

INT. HOUSE – BETH AND RANDALL BEDROOM

Randall practices his career day presentation for Beth who is seated on the bed.

RANDALL

Weather derivatives are tradable commodities that protect business owners from future changes in the weather. It's like licking a piece of pizza so that nobody will eat it later.

BETH

Aww, now I'm thinking about pizza. No wait I'm sorry. No, no wait...I was just kidding.

RANDALL

How am I supposed to inspire an auditorium full of strangers when I my own wife and kids don't understand what I do for a living?

BETH

That's not true.

RANDALL

Really? What do I do?

BETH

You trade weather. You trade commodities based on weather patterns.

RANDALL

And what does that mean?

BETH

Aww, damn Randall I don't know. You swap lightning bolts for thunder clouds?

(Randall scoffs)

BETH

Look, I know what you're day is like. I know that you like of your partners and you hate the other one. I know that you're gonna redesign your office furniture and you might fire your assistant because she says "like" too much.

RANDALL

It's nonstop.

BETH

Can I talk to you in depth about weather patterns? No, I cannot, but I don't think you'd want me to if I could. So, hey what's this really about?

RANDALL

Maybe I was meant to be a musician?

BETH

I'm sorry what now?

RANDALL

Or an artist, or a writer. Just think about it Beth. There's this whole genetic side of me that nobody even knew existed. Like William was a poet, an artist, a musician. You know maybe I've had an artistic side of me all along and nobody knew to empower it.

You know maybe I wasn't meant to be a straight and narrow math geek destined to wear a shirt and tie everyday like my parents thought. Maybe I was meant live a musician's life. On the road, playing clubs. You know?

BETH

Alright, in this musical fantasy version of yourself. What instrument would you play?

RANDALL

Sax. Like Wesley in *Mo' Betta Blues*. Definitely Sax.

BETH

Oh, yeah that's sexy.

RANDALL

You're making fun of me.

BETH

No.

RANDALL

No, you're making fun of me.

BETH

No, I am not. I am not. You're biological father just came back into your life and it's bringing up all kinds of stuff. It's normal. Look why don't you try out this crazy artist side of yourself and you know, get this presentation poppin'. Let's see how it flies with some 8-year olds. Right? Before you like shift careers and start playing open mic Saxophone nights.

RANDALL

You know maybe I will.

BETH

Ok, yeah.

RANDALL

See you're making fun of me.

BETH

No? What yeah?

RANDALL

Why can't you stop smiling?

BETH

I can't.

RANDALL

Stop smiling.

BETH

I can't this early mid-life crisis is so you I can't stand it.