

Family Bonding
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Character Descriptions

Erica Valentine (Female) She's always looking at things with a positive outcome, very smart, fun, and outgoing. She has a serious side to her.

John Parker (Male) Erica's boyfriend, he loves her and her child. He wants nothing to get between Erica and Ashley. And he will do anything to make that happen.

Ashley Valentine (Female Age 10-15) Erica's daughter. She loves her mom more than anything and will do anything to protect her. She is still warming up to Erica's new boyfriend.

Vincent Valentine (Male Age 40-50) Erica's father, he is caring and kind. He doesn't trust John and thinks something isn't right with him.

Tammy Palmer (Female) Erica's best friend and Nick's girlfriend. She is very strict and a partygoer. She is watching the house and dad while Erica is away.

Nick Cisero (Male) John's Best Friend and Tammy's Boyfriend. He knows more than he gives off. He's very supportive of his friend and will do anything for him.

Killers (Non-Speaking, Any Gender) Killers with a motive. Are They after Erica or John or both?

Slide 1 (Erica, Tammy and Vincent)

Start Here—— Erica

This is so exciting I can't believe you booked this for us! You are the best dad ever! [Hugs Vincent]

Vincent

Well, I know how much you've been helping me lately, so I figured you and Ashley deserved something special.

Erica

Dad, you forgot someone. John?

Vincent

I didn't forget, I never forget.

Erica

Father... [Moves closer] You know how much he means to me. He's been so supportive and seems to be getting along well with Ashley.

Vincent

I know... I just don't want you with the wrong crowd, is all. I've been around a long time, and believe me, I've seen a lot of nuts. For some reason, something about him doesn't sit right with me.

Erica

Please, just give him a chance. I promise you will warm up to him. I love you. [She kisses him on the forehead.]

Vincent

[Gives Her a hug and Kiss] I love you too, always remember that.

[We hear Tammy walk in on the phone screaming and yelling at Nick]

Tammy

Why do you always bring that up?... you're tired of me? Oh no, I'm tired of you!... No, you hang up first... fine, I'll do it. [Hangs up the phone and puts it in Her pocket.] God I hate him.

Erica

I can see that. Are you guys going to be ok?

Tammy

Yeah, I promise we'll be fine. I don't want my problems to ruin your trip. [Hands her her bag] You're going to have so much fun.

Erica

Thanks, we definitely needed this, life has been rough for all of us. Are you going to be ok taking care of my dad while I'm gone?

Tammy

Of course. We're going to have such a fun time, aren't we Mr. Vincent?

Vincent

It's going to be great. I'm looking forward to it... [Leans to Erica] Please hurry back.

Tammy

Hey! I can be a fun roommate.

Vincent

I think my fun and your fun are two different things, dear.

Tammy

[Turns to Erica] We're going to be fine. Go get yourself ready and wake up Ashley. John and Nick will be here any minute.

Erica

Ok, let me know as soon as they get here. [screams with excitement] I can't wait!

End here

Slide 2 (Erica,Ashley and John)

Start Here——Ashley

I'm excited for this weekend, but why does he have to go with us?

Erica

Ashley, be nice. He's trying to have a connection with you.

Ashley

I think he's trying a little too hard.

Erica

Trust me, he means well. John wants a happy family just as much as I do.

Ashley

I know, Mom. You deserve that. I want to make you happy, I love you.

Erica

Thank you, baby. I love you more than you know.[Gives her a Hug and a Kiss] Come on, let's head down; they're waiting for us.

[Goes down stairs]

Erica

We're ready!!!

John

Wow..[Walks up and kisses her] You look beautiful as always.

Erica

Stop it, it's just something I threw on.

John

[Kisses her again] And I love it.

Ashley

Excuse me, I'm standing right here! You're exposing your daughter to PDA.

Erica

Oh, I'm sorry, hunny. [Turns to John] I'm ready to go, dear. We can't be late for our reservation.

John

Sounds good to me. [Turns to Ashley] Are you ready, Ashley? This could be a nice "Family Bonding" weekend for us.

Ashley

I guess, but I'm watching you, mister.

End here

Slide 3 (John,Nick,Tammy)

Start Here———John

I don't know man, why am I worrying so much about this?

Nick

Dude, just relax everything will be fine, I promise. Have I ever done you wrong? [Gives him a smile]

John

Yes, many times. [Looks off into the window]

Nick

Dude, I can tell something is wrong, what's up?

John

It's her dad, he is always trying to get in the way of us. It's so frustrating.

Nick

[Puts shoulder around John] You know, I can take care of him for you if you want.

[John stairs at Nick confused]

Nick cont.

Nah, man, I'm just playing [They Fist Bump but John is hesitant]

John

I hate it when you talk like that. I just wish her dad will stop putting his nose in everything we do.

Nick

Look man that offer still stands, but seriously don't let it bother you just show him who's boss around here.

John

[Start to Get Out of the car] I just want it to be the 2 of us. Is that too much to ask?

Nick

Nah, man, it will be eventually, just like me and Tam...

[They knock on the door Tammy Answers]

Tammy

Finally, what took you guys so long?

Nick

Blame John, he had to stop at the gas station.

John

Hey, I needed my refreshments!!

Tammy

It doesn't matter, Erica and Ashley are almost ready. [As John walks in she stops Nick] Were you talking about me?

Nick

No not all babe. [Looks at John]

[John shakes his head and walks in]

End here

Slide 4 (Ashley)

Start Here—— Hello, is someone there? Mommy, is that you? [She goes and opens the closet and she sees a masked man as she runs and screams he tries to grab her.] Mommy, help me! [She kicks him in the leg and runs downstairs] Mommy, Mommy, please come here!

End Here

Slide 5 (Erica)

Start Here—— John?[does not hear anything but continues] Look I'm sorry I know I shouldn't have hit you like that. It's just that when you curse and have your fits it bothers me so much I just don't know what to do. I want to help you. I want you to get better. I guess what I'm trying to say is that John I love... [Lets out a Blood curdling scream]

End Here

Slide 6 (John)

Start Here—— What the fuck? Where did they— [a door slams shut] Come on, man, where are you? I'm going to count to 3 and when I do, you better show yourself. One! Two... thr—!

End Here

Slide 5 (John, Erica and Ashley)

Start Here———Erica

Holy shit! John, do something!

John

What do you want me to do? [Pauses to think for a minute] I got it!
We should get out of here!!

Erica

But my father paid for this house; we can't just leave.

John

Erica, a random man is upstairs, lying on the ground. Unless you want
him to get up and murder us, I suggest we leave.

Erica

[She looks at Ashley who is terrified] Let's go, Ashley.

[They run to the door and it's locked.]

John

Who the fuck locked the door?! Did you?

Erica

Hey, watch your tone! It wasn't me. I promise.

John

Who else could it be, Erica?

Erica

I don't know John, I don't know.

John

Well, what else don't you know, you dumb bitch.

[Erica slaps John and is pushed back. Ashley stares in disbelief.]

Erica

[She stares at John and walks up in his face] I don't care how often you curse at me, just never in front of her. [Points to Ashley]

[John just stares]

Erica Cont

I'm talking to you! Are you gonna say something, or are you just going to stand there?

John

Look, I'm sorry. I'm really sorry.

[John starts to get up and walk towards Erica to give her a kiss but she backs away. Ashley also backs away terrified]

Erica

[Declines the kiss] I need a minute. [Walks over to comfort Ashley]

John

I understand. [Sighs] I'm going to go check upstairs to see if there's another way out.