

The Facts of Life

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FADE IN:

EXT. BACKYARD- DUSK.

TREVOR, 30's male, a bright eyed and contented family man is outside and plays with the kids in the backyard of his Australian suburban home.

We see SAM (3), a cheeky little scamp run about, and TINA (7), who swings on the swing set as Trevor pushes her. Through an open window we see Trevor's wife, SANDRA, 30's female, attractive blonde as she prepares dinner.

SANDRA

(loudly)

Hon, dinner will be ready soon.
Don't get the kids too dirty,
they've already had their baths,
OK?

TREVOR

Yeah sure babe, no worries.

As Trevor continues to push Tina on the swings he looks down at Sam who now slaps his hands in a mud heap. His hands emerge filthy with mud.

TREVOR (CONT'D)

(softly)

Oh no!

Trevor stops the swing, walks over and picks up Sam.

TREVOR (CONT'D)

Sammy, you're gonna get me
castrated buddy. Hey Teen, can you
take Sammy into the bathroom and
wash him up a bit before dinner.
And princess, don't let Mummy see
you, OK?

Tina jumps off the swing and runs over.

TINA

OK Daddy. Come on Sammy, let's go.

Tina holds Sam's muddy hand as they walk into the house via the back door.

TREVOR

Sandy, how long 'til dinner, love?

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SANDRA (O/S)

Oh, give us about 15 minutes, hon.
Can you send Tina in to set the
table?

TREVOR

(nervously)

Ah, yeah. Um, I think she's just
taken Sam to the toilet babe.

TINA (O/S)

I'll be there in a minute Mummy!

TREVOR

I might just have a quick beer on
the veranda before dinner love.

SANDRA (O/S)

Sure hon.

Trevor walks towards the veranda.

EXT/INT. ON THE VERANDA- DUSK

Trevor walks to the bar fridge. He grabs a coldie and walks
out to the outdoor lounge setting. Sits down, puts feet up
on the table, opens beer and has a long swig. Looks out to
the view.

TREVOR (V/O)

Man, this is the life. Beautiful
wife, great kids, good job, house
and pool. Trev, my boy, you've done
pretty damn well for yourself mate.

We hear Sam laugh in the background.

TINA (O/S)

Mummy, Sam has just stuck your
lipstick up his nose and he's
picking red boogers!

Trevor snorts some beer through his nose.

SANDRA (O/S)

(annoyed)

Oh, Sam!

Trevor smirks.

INT. ON THE VERANDA- DUSK

A few minutes have elapsed and Trevor is just about finished his beer.

Tina walks from inside the house to where Trevor sits. She moves up next to him.

TREVOR
Hi sweetie. Did you get Sammy all cleaned up for me?

TINA
Yep Daddy, and I set the table for dinner.

TREVOR
Ah, good girl.

Trevor takes his last swig of beer.

TINA
Daddy, what does sex mean?

Trevor snorts his last swig of beer through his nose.

TREVOR
(spluttering)
Um, hmm, what, um did you say sweetie?

TINA
(more assertively)
What does sex mean?

TREVOR (V/O)
Shit. Shit. Holy Shit! Where has this come from?

Tina looks up quizzically at her father.

TREVOR (V/O) (CONT'D)
Well, I suppose she is almost eight, she keeps asking questions about everything else. She's at school now, you know that kids talk. There's sex everywhere on TV and the net these days. Look at all those Youtube music video's she watches. Far out. Isn't her mother supposed to be telling her things like this? What about the school, don't they teach...

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TINA
(insistently)
Daddy?

Tina flamboyantly puts her hands on her hips.

TINA (CONT'D)
Can you answer my question please?

TREVOR
Righto princess, come here and
let's have a chat.

Trevor pats the lounge next to him.

Tina sits down.

TREVOR (V/O)
OK, Trev. I s'pose this is one
those fatherly responsibilities.
Here goes.

Trevor takes a big breath and slowly breathes out.

TREVOR
Princess, do you remember a long
time ago, when Mummy had Sam in her
belly?

TINA
Yeah, and she went to the hospital
and she gave-ed birth to him.

TREVOR
That's right. That's right. And do
you know how Sam got into Mummy's
belly in the first place?

TINA
Mummy said that the angel came from
heaven and put Sam in her belly,
'cause it was a miracle.

TREVOR
OK. Well sweetie, that's not
exactly right. You see, that's what
we told you when you were a much
littler girl. But now because you
are so much bigger, we can tell you
what really happens.

Tina smiles broadly.

TREVOR (CONT'D)

(more nervously)

So, um, when a man and a lady love each other very, very much, like Mummy and Daddy, and sometimes they get married, they can get together, sort of, and like, make a baby, like, you know Sam was made by Mummy and Daddy together, OK.

TINA

How did you and Mummy make Sammy, Daddy?

Trevor becomes fidgety. Beads of sweat start to accumulate on his forehead.

TREVOR

Yep good question. Yeah, well you know how Mummies and Daddies are, well, different, like boys and girls are different, don't you?

TINA

Yeah Daddy--

Plays with her long hair.

TINA (CONT'D)

--'Cause girls have long hair but boys have short hair?

TREVOR

(short laugh)

Ah, well not quite princess. You know when you have a bath with Sam, cause he's a boy, well he has his little pee pee, but you're different, because you are a girl so you have your--

(beat)

--so you have your, um,--

TINA

Ba-gina?

TREVOR

Yeah, yeah, your vagina. Well Mummies have a vagina and Daddies have a pee pee also. So as I said before, when they really, really love each other and they want to make a baby, like Mummy and I

(MORE)

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TREVOR (cont'd)
wanted to make you and Sam, well,
um, Daddies have some seed inside
their pee pee, and Mummies have an
egg inside their tummy. And when
the seed and the egg get together,
then sometimes a baby can be made.
But the seed has to get into the
Mummies tummy in the first place.

Tina looks puzzled.

Trevor wipes some of the sweat off his brow.

TREVOR (CONT'D)
So what the Daddy can do, when he
really, really loves the Mummy, and
they are all grown up, like over
30, the Daddy can put his pee pee
into the Mummy's vagina and then
the seed from the Daddy's pee pee
can go into the Mummy's tummy and
get to the egg, which then can make
a baby.

Tina starts to frown.

TREVOR (CONT'D)
So putting the Daddy's pee pee into
the Mummy's vagina is what we call
sex, OK?

Trevor takes a big breath and exhales deeply.

TINA
(unconvincingly)
Oh, OK Daddy.

TREVOR (V/O)
Boy oh boy that was tough.
(beat)
Hmm. This is all a bit out of the
blue. I wonder if I should ask her
where all this new curiosity about
sex has come from?

Trevor places his hand on Tina's shoulder.

TREVOR (CONT'D)
Princess, you know you can tell me
anything, OK. We have no secrets in
this house remember.

Tina nods.

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TINA

Yes Daddy I remember.

TREVOR

So, sweetie, um, why did you want
to know what sex means?

TINA

(softly and shyly)

'Cause Mummy said to tell you
dinner will be ready in a couple of
them.

SANDRA (O/S)

(loudly)

Trevor, you're dinner's getting
cold!

FADE OUT:

THE END