

**HEREDITARY - GUY OR GIRL - TEENAGER**

A family of three are sitting at the dining room table. There is an awkward tension in the air. Last night the TEENAGER had a horrible car accident and the sister died.

TEENAGER  
This is really good, dad.

STEVE (DAD)  
Thanks buddy.

ANNIE (MOM)  
(to herself)  
"Buddy."

TEENAGER  
You okay?

ANNIE  
What?

TEENAGER  
Is there something on your mind?

ANNIE  
Is there something on your mind?

TEENAGER  
It just looks like you might want to say something... But of course you don't.

STEVE  
(stepping in)  
TEENAGER...

ANNIE  
Like what? Why would I want to say something? So I can watch you can roll your eyes at me?

TEENAGER  
I have never rolled my eyes at you.

ANNIE

Oh sweetie - you don't have to.  
You get the point across.

TEENAGER

Okay. So say what you wanna  
say, then.

ANNIE

I don't want to say anything.  
I've tried saying things.

TEENAGER

Try harder. Just say it. Just  
fuckin say it. SAY IT!

ANNIE

Don't you swear at me - you  
little shit! You don't EVER  
raise your voice at me, you  
understand? I've given  
everything to you! All I ever  
DO is worry and slave and  
defend you, and all I get back  
is that fucking face on your  
face! So full of disdain and  
resentment and always so  
annoyed. Well, now your  
sister's dead! She's gone,  
forever. And what a waste. If  
you could have just said "I'm  
sorry" or faced up to what  
happened: maybe then we could  
do something with this! But you  
can't take responsibility for  
anything, so now I can't  
accept. And I can't forgive,  
because neither of you take  
responsibility for your  
actions!

A heavy silence. A long beat...

TEENAGER

We get it. We're all a huge  
disappointment. But what about  
you?

(MORE)

TEENAGER (CONT'D)

(long pause, then)

I didn't want to take her...and she didn't want to go... So why was she there? Huh? Why was she there! WHY-WAS-SHE-THERE!

STEVE

Okay, we're stopping this.  
We're stopping this right now.

Annie glowers at him. Adversarial. She finally relents.

ANNIE

Fine.