

Don't Stay Mad
for Impact 50

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First Draft

INT. HOME - DAY

An eloquently decorated house that looks like it has never seen trouble in it's lifetime.

A dining table. Dressed in uniformed black suits and dresses, a FAMILY sit in silence, heads bowed, hands linked.

The centerpiece is a roasted chicken.

The teenage daughter, JUNE opens her eyes and slowly raises her head. June's left hand lightly clasps the hand of her...

MOTHER, head bowed, eyes shut. She holds the hand of...

FATHER, eyes shut. He holds the hand of June's younger...

BROTHER, head bowed. A tear runs down his cheek, he snuffles. He squeezes the hand of his...

GRANDMOTHER, head lulled, eyes shut. Blatantly asleep.

June's brother stares at June who stares back, numb.

THUMP! THUMP! THUMP!

GRANDMOTHER
(startled)
Cabbages!

The family look at one another, let go of each others hands.

FATHER
Stay where you are.

Father heads to the door. June jumps to her feet, sends her chair skidding backwards.

MOTHER
(to June)
Sit down.

THUMP! THUMP! -- Father opens the door.

FATHER
What the hell are you doing here?

Mother stands, blocks June's path to the door.

GRANDMOTHER
(to Mother)
For god's sake, invite him in, we have plenty of food.

MOTHER

No mother. That boy is not welcome in this house.

June looks to her brother who eyes for her to leave.

BOY (O.S.)

June, I have to see you. I love you!

FATHER

How dare you throw that word around with such reckless abandon.

June looks around at all of her family's faces.

GRANDMOTHER

(to Mother)

She's young, let her go.

MOTHER

(to June)

Sit back down, now.

JUNE

I love you all. Mom, don't stay mad.

Mother gasps as June races past her.

MOTHER

June! Get back here.

Father is unable to stop her.

June is gone.

INT. HOME - LATER

Mother cries into the shoulder of her husband, who watches June's brother peacefully peer out of the window.

Grandmother chews food at the table.

Making sure no one is watching, grandmother leans forward and spits a mouthful of half chewed chicken into a napkin.