

THE SUMMER

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EXT. BACKYARD - DAY

STEVE, 35, a little bit of a *dad-bod*, wearing cargo shorts, a tank top, and crocs stands at the BARBECUE.

He flips hamburgers while staring at his phone.

KATE, 35, blonde, in a sundress sits in an ADIRONDACK CHAIR drinking lemonade.

JENNY, 6, SCOOTER, 4, run around the lawn jumping through a sprinkler.

KATE

Steve, how's the burgers coming?

Steve looks up from his phone realizing he hasn't been paying attention to the burgers.

STEVE

Uh, fine honey. Gonna need some cheese in a minute.

Steve notices that the burgers are bit more than *well-done*.

KATE

Do you want me to go in and get it?

STEVE

Sure, that'd be great...

Kate gets off the chair and enters the house.

INT. KITCHEN - MOMENTS LATER

Kate gets the cheese out of the refrigerator.

KATE

I bet he burned the burgers again...

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Karen returns with the cheese and some buns.

STEVE

Thanks Kate. Can you get the kids? These should be off in a sec.

Steve looks at Kate.

STEVE (V.O.)
She knows I burned the damn things
again...

Karen hands Steve the plate of cheese and buns.

KATE (V.O.)
He knows I know...

Steve places the cheese on the burgers.

KATE
KIDS! TIME TO EAT! Come on over.

Jenny and Scooter run to their seats.

Steve places the hockey puck burgers on their buns, and walks
to the table.

Kate takes out her phone and starts scrolling intensely.

STEVE
Dig in everybody.

Jenny takes a burger and drowns it with ketchup.

Scooter takes a burger and pulls the cheese off.

Kate continues to fiddle with her phone.

Steve takes a bite out of his burger and makes a face.

STEVE (CONT'D)
How is it?

Jenny looks at her dad ashamed.

Scooter just eats the cheese.

Karen looks up from her phone.

KATE
Don't worry, I ordered a pizza.
It'll be here in 15 minutes.

Steve grins awkwardly.

The kids run back to the sprinkler.

FADE TO BLACK.