

"MOTHER NAKED"

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INT. THE MURPHY HOUSE-DAY

ALEX, early 30's, is pretty but clearly not trying too hard these days in her baggy Pixies tee shirt and sweat pants. She tears through her house picking up after her child, MAYA. Maya wears a ratty princess dress and only makes more of a mess. SHEA, her baby daughter, lounges on the lazy boy amused. Alex finally drops a armful of toys and screams in her Maya's face:

ALEX
FUCK YOU!!

FREEZE FRAME.

ALEX (V.O.) (CONT'D)
Okay, chill out.

INT. THE MURPHY HOUSE-LIVING ROOM-NIGHT

Alex sits on the couch with her laptop on her lap.

ALEX (V.O.) (CONT'D)
This didn't happen. I didn't
actually tell my kid to fuck off.
But I want to sometimes.

CUT TO:

CLOSE UP ON COMPUTER SCREEN

A blog reads: There is at least one time a day that I want to tell my kids to fuck off.

ALEX (V.O.)
There is at least one time a day
that I want to tell my kids to fuck
off.

CUT TO:

FANTASY "FUCK YOU" MONTAGE:

Maya has dumped out all of Alex's liquid eyeliner and foundation out all over the sink and all over herself. Alex walks in.

ALEX
Fuck you!

Maya rams a sword into the flat screen television cracking it and it falls off the entertainment center.

ALEX

Fuck you!

Alex holds Shea dressed to the nines.

ALEX (V.O.)

And after a particularly hard day...

Shea has a diaper explosion.

ALEX

Oh, fuck you baby.

Shea coos.

CUT TO:

INT. THE MURPHY HOUSE-NIGHT

Alex sits at the computer.

ALEX

I suck at this.

CUT TO:

INT. THE MURPHY HOUSE-BACK TO THE FREEZE FRAME MOMENT

UNFREEZE.

Alex takes a breath and looks Maya in the eyes.

ALEX

Sweetheart. I love you, but you're making me want to rip my face off. Can you help mama clean up?

MAYA

Sure!

Maya then proceeds to throw the bowl full of cereal into the air and run out of the room. Alex has a few Cheerios in her hair. She calmly smooths her hair out.

Shea cries loudly. Maya is jumping on the couch. Alex throws Cherrios at them

ALEX
Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!

TITLES: Freeze on Alex's exasperated face.

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INT. THE MURPHY HOUSE-BEDROOM-MORNING

Alex's POV: A well worn stuffed bear is in her face.

MAYA (O.S.)
Smell him mama.

Alex sits up and smells the bear.

ALEX
Mildew, Rotten milk and gummy
worms. Good morning.

Maya stands sweetly by as Alex gets out of bed. SEAN, Alex's husband comes into the room getting ready for work. Shea toddles in behind him. Alex opens up her computer.

SEAN
Babe we have got to talk.

ALEX
What's up babe?

He points to her open laptop on her dresser still open to the blog: Mother-naked.

SEAN
You have got to stop reading that
insane mom blog.

Alex sighs.

SEAN
It's making you crazy honey.

ALEX
You could be right.

SEAN
Real life is not like that.

Alex rolls her eyes.

SEAN
Look at these two.

Maya and Shea look up at them. Dreamy eyed. Looking sweet as can be.

MAYA
Papa do you think fireflies like
ice cream?

SEAN
Yeah, you have it so bad.

ALEX
No! This is sleep haze!

The kids rub their eyes innocently.

MAYA
I want to pick some flowers today.

SEAN
See you tonight.

ALEX
You're not buying this are you?

Sean gives Alex and the girls quick kisses and heads out.
Alex follows him.

ALEX
Sleep haze lasts exactly two and a
half minutes before they go ape
shit. Just wait a sec.

SEAN
You're hilarious babe. Have a good
day.

Sean leaves. Alex growls. Whip cream spurts in her face.

Maya is shaking the whip cream can and is spraying it wildly.

MAYA
(In a crazy growl-y voice)
Pancakes for breakfast!!!!!!

Shea licks whip cream off the floor. The kids are having the
best time. Alex sighs a huge sigh.

CUT TO:

INT. MURPHY BATHROOM-MINUTES LATER

Alex takes a shower trying to have a few minutes peace. Suddenly the shower curtain is ripped open by Maya.

MAYA

You have a great body Mama!

Maya runs off. Alex goes from pissed to confused to finally...

ALEX

Thank you!

Then closes the curtain like "what the fuck?"

ALEX (CONT'D)

I'll take it.

CUT TO:

EXT. SUBURBAN DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK-MORNING

Alex and Maya walk to preschool. Alex pushes Shea in the stroller. Maya skips along. Alex looks pretty happy smiling at her adorable girls.

Maya runs for a skinny light pole up ahead and swings on it as most kids like to do. But it quickly goes from innocent swinging to looking very much like a stripper routine. Alex thinks it's a bit amusing.

ALEX (V.O.)

Now there was nothing Singing in the Rain about this.

ALEX

Whoa whoa whoa there, Courtney Love.

MAYA

Was that good Mama?

PAN TO two ladies sitting in a nearby cafe watching Maya, horrified.

Alex panics.

ALEX

Maya stop it! Get down!

MAYA

I love poles! They are so fun!

Alex peels Maya off the pole as she's about to do an inverted crucifix.

ALEX
(To ladies in the cafe)
Kids!

The ladies give her a dirty look and turn away.

ALEX
(Mean whisper)
Are you wearing underwear?

MAYA
But that was fun! You never let me
do what I want!!

Alex drags Maya along and hurries away pushing the stroller. Alex's face is wrinkled with worry. We can see Alex's "wheels turning."

CUT TO:

EXT. MAYA'S PRESCHOOL- MINUTES LATER

Alex waves goodbye.

ALEX
Have a good day sweets!

Alex turns with the stroller to walk away, but Maya's Preschool teacher, MISS SUMMER, runs up behind her.

MISS SUMMER
Maya's mom?

Alex turns around.

ALEX
Hi Miss Summer.

MISS SUMMER
I was hoping to catch up with you.
I wanted to talk to you about Maya.

Alex sighs.

ALEX
Okay...

MISS SUMMER
Maya is so sweet. We just love her
so much...

ALEX

But...

MISS SUMMER

Well as you know she loves to dress up as a princess...

ALEX

Yes...

MISS SUMMER

And the other day she was dressed up as Sleeping Beauty and well... You the know the story.

Alex looks blanks. She doesn't get it.

MISS SUMMER

She was getting all the boys to line up... and ... revive her.

ALEX

Oh my God.

MISS SUMMER

Now we stopped it before it go too crazy.

ALEX

Got too crazy??

MISS SUMMER

Just wanted to let you know. She gets along really well with the boys.

Miss Summer pats Alex on the shoulder and trots back off to class. Alex hurries off pushing Shea in the stroller in a weird half run. She looks even more panicked now.

ALEX (V.O.)

(Fast)

What did I do wrong? Am I not hugging her enough? Did it totally screw her up letting her watch Family Guy?

Alex stops and sits on a park bench.

ALEX

(To Shea)

She's got perfect skin and pouty lips. My god she is going to change her name to Velvet, isn't she?

Shea starts giggling.

ALEX
It's not funny, baby.

CUT TO:

EXT. PARK- AFTERNOON

Alex watches Maya spin like a pole dancing master on the swing set.

ALEX (V.O.)
My realization that my daughter was going to be a whore continued into the afternoon.

WOMAN
You are going to be in so much trouble in ten years.

Alex looks at her pissed off taking the woman off guard and storms off.

WOMAN
What? They are pretty!

CUT TO:

INT. BANK-MINUTES LATER

Alex stands in line with Shea. Maya spins on the stanchion. Alex drags them out of the bank.

CUT TO:

EXT. LIBRARY-MINUTES LATER

Alex, Shea and Maya walk up the steps and Maya spins on the railing pole.

ALEX
Jesus.

CUT TO:

INT. MALL- MINUTES LATER

Alex, Shea and Maya get on the merry-go-round and once again Maya finds a pole to spin on. Alex has her hands on her face.

ALEX
They are fucking everywhere.

CUT TO:

INT. SUBWAY- MINUTES LATER

They step on a train. The empty car has poles galor. Maya looks as if she's about to take off.

MAYA
Yay!

Alex pulls her back and all of them out of the car.

ALEX
Oh hell no. Taxi!!

CUT TO:

INT. THE MURPHY HOUSE- MAYA'S ROOM- AFTERNOON

Alex goes through Maya's clothes clearly on a mission. Alex sorts the clothes into two piles. Maya sits by watching her and listening wearing her usual well worn princess dress.

ALEX
We have to talk.

MAYA
Okay Mama.

ALEX
Where to start... Being a girl you have to be responsible.

MAYA
Mama I want to look like you naked.

ALEX
(To herself)
Damn this hot body.
(Back to Maya)
Maya.

Alex really has no idea what or how she is going to say what she's going to say.

ALEX (CONT'D)
Your body is sacred. It is your temple.

Alex holds up a normal looking kid dress up to Maya.

ALEX

And this makes you look like a prostitute.

Alex tosses it in the larger pile. As she talks she keeps putting clothes up to Maya and getting rid of them.

ALEX

I'm not going to let this happen to you. I know this road.

Alex tosses out a tee shirt.

ALEX

(To the shirt)

Slutty.

(Back to Maya)

You're a good girl. You need to respect yourself. You are not just a pretty face. You are smart and a great friend... A lot of other good stuff. Do understand what I'm trying to say?

Maya glances at her keep pile that consists of baggy tee-shirts and sweatpants.

MAYA

I should only wear my sweatpants. Just like you do Mama.

ALEX

Yes. Exactly. So enjoy that princess dress while you can. And you have to wear underwear.

MAYA

Everyday?

ALEX

Yes.

As Alex keeps talking Maya walks off screen. Alex looks at Shea who is bear hugging the diaper genie and smelling it like it's aromatherapy.

ALEX (CONT'D)

At least I'm not going to have to worry about you. You're gross.

(Back to Maya)

So there's no kissing. No spinning.

(MORE)

ALEX (CONT'D)
And underwear everyday. Are we clear?

MAYA
Yes mom.

ALEX
Great.
(Beat)
Are you licking that?

Maya is licking the door knob.

MAYA
It's an ice cream cone.

ALEX
No it's not. What is that?

MAYA
It's a door knob.

Maya gives it one final lick.

ALEX
Yeah baby it's a door knob. And then there's the licking things. Sweetie. You can't do that.

MAYA
Why?

ALEX
Because it's... unsanitary.

MAYA
I had a dream last night that I was wearing a shirt that had holes cut out where my boobs are. I want a shirt like that.

Alex looks at her blankly. Blinks twice. She is defeated.

CUT TO:

INT. ALEX'S LIVING ROOM- EARLY EVENING.

Alex sits with her feet on the couch drinking wine with GWEN. Gwen, a hot woman around Alex's age, looks ready to go out on the town.

ALEX
I'm in trouble aren't I?

GWEN
You have not fucked her up.

Alex grunts. As they talk Maya dresses Alex up as a princess and Gwen as a pirate. They barely acknowledge it. This happens all the time.

GWEN (CONT'D)
She is perfectly normal. Look how cute she is. And it is a great workout.

Maya wears a tiara, cowboy vest and chaps. Then she turns around revealing she's got nothing underneath the chaps.

GWEN (CONT'D)
Oh.

ALEX
This is worse than that time I snorted coke off that stripper's ass.

GWEN
(Thinking back)
Javier was really nice.

ALEX
Life B.K. was pretty awesome.

TITLE: B.K. = Before Kids

CUT TO:

INT. BAR-FANTASY

Alex, looking totally glam and beautiful, glides through the bar effortlessly men falling at her feet. She passes by stripper Javier's ass and snorts a line a coke off it before continuing on her way. She has not a care in the world.

CUT TO:

INT. THE MURPHY HOUSE-MOMENTS LATER

Gwen looks at the daydreaming Alex in disbelief.

GWEN
It was more like...

CUT TO:

INT. BAR- PAST REALITY

Alex way too drunk in a bar looking like she looked great about five hours ago. She is with a okay looking guy. Then she pukes on his shirt. She leans on the guy getting puke on herself.

ALEX
I'm sorry. You wanna get outta here...

The guy walks away and Alex falls on the floor.

ALEX
(To herself)
Okay.

CUT TO:

INT. THE MURPHY HOUSE-MOMENTS LATER

Alex shakes off the reality. She picks up Shea to change her diaper.

ALEX
(With still a sense of longing)
Yeah.

GWEN
Are you putting a pad on her?

Alex is indeed putting a maxi pad inside Shea's onesie and snapping it shut.

ALEX
I ran out of diapers. I miss the old days.

GWEN
You're being ridiculous.

ALEX
My life is ridiculous.

Beat.

GWEN
I'm gonna say it.

ALEX
No. Please don't.

GWEN
I think you start acting again.

Alex sighs huge.

ALEX
Why? What?

GWEN
You're a stay at home mom. It's not like you're stroked out or had your arms amputated or something.

ALEX
Haven't I?

GWEN
You are so dramatic. Audition again. Do something creative! I bet it will make you feel like you're old self. I'm sick of this lost at sea bitch you're playing right now.

ALEX
I'm sorry. Go get your cocktails. Live your easy life. Get out of my doldrums.

GWEN
Oh lord.

Alex put the magic wand that's now in her hand up to her head like a gun.

ALEX
Just shoot me where I'm wholly fucked and make me right again.

GWEN
See if you had your arms amputated you couldn't make that happen.

ALEX
I could Kurt Cobain that shit.

GWEN
Oh my god I read that blog you told me about by the way.

ALEX
What did you think?

GWEN
Hilarious. Awesome. I get why it's anonymous. She must piss people off.

ALEX
You think?

GWEN
She's hiding. She obviously hates her kids.

Alex looks at her like "Really?"

GWEN (CONT'D)
No matter how hot the moment is, he's slappin' that condom on tonight.

ALEX
Exposure to kids is the best birth control.

GWEN
You wanted all this remember.

ALEX
Yeah I wanted the awesome part. Not like the *real* part.

Gwen kicks her playfully.

ALEX (CONT'D)
Remember when I told you I loved him so much, if I got cancer I'd want my nasty cancered ass to die in his arms?

GWEN
Yeah.

ALEX
I'd give him the out now. I don't need him.

GWEN
(referring to the kids)
Come on. Sean is awesome! And they are... what are they doing?

The girls roll around on the floor over each other, giggling.

ALEX

Role-y pole-y time. Pretty fun
actually.

GWEN

I'll try it tonight.

Shea rolls her butt over Maya face.

MAYA

Mom. She needs her diaper changed.

GWEN

That's my cue.

ALEX

Don't leave me.

GWEN

Gots to. The men are waiting for
me.

ALEX

I wish all I had to worry about is
how much cab fare I need after my
walk of shame.

Gwen just looks at her, hurt. She decides to say nothing.

GWEN

All right I am off.

Gwen gives Maya a big hug.

ALEX

Girls, say goodbye to auntie Gwen.

GWEN

(In her best pirate
impersonation)
Arg!!! Ahoy me matey!

Gwen drowns Shea in kisses then heads to the door.

GWEN

You good?

ALEX

Anna Nicole Smith died the day Maya
was born. What if that marred up
soul ended up in her body?

GWEN

Alex.

ALEX
You're right.

GWEN
Seriously, you okay?

ALEX
Yes. Go. Go impale yourself on your
endless parade of bodiless penises.
Fuck on sister. Fuck on.

GWEN
I do it for you. Love you.

ALEX
Love you too.

MAYA
(As she's running around
the room)
Penis. Penis. Penis. Penis.

Alex sighs. Gwen heads out the door as Sean walks in.

SEAN
(To the room)
Hello!

GWEN
Sean give your wife good sex
tonight. She deserves it.

SEAN
Good bye Gwen.

Gwen kisses him on the cheek and leaves.

ALEX
Hey babe.

Alex falls into his arms relieved he is home.

SEAN
Well don't you look beautiful
today.

ALEX
Thanks babe.

Alex smiles at this much needed compliment.

SEAN
You're welcome, my little fairy
princess

Alex realizes that she still wearing the princess garb and takes the tiara off her head.

ALEX

Thanks. Thanks a lot.

Sean kisses her cheek and puts his stuff down. Alex shakes that off. Alex watches Sean as he comes back into the living room and plays with the kids on the floor. They love it. Alex scowls.

SEAN

I wish I could play all day.

Alex swallows her rage.

ALEX

Dad of the year.

SEAN

How were the kids?

ALEX

Good. We had-

Maya strips off her cowboy outfit. Sean picks up Shea.

MAYA

Papa look!

Maya does a perfect front hook spin on the floor lamp.

SEAN

That was good honey.

Maya does the perfect dismount. Alex looks annoyed.

SEAN

Is Shea wearing a pad?

Alex laughs guiltily.

CUT TO:

INT. THE MURPHY HOUSE-NIGHT

Sean sits in his lazy boy and is on his lap top. Alex lays on the couch with her laptop. The T.V. is on as well, although no one is really watching it. It's quiet. Alex looks up at the T.V. It's some show portraying an annoyingly perfect couple. Alex turns the T.V. off.

Alex goes to the Mother-naked blog. She looks at it a moment. Presumably reading today's entry, but then...

ALEX

Babe?

SEAN

Yeah babe?

ALEX

Am doing a good job?

A pause while Sean reads something on his computer.

SEAN

At what babe?

ALEX

Nothing.

Sean smiles not picking up on her distress. Sean gets up and puts his computer away. He comes over. She tilts down the screen subtly so he can't see it. He kisses her forehead.

SEAN

Gotta be up early. Night.

He walks off.

CUT TO:

INT. THE MURPHY HOUSE-MOMENTS LATER

Alex leans on the door jamb of her back door, smoking a joint. Just trying to relax. Her mind is reeling.

ALEX

This shit does not work.

She sighs and throws the joint. She goes inside.

CUT TO:

INT. THE MURPHY BEDROOM- A FEW HOURS LATER

Alex and Sean are sleeping in bed. The phone RINGS. They both wake up. Alex answers.

ALEX

Yeah? Fuck. Fine.

She hangs up.

SEAN

Gwen.

ALEX

Yep.

Sean goes back to sleep. Alex gets up.

CUT TO:

INT. STRIP CLUB- LATER

Alex walks into a strip club clearly just gotten out of bed in her tee-shirt and sweats. The bouncer looks at her.

ALEX

Picking up my friend.

He waves her in. The club is pretty full.

GWEN

Alex!!!!

Gwen nearly bowls Alex over and bear hugs her.

ALEX

Strip clubs are where you go to get men?

GWEN

Yes. It's a new tactic.

ALEX

Bombed.

GWEN

Yes I am!

ALEX

Okay, lets go.

GWEN

Wait wait.

Gwen starts pulling her back toward the bar. Alex is about to lose it. Things start spinning. On every pole she sees Maya doing her moves.

CUT TO:

INT. STRIP CLUB- HORRIBLE FANTASY

Alex, in 15 years, is getting a lap dance from Maya now 19.

MAYA
So what's Shea up to?

ALEX
Just aced her algebra test. Thank
god she is nothing like me.

MAYA
Good.

ALEX
Dad says Hi.

MAYA
Hi Dad. Did you bring me my new
thongs?

ALEX
Yep.

Dance is over. Alex hands her a twenty.

MAYA
Thanks for hanging out mom!

ALEX
Love you honey.

CUT TO:

INT. STRIP CLUB- PRESENT TIME

Alex looks like she might puke. She pulls out of Gwen's grasp
and runs to the bathroom.

CUT TO:

INT. STRIP CLUB BATHROOM/DRESSING ROOM-MINUTES LATER

Alex and a stripper are sitting on a stools talking. Alex
cries.

ALEX
It's hard. I mean. You know what I
mean.

STRIPPER
I know. It is. No one understands.

ALEX

They don't.

STRIPPER

Kids test you. My Cody constantly pushes the boundaries. But the secret is they like boundaries.

ALEX

Yeah. You're right.

STRIPPER

You are a good mom. You are.

ALEX

Thank you so much.

STRIPPER

Here's that preschool info. Wonderful place. Academic and developmental.

ALEX

Thank you. And you did a really awesome job out there by the way, Really good stuff.

The bouncer peeks in and motions to Alex. Alex sighs. She walks out of the bathroom and finds Gwen on the stage dancing to a very happy audience.

BOUNCER

It's you or me that drags her off.

ALEX

Get down!

GWEN

Lexie!

Gwen and Alex get in a bit of a tug of war and Gwen gets near Alex's ear.

GWEN

I can't go yet. I have to pay the bar tab. Come on. Old times sake?

CUT TO:

INT. STRIP CLUB- MINUTES LATER

Alex and Gwen both dance on the pole. They got some moves.
It's raining dollar bills.

CUT TO:

INT. ALEX'S CAR-LATER

Alex drives. Gwen is in the passenger seat. It is silent.

 GWEN
You were great.

 ALEX
Shut up.

Silence again.

 ALEX (CONT'D)
A stripper just told me I was a
good mom and that was the highlight
of my day.

 GWEN
Hey erotic dancers are people.
Artists. Just like you and me.

 ALEX
And Maya.

 GWEN
Come on!

 ALEX
This is my fault.

 GWEN
Alex-

 ALEX
We both know why.

 GWEN
She-ra.

CUT TO:

INT. ALEX'S PLAYROOM-1982

Alex, age 6, is playing with her She-Ra getting a little
bored.

She sees her brother's He-Man lying all lonely-like on the floor. She quickly glances at the door. She aligns She-Ra's Crystal castle and He-Man's castle Gray Skull ties She-Ra to He-Man's weapon's rack and lets them go at it. A look of pure excitement crosses her face.

ALEX AGE 7

Where is Wonder Woman's whip?

As Alex looks the door opens and her mother dressed in full on Jane Fonda workout gear enters. Alex throws He-Man and She-Ra up in there air.

ALEX AGE 7

Nothing!

CUT TO:

INT. ALEX'S CAR-PRESENT TIME

Alex and Gwen sit as before.

ALEX

I thought I invented S & M. Just think what Maya will come up with.

GWEN

I love that story.

ALEX

And our parents were totally normal.

GWEN

He-Man was hot.

ALEX

Gwen! Focus!

Alex has pulled up to Gwen's place.

ALEX (CONT'D)

And that was the eighties. Now I live in a world where moms do strip aerobics and invisible friends are teenage boys named Ron that skateboard and smoke.

GWEN

Ron rocks.

ALEX

I am a deviant. This is why I have
daughter nightmare times two.

GWEN

How do you think mom felt?

This really makes Alex think. Gwen gets out of the car. She
leans back in.

GWEN (CONT'D)

Be happy for what you have.

CUT TO:

INT. THE MURPHY HOUSE- MINUTES LATER

Alex looks in on her peaceful daughters sleeping. Maya wears
a tutu and nothing else. Sean walks up to her.

SEAN

I was starting to get worried.

ALEX

I'm terrified.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. THE MURPHY HOUSE- MINUTES LATER

Alex and Sean sit on the couch. Alex has filled him in the
day.

SEAN

It's nice you had a philosopher
stripper handy with preschool
recommendations.

ALEX

Maya is a stripper prodigy and I've
probably screwed up Shea and she'll
only want to wear giant maxi pads
now. She'll probably be onto
tampons next.

SEAN

When she's ready she can make that
decision.

Alex looks at him.

ALEX

Seriously, there's only so much I can do especially since they have my sexual genius genes.

SEAN

That is a huge handicap.

Sean leans against the back of the couch, very tired.

ALEX

It really is.

(Beat)

They are going to make their own. Horrendously fresh and new.

Sean has not really been listening.

SEAN

I'm sure you're doing your best hon.

ALEX

(Sarcastic)

Oh thanks...

Sean is now sleeping. Alex gets up pissed.

CUT TO:

INT. THE MURPHY HOUSE- MOMENTS LATER

Alex goes out the back door and digs out the discarded joint from the bush that she threw out earlier. She lights it and takes a deep drag.

CUT TO:

INT. THE MURPHY'S LIVING ROOM- MOMENTS LATER

Alex goes to the couch and opens her computer. The Mother-nakedblog is up. But instead of just reading she clicks on "Sign In."

CLOSE ON Alex clicking on "Sign In".

Then she logs in. User name: Mother-naked, Password: Douche-kabob

Screen reads: Welcome, Mother-naked.

She comes back in and opens up her computer again.

She clicks on: New post

Maya's door creaks open O.S.

ALEX
SHUT YOUR DOOR! GOT TO BED!!!!

Beat.

MAYA (O.S.)
(Soft and sweet)
Love you mama.

Alex relaxes a bit.

ALEX
Love you too.

MAYA (O.S.)
I love you 3!

ALEX
I love you 4.

MAYA
I love you 11!

The high has fully hit her and she is giggling.

ALEX
I love you 24.

MAYA (O.S.)
I love you 79!

Maya erupts into laughter. Alex smiles and laughs.

ALEX
Good night sweetness.

Maya closes her door. Alex starts typing feverishly.

ALEX (V.O.)
All I wanted to do was ditch all
the craziness and insanity of my
twenties and find a nice normal
guy. I did that. I got married. I
had kids. In the right order. I'm
wondering when the happiness is
supposed to start, because so
far... I suck at this. I am going
to do my best.

(MORE)

ALEX (V.O.) (cont'd)
If my daughter is going to work the
corner on San Pedro I still gotta
love her. I'll mail her pimp a
Christmas card. But at the very
least I'm not getting my daughter
the platform heels and pasties that
she wants for her birthday.

Alex looks at her blog/rant. She pushes "Publish".

ALEX
Sorry kid.

She takes a deep breath and lets it out.

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FADE OUT.