

Growing Pains

(reboot)

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INT. MR. DEWITT'S OFFICE

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(KATE SEAVER, KEVIN SEAVER, MICHAEL SEAVER, MR. DEWITT)

MR. DEWITT SITS AT HIS DESK AS KATE AND KEVIN SEAVER SIT ACROSS.

MR. DEWITT

Mrs. Seaver, I'm sorry but I can't wait any longer.

KATE SEAVER

I know Mike's running late, he was teaching a late class. (Beat) Did you know he's a professor now?

MR. DEWITT

So I've heard and I've been praying for our future generations ever since. Now what Kevin has done is something that has caused a lot of problems around here with our staff.

KEVIN SEAVER

Mr. DeWitt, you're making a big deal out of nothing.

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MR. DEWITT

Mr. Seaver, breaking into the teacher's lounge and selling office supplies online is a big deal.

KEVIN SEAVER

I told you, I'd give back all the money and any supplies I haven't sold yet.

MIKE SEAVER RUSHES IN.

MICHAEL SEAVER

Sorry I'm late... Traffic was bad and...

MR. DEWITT

Well, well, well... Mr. Seaver, I see old habits never die. Please have a seat.

MIKE HAS A SEAT.

MR. DEWITT

Now, let's get straight to the point. Kevin and his friends have a racketeering business that has caused trouble for the staff around here. It seems the apple doesn't fall far from the tree.

THEY ALL LOOK AT MIKE.

MICHAEL SEAVER

What?

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MR. DEWITT

I cannot allow him to graduate.

KEVIN SEAVER

WHAT? That's ridiculous!

KATE SEAVER

Is there anyway we can change your
mind?

MR. DEWITT

I'm afraid not.

MICHAEL SEAVER

Pardon me, Mr. Dewitt, you and I have
a history. What - thirty years?

MR. DEWITT

Has it been that long?

MICHAEL SEAVER

Aren't you just a bit tired of dealing
with us Seavers?

MR. DEWITT

You have no idea.

KEVIN PICKING UP ON WHAT HIS DAD IS SAYING.

KEVIN SEAVER

Then why would you want to have me
around for another year?

MR. DEWITT

I'm not following.

MICHAEL SEAVER

If you keep Kevin from graduating...

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KEVIN SEAVER

I got this dad. Look, Mr. Dewitt, if you keep me from graduating, then you'll have to deal with me, and my dad, for a whole other year.

MR. DEWITT

I hate to admit it, but you're making a good point. Perhaps I may have rushed to judgement (beat) BUT he needs to learn that you don't...

KATE SEAVER

Mr. Dewitt, he will learn. Trust me.

MR. DEWITT

The last time I trusted a Seaver, I needed to get a paint job on my car.

KATE SEAVER

You're an honorable man. Now I know why Mike has always said that you had a real positive impact on his life.

MR. DEWITT

MICHAEL SEAVER

I did?

I did?

KATE SEAVER

In his own way.

MR. DEWITT

I guess as someone who has made a positive impact on Michael's life and now Kevin's future.

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KEVIN SEAVER

Huh?

MR. DEWITT

I can see to it that Kevin will get to graduate this year.

KATE SEAVER

Thank you Mr. Dewitt.

MIKE, KATE AND KEVIN START TO EXIT.

KEVIN SEAVER

Mr. Dewitt, you're a great guy.

MR. DEWITT

If I valued your opinion, Mr. Seaver, I'm sure that would mean so much more to me. Bye-bye!

THEY EXIT.

1A INT. SCHOOL HALLWAY

1A

(KATE SEAVER, KEVIN SEAVER, MICHAEL SEAVER)

MIKE, KATE AND KEVIN EXIT THE OFFICE INTO THE HALLWAY.

KEVIN SEAVER

That was amazing! Thanks guys, you really bailed me out!

MICHAEL SEAVER

Oh no! You're still grounded and you will buy all the supplies you took from the school.

KEVIN SEAVER

What?!

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KATE SEAVER

Let's go!

KEVIN WALKS AHEAD OF THEM DOWN THE LOCKER HALLWAY.

MICHAEL SEAVER

I must admit, I was quite impressed
with the way Kevin handled Mr. Dewitt.

KATE SEAVER

He's just like you!

MICHAEL SEAVER

You weren't so bad yourself.

KATE SEAVER

I've been taught by the best.

THEY GIVE EACH OTHER HIGH FIVES.

KEVIN SEAVER

I saw that!

END COLD OPEN

ACT ONE

1B INT. MIKE AND KATE'S HOUSE (EVENING 1) 1B
 (BEN SEAVER, CAROL SEAVER, DOUG, EVERYONE, JEN SEAVER, KATE SEAVER, KEVIN SEAVER, MAGGIE SEAVER, MICHAEL SEAVER, OLIVIA, SCOTTY)

KEVIN STORMS IN AND SLAMS THE DOOR. MIKE AND KATE ENTER WHILE SCOTT AND OLIVIA SIT ON THE COUCH PLAYING VIDEO GAMES.

MICHAEL SEAVER

That's it! Now you're grounded for a month, young man!

KEVIN SEAVER

Fine!

KEVIN STORMS UP STAIRS AND SLAMS ANOTHER DOOR.

MICHAEL SEAVER

What's going on with him?

KATE SEAVER

Just let him have some time to himself.

SOUNDS OF A VIDEO GAME CAN BE HEARD.

SCOTTY

That's not fair! You've been playing for three straight games, it's my turn!

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OLIVIA

But I just won another game.

KATE SEAVER

Scotty, Olivia, please give your dad
and me some alone time.

OLIVIA AND SCOTTY PUT THEIR CONTROLLERS DOWN AND WALK UP THE
STAIRS.

SCOTTY

Mom, Uncle Ben and Jen are in the
kitchen cooking dinner.

KATE SEAVER

I forgot! It's Thursday! Your family
is coming over for dinner.

MICHAEL SEAVER

What are we going to do about Kevin?

KATE COMES OVER AND GIVES MIKE A HUG TO CALM HIM DOWN.

KATE SEAVER

Let's have a nice dinner and deal with
Kevin later. I'm going to go help Ben
in the kitchen.

THEIR KISS IS INTERRUPTED BY BEN AND JEN, IN A WHEELCHAIR,
ENTER WITH PLATES AND SILVERWARE. THEY START TO SET THE
TABLE.

JEN SEAVER

Hey Uncle Mike and Aunt Kate, hope you
have a big appetite. Dad is cooking a
very large meal.

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BEN SEAVER

I'm cooking up some dishes I want to serve in my new restaurant. Is mom or Carol here yet?

MICHAEL SEAVER

No.

KATE SEAVER

Could you use some help?

BEN SEAVER

Yes, please.

KATE HEADS TO THE KITCHEN WITH JEN.

BEN STARTS TO HEAD BACK TOO BUT THEN STOPS.

BEN SEAVER

Hey, Is Kevin around?

MICHAEL SEAVER

He's upstairs, why?

BEN SEAVER

About a week ago he sold me some ink toner for my printer but it's the wrong size.

MICHAEL SEAVER

Benny!

BEN SEAVER

Yeah?

MICHAEL SEAVER

I think I smell something burning.

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BEN SEAVER

CALAMARI!

BEN RUNS BACK INTO THE KITCHEN. MIKE LOOKS UP AND SEES A PICTURE ON A SIDE TABLE. HE WALKS OVER AND PICKS IT UP. WE SEE THAT IT'S A PICTURE OF JASON SEAVER.

MICHAEL SEAVER

I could really use your advice.

FRONT DOOR OPENS AND MAGGIE ENTERS.

MAGGIE SEAVER

Grandma is here!

MICHAEL SEAVER

Hey, mom!

MIKE WALKS OVER TO GREET HER.

MAGGIE SEAVER

Where is everyone?

MICHAEL SEAVER

Kids are up stairs and Kate, Jen and Ben are in the kitchen.

MAGGIE AND MIKE HUG.

BEN ENTERS AGAIN.

BEN SEAVER

Mom!

BEN AND MAGGIE HUG.

BEN SEAVER

Dinner is almost ready. When's Carol getting here?

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MAGGIE SEAVER

She should be here soon. Oh that reminds me. She's bringing Doug.

MICHAEL SEAVER

Who's Doug?

BEN SEAVER

Her new boyfriend! You didn't know that she's dating the "Hammer"?

MICHAEL SEAVER

I'm not following.

BEN SEAVER

She's dating that attorney, Doug "The Hammer" Karol.

MICHAEL SEAVER

Wait, is he that attorney that always says - "I'll hammer hard for you."

BEN SEAVER

YES! And he's allergic to everything. He's impossible to cook for.

MAGGIE SEAVER

Oh Ben... he's not allergic to everything and besides, he's a nice guy and a very successful attorney. Carol wants to make sure the two of you will be nice.

BEN SEAVER

Aww, this could be fun. Like old times! Do you want me to bring out the embarrassing baby pictures and you...

MICHAEL SEAVER

Ben? Grow up!

BEN SEAVER

What's wrong with you?

KATE AND JEN FINISH SETTING THE TABLE.

KATE SEAVER

Come on, everyone. Dinner is ready.

EVERYONE COMES AND TAKES THEIR SEATS AT THE TABLE.

CAROL ENTERS THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR.

CAROL SEAVER

Hi!

JEN SEAVER

Aunt Carol!

MAGGIE GREETES CAROL.

MAGGIE SEAVER

Just in time. Where's Doug?

CAROL SEAVER

Parking the car. Did you talk to Mike and Ben?

MAGGIE SEAVER

Yeah, I think you're all good.

CAROL SEAVER

Thank you!

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CAROL AND MAGGIE WALK TO THE DINNER TABLE. CAROL HUGS HER NIECES AND NEPHEWS.

CAROL SEAVER

Hey everybody!

EVERYONE

Carol!

DOUG ENTERS.

DOUG

WOW! Smells good!

NO ONE HEARS HIM OR PAYS ATTENTION.

DOUG

Uhh... hello?

CAROL SEAVER

OH! Doug! Come on over and meet the family. You already met my mom.

MAGGIE SEAVER

Hi, Doug, good to see you again.

CAROL SEAVER

This is my older brother Mike and his wife Kate.

MICHAEL SEAVER

How you doing?

KATE SEAVER

You look familiar!

DOUG

Yeah, you may have seen me on TV.

KATE SEAVER

Oh yeah! The Hammer!

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DOUG

Nailed it!

HE LAUGHS BUT NO ONE ELSE DOES.

CAROL SEAVER

This is my younger brother Ben and his
daughter Jen.

BEN SEAVER

JEN SEAVER

Hi.

Hello!

DOUG

Pleasure!

CAROL SEAVER

And this is my other niece, Olivia and
nephews, Scotty and Kevin.

DOUG

You look familiar. Didn't you sell my
secretary a file cabinet last week?

MICHAEL SEAVER

KATE SEAVER

FILE CABINET!

FILE CABINET!

KEVIN SEAVER

Yeah, you think she could give that
cabinet back?

MIKE SLAPS KEVIN IN THE BACK OF THE HEAD.

KEVIN SEAVER

Ouch! What?

DOUG

You've got a big family.

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CAROL SEAVER

This isn't all of us. I also have a younger sister, Chrissy. She's teaching English in China.

BEN SEAVER

Well dig in everyone. Mike, want to say grace?

EVERYONE TAKES EACH OTHERS HANDS AND CLOSES THEIR EYES.

MICHAEL SEAVER

Thank you, God for this time together and this incredible food. Amen!

EVERYONE

Amen.

BEN SEAVER

Alright, everybody dig in. Just so you know these are some new recipes I'm trying out for my new restaurant.

MAGGIE SEAVER

Do you have a date for the grand opening yet?

BEN SEAVER

We're just waiting for the freezers to be installed. We could open up as soon as a month from now.

KATE SEAVER

Who's we?

(CONTINUED)

JEN SEAVER

Daddies new hostess and girlfriend,
Vanessa!

BEN SEAVER

Jen!

MAGGIE SEAVER

Who's Vanessa?

BEN SEAVER

She's someone I hired to help me get
all my affairs ready in order to open
on time.

DOUG

I'm sorry but what is this?

BEN SEAVER

Lamb chops.

DOUG

Oh... I can't eat lamb. My tongue
swells up and it's not pretty.

BEN SEAVER

We have calamari.

DOUG

Ohh! Yeah, hives... I break out in
hives when I eat octopus.

OLIVIA

OCTOPUS!?

KATE SEAVER

Here's some salad.

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DOUG

Oh! Does it have lettuce?

MICHAEL SEAVER

Doesn't every salad?

CAROL SEAVER

He's allergic to lettuce.

DOUG

Sorry.

CAROL SEAVER

Kate, do you have some apple sauce?

KATE SEAVER

I think so. Check the fridge.

CAROL GETS UP TO GO TO THE KITCHEN.

DOUG

Thanks, dear.

CAROL EXITS.

BEN SEAVER

What can you eat?

DOUG

Cheese, fruit and... Well that's about
it.

CAROL COMES BACK IN.

CAROL SEAVER

Here you go!

SHE HANDS HIM THE APPLESAUCE.

DOUG

Thanks warm muffin.

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SCOTTY

Warm muffin?

CAROL SEAVER

Well, Ben isn't the only one with big things happening.

DOUG

You're going to do this now?

CAROL SEAVER

I have my family together. It's perfect!

DOUG

Wait! Is there cinnamon in this apple sauce?

CAROL SEAVER

Yeah... Why?

DOUG HOLDS HIS HANDS UP TO HIS MOUTH AND HIS TONGUE IS SWELLING UP.

DOUG

Is my tongue swelling up?

CAROL SEAVER

Oh no! Doug, I'm so sorry.

DOUG

It's bluh bluh bluh.

BEN SEAVER

What did he say?

DOUG

Bluh, bluh, bluh...

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KEVIN SEAVER

Does he need a pounding?

MICHAEL SEAVER

What?

KEVIN SEAVER

He's the hammer.

CAROL GRABS A GLASS OF WATER.

CAROL SEAVER

Doug, are you okay?

DOUG

Bluh, bluh, bluh.

DOUG MOTIONS THAT HE'S GOING TO BE OKAY.

KEVIN SEAVER

This isn't a drill?

MIKE HITS THE BACK OF KEVIN'S HEAD.

KEVIN SEAVER

Ouch! What?

KATE SEAVER

Are you going to be okay?

DOUG NODS "YES" AND SWALLOWS A PILL.

CAROL SEAVER

He'll be back to normal in a few
minutes.

MAGGIE SEAVER

Thank goodness.

KEVIN SEAVER

He's as tough as nails.

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CAROL SEAVER

Okay, so back to the big announcement.

MICHAEL SEAVER

Okay.

CAROL SEAVER

DOUG

We're getting married! Bluh, bluh, bluh!

EVERYONE REACTS WITH EXCITEMENT.

MAGGIE SEAVER

That's great! Congratulations!

MICHAEL SEAVER

Alright! When's the big date?

CAROL SEAVER

Saturday!

KEVIN SEAVER

Is Doug allergic to wedding cake?

MAGGIE SEAVER

WOW! That's really fast. Do you think you're rushing this just a bit?

CAROL SEAVER

Well we've both been married before and we know what to expect and I'm madly in love with him.

DOUG

Bluh, bluh... love her too.

DOUG'S TONGUE IS GOING DOWN AND HE AND CAROL KISS.

OLIVIA

Gross!

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CAROL SEAVER

Mom, you're still in town this weekend
right?

MAGGIE SEAVER

Yes.

CAROL SEAVER

Then this Saturday is perfect! I do
have one problem.

BEN SEAVER

What's that?

CAROL SEAVER

Dad's not here to give me away, so I
was wondering between you and Mike,
maybe one of you could give me away.

BEN SEAVER

I'd be honored!

MICHAEL SEAVER

I'd be honored!

MICHAEL SEAVER

Shouldn't I be the one to give her
away? I am the oldest.

BEN SEAVER

Yeah... but I've always been closer
with Carol than you've been.

MICHAEL SEAVER

Please!

CAROL SEAVER

I'll tell you what. Why don't I come
up with a way to make my decision?

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BEN SEAVER

How are you going to do that?

CAROL SEAVER

Since dad's passing, I want to find out which of you are going to step up and become more of a father figure to this family.

BEN SEAVER

So, what? A test?

MICHAEL SEAVER

A test! You know I never do great on tests.

BEN SEAVER

I'm in!

CAROL SEAVER

Okay, we'll start tomorrow.

KEVIN STARTS TO LAUGH.

MICHAEL SEAVER

What's so funny?

KEVIN SEAVER

If Carol marries Doug Karol, she's going to be Carol Karol.

FADE OUT.

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

1E INT. BEN AND JEN'S HOUSE - KITCHEN (DAY 2) 1E
 (BEN SEAVER, CAROL SEAVER)

BEN IS AT THE STOVE, WHILE CAROL OVERSEES HIM.

CAROL SEAVER

Alright, dad always made me eggs. How
 would he cook my eggs for me?

BEN STARTS TO MAKE HER EGGS.

BEN SEAVER

Scrambled with cheddar cheese and red
 peppers.

CAROL SEAVER

Very good!

CUT TO:

1F INT. MIKE AND KATE'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM (DAY 2) 1F
 (CAROL SEAVER, MICHAEL SEAVER)

MIKE AND CAROL SIT ON THE COUCH.

CAROL SEAVER

Mike, dad would always give me the
 same excuse for why I couldn't have a
 cat. What was that excuse?

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MICHAEL SEAVER

Oh... uh... He didn't want you to get
a cat because he thought you wouldn't
give it the proper care a cat needs.

CAROL SEAVER

NO!

MICHAEL SEAVER

He was scared of cats.

CAROL SEAVER

MIKE COME ON!

MICHAEL SEAVER

Carol, I'm sorry, I don't remember.

CAROL SEAVER

He was allergic! How could you forget
that?

MICHAEL SEAVER

Oh, yeah. Sorry... I wasn't the one
who wanted to have a cat.

CUT TO:

1G INT. BEN AND JEN'S HOUSE - KITCHEN (DAY 2)
(BEN SEAVER, CAROL SEAVER, MICHAEL SEAVER)

1G

CAROL SITS AT A TABLE AND BEN SERVES UP HER EGGS.

BEN SEAVER

Here you go!

CAROL SEAVER

Great! Let's try them.

SHE TAKES A BITE.

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BEN SEAVER

Well?

CAROL SEAVER

They're great! But...

BEN SEAVER

But?

CAROL SEAVER

Dad's eggs were always a little bit runny. You knew that! Why didn't you make them runny?

BEN SEAVER

I - I - I'm sorry?

CAROL SEAVER

Come on, Ben!

CUT TO:

1H INT. MIKE AND KATE'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM (DAY 2)
(CAROL SEAVER, MICHAEL SEAVER)

1H

MIKE AND CAROL CONTINUE TO SIT ON THE COUCH.

CAROL SEAVER

What was the first question dad would ask any guy who came to pick me up for a date?

MICHAEL SEAVER

Have you ever been arrested?

CAROL SEAVER

Right! Do you remember Dwight Halliburton's answer?

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1H CONTINUED:

1H

MICHAEL SEAVER

Umm... No?

CAROL SEAVER

Come on, Mike! It was a family joke
for years!

MICHAEL SEAVER

I'm sorry, Carol, I don't remember.

CUT TO:

1I INT. BEN AND JEN'S HOUSE - KITCHEN (DAY 2)
(BEN SEAVER, CAROL SEAVER, JEN SEAVER)

1I

BEN AND CAROL SIT AT THE KITCHEN TABLE.

CAROL SEAVER

Okay... Dad would always...

JEN ENTERS.

JEN SEAVER

Father? I'm sorry to interrupt but I
forgot to give you a gift I made for
you.

SHE HANDS HIM A WRAPPED GIFT.

BEN SEAVER

Jen? Thanks!

HE OPENS IT.

JEN SEAVER

It's a clay sculptor and it says "Your
bestest father in the whole wide
world"!

BEN SEAVER

Oh! That's so sweet. Thanks honey!

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CAROL SEAVER

That's so cute.

CAROL WATCHES HER LITTLE BROTHER AND SEES HIM AS A MAN FOR THE FIRST TIME AS HE HUGS JEN.

CAROL SEAVER

Well, I should probably be going. See
you both tomorrow.

CAROL EXITS.

BEN AND JEN ARE STILL HUGGING.

BEN SEAVER

Is she gone?

JEN SEAVER

Yeah.

BEN SEAVER

That was awesome! You're a good little
actress.

JEN SEAVER

Thanks dad! You think Aunt Carol
bought it?

BEN SEAVER

I think Uncle Mike is going to have a
hard time convincing Aunt Carol to let
him walk her down the aisle.

JEN SEAVER

Dad? Can I have the sculptor back?

BEN SEAVER

Sure... why?

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JEN SEAVER

I need to give it back to Olivia. She
let me borrow it.

CUT TO:

1J INT. MIKE AND KATE'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM (DAY 2) 1J
(CAROL SEAVER, KATE SEAVER, KEVIN SEAVER, MICHAEL SEAVER,
OLIVIA, SCOTTY)

MIKE AND CAROL SIT ON THE COUCH.

CAROL SEAVER

Last question... after I graduated
from medical school, what did dad give
me for a gift?

MICHAEL SEAVER

Wasn't it his patient's couch from his
office?

CAROL SEAVER

Yes! Finally, you got one!

KEVIN ENTERS.

KEVIN SEAVER

Dad? Can we talk?

MICHAEL SEAVER

Sure, what's up buddy?

KEVIN SEAVER

I just wanted to say, that I'm sorry.
I was able to get all the office
supplies and money back to Mr. Dewitt
and the school staff.

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1J CONTINUED:

1J

KEVIN SEAVER (CONT'D)

I'm also sorry for giving you and mom
such a hard time.

MICHAEL SEAVER

Thanks bud, I'm proud of you.

SCOTTY AND OLIVIA ENTER HOLDING WHAT LOOKS LIKE SOME SORT OF
ART PROJECT.

OLIVIA

Daddy! We made you this!

MICHAEL SEAVER

Wow! It's so pretty?

THEY GIVE MIKE THE SAME SCULPTOR JEN GAVE BEN.

SCOTTY

It's a clay figure and its says -
"Your bestest father in the whole wide
world"!

CAROL RECOGNIZES THE CLAY GIFT.

MICHAEL SEAVER

Just what I wanted. Come here and give
your dad a hug. You too, Kevin.

KEVIN SEAVER

Aren't we taking this too far...

MICHAEL SEAVER

GET OVER HERE NOW!

KEVIN RELUCTANTLY COMES OVER AND HUGS HIS DAD, OLIVIA AND
SCOTTY.

CAROL ISN'T BUYING IT.

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CAROL SEAVER

Huh... That sculptor looks very
familiar.

THEY IGNORE HER.

SCOTTY

You're the best dad in the whole wide
world!

THEY ALL CONTINUE TO HUG AS CAROL STORMS OUT.

OLIVIA

There will never ever be another dad
like you in all the world and space.

KEVIN SEAVER

Okay! She's gone, can we all stop
hugging?

MICHAEL SEAVER

Good job everybody! Looks like daddy
is walking Aunt Carol down the aisle!

THEY ALL GIVE EACH OTHER HIGH FIVES AS KATE ENTERS.

KATE SEAVER

What's going on?

KEVIN SEAVER

We just helped dad trick Aunt Carol
into giving her away.

MIKE HITS KEVIN IN THE BACK OF THE HEAD.

KEVIN SEAVER

Ouch!

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MICHAEL SEAVER

We weren't tricking her!

KEVIN SEAVER

That's what it looked like to me.

MICHAEL SEAVER

I was just trying to persuade Carol...

KATE SEAVER

By using our kids? I need you all to go up stairs while I talk to your father.

THEY ALL RETREAT UP STAIRS.

OLIVIA

Good luck, daddy. Hope it was worth it.

KATE SEAVER

Mike, why are you using our kids to con Carol? We've talked about this.

MICHAEL SEAVER

Oh come on! I'm not conning Carol!

KATE SEAVER

Would your dad approve of what you just did?

KATE EXITS.

MIKE KNOWS SHE'S RIGHT.

CUT TO:

1K INT. RESTERAUNT - (DAY 3)
(CAROL SEAVER, MAGGIE SEAVER)

1K

CAROL AND MAGGIE MEET FOR LUNCH.

MAGGIE SEAVER

How are you feeling? Just a couple more days til your going to be Carol Karol.

CAROL SEAVER

First of all, I told Doug last night that I wanted to keep "Seaver" as my last name.

MAGGIE SEAVER

Oh Good! Is there anything you need my help with?

CAROL SEAVER

YES! Explain to me why I have two brothers who are complete idiots.

MAGGIE SEAVER

What?

CAROL SEAVER

Both Mike and Ben used their kids to try and manipulate me to pick either one of them.

MAGGIE LAUGHS.

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MAGGIE SEAVER

Oh Carol, your brothers have always been that way. Now, as far as your wedding goes, can I help you in anyway?

CAROL SEAVER

I'm good. I've got my dress. We've booked some time at the church, Olivia and Jen have agreed to be my flower girls and Scotty is going to be the ring bearer. He's gonna look so cute in a tux.

MAGGIE SEAVER

Are you going on a honeymoon?

CAROL SEAVER

Not for a couple of months. Doug has to finish the case he's currently working on and then we have to see if we can find an airplane that pumps clean oxygen and not recycled oxygen.

MAGGIE SEAVER

I see.

CAROL SEAVER

I'm really missing dad. Every time I go to plan something for the wedding, he's at the forefront of my mind.

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MAGGIE SEAVER

I know.

THEY COMFORT EACH OTHER.

CAROL SEAVER

When I got married the first time, dad told me something right before he walked me down the aisle. He said, "A daughter may outgrow your lap, but she will never outgrow your heart."

MAGGIE SEAVER

Your father had a way with words when the occasion arose. I miss him every minute of every day.

FADE OUT.

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

1L INT. BEN AND JEN'S HOUSE 1L
 (BEN SEAVER, CAROL SEAVER, DOUG, EVERYONE, JEN SEAVER, KATE
 SEAVER, MAGGIE SEAVER, MICHAEL SEAVER)

BEN'S SITTING ON THE COUCH WATCHING TV.

DOUG (V.O.)

...so if you've been hurt in an
 accident or injured on the job, call
 me Doug "THE HAMMER" Karol and I'll
 pound hard for you.

THERE'S A KNOCK ON THE DOOR. BEN TURNS OFF THE TV AND ANSWERS
 THE DOOR.

MIKE ENTERS.

BEN SEAVER

Mike! What are you doing here?

MICHAEL SEAVER

Mind if we talk?

BEN SEAVER

Sure.

MIKE HAS A SEAT.

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MICHAEL SEAVER

I've been doing a lot of thinking about who should walk Carol down the aisle.

BEN SEAVER

Me too.

MICHAEL SEAVER

Carol's been asking me all these questions about dad...

BEN SEAVER

Yeah, she wanted me to cook her eggs like dad used to...

MICHAEL SEAVER

Neither one of us can replace dad.

BEN SEAVER

True...

MICHAEL SEAVER

Ben, You've earned the right to walk Carol down the aisle.

BEN SEAVER

What's the catch?

MICHAEL SEAVER

No catch. You're a single father, with a great kid who needs extra help. I don't know how you do it.

BEN SEAVER

Yeah, but you're a dad of three that includes Kevin.

MICHAEL SEAVER

But I have Kate with me to help.

BEN SEAVER

The funny thing is that I was just thinking you should be the one. I mean, Mike, let's face it, you really have stepped up and have been there for all of us after dad died.

MICHAEL SEAVER

Have I?

BEN SEAVER

After the accident that left me without Denice and put Jen in a wheelchair, I had no idea how I could continue to live. But you wrote me a letter that I keep to this day. Every time, I think I can't go on, I read it.

BEN GOES OVER TO A DESK AND PULLS OUT THE LETTER.

BEN SEAVER

Here. Read the last three lines.

BEN HANDS MIKE THE LETTER.

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1L

MICHAEL SEAVER

*(Reading) Love is stronger than death
even though it can't stop death from
happening, but no matter how hard
death tries it can't separate people
from love. Know I will always love you
and I'm always here for you.*

BEN SEAVER

And you have been.

THEY HUG.

CUT TO:

10 INT. MIKE AND KATE'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM (DAY 4) 10
(BEN SEAVER, CAROL SEAVER, JEN SEAVER, KATE SEAVER, MAGGIE
SEAVER, MICHAEL SEAVER)

CAROL HAS GATHERED THE WHOLE FAMILY. CAROL AND DOUG STAND IN
FRONT OF EVERYONE.

CAROL SEAVER

Okay, so tomorrow is the big day and
I've made my decision.

BEN SEAVER

Before you tell us your decision, I
just want to say that I think Mike
should walk you down the aisle.

MICHAEL SEAVER

Well, I should have a say and I think
Benny should walk you down the aisle.

CAROL SEAVER

Wait! So neither of you want to walk
me down the aisle?

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MICHAEL SEAVER

BEN SEAVER

No.

No.

MICHAEL SEAVER

I just think Ben should be the one.

BEN SEAVER

And I think Mike should be one.

MAGGIE SEAVER

Mike? Ben? - Let's hear Carol's
decision.

CAROL SEAVER

Okay, I pick mom.

BEN SEAVER

MICHAEL SEAVER

Mom!

Mom!

MAGGIE SEAVER

Me?

CAROL SEAVER

What do you think? Something tells me
that dad would approve of this
decision.

KATE SEAVER

I love it!

JEN SEAVER

Me too.

MAGGIE SEAVER

I'd be honored to.

MAGGIE AND CAROL HUG.

10 CONTINUED: (2) 40. 10

EVERYONE ELSE JOINS IN THE HUG.

CUT TO:

1P INT. CHURCH (DAY 5) 1P
(MAGGIE SEAVER, PREACHER)

A SMALL GATHERING OF PEOPLE HAVE COME TOGETHER FOR CAROL AND DOUG'S WEDDING.

JEN, CHRISTY AND SCOTTY LOOK VERY CUTE AS THEY ARE DRESSED UP AND MAKE THEIR WAY DOWN THE AISLE.

DOUG AWAITS CAROL AS HE STANDS NEXT TO THE PREACHER.

1 INT. CHURCH LOBBY (DAY 5) 1
(CAROL SEAVER, MAGGIE SEAVER, PREACHER)

MAGGIE SEAVER

Oh, Carol, you look beautiful.

CAROL SEAVER

Thanks mom. You ready?

MAGGIE SEAVER

Wait... I know I don't have the words like your father, but I just want to tell you that I'm so proud of you and I know you and Doug will have a great life together.

WEDDING MUSIC BEGINS TO PLAY.

CAROL SEAVER

Thanks mom.

MAGGIE SEAVER

Ready?

CUT TO:

5 INT. CHURCH (DAY 5)
 (MAGGIE SEAVER, PREACHER)

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THE DOORS OPEN AND MAGGIE WALKS CAROL DOWN THE AISLE. THEY
GET TO THE END OF THE AISLE.

PREACHER

Who gives this woman to this man?

MAGGIE SEAVER

Her father and I.

FADE TO BLACK.

END ACT THREE

THE END.