

FADE IN:

EXT. PUBLIC GOLF COURSE-HOLE 1 -DAY

Early morning dew covers the manicured grass. TOM (70s) and JEREMY (40s) are sitting on the bench. ETHAN (20s) and AVA are standing in front of the men on the bench.

There is another group of golfers teeing off in front of them. A SKINNY FEMALE GOLFER approaches them.

SKINNY FEMALE GOLFER

We are going to be slow today. We have a few beginners in the group.

Tom smiles and waves at the Skinny Female Golfer.

**JEREMY** 

That's okay, we are not in a rush today. Going to be a beauty of a day.

The Skinny Female Golfer smiles and walks up to the tee box.

MOT

She is a nice woman, had a hard life. Husband beat on her when he drank. The best thing that happened to her is when he died.

Ethan checks his watch, he looks to the parking lot.

**ETHAN** 

Steve is always late.

AVA

I hope he is here soon. I have plans after lunch.

MOT

These kids nowadays are not very patient.

**JEREMY** 

What you got going on today, baby girl?

AVA

Meeting Wyatt's parents for a late lunch.

ETHAN

Ava and Wyatt sitting in a tree...

Ava punches Ethan on the shoulder.

Jeremy shakes his head and laughs.

**JEREMY** 

Must be serious, but hopefully not too serious. You still have a few years of school.

Tom looks up and smiles at Ava.

**ETHAN** 

Yeah, you know what Mom says. Don't throw your future away for some guy.

**JEREMY** 

Sun is already getting hot.

ETHAN

Yeah... Wish I didn't have to work tonight.

**JEREMY** 

You will soon be done with school, then hopefully you will find a good job.

AVA

You know what they say, find something you love and you won't work a day in your life.

Tom sits listening to them talk. He looks up at the sun.

**ETHAN** 

What is Mom doing today?

**JEREMY** 

She is having friends over for drinks and a swim.

AVA

She didn't invite me?

**JEREMY** 

You have plans, and do you want to listen to a bunch of nurses talk about work?

AVA

No, not really. Talk about gross stuff.

They stop talking for a few minutes, they turn towards the pro shop.

JEREMY

Steve still isn't here. We may have to start without him.

Tom looks at Jeremy.

MOT

Now would be a good time to tell them.

Ethan and Ava turn towards their father.

**JEREMY** 

Listen...I...um.

ТОМ

They're not little kids anymore. They can handle it.

**ETHAN** 

What's up?

**JEREMY** 

The reason your Mom didn't invite you, Ava...I didn't want to tell you here or now.

Ava and Ethan now look concerned.

TOM

Just rip the band-aid off.

**JEREMY** 

I have Cancer, I found out last week.

ETHAN

AVA

What?

What?

Jeremy raises his hands.

**JEREMY** 

Calm down, it's okay. I just need a minor surgery, and maybe some chemo.

**ETHAN** 

Are you sure?

AVA

You're not downplaying this for us, are you?

**JEREMY** 

No. I told your Mother I wanted to tell you. I just didn't want it hanging over the day.

ТОМ

You will be alright, son, I know it.

Jeremy looks in the parking lot.

**JEREMY** 

Put on smiles, don't think about it. Your Uncle Steve just pulled in.

Ava and Ethan look to the parking lot. They see STEVE (40s) get out of a pickup truck.

JEREMY (CONT'D)

Don't mention it around Steve; he doesn't know yet. You know how he gets about sick or dying people.

Steve comes walking toward the group with his clubs.

JEREMY (CONT'D)

Here he is!

STEVE

Sorry, I'm late. Wife was giving me shit.

Steve loads his clubs onto a cart. They drive the carts up to the first hole tee box. The bench is now empty, and Tom is gone.

On the bench is a gold plaque. It reads "IN LOVING MEMORY OF TOM MCGEE, SIT HERE AND TALK IF YOU NEED SOMEONE TO LISTEN. The sound of the group teeing off as we hold on the plaque.

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