

## PARENTHOOD

Helen looks through photos of her daughter having sex with Tod. There was a mix up at the camera store (Helen received Julies photos and Julie received her Moms).

Julie enters knowing her mother has the photos- has she seen them?

Helen  
(looking through the pics)  
I, I, I think this one is my favorite. This is just--

Julie  
It was just for fun, Mom.

Helen  
Well, I'm glad to know it's not a job. It's that Tod, isn't it?  
There's one where you can see his face.

Julie  
Does it bother you that I did those  
things or that I did them with Tod?

Helen  
Gee whiz, Julie. There's so many things  
that bother me about this... I don't know how  
to separate them. Whoo! Here's something  
for my wallet.

Julie  
Tod is very important to me.

Helen  
And we've got the pictures to prove it.

Julie  
Mom.

Helen  
This is your room. You did these things  
right here in my house?

Julie  
Well, I thought someone in this house ought to be having sex.  
I mean, with something that doesn't require batteries.

Helen  
What did you say to me? Goddamn it! You get back here!  
Open this door! Goddamn it to hell! I would just like a little respect!  
Not a lot, just a little! Do you know why I'm having sex  
with machinery? Because your father left to have a party  
and I stayed to raise two kids! I have no life! Goddamn it!

Julie comes out of her room with a packed bag.

Helen  
What are you doing?

Julie  
I'm leaving before we say things we'll regret.

Helen  
You're gonna say something worse  
than the battery remark?

Julie  
Tod and I are in love. It's not "going steady" love.  
It's love. I need him. He's my life.  
He touches me, and I quiver.

Helen  
Oh, would you give me just a small break?

Julie  
See? You can't handle it. Tod's working now. We'll find  
a place to live somewhere.

Gary enters and heads straight for his room.

Helen  
Hi, Garry.

Gary  
Hi.

Julie  
I'm moving out, Garry.

Gary  
Bye.

Helen  
You've upset your brother! Julie, I'm telling you...  
if you walk out of this house, don't ever think about coming back.

Julie  
Fine.

Storms out.

Helen  
Honey, I'm always here if you need me.  
Sweetheart! Honey, be careful. If you want anything, just call me!  
Bye.