

HALF AN AUNT

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Pages: 3

Characters:

Lynn, 35+

Alicia, 10-12

Synopsis:

Aunt Lynn is asked to baby-sit her Niece Alicia, whom she doesn't know very well. Alicia, however, knows something about her aunt; this doesn't go well for Lynn.

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INT. RESTAURANT - DAY

ALICIA sits with arms folded. She is obviously bored. LYNN returns with coffee for herself and a juice for Alicia. Lynn sits.

LYNN

So, are you having fun?

ALICIA

Yeah, a real blast.

LYNN

Well, it gets even better. After this we're going to Ellenwood Shoes. They're having a sale.

ALICIA

Really? Sax, then Nordstroms and now Ellenwood? This is the best day ever.

LYNN

Okay. You're not having fun. I get it.

(beat)

Look, this was a last minute favor for your mom. If I had known ahead of time, I would have planned something more ...I don't know, kid friendly.

(pause)

So, what do you like to do normally?

Alicia doesn't answer, she just stares out the window.

LYNN

We have a couple hours. What would *you* like to do?

ALICIA

Can't you just take me home?

LYNN

That's no fun.

Alicia returns to the view through the window.

LYNN

We can go to the art musuem?

ALICIA

Or ...you can take me home?

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LYNN

Okay, you know what? I'm trying here.  
Something tells me you just don't want to  
be with your Aunt Lynn.

Alicia shoots a smart-ass look to Lynn. There's now an  
uncomfortable silence between them.

LYNN

You know, when I was your age, my  
grandmother, *your great grandmother*,  
would take me shopping. We could spend an  
entire day going up and down Rodeo Drive.  
But it wasn't about the clothes or the  
shoes or even the jewelry, it was all  
about being with grandma.

She would tell me stories of all the  
people she knew. The foreign dignitaries,  
the princes and princesses of different  
countries ...all the places she traveled.  
Did you know your Great Grandmother once  
met the Pope?

ALICIA

Do you know why my mom asked you to baby-  
sit me today?

LYNN

It had something to do with her work  
...or something.

ALICIA

That's right. She was called into her  
job, her second job. You know she works  
two jobs?

LYNN

I thought your mom owned her own  
business. Something to do with doctors or  
health insurance, right?

ALICIA

She does medical billing at home in the  
morning, then she's a waitress at night.

LYNN

That's not what she told me.

ALICIA

You have no idea. And since she was  
foolish enough to have signed a pre-nup  
with my Dad, she's never going to see any  
of *your* family's money.

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ALICIA (CONT'D)

And don't pretend you're really my aunt,  
my Dad told me you're just his half  
sister.

Lynn's eyes open wide and she can barely keep from gasping.

LYNN

Alicia!

ALICIA

Looks like Grandma Pennington had an  
affair and you were an accident.

LYNN

You little monster.

ALICIA

Take me home.

LYNN

Oh no, I'm dropping you off at your  
mother's work.

Lynn gathers her things and prepares to leave.

ALICIA

Are you sure you want to be seen at a  
Denny's?

LYNN

Oh your mother must be a piece of work to  
have raised such a disrespectful little  
brat.

ALICIA

Nevermind, I'll take the bus.

Alicia gets up and leaves. Lynn sits in shock.

LYNN

I'm calling your mother. I am not going  
to be responsible if anything happens to  
you on a ...bus.

She pulls out her cell phone, but realizes she has to rummage  
through her purse to find the number.

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