

Holland

Trish Cooper

Carrie an artist/server Mom to two boys, married to Paul
Paul / Dad married to Carrie
Alice Social worker who has Daniel as one of her clients
Rudy- Paul's best friend
Rachel (Mom at school)

Other roles played by actors who plays Rudy and Rachel

Ms. Watson at the boy's school
Jim (Alice's boss)
Various Facebook Parents
Gary a soccer Dad
Nurse
Officer Miller
Officer LaFleur

START Scene 1

Carrie sits on a chair in the kitchen. Paul is going through her hair with a magnifying glass and a lice comb.

Paul I don't know babe, I'm not seeing anything.

Carrie I'm not making this up. I know they are in there.

Paul Then why /am I doing this?

Carrie i could be wrong.

Paul How long do I have to do this?

Carrie I can't have lice again.

Paul It'll be ok. We know how to deal now. And after Covid, does anyone even care about lice? It's almost charming.

Carrie Next time you have to make the calls, the sexually transmitted disease calls.

Paul Maybe *they* have the gross kids that gave our kids lice.

Carrie Maybe.

Paul Everybody gets lice.

Carrie Except you! And Leah Christenson. She's never been the same to me.

Paul Everyone understands.

Carrie The nits. I'll never get all the nits out.

Paul Honey, we'll do it together.

Carrie I love you but you said that before and it was all me. You don't know nits the way I do. I think.... I was... Oh my god, I was scratching at Sophie's birthday. That means I have to tell the Novecoskys.

Paul The Novecosky don't need to know shit. What time do you work tomorrow?

Carrie I booked it off, for the meeting with Alice.

Paul What meeting?

Carrie Paul! The meeting at Children's Special Services.

Paul That's /tomorrow?

Carrie It's on the calendar.

Paul Your calendar or the Google calendar?

Carrie Paul-

Paul You have to put it on the --

Carrie All of them, all the calendars!

Paul I'll be there.

Carrie You have to let me do all the talking. You can't get mad.

Paul Then why do I have to be there?

Carrie Because they want to start a new page, clean the slate, our file is on hold until we sort this out. We get no resources until we clear the air.

Paul It just seems like sometimes I get out of work and I'm not really needed.

Carrie She stressed that both of us need to be there.

Paul If she brings up the superhero analogy...

Carrie Oh she will.

Paul Or, Holland.

Carrie For sure she will bring up Holland. But if she does, *when* she does, you can't roll your eyes or laugh in her face.

Paul I didn't laugh in her face.

Carrie If we can get the baclofen covered? That would save what two thousand dollars a year? If we have to smile at her inspirational stories, it's worth it.

Paul We get funded or we don't. Kissing her ass makes no difference.

Carrie It does make a difference! It's based on need. Her opinion, of need. Based on who she likes. If she likes us things will go smoother.

Paul That's crazy. That's not how it works.

Carrie That IS how it works, I know how it works!

Paul It can't be up to one worker-

Carrie Ginette says Jack gets 18 hours of respite a week! And they paid for a lift for their van.

Paul I want a lift in our van.

Carrie Me too.

Paul spots a nit in Carries hair.

Paul Uh oh.

Carrie I knew it!

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