THE DESCENDANTS

"Mom was cheating on you"

2 actors Woman/Man

Drama

INT. THE HOUSE - DAY

ALEX, 17, reveals to her dad MATT, 50, that her mum was cheating on him.

ALEX

I don't wanna talk about mom with anyone.

MATT

Look, whatever you two fought about over Christmas, you have to drop it. Grow up. You love your mother, your mother loves you.

ALEX

I can't drop it.

MATT

You have to.

ALEX

You really don't have a clue, do you?

Beat.

ALEX (CONT'D)

Dad... dad, mom was cheating on you. That is what we fought about. When I was home for Christmas, I caught her with a guy. It made me sick to see her near you. I went back to school thinking that that was it, that I was just done with her. I was gonna call and tell you everything... and then the accident happened, and... I was waiting till she woke up, I guess. You didn't even suspect, right? Right? It disgusted me, too. You're always so busy.

MATT

"Caught her with a guy", what does that mean?

ALEX

I was on my way to swim in the Black Point pool with Brandy and suddenly I see mom and some douchebag walking into a house. His house, I guess. MATT

Some guy, it could be anybody.

ALEX

No, he had his hand on her ass. It was gross.

MATT

Then what?

ALEX

Then nothing, then they went into the house. A few days later I told her I knew what she was doing.

MATT

And?

ALEX

And first she acted like she had no idea what I was talking about. Like I'm fucking blind. And then she got like super mad and yelled and denied it. That was when I decided that I didn't want anything more to do with her.