

AGNES

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FADE IN:

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INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

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CAMERA PANS

across religious iconography, black and white photographs, and old collectibles as a soap opera drones on the TV. A lawnmower is shut off as -

AGNES (70s, with a blue haired permanent) comes into frame. She sits in her favorite chair, engrossed in her program and doesn't hear footsteps until -

DANNY (O/S)
(shouts over TV)
I'm done, Misses Boone.

She looks up, startled.

DANNY (18) stands in the doorway. His white shirt, jeans, and arms are covered in green grass clippings.

DANNY
I knocked, but -

AGNES
Let me turn this TV off.

She turns off the TV with the remote.

AGNES
What'd you say, dear?

DANNY
I'm done with the yard.

AGNES
Oh, that's great! I was going to have supper after my show. Will you join me?

Danny thinks it over as he looks down at his dirty hands and clothes. He shakes his head.

DANNY
I'm going to have to give you a rain check.

AGNES
I won't have it. Go wash your hands. Supper will be ready in a jiffy.

She uses her cane to push herself out of the chair.

AGNES

The bathroom is down the hall.

Agnes shoos Danny away as she steps into her kitchen.

2 BATHROOM 2

Danny scrubs his hands with the bar of soap. He shuts off the water and he can hear Agnes in the kitchen. He dries off his hands and walks into the -

3 HALLWAY 3

- but instead of going to the kitchen, Danny walks down the end of the hall.

4 OUTSIDE AGNES' BEDROOM 4

Door ajar, Danny can still hear Agnes in the kitchen. He pushes the door open and light from the hallway spills onto Agnes' bed and onto her vanity.

5 AGNES' BEDROOM 5

Danny steps inside. He's quiet as a mouse as he moves to the vanity, where an open jewelry box sits. Danny fingers a pearl necklace, then a ring with a large stone.

In the seat is Agnes' purse. He moves it to the vanity, where he can see better. After opening it, he pulls out her wallet. Inside are a few crisp twenty dollar bills.

AGNES (O/S)

Are you okay in there

DANNY

Coming!

Danny stuffs the bills in pocket, puts the purse back in the chair and then runs out.

6 KITCHEN

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Agnes flips a ham and cheese sandwich in the skillet. Danny walks in, his face flushed.

AGNES
You okay dear?

DANNY
Just an upset stomach.

Agnes turns, her eyes twinkling, holding onto the spatula.

AGNES
There's Pepto in the ice box.

DANNY
I actually need to leave -

Agnes' expression changes to disappointment. She puts the spatula back in the skillet.

AGNES
I was hoping you'd stay...

DANNY
I can't. I'm sorry.

AGNES
Then let me get my purse.

His nervous level increases.

DANNY
Why?

AGNES
You mowed my lawn.

Before Danny can say anything else, Agnes is out the door.

7 AGNES' BEDROOM

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Agnes flips on the switch and finds her purse. She has a worried look on her face as she opens her wallet. She counts the bills and then counts them again.

Danny fidgets. Agnes walks in with a smile on her face and pulls two twenties out of her purse holds them out.

AGNES

I think this should cover it,
Danny, for all your hard work.

Danny looks down at the bills but he doesn't take them.

DANNY

Thanks.

AGNES

Here.

DANNY

I can't.

He puts his hand in his pocket and Agnes puts the bills in his other hand.

AGNES

I insist, Danny. You're coming back
next week, right?

DANNY

Yeah...

AGNES

Good. The grass doesn't mow itself.

She opens the door and watches Danny leave, with a satisfied smile on her face.

FADE OUT.