Cutting #4 Dan, Diana, Natalie, Doctor Madden & Gabe

DAN

We don't see much of you these days. Is this Henry a good influence?

NATALIE

Like, compared to what?

DAN

Okay, that's fair.

DOCTOR MADDEN

The aftereffects are minimal. You'll feel a bit like you have a hangover.

GABE

Mom, don't let them do this. It causes brain damage.

DAN

Your mother's in for a new treatment. ECT.

NATALIE

Okay – L-M-N-O-P – what is that? – I don't know.

DAN

Electroconvulsive therapy. Shock therapy.

DOCTOR MADDEN

A minority of patients report some memory loss, but it's usually not much memory.

GABE

How do you know how much memory you've lost if you've lost it?

NATALIE

You're kidding, right? Dad! That's bullshit.

DAN

Language.

DOCTOR MADDEN

Patients have said it's like becoming a new person.

NATALIE

It's bullshit. She trusts you.

(Natalie turns and runs off, and Dan follows.)

DAN

Natalie!

DOCTOR MADDEN

The modern procedure's clean and simple. Hundreds of thousands of patients receive it every year.