The Sparkly Red Blouse

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FADE IN:

INT. BRADY RESIDENCE - LIVING ROOM - DAY

PEYTON (6, curly hair) plays with two dolls, a man and a woman. In her play area there are tons of toys and toy accessories strewn about.

NATALIE (late 30s) passes through the living room with a bag of groceries heading for the kitchen.

PEYTON

Mommy! Come see my dolls!

NATALIE

Not now sweetie. I'm a bit busy.

We hear MATT (early 40s) coming down the stairs. He calls out from the front foyer.

MATT (O.S.)

Nat? You back? I'm gonna clean up the brush in the back with the wood chipper!

NATALIE

Okay!

Matt exits through the front door.

INT. BRADY RESIDENCE - KITCHEN

Natalie puts groceries away as Peyton plays. She glances at Peyton through the kitchen pass-through.

INT. BRADY RESIDENCE - LIVING ROOM

Peyton picks up a sparkly red blouse for her female doll.

PEYTON

Mommy look! This new shirt came with my new doll!

Natalie looks over quickly but doesn't pay too much mind.

NATALIE

(walking away)

That's nice honey.

INT. BRADY RESIDENCE - MASTER BEDROOM

The bedroom is immaculate. Natalie walks in with a stack of folded laundry. We hear the wood chipper start up and roar in the backyard.

She puts all the laundry in the closet and turns around to find a neatly folded sparkly red blouse on the bed.

INT. BRADY RESIDENCE - LIVING ROOM

Peyton plays, the woman doll now wearing the sparkly red blouse.

INT. BRADY RESIDENCE - MASTER BEDROOM

With hesitance, Natalie picks up the red blouse.

PEYTON (O.S.)

(yelling)

Mommy! Come see this fun thing!

NATALIE

(worried)

Peyton, what are you doing down there?

Natalie runs downstairs...

INT. BRADY RESIDENCE - KITCHEN

...and into the kitchen. Peyton stands on a stepping stool and throws the male doll into the kitchen sink. Its head lands in the garbage disposal.

PEYTON

(laughs)

Look mommy!

Peyton flips on the switch. The doll swirls around in the drain head first. The garbage disposal snarls and screeches, tearing the doll apart. Natalie stands in horror.

Outside the wood chipper rumbles, then snarls, as we hear bones break.

Matt screams.

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