

MRS. BARAKIVA⁶

PARENTHOOD

HANK (CONT'D)

Yeah. Yeah, I said I'll do a booth. I don't know what size, there are sizes? A small one. Okay? Okay.

SARAH

What's that about?

HANK

I'm booking a job in L.A. so I can go down there and talk to Ruby. And Sandy.

SARAH

Maybe you could...call them?

HANK

I need to see her. And if I don't have a plausible reason for being there, Sandy will throw a nutty, it's not my weekend to see Ruby, blah blah blah.

The phone rings. Hank answers.

HANK (CONT'D)

Yeah. Okay, that sounds fine.
(to Sarah)
If Sandy calls, put her right through.

~~Off Sarah, concerned about Hank.~~

7 INT. SYCAMORE CHARTER ELEMENTARY - HALLWAY - DAY

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Julia, SYDNEY, and VICTOR walk down the halls together when MRS. BARAKIVA, waves for her attention.

MRS. BARAKIVA

START → Mrs. Graham?

JULIA

Mrs. Barakiva, hi.

MRS. BARAKIVA

Hi.

(to the kids)

Hi, Sydney. Victor, nice job today on your multiplication table.

VICTOR

Thanks, Mrs. Barakiva.

MRS. BARAKIVA
(to Julia, with a smile)
Hey, could we chat for just a minute?

JULIA
Of course. You guys, why don't you go to
the play structure and I'll meet you out
there in a few minutes.

Sydney and Victor run off. Julia looks a bit concerned.

JULIA (CONT'D)
Everything okay?

MRS. BARAKIVA
Oh, yeah. Victor is such a charmer. A
little quiet still, but such a sweet boy.
I'm a huge Victor fan.

JULIA
Oh, great. That's so great to hear.

MRS. BARAKIVA
Listen, Julia, I know we have mid-term
parent meetings next month, but I wanted
to catch up before then - to check in
about Victor's academic progress. I
thought it was important not to wait.

JULIA
Oh. Is everything...

MRS. BARAKIVA
It will be fine. But Victor is behind,
academically.

JULIA
How far behind?

MRS. BARAKIVA
I don't want you to get too upset--

JULIA
So. Far behind.

MRS. BARAKIVA
We're starting to make some progress on
the math, but he's pretty far behind on
his reading comprehension and that's
hampering his overall progress.

JULIA
How far behind?

MRS. BARAKIVA

Well, right now he's reading on a second grade level.

JULIA

Wow, I had no...

MRS. BARAKIVA

Julia, he will catch up. But I think Victor would benefit to have a tutor after school.

JULIA

I'll get someone right away.

Mrs. Barakiva sees how upset Julia is, touches her arm.

MRS. BARAKIVA

I know he'll get there. But I can see how frustrating it is for him not to be keeping up. I want to do whatever we can to support him.

JULIA

Of course.

She swallows, suddenly emotional about being Victor's mom. It all seems hard.

END.

~~INT. ADAM & KRISTINA'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - DAY~~

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~~Adam, KRISTINA, and Max all sit at the kitchen table. A formal discussion.~~

~~KRISTINA~~

~~So, Max. We hear you're quite the filibuster king.~~

~~MAX~~

~~I don't know what that means.~~

~~ADAM~~

~~It means you're blocking some projects that other kids in student council want to do. Your teacher says you're doing a good job as far as running every meeting's agenda. But he also says that the everybody else wants to have a dance, and that you've just been saying no.~~

~~MAX~~

~~It's called a veto.~~

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