELLY
(to Amber)
Sweetheart, you don’t have to feel threatened.

AMBER
I’m not threatened -- God! I’m just looking out for us. You watch, she’s after something. Money or the house or the cars. Probably desperate.

KELLY
I don’t think so. She’s a doctor.

AMBER
Really?
(then)
So. Lonely career woman. Never had time for her own family, wants to steal ours.

(CONTINUED)
Actually, she’s happily married with two kids.

Son of a bitch.

This is so cool. I always wanted an older sister.

(Off Amber’s look)
No offense, Amber. A different older sister.

Amber’s had enough. She stands, gathers her keys and such.

Okay, I’ll tell you what. Why don’t you all sit out here and talk about how great your new sister is, while the old one spends the afternoon juggling bills and keeping this family out of bankruptcy -- for which I never get any credit by the way.

Hey, hey, calm down, no one meant anything.

No. Forget it. I’m going home.

She gets up and storms across the yard to a DIY guest house. She crashes inside, slamming the door behind her.

You’re gonna smack me for this, but I think you kept the wrong sister.

Kelly smacks Cole upside the head.

Called it.

END OF ACT TWO
ACT THREE

INT. DANNY’S TESLA – DAY

Danny drives, Laurel is next to him. Kids are in the back.

LAUREL
Maybe we should call this off. What if they hate me?

DANNY
They’re not going to hate you.

ERIN
Where are we?

DANNY
Just outside of Pomona.

OWEN
It looks different from where we live.

LAUREL
A little, but it’s still nice.

We ANGLE to see Margaret in the back, looking out the window.

MARGARET
That’s right, see all the parks? There’s an industrial park, a trailer park...

DANNY
Little less judgment from someone in the back seat, please?

OWEN
I looked up the family online. They’re in all these races, they have amazing cars... Their son is the mechanic. His name is Cole.

LAUREL
Ooh, like Cole Porter. (for Margaret’s benefit) Very classy.

Margaret hmphs, as Danny pulls into a park. An actual one.

DANNY
Okay, we’re here.

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OWEN
    Now we just have to look for the big red dragster, right Mom?

MARGARET
    I’ll get out here. Don’t bother slowing down.
Kelly and Dwight sit nervously at a picnic table, watching the parking lot. Nearby, Cole mans a barbecue as Becca and Amber hang by. Amber's son, SHAWN, approaches.

    SHAWN
    Hey Mom.

    AMBER
    Shawn!

She hugs him, he tolerates it, as Becca and Cole ad lib hellos.

    COLE
    Give me a hand here, Buddy!

He goes to Cole, as TROY approaches Amber.

    TROY
    Hey, Babe.

He grabs a beer from a cooler.

    AMBER
    Troy, what are you doing?

    TROY
    I'm dropping off Shawn to meet his new aunt.

    AMBER
    Okay, you dropped him off. (dismissing him)
    Thank you.

    TROY
    What, I can't meet the family?
AMBER
Really? You care about the family? Or are you here because you heard they have money?

TROY
Hey, I’m all about family! Why else would I offer them the chance to invest in a highly profitable energy company?

AMBER
You mean that abandoned gas station you keep trying to buy?

TROY
Why do you have to be like this? It’s like you walk around with your little dream swatter. Whack, whack, whack.

Before Amber can reply, we hear a car pulling up.

KELLY
That’s them.

AMBER
(disgusted)
Oh god. A Tesla.
(to Troy)
Good luck with your gas station. They probably live in a windmill made out of solar panels.

As Danny’s car stops, Dwight and Kelly squeeze each other’s hand tightly. The other Fursts gather around.

INT. DANNY’S TESLA – CONTINUOUS

The kids get out of the car. Laurel hesitates.

LAUREL
I don’t think I can do this.

DANNY
It’s going to be fine. And just think: a whole new medical history you’ll get to stress about. New afflictions... diseases... maladies... (beat) Deformities...

(CONTINUED)
Laurel smiles in spite of herself. She nods, takes a deep breath. This is it.

EXT. PARK - CONTINUOUS

Erin and Owen walk cautiously toward the Fursts. Kelly lets out a little gasp as she sees them.

Kelly gives a little wave to Margaret, who hangs by the back of the car. She pretends not to see the wave.

Danny and Laurel get out. Kelly reaches for Dwight and glances at Becca, who smiles excitedly. Amber does not.

Laurel, followed by her family, tentatively walks toward the Fursts. Kelly and Dwight walk to meet them.
LAUREL
Are you Kelly and Dwight?

DWIGHT
No, I think you have the wrong barbecue area.

Laurel looks startled. Kelly whacks Dwight.

KELLY
Sorry, he’s nervous. I’m Kelly. This is Dwight.

LAUREL
I’m Laurel.

KELLY
You’re even more beautiful than I --

She bursts into tears and hugs Laurel. Dwight joins in, and Laurel cries, too. Danny is left awkwardly out of the circle.

KELLY (CONT’D)
Oh, you’ve got Becca’s eyes! Oh, this is Becca -- your sister.

Laurel and Becca hug.

KELLY (CONT’D)
And this is your brother...

Cole steps up.

COLE
I’m Cole. Like the slaw.

MARGARET
(low, to herself)
Ooh, like the slaw.

LAUREL
He looks just like Owen!
(gathering the kids)
This is Owen, and Erin.

Hugs all around. Danny clears his throat.

LAUREL (CONT’D)
Oh, right -- God -- my husband. Danny, these are my...
(to them)
This is Danny.
They welcome him warmly.

KELLY
And this is your sister, Amber.

Amber gives Laurel a token hug and swigs her beer.

DWIGHT
And this is Amber's boy -- our grandson, Shawn. And this is...

TROY
I'm Troy, Shawn's dad. Amber and I are separated.

AMBER
Super glad you announced that.

SHAWN
(re: Margaret)
Who's that?

LAUREL
Oh, sorry, that's my -- mother. Margaret.

Kelly emotionally puts out her arms and walks toward Margaret. Dwight follows. Margaret stiffens as she's wrapped in a long hug. After, Dwight puts his arm around her and guides her toward the others.

DWIGHT
You want a beer?

Amber suddenly lets out an enormous belch. Everyone freezes.

AMBER
(defensively)
I get reflux, okay?

Laurel bursts into a smile. Music from the Fursts' speakers (Guns N' Roses - Sweet Child of Mine) plays, and we see:

A SERIES OF SHOTS OF THE FAMILIES TENTATIVELY GREETING:

A] Cole grilling up food. He gives a burger on a paper plate to Erin, who delicately pushes away the patty and just eats the lettuce.
B] The Fursts showing off their car. Amber watches them as Kelly approaches and hands her a beer. Kelly puts her arm around Amber as if to say, "I know this isn’t easy."

C] Laurel and Cole comparing double-jointed arms around the backs of their heads, as Dwight offers a beer to Margaret, who holds it like it’s going to attack her.

D] Becca is about to take a selfie with Laurel. She motions for Amber to join them, Amber resists. They cajole her and she finally squeezes in and even smiles. Becca takes the picture. We CUT TO the photo, which shows Laurel, Becca, and about a quarter of Amber’s face.

Music fades as we land:

15 EXT. PARK - AN HOUR OR SO LATER

ANGLE ON: Dwight and Kelly, talking to Laurel and Erin.

DWIGHT
... And that’s the accident that took my eye. I thought it was the end of Team Furst, but then Kelly decided she was gonna drive, and damn if she’s not better than me. Guess it’s like I always say, hindsight is twenty.

He laughs, Kelly good-naturedly hits him, and Laurel laughs with them. Erin doesn’t see the humor.

A ANGLE ON: Troy talking to Danny.

TROY
It’s not just a gas station -- we’ll have snacks, arcade games for the kiddies, and a mango slushie machine pumping out liquid gold.

DANNY
You’re not blood related to Laurel, are you?

TROY
No sir, just by marriage.

DANNY
Continue.

ANGLE ON: Laurel talking to Kelly and Dwight.

(CONTINUED)
LAUREL
So after undergrad, I volunteered for
Habitat for Humanity, spent six months
campaigning for Al Gore and...
  (off their looks)
You're Republicans aren't you?
Dwight

Hey, don’t worry about it. We’ll turn you around.

B

Angel on: Cole and Owen, next to the Fursts’ dragster, which is hooked up to the back of the truck. Laurel, passing by, observes.

Cole

We’re only supposed to have it on the track and in the garage, but I wanted you guys to see it.

Owen

It’s awesome!

Cole

Right? I used to run a small-block Chevy stroker that had four hundred, thirty horsepower. But the new SB-2 is twice that, so it has eight --

Owen

Eight hundred sixty horsepower!

Laurel’s jaw drops.

Owen (Cont’d)

It’s just a shame they had to kill all those horses.

Laurel moves on, the universe restored.

C

Angel on: Troy with Danny, as they walk.

Troy

Yeah, I had to stop working. My back is all messed up, and I’m not even close to the deductible. Thanks, Obamacare!

They get to Margaret, lowering herself into a camping chair. She sits / falls into it.

Danny

Margaret! I believe you two have a lot to talk about!

Danny moves off, leaving these two species together. A beat.

(Continued)
You look like someone who can recognize a good business opportunity. He sits next to Margaret, who is now stuck in the chair.

Danny and Laurel watch the Fursts as Danny packs the car.

DANNY
How're you doing?

LAUREL
It’s all a little overwhelming. It’s like they’re total strangers, but at the same time, they feel familiar. It’s hard to explain, I just feel so... hot.

DANNY
Hot?

LAUREL
It might be Pheochromocytoma. Dwight’s cousin had it.

DANNY
Boy, you work fast.

LAUREL
Funny, they have all these stories about their lives. In some alternate universe, I’m part of those stories.

DANNY
Have I told you how glad I am that you’re in this universe? The one where you have me and the kids? And Margaret, but everything’s a trade-off.

Kelly and Dwight approach, Kelly gives Laurel a tinfoil-covered plastic container. Dwight stares at the face of his daughter.

KELLY
Here’s the rest of the baked beans. It’s a family recipe, so I guess that means I get to send it to you.

Laurel smiles at her and they hug. She notices Dwight.
Sorry, I can’t stop looking at you.

Oh! I didn’t -- I thought you were looking...

She points behind her.

It’s his eye. You’ll get used to it. The trick is to focus on his nose.

The other Fursts approach, Becca carries a folded ITEM OF CLOTHING. During the following, Margaret and the kids join.

This is for you. I designed it.

Laurel takes it. It’s a sexy crop-top T-shirt with the Furst LOGO on it.

You did this? You’re lucky you got the artistic gene. I can’t draw a straight line with a ruler, can you, Danny?

I’m an architect, so it’s literally ninety percent of my job.

They go for fifteen dollars.

Oh...

Kelly puts her hand on Laurel’s arm to stop her.

Amber! We shoot these things out of a cannon at strangers, we can give one to family.

Try it on.

Oh, I don’t know. I don’t look good in tight things.
KELLY
What? Whoever told you that was an idiot. You have a beautiful body!

Margaret flinches. Laurel holds the T-shirt up to herself, and with the tiniest bit of self-confidence, shows it off a little. The Fursts good-naturedly hoot and applaud.

DWIGHT
You could wear it next Sunday when we race.

LAUREL
I’m sorry?

KELLY
Well, you gotta cheer on the team, right?

LAUREL
Oh! Wow. I didn’t even... that’s...

AMBER
She doesn’t want to go.

LAUREL
It’s not that!

KELLY
If this Sunday’s bad, we can do it next week. We could have you over for dinner.

COLE
Or if you don’t feel like driving, we could head your way.

BECCA
(to Danny)
Ooh, I always wanted to see an architect’s house! Do you have one of those sinks that looks like a table with a bowl on it?

DWIGHT
Listen, why don’t you just tell us when’s a good time for you?

Laurel is a deer in headlights. Danny steps in.

DANNY
Hey, look this has all been really fun, and we all had... fun, which I mentioned...
Suddenly, Margaret gets unsteady, drops her soda.

   ERIN
   Grandma?

Margaret topples. Everyone rushes to her. Laurel kneels.

   LAUREL
   Mom?

   KELLY
   Is she going to be okay?

   MARGARET
   (weakly)
   I think I had too much sugar.

During the following, Danny and Laurel help Margaret up.

   LAUREL
   I’m sorry we have to leave like this.

   ALL THE FURSTS
   That’s okay. / Go on. / Take care of her.

Dwight and Kelly, arms around each other, watch as their daughter walks to her car.

ANGLE ON: Laurel and Margaret

   LAUREL
   Don’t worry Mom, you’re gonna be fine.

   MARGARET
   I’m already fine. I’m just saving you from an awkward situation.

   LAUREL
   You’re faking?

   MARGARET
   You can’t tell? What kind of doctor are you?

END OF ACT THREE
The Fursts head home on the freeway. Kelly sniffs, Cole leans in, sees she’s got tears in her eyes.

COLE
You okay, Mom?

KELLY
I’m fine.

COLE
Are those happy tears or sad tears, or Amber’s gone too far tears?

In the back, Amber whacks Cole upside the head.

KELLY
All three.

The Brights and Margaret are also on the freeway.

ERIN
So, are the Fursts like family now?

MARGARET
No.

DANNY
You know who I liked? My new mother-in-law. She was so nice! Easy to talk to, funny, supportive... Never looked at me like --

(checking his mirror)

Well, like that.

MARGARET
She just met you. Give her time.

LAUREL
Did you see the way they rushed over to help you? I thought it was nice that they were so concerned.

(then)

Do you think it might be fun to see them race?
MARGARET
They drive in circles. You might as well watch clothes in the dryer. You could root for your favorite shirt.

OWEN
Mom, you’ve got the coolest step family ever.

ERIN
They’re not her step family, idiot.

DANNY
Your brother’s not an idiot.

OWEN
That’s right. I’m smart enough to own one fifteenth of a gas station.

As the family reacts, the Fursts’ truck comes up along side of them, blowing their William Tell-themed horn. They look to see Becca and Cole hanging out the window and yelling. Laurel smiles as she, Danny, and Owen wave. As the Fursts pull ahead, Laurel gets a mischievous glint in her eye.

LAUREL
Hit the gas. Let’s see what they got.

DANNY
What?

Laurel catches herself.

LAUREL
Nothing.

The truck overtakes them, pulling their dragster. On the back, we see the name of the car: “Roxy” -- after a family member who was lost and is now found.

ERIN
“Roxy”? What a dumb name for a car.

LAUREL
I don’t know, I like it. It’s kind of sassy.

With a small smile, she watches them drive off.

END OF SHOW