

## Cutting #1 Dan, Diana, Gabe & Natalie

DAN

That was great, wasn't it? It was great. Oh Christ, I'm late.

DIANA

That'll teach you to take a whole ten minutes.

DAN

Sorry, what?

DIANA

I said, isn't it a beautiful day?

DAN

Okay. Sure. I mean, it's cloudy, and raining, and really cold for September, but beautiful.

DIANA

Makes you want to dive in with both feet, doesn't it?

DAN

Absolutely.

*(Diana goes. Dan speaks to us.)*

I never know what she's talking about.

**DIANA**

You're going to be late, and you've got a huge day.

**GABE**

You have no idea what I do all day.

**DIANA**

Jazz band before school, class, Key Club, then football.

**GABE**

Not bad.

**DIANA**

Now get out of here.

*(as he goes, to us:)*

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*(Gabe steps out of Natalie's way as she strides into the kitchen.)*

**GABE**

Morning, sunshine.

*(Natalie does not acknowledge him; she speaks to Diana.)*

**NATALIE**

So I got the date for my winter recital—do you think you guys can come?

**DIANA**

We'll put it on the calendar.

**NATALIE**

Mom, the calendar is still on April of last year.

**DIANA**

Oh. Well, happy Easter!

**NATALIE**

Happy Easter, Mom.

*(She goes, passing Dan as he enters.)*

**DAN**

Hi, sweetheart.

**NATALIE**

She's on fire this morning.

**DAN**

Oh, I know.

**NATALIE**

*(oh, right)*

Eww.

**DAN**

Hon, can you do the shopping today? I'm slammed at work, and we're out of everything.

**DIANA**

I keep cave clean. You go out, get fire!

**DAN**

Uhh...absolutely.

*(to us:)*

Again, no clue.

*(He leaves the kitchen, gathering his briefcase, coat, portfolio.)*

*Natalie and Gabe find backpacks and coats, tie shoes, get ready for the day.*

*Diana pulls out the fixings for sandwiches, and starts making them on the table.)*