

MADELYN

Madelyn Sides

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Rebecca walks toward the front door from the bus stop and sees Madelyn.

MADELYN

You think you are so slick, little
girl.

REBECCA

What?

MADELYN

You're trying to get them to take
custody away from me? I am your
MOTHER! You are mine!

REBECCA

When have you been my mother in the
last few years? Huh? When?

MADELYN

You are a selfish, little bitch. Just
wait until I tell the court all about
you. They will think you're crazy.
They won't believe anything you say
about me!

REBECCA

I was only "crazy" because I lived
with you! And now everyone knows your
a drug addict. We'll see who they
believe.

MADELYN

The court always works in favor of
the mother, you'll see!

Maria opens the front door and steps outside.

MARIA

Madelyn? What's going on?

REBECCA

(To Madelyn)

If they put me back in your home, I
will run away. And if you find me, I
will keep running away. Stay the fuck
away from me.

Rebecca walks past Maria and goes inside.

MADELYN

(To Maria)

You hear how she talks to me? You
don't want her. She's crazy. She will
drive you crazy.

Madelyn lights a cigarette.

MADELYN (cont'd)

She does all sorts of reckless
things. She sneaks out of the house
and has sex with boys you know. She
has done drugs herself.

MARIA

Madelyn, you and I both know that is
not true. She is a good kid, and she
has been doing well here with us.

Maria steps out of the way of the cigarette smoke, trying to hide her disgust of cigarettes.

MARIA (cont'd)

She hasn't hurt herself, she hasn't gone back to the hospital. She is smart, has good grades. Let her stay here with us.

MADLYN

No! She is MY daughter! You've helped us a lot throughout her life, but she is MINE, not yours!

MARIA

Of course she is your daughter, nobody is trying to change tha-

Madelyn puts out the cigarette on the ground and keeps it in her hand.

MADLYN

I'll see you in court.

Madelyn storms off. Maria looks anguished.

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