

MODERN FAMILY

"The Bicycle Thief"

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<u>CAST</u>

JAY PRITCHETT ED O'NEILL
GLORIA PRITCHETTSOPHIA VERGARA
PHIL DUNPHYTY BURRELL
CLAIRE DUNPHYJULIE BOWEN
MITCHELL PRITCHETTJESSE TYLER FERGUSON
CAMERONERIC STONESTREET
HALEY DUNPHYSARAH HYLAND
ALEX DUNPHYARIEL WINTER
LUKE DUNPHYNOLAN GOULD
MANNY DELGADORICO RODRIGUEZ
LILY
<u>GUEST CAST</u>
DESIREEKRISTA ALLEN
ANTONKEVIN BERNTSON
SCOTTALEX STAGGS
DANIELLEJULIA LEHMAN
BIKE SALESMANTBD
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<u>SETS</u>

INT. DUNPHY HOUSE - KITCHEN

INT. PHIL'S CAR

INT. JAY & GLORIA'S HOUSE - KITCHEN

INT. JAY & GLORIA'S HOUSE - MANNY'S ROOM

INT. MITCHELL & CAMERON'S DUPLEX - LIVING ROOM

INT. BIKE SHOP

INT. MOMMY AND ME CLASS

INT. DUNPHY HOUSE - LUKE'S ROOM

INT. LIMOUSINE

EXT. DUNPHY HOUSE - DRIVEWAY

EXT. DUNPHY HOUSE - STREET

EXT. JAY & GLORIA'S HOUSE - FRONT STEP

EXT. MOMMY AND ME CLASS

EXT. ARCADE

EXT. STREET

ACT ONE

			
1	JAY INTERVIEW	1	
	JAY What's the key to being a great dad? Boy, that's a tough one		* *
1A	MITCHELL AND CAMERON INTERVIEW	1A	*
	CAMERON Giving them freedom to be whatever they want to be		* * *
	Mitchell is about to start speaking when:		*
	CAMERON (CONT'D) Whether that's a painter or a pilot or a president		* * *
	Mitchell starts to speak again, but:		*
	CAMERON (CONT'D) Of a company or a country.		*
	Mitchell waits an extra beat to be sure he's done, then:		*
	MITCHELL Patience.		* *
1B	PHIL INTERVIEW	1B	*
	PHIL Be their buddy.		*
	CLAIRE (O.S.) That's your answer?		*
	PHIL And don't do drugs.		*
1C	JAY INTERVIEW	1C	*
	JAY Still thinking.		* *
2	EXT. DUNPHY HOUSE - STREET - DAY	2	
	Phil and Claire are out on the street riding bikes. A SE NEIGHBOR, DESIREE, MID-30S, dressed in a jogging outfit, out running. She sees Claire and stops to say hello, Philags behind.	is	*

DESIREE

Hi, how are you doing?

CLAIRE

Oh, hi.

Desiree stops to chat. Claire feels compelled to stop as well.

CLAIRE (CONT'D)

This is my son Luke and my husband Phil.

(to Phil)

And this is...

DESIREE

Desiree.

CLAIRE

Right. I'm sorry.

(to Phil)

Desiree just moved in down the street.

PHIL

Fun. Where?

DESIREE

Four-sixty-seven.

PHIL

Oh, the two bedroom colonial with the indoor/outdoor family room.

DESIREE

Very good. How did you --

PHIL

Bet you're enjoying that steam shower.

CLAIRE

Phil, that's creepy.

PHIL

I'm a real estate agent. We caravaned that house. Great deck.

DESIREE

Thanks. I'm just there 'til my divorce is final.

CLAIRE

Well, nice to see you.

CLAIRE Because he is irresponsible. He

Playstation.

spilled a soda on my computer, he

broke our digital camera taking a

picture of himself underwater with his

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	PHIL It's a girl's bike. I'm all for teaching him a lesson, but I worry about the ridicule he might get from some loudmouth bully.		* * * *
2B	EXT. DUNPHY HOUSE - STREET - CONTINUOUS	2B	*
	They hear a CAR HORN BEEP. It's JAY in his car.		*
	JAY (to Luke) Hey, nice bike, Sally.		*
	CLAIRE (chastising) Dad!		* *
	JAY He looks like Little Bo Peep on that thing.		* * *
	PHIL Actually, not for long. He's getting a new bike this afternoon.		* * *
	LUKE I am?		*
	CLAIRE He is?		*
3-4	<u>OMITTED</u>	3-4	*
5	PHIL INTERVIEW	5	
	PHIL Sometimes a man's gotta put his foot down and do what a man's gotta do. And if the old lady don't like it (shout O.S.) Honey?		
	He waits a beat. Nothing.		
	PHIL (CONT'D) That's too damn bad.		
6	INT. MITCHELL & CAMERON'S DUPLEX - LIVING ROOM - DAY	6	
	Mitchell is holding Lily.		

MODERN FAMILY "The Bicycle Thief" 8/12/09 Shooting Draft 5. CONTINUED: MITCHELL Cam, hurry up. We're going to be * late. CAMERON (O.S.) It's Mommy and Me class, not a * Broadway opening night. MITCHELL * We're going to be judged enough as the only gay parents, I don't want to be the late ones too. Cam enters. He is wearing white flowy pants with a pink shirt. * MITCHELL (CONT'D) * * Really? Pink? Was there something wrong with your fishnet tank top? CAMERON Obviously not, I'm wearing it * underneath. * (off his look) * No, I'm not. Would you relax? * MITCHELL * I'm sorry, I would just like to make a good first impression. * CAMERON You mean fit in? Not terrify the villagers? * MITCHELL * It's for Lily. Her future best friend * could be in that class and I don't want to rub anyone the wrong way. * Could you just change your shirt? CAMERON Fine, I'll throw on some khakis and a * polo shirt, maybe everyone will think we're a couple of straight golf * buddies who decided to have a kid * together. 7 7 * OMITTED 8 INT. JAY & GLORIA'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - DAY 8

Jay enters the kitchen, where Gloria is sitting eating breakfast.

MODERN FAMILY "The Bicycle Thief" 8/12/09 Shooting Draft 6. CONTINUED: JAY Hey, I called the place in Napa and upgraded us to a villa with a hot tub. So pack whatever you'd wear in a hot tub. GLORIA I usually wear nothing in a hot tub. JAY And my college roommate's wife just had to get a new hip. Sucker. 9 JAY & GLORIA INTERVIEW 9 GLORIA Manny's father is taking him to Disneyland for a couple days so we are going away to the wine country. JAY We're gonna drink some wine, have a few laughs. We'd do stuff like this much more often, but, you know... there's Manny. GLORIA It's good. He keeps us grounded. JAY Yeah, like fog at an airport. 10 INT. JAY & GLORIA'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS 10 JAY So the limo's coming at four. This morning, I thought I'd go over to the club and hit a few balls. GLORIA What about the ceiling fan in Manny's room? JAY *

Oh, yeah. Just call a guy.

labor.

GLORIA
No, you do it with Manny. It's important to teach him how to do things for himself. In my culture, men take great pride in physical

MODERN FAMILY "The Bicycle Thief" 8/12/09 Shooting Draft 7. 10 CONTINUED: 10 JAY I know. That's why I hire people from your culture. GLORIA That's very funny. I will share that with my next husband while we are

11 **OMITTED**

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12 INT. BIKE SHOP - DAY

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Phil and Luke are wheeling a brand new black, macho-looking bike out of the bike shop.

spending your money.

Dad, this is the coolest bike ever.

PHIL

So, listen, buddy. There are certain members of this family who don't think you can take care of this bad boy.

LUKE

You mean Mom?

PHIL

I'm not comfortable saying.

LUKE Is it you?

PHIL No.

LUKE *

Then it's gotta be Mom.

PHIL * Drop that, okay. Look, Mom and I are a team and we both think of this as a chance for you to show some responsibility. Don't make us look like jerks here.

LUKE *

I won't.

PHIL

Okay... then have fun.

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12 CONTINUED: 12

LUKE

Thanks, Dad. If I take care of this * bike, can we get a dog? *

PHIL

I'm cool with it, but Mom says no.

Luke rides off on his bike.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

12A	GLORIA INTERVIEW	12A	*
	GLORIA In Colombia there is a saying: If you have two stubborn burros who don't like each other, you tie them to the same cart. The cart is the ceiling fan. (pleased with herself) I know. Is good, right?		* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *
13	INT. JAY & GLORIA'S HOUSE - MANNY'S ROOM - LATER	13	
	Jay and Manny are in Manny's room. The ceiling fan parts spread out on the floor.	are	*
	JAY So, let's do this.		* *
	MANNY Do I have to?		* *
	JAY If I have to, you have to.		* *
	MANNY Okay, but I need to be done by three. That's when my dad's picking me up.		* * *
	JAY (re: fan) Hey, if we're not done by three, I'm hanging a noose from this thing.		* * *
	MANNY My dad's taking me on Space Mountain. It's supposed to be scary, but he's not scared of anything. He doesn't even wear a seat belt when he drives.		* * * *
	JAY Wow. How about that?		* *
	MANNY He killed a bear once.		* *
	JAY Was the bear in the passenger seat? (then) Read me the instructions.		* * *

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MODERN 13	FAMILY "The Bicycle Thief" 8/12/09 Shooting Draft 10. CONTINUED:	•
	Manny opens the book.	*
	MANNY "Safety tips warning: To reduce the risk of electrical shock"	* * *
	JAY Yeah, we can skip that part.	* *
	MANNY They also mention the possibility of a fire.	* * * * *
	JAY You worry too much, you know that? There's gonna be no fires and nobody's gonna get shocked.	* * *
	MANNY One time my dad was struck by lightning. That's why he can drink as much as he wants.	* * *
14	JAY INTERVIEW 14	
	JAY Manny thinks his dad is Superman. The truth? He's a total flake. In fact, the only way he's like Superman is that they both landed in this country	*
15	illegally.	*
15	OMITTED 15	*
16	INT. MOMMY AND ME CLASS - DAY 16	*
	Mitchell and Cameron stand just inside the door. They look around and find a room full of extremely straight parents and their future straight kids.	*
	MITCHELL I don't know why I'm so nervous.	* *
	CAMERON They'll love us. Let's just be ourselves.	* * *
	MITCHELL Or, a slightly toned-down version of ourselves. (MORE)	* * *

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16	CONTINUED: MITCHELL (CONT'D) (off Cameron's look) Let's not make this an episode of "The Cam Show".	* * *
	CAMERON People love "The Cam Show".	* *
	MITCHELL Yes, I know.	* *
	CAMERON It's appointment viewing.	*
	Mitchell shushes him as a young woman, DANIELLE, approaches them.	*
	DANIELLE Hi. Are you here for Mommy and Me?	
	CAMERON Yes. Sans Mommy, obviously.	
	MITCHELL I'm Mitchell, this is Cameron, and this is Lily.	*
	DANIELLE Well, welcome. We're all over here taking turns blowing bubbles.	* *
	CAMERON Well, how nice for	* *
	Mitchell nudges him.	*
	CAMERON (CONT'D) The babies.	* *
17-18	OMITTED 17-18	*
19	EXT. ARCADE - DAY 19	*
	Phil is walking through town. Something catches his eye. We see A BIKE on the sidewalk leaning against a signpost. It's the bike Phil just bought for Luke. Phil walks over to the bicycle, looks around for Luke.	*
20	PHIL INTERVIEW 20	
	PHIL Thirty minutes after he made a promise to me, he left his bike unlocked. (MORE)	*

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MODERN 20	FAMILY "The Bicycle Thief" 8/12/09 Shooting Draft CONTINUED:	12. 20	
20	PHIL (CONT'D) All I could hear was Claire's voice in my head: (in a high, screechy voice that sounds nothing like Claire) "He's not responsible. You never should have given him a bike." (then, proudly) I know, I do a pretty good Claire.	20	*
21	EXT. ARCADE - CONTINUOUS	21	*
	As Phil hops on Luke's bike.		*
	PHIL (V.O.) So I decided to teach him a lesson and let him think his bike was stolen. I know it sounds kinda rough but sometimes a Dad's job is to be the tough guy.		* * * * * *
	Phil wobbles off on the undersized bike, maneuvering thropeople on the sidewalk.	ough	* *
	PHIL (CONT'D) Excuse me! On your left!		* *
22	INT. MOMMY AND ME CLASS - DAY	22	
	All of the parents and kids have formed a circle.		*
	DANIELLE Everyone, we have a new friend joining us today. Lily. And these are her parents. MITCHELL Hello, I'm Mitchell and I'm a lawyer. And this is Cam.		*
	CAMERON (deep voice) Howdy.		
23	<u>OMITTED</u>	23	*
24	INT. MOMMY AND ME CLASS - CONTINUOUS	24	
	DANIELLE We'll start with our Hello Dance, move on to blocks and finger painting, and then we'll do our family dance. Who wants to start us? Dance us in, P.J.		* * *

MODERN 24	FAMILY "The Bicycle Thief" 8/12/09 Shooting Draft CONTINUED:	13 . 24
	P.J.'s mom goes into the center of the circle holding P.J and does a little dance. During the dance, a mom, HELEN, turns to Mitchell.	
	HELEN (re: Lily) She's adorable. Seven months?	* * *
	MITCHELL Eight.	* *
	HELEN Oh, same as Tyler. Is she scooting or grabbing yet?	* * *
	MITCHELL Totally, when she's not grabbing, she's scootin'.	* * *
	DANIELLE Dance us in, Tyler.	*
	Helen takes Tyler and she dances in the center of the cir Mitchell turns to Cameron.	cle. *
	MITCHELL (concerned) Lily doesn't grab or scoot.	* * *
	CAMERON Not yet, but she will.	*
	MITCHELL (looking around) But a lot of them are grabbing.	* * *
	Mitchell picks up a block and holds it in front of Lily.	*
	MITCHELL (CONT'D) Lily, honey, take the block. Take the "H".	* * *
	She puts her hand on it. The minute Mitchell lets go, it falls to the floor.	; * *
	DANIELLE Dance us in, Lily.	* *
	CAMERON I'll take her.	* *
	MITCHELL	4

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Cam...

MODERN FAMILY "The Bicycle Thief" 8/12/09 Shooting Draft 14. CONTINUED: (2) 24 CAMERON Yes, I know. I'll tamp down my * natural gifts and dance like a straight guy. * MITCHELL No slapping your own butt. CAMERON * But that's how I make the horse go. Cameron takes Lily in the center. He does a VERY STIFF, * AWKWARD DANCE then rejoins Mitchell. MITCHELL * That was very good. * CAMERON * I feel dirty. 2.5 EXT. STREET - DAY 25 Phil is pedaling Luke's bike toward home when he sees someone * waving him down. It's Desiree. * DESIREE Hi, again. Phil is slightly uncomfortable because of Claire's earlier warning. PHIL Hey. DESIREE This is really embarrassing, but I locked myself out of the house. PHIL Oh, I do it all the time. Don't be embarrassed. He starts to pedal away. * DESIREE I was hoping --Phil stops. * DESIREE (CONT'D) There's an open window but I need a

boost. Can you help me?

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26	PHIL	INTERVIEW			26
		PHIL (as Claire) "You stay away from She'll seduce you. handsome." (then) Do I find her attract I ever act on it? while my wife is so	You're too active? Yes. No. No way.	Would	
27	EXT.	STREET - LATER			27
	Phil	walks back out with D	esiree.		
		DESIREE Thanks again. You you something to di	sure I can't	offer	
		PHIL (glancing at c No, I'm fine. Rea			
28	PHIL	INTERVIEW			28
		PHIL (as Claire but "I'm very proud of showed tremendous (then) That's Claire as a	you, Phil. self-control.		
29	EXT.	STREET - CONTINUOUS			29
		DESIREE If I knew I'd have bedroom window, I v up a bit.	a man climb		
		PHIL Don't worry. It so (beat) Not that I was	melled really	nice.	
	Phil	notices THE BIKE I	s MISSING.		
		PHIL (C	CONT'D)		
		DESIREE What's wrong?	1		

CONTINUED:	29
PHIL My bike is gone.	*
Phil starts wildly looking up and down the street for it.	*
DESIREE Oh no, can I help you look for it?	*
PHIL No, that's all right, I'll	*
He notices her already bending over to look under her car.	. *
PHIL (CONT'D) Okay, can't hurt to take a peek.	*

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END OF ACT TWO

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ACT THREE

30	INT. BIKE SHOP - A LITTLE WHILE LATER	30
	Phil is speaking to a salesman.	*
	PHIL So, to teach him a lesson, I took his bike and then crazy thing I put the bike down for a minute and someone swipes it from me.	* * * *
	BIKE SALESMAN Maybe that was your dad teaching you a lesson.	* * *
	PHIL I don't think so He lives in Florida. (taking out his credit card) So, one more just like the last one.	* * * *
	BIKE SALESMAN You wanna go for the insurance this time?	* *
	PHIL I knew you were going to bring that up. Yeah, give me the insurance.	* * *
31	INT. JAY & GLORIA'S HOUSE - MANNY'S ROOM - LATER	31 *
	Jay and Manny are still working. Jay is standing on a chai affixing the fan blades to the blade arm. Manny is below him, looking at the manual. Gloria enters with two glasses of lemonade.	*
	GLORIA I thought you two could use a drink.	* *
	JAY You have no idea.	* *
	GLORIA Manny, I have to go pick up some things for our trip. You have fun with your father and I'll see you Monday.	* * * *
	She hugs him.	*

MODERN 31	FAMILY "The Bicycle Thief" 8/12/09 Shooting Draft 18 CONTINUED: 31	•
	GLORIA (CONT'D) It makes me so happy to see my two boys working together.	* *
	MANNY Jay shocked himself twice.	* *
	JAY Okay, Manny.	*
	MANNY I warned him.	* *
	JAY Yep, you've been a big help all day.	* *
	GLORIA Look at you two with your private jokes. You're a regular Salazar and El Oso.	* * *
	Off Jay's blank look:	*
32	GLORIA INTERVIEW 32	
	GLORIA Very big comedy team in Colombia. El Oso was always hitting Salazar with the ladder and things. And sometimes they wear dresses. They make you laugh, but they also make you think.	
33	OMITTED 33	*
34	INT. DUNPHY HOUSE - DAY	*
	Phil knocks on Luke's door.	*
	PHIL Luke? You there?	*
	He opens the door. Luke is on his bed, playing a video game, or looking at something on his computer.	* *
	LUKE Hey, Dad.	* *
	PHIL That was pretty fun today, huh. Gettin' a new bike.	* * *
	LUKE Yeah, it was awesome.	* *

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	PHIL So how'd it go after we split up? Anything you want to share with me?	* *
	Luke looks nervously at his dad.	*
	LUKE Not really.	*
	PHIL So if I went into the garage to take a picture for the scrapbook, there'd be no surprises.	* * *
	Luke breaks down.	*
	LUKE I'm so sorry! I didn't mean it. I just made a mistake.	* * *
	PHIL Yeah, a big mistake. And you're making me look really bad. I told Mom you were ready for this.	* * *
	LUKE It's just a scratch, Dad!	*
	PHIL That's not the point, Luke what?	* *
	LUKE I'm not used to the bar that makes it a boy's bike and I hit it with the lock when I put it in the garage.	* * *
	PHIL Right.	*
35	PHIL INTERVIEW 3	5
	PHIL The good news is, Luke has his bike. More good news, I taught some random kid a valuable lesson by stealing his bike.	* * *
36	EXT. DUNPHY HOUSE - DRIVEWAY - DAY	6
	Phil checks if the coast is clear, then throws the duplicate bike onto the bike rack on his car. He quickly gets in his car and starts backing down the driveway during the following:	e * * *

37	<u>INT. PHIL'S CAR - CONTINUOUS</u>	*
	PHIL (V.O.) So, I figure I'll just dump the new bike where I stole the first one. That way, random kid gets his back, and the new bike doesn't raise a lot of embarrassing questions like why I had it or who boosted who through a bedroom window. Everybody's happy.	* * * * * *
	Phil finishes backing up, looks forward and sees standing in front of him: CLAIRE.	
38	INT. JAY & GLORIA'S HOUSE - MANNY'S ROOM - LATER 38	
	Jay works while Manny fidgets.	*
	JAY Son of a you gave me the wrong screwdriver.	* * *
	MANNY Maybe you're just using it wrong. My dad's great with tools. He can get the wheels off a car in less than a minute.	* * * *
	Manny hands Jay the screwdriver. Jay takes it, but when he does, a FAN BLADE falls, and HITS MANNY.	* *
	MANNY (CONT'D) Ow!	* *
	JAY Sorry.	*
	MANNY I think my arm is broken.	* *
	JAY Oh, relax, it's not broken.	* *
	MANNY How do you know? You don't know anything. You have no concern for safety.	* * *
	JAY It didn't hit you that hard.	*
	MANNY It almost cut my head off.	* *

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CONTINU	UED:	38	
	JAY Give me a break. It was an accident.		*
	MANNY You tried to kill me.		*
	JAY Save the drama for one of your little poems.		* * *
	MANNY Why don't you just say it, you don't want me around.		* * *
	JAY Not right now, I don't.		*
	MANNY I don't want to be with you either. I want to go wait for my dad.		* *
Manny s	starts out.		*
	JAY (mocking) But if you leave, how will I ever finish?		* * *
Manny s	stops.		*
	MANNY You know what? I wish you never married my mom. I hate living here.		* * *
	JAY How do you think I feel? I got a two- seater in the driveway!		* * *
	exits. Jay watches him and finally tosses the river in disgust.		*

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END OF ACT THREE

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ACT FOUR

39	EXT. DUNPHY HOUSE - DRIVEWAY - DAY	39
	Phil and Claire are talking in the driveway.	*
	CLAIRE So why are you trying to sneak around me? I actually think the whole situation's pretty funny.	* * *
	PHIL You do?	*
	CLAIRE Yeah, you steal some poor kid's bike by mistake and then it gets stolen from you. (beat) That's hilarious.	* * * * * *
	PHIL (laughing) Classic me, right?	* * *
	CLAIRE So, where were you when it got stolen?	*
	PHIL Oh, I was getting gas.	*
	CLAIRE Don't you stand right next to your car when you get gas?	* * *
	PHIL Yeah, but then I went inside to get a soda because I was thirsty, and if I had a soda I wouldn't be thirsty anymore, so I bought one and I drank it all right there, which is why I don't have the can.	* * * * * *
	CLAIRE Okay. And from now on can we remember I'm your wife, not your mom? You don't have to sneak around and hide things from me.	* * * *
	PHIL Okay.	*

They hug. Phil looks over Claire's shoulder and sees DESIREE coming up the driveway towards them, pushing the bike. Claire starts to pull away and Phil tightens the hug and starts leading Claire back into the house.

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PHIL (CONT'D)

Get back here, you!

CLAIRE

Phil, you're kind of hurting me.

PHIL

I just love ya so darn much!

CLAIRE

Phil, what are you do--

DESIREE (O.S.)

Hi again!

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Claire turns to see Desiree rolling the bike up the driveway.

DESIREE (CONT'D)

I found your bike.

PHIL

Oh, good! At the gas station?

DESIREE

No, one of my neighbors saw it and put it in my garage when you were in my bedroom.

PHIL

So, all's well that ends well. (off Claire's glare) Classic me?

40 INT. JAY & GLORIA'S HOUSE - MANNY'S ROOM - DAY

Jay, dressed for his trip, pours himself a drink. The PHONE RINGS. During the following, Jay looks out the window at Manny, who is sitting on the curb waiting for his dad.

JAY (ON PHONE)

Hello.

(beat)

Oh. Hey Javier. Manny's outside

waiting for you.

(beat)

What? Why not?

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41	JAY INTERVIEW 41	
	JAY His son's sitting on the curb waiting to go to Disneyland and Superman can't drag himself away from a craps table. And I'm the jerk.	* * *
42	INT. MOMMY AND ME CLASS - DAY 42	
	A song ends and everybody claps. Cam is standing with Helen.	*
	CAMERON So, seen any good movies lately?	*
	HELEN Well, my husband and I just rented Mamma Mia last night. I liked it, but I'm not sure Meryl Streep was the right choice. What did you think?	* * * *
	Cameron looks as if he's about to explode.	*
42A	<u>CAMERON INTERVIEW</u> 42A	*
	CAMERON Excuse me, Meryl Streep could play Batman and be the right choice. She's perfection. Whether she's divorcing Kramer or wearing Prada and don't get me started on Sophie. Oh my god, I'm tearing up just thinking about it. (losing it) She couldn't forgive herself.	* * * * * * * * *
42B	INT. MOMMY AND ME CLASS - CONTINUOUS 42B	*
	CAMERON She seemed all right, I suppose.	*
	Nearby, Mitchell sits with Lily trying to get her to grasp a block.	*
	MITCHELL Grab it. Grab it.	*
	Mitchell notices Danielle nearby talking to a set of parents and their child, who's stacked three blocks.	*
	DANIELLE Henry's stacking? Good job, Henry!	* *

Mitchell hands Lily the block and again it falls to the
ground. He notices Tyler nearby who's built a small tower of
blocks. His mother, Helen, is now distracted on her cell
phone. Mitchell then sees Danielle is occupied, and quickly
switches the babies so Lily is now in front of the tower.

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(for the class's benefit)
Lily, not too high.

Danielle approaches.

DANIELLE

Did Lily do that? Amazing.

MITCHELL

I know, I turned my back for two seconds!

DANIELLE

(calling a mother over)
Helen, look at this. Look what Lily
did.

HELEN

Oh, wow.

(then looking at the
 scattered blocks in front of
 Tyler, disappointed)

Oh.

DANIELLE

That's a big moment for her. Would you like a video tape of that?

MITCHELL

I'm not sure I could get her to do it again.

DANIELLE

(points to a mounted camera in the corner of the room) Oh, we tape all the classes for research purposes.

INSERT VIDEO CAMERA FOOTAGE: Mitchell looks up into the camera like a deer in headlights.

DANIELLE (CONT'D)

I'll get you a copy at the end of class.

MODERN FAMILY "The Bicycle Thief" 8/12/09 Shooting Draft 26. CONTINUED: (2) 42B MITCHELL * Super. * As Danielle heads off, Mitchell scoops up Lily and goes over * * to Cameron who's sitting by himself. MITCHELL (CONT'D) * We've got to get out of here. CAMERON Fine by me. I'm not having a lot of fun since you clipped my wings. Which * you used to be the wind beneath, by the way. * Mitchell starts strapping Lily in the stroller. *

DANIELLE

Oh, look who's here. Anton and Scott!

ANTON and SCOTT, two stylish, hip-looking GAY MEN come into the class, with an AFRICAN-AMERICAN BABY.

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ANTON

Sorry we're late!

SCOTT

Don't look at me. The eye candy here can't leave the house without spending twenty minutes in front of the mirror.

The parents laugh and greet them. Clearly this couple is a class favorite.

CAMERON

(to Mitchell) Are you kidding me?

MITCHELL

Ugh, let's just go. I made a total mess of this. I held you back and I stole a baby's intellectual property.

CAMERON

What?

MITCHELL

You'll see it on the news. Let's go.

Mitchell and Cameron begin to leave as a disco beat starts to * play.

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	DANIELLE Okay, parents, Family Dance. Everybody dance for your baby!	* * *
	Mitchell and Cam freeze.	*
	MITCHELL (to Cam) You want to, don't you?	* * *
	CAMERON I do. I do want to dance for my baby.	*
	Mitchell gives him the go sign and Cameron joins the dancers, quickly establishing himself as the best one out there, incorporating his trademark butt slapping. The place goes nuts.	* * *
43	EXT. JAY & GLORIA'S HOUSE - FRONT STEP - DAY 43	*
	Manny is outside still waiting for his father. Jay walks up.	*
	JAY So listen, sorry, but I've got some bad news.	* * *
	MANNY What?	*
	JAY Your dad can't make it.	*
	MANNY Why not?	*
	JAY Well, the plane was full and there was an old lady who needed to get home so he gave up his seat.	* * *
	MANNY You're making that up, aren't you?	*
	JAY No.	*
	MANNY He just didn't want to come.	*
	JAY Are you kidding me? He was really upset. He was dying to see you.	* *

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	A LIMO pulls up.	*
	JAY (CONT'D) In fact, look what he sent for us.	*
	MANNY A limo?	*
	JAY Yeah. He wanted me and your mom to take you to Disneyland.	* *
	Manny looks at Jay, he looks at the car. At that moment, there's pure joy on his face.	*
	MANNY Wow, he's the best dad in the world.	*
	JAY Yeah, he's a real prince.	*
44	JAY INTERVIEW	44
	JAY Okay, the key to being a good dad?	*
45	EXT. DUNPHY HOUSE - STREET - DAY	45
	Phil and Luke ride their bikes together.	
	JAY (V.O.) Look, sometimes things work out just the way you want	* *
46	<u>OMITTED</u>	46 *
47	INT. MITCHELL & CAMERON'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - DAY	47
	Mitch and Cam sit with Lily. As Mitchell hands her a bloc she still can't grab it and drops it.	ck, *
	JAY (V.O.) And sometimes they don't. You gotta hang in there.	* *
	Mitchell hands her the block again.	*
48	OMITTED	48 *
49	INT. LIMOUSINE - NIGHT	49
	Gloria, Jay, and Manny ride in the back. A sleeping Manny with Mickey Mouse ears leans his head on Jay's shoulder.	7

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JAY (V.O.) *
Because when all is said and done, *
ninety percent of being a dad... is *
just showing up. *

END OF ACT FOUR

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50	EXT. ARCADE - DAY 50	*
	Phil furtively rolls the bike to the spot he found it. He leans it against the wall, looks around, attempts to walk away when a kid's voice calls out.	* *
	KID'S VOICE (O.S.) Hey! That's my bike!	*

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Phil takes off running.

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