

CHOO CHOO, SMACK YER BUM, THE WORLD WILL END TOMORROW

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The Impact - Act 1

INT LIVING ROOM LATE AFTERNOON

GARY (32) is constructing an ambitious railway set layout with his two boys JAKE (4) and DYLAN (6) on the floor. The front door slams open.

JANET (O.C)  
Boys, boys, Gary where are you?

DYLAN & JAKE  
Mummy!

JANET (32) runs crying into the room and scoops up the boys and squeezes them tight. Gary embraces them all and kisses Janet's head as she smothers her boys. Jake wriggles free.

JANET (IN GARY'S EAR)  
I can't bear it, let's kill  
ourselves now, so we are  
together.

DYLAN  
Don't be sad Mummy. Daddy  
said that you would be sad,  
so tonight we are just having  
fun. No homework.

Jake kneels down and starts to play.

JAKE  
Yes, look Mummy, trains, choo choo.

GARY (IN JANET'S EAR)  
We will all die together very soon.  
Let's just have a fun time now.

Janet smiles at Gary as he releases her and Dylan. Janet, naturally kisses Dylan who is happy he has cheered up Mummy.

JANET  
Jake, come here.

Janet kneels down, engulfs Jake and kisses his head.

JAKE  
No Mummy trains. Not kissing.

DYLAN  
Do you want to play trains Mummy?

GARY  
Come on Mummy, what could be more  
fun than building the largest and  
bestest ever railway layout?

Gary kneels and pushes one of the wooden trains on its track.

GARY (CONT'D)  
Choo Choo.

DYLAN  
Daddy, you said bestest isn't a word.

GARY  
Of course it's a word.

Janet turns to leave, wiping tears, Gary smacks her bum.

GARY (CONT'D)  
Choo Choo, smack yer bum.

Janet gives a little shriek but exits smiling. Dylan and Jake both laugh, start chanting too and smacking each others bums. Janet returns with wine and ice cream, crying hard.

DYLAN  
No crying Mummy. Nothing is happening but us having fun.

GARY  
That's right Dylan, isn't it Jake?

JAKE  
Just play trains. Make Mummy happy.

Gary picks the boys up in his arms, Janet gives them ice cream and snuggles in, recovering and cheering up.

GARY  
Choo Choo, Smack yer bum, the world will end tomorrow.

Dylan and Jake laugh and Gary starts to chant the words. Dylan and Jake join in, chanting along with Gary. Janet slowly joins in. Gary is smacking Janet's bum. Janet is smiling, Jake and Dylan are laughing. All are chanting together. Gary stamps his feet and the railway track breaks up and is kicked around. They collapse laughing on the sofa.

JAKE  
Daddy, the trains, you breaked it.

GARY  
So now we build the bestest ever.

DYLAN & JAKE  
YEAH!

JANET, smiling, exits the room wiping away tears of laughter.

JANET  
I'll get more ice cream, all the chocolate we have and finally the special occasion champagne.