

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.