

A MARRIAGE STORY

"What I love about Nicole"

Playing Age: 35/45

Drama

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CHARLIE, 36, is reading a list of things he loves about his wife NICOLE, 35, as part of a couple therapy assignment. They are getting a divorce.

CHARLIE

What I love about Nicole: she makes people comfortable about even embarrassing things. She really listens when someone is talking. Sometimes she listens too much for too long. She's a good citizen. She always knows what to do when it comes to difficult family shit. I get stuck in my ways, she knows how to push me and when to leave me alone. She cuts all our hair. She's always inexplicably brewing a cup of tea that she doesn't drink. And it's not easy for her to put away a sock, or close a cabinet, or do a dish, but she tries for me. Nicole grew up in L.A. around actors and directors and movies and tv and is very close to her mother, Sandra, and Cassie, her sister. Nicole gives great presents. She is a mother who plays - really plays. She never steps off playing or says it's too much - and it must be too much some of the time. She's competitive. She's amazing at opening jars because of her strong arms, which I've always found very sexy. She keeps the fridge over-full, no one is ever hungry in our house. She can drive a stick. After that movie, "All Over The Girl", she could've stayed in L.A. and been a movie star, but she gave that up to do theater with me in New York. She's brave. She's a great dancer. She's infectious, she makes me wish I could dance. She always says when she doesn't know something, or hasn't read a book or seen a film or a play, whereas I fake it or say something like I haven't seen it in awhile. My crazy ideas are her favorite things to figure out how to execute. She's my favorite actress.