MODERN FAMILY

"En Garde"

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MODERN FAMILY

"En Garde" #1ARG06

<u>CAST</u>

JAY PRITCHETTED O'NEILL
GLORIA PRITCHETTSOFIA VERGARA
PHIL DUNPHYTY BURRELL
CLAIRE DUNPHYJULIE BOWEN
MITCHELL PRITCHETTJESSE TYLER FERGUSON
CAMERONERIC STONESTREET
HALEY DUNPHYSARAH HYLAND
ALEX DUNPHYARIEL WINTER
LUKE DUNPHYNOLAN GOULD
MANNY DELGADO
GUEST CAST
<u>GUEST CAST</u> KRISTA FLUMTBD
DONALD FLUMTBD
DENISETBD
CAROLINERemy Beland
TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL

MODERN FAMILY

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<u>SETS</u>

INT. GYM

INT. MITCHELL & CAMERON'S DUPLEX - LIVING ROOM

INT. DUNPHY HOUSE - KITCHEN

INT. JAY & GLORIA'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM

INT. OPEN HOUSE

INT. DUNPHY HOUSE - LIVING ROOM

EXT. DUNPHY HOUSE - FRONT YARD

EXT. GYM

ACT ONE

FADE IN:

1 <u>INT. GYM - MORNING</u>

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Our three families have gathered to watch a juniors' fencing tournament. Cameron is video taping the proceedings. Mitchell has Lily in a Baby Bjorn. The families cheer on a masked young fencer while Haley barely looks up from her cell phone as she texts furiously. The fencer feints to the left then lands a solid chest hit. More cheers. He retreats to his corner, removes his mask and we see that it is Manny.

2 JAY & GLORIA INTERVIEW

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When I first heard that Manny wanted to fence I was like, "Sure, uncoordinated kid, lethal weapon... How can that go wrong?"

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3 <u>INT. GYM - MORNING</u>

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Manny scores hit after hit winning this match. Jay goes nuts. He hi-fives Phil really hard. Phil grabs his hand in pain.

4 JAY & GLORIA INTERVIEW

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And what do you think now?

JAY

I'm proud of our little Zorro! I mean I worked with him a little, but the kid's got skills.

GLORIA

It's in his blood. His father was a master swordsman. The man was an artist with his sword. The way he wielded that sword would leave you breathless. He was legendary with --

JAY

You know this nice moment I'm having with your son? You're kind of wrecking it.

5 INT. GYM - A LITTLE LATER

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Manny dominates his next opponent. We angle on the Dunphy kids. Haley continues to text.

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ALEX

(to Haley)

Did you know that fencing goes back to the 12th century?

Haley keeps texting.

HALEY

(without looking up)

You know what's even nerdier than fencing? Knowing when it began.

LUKE

I don't think you're a nerd, Alex.

ALEX

Shut up, dork.

We pan down the row and see that Cameron has attached his camera to a telescoping pole. He sweeps the camera over the heads of the crowd. Mitchell watches Jay go wild for Manny.

JAY

That's my boy!

The moment seems somewhat bittersweet for Mitchell. Suddenly Cameron bumps into him with the camera pole.

MITCHELL

Would this be easier for you if we suspended you from a crane?

6 MITCHELL & CAMERON INTERVIEW

CAMERON

Any monkey can shoot a "home movie." I pride myself on making "home films."

MITCHELL

You always take it too far.

CAMERON

I do not.

MITCHELL

Your nephew's first birthday party --

CAMERON

That's not fair --

MITCHELL

You brought a wind machine --

CAMERON

My thinking was --

MITCHELL

A wind machine!

CAMERON

That could have been great! Who puts wheels on a crib?!

7 INT. GYM - MORNING

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Manny scores a hit. Gloria and Claire jump to their feet.

GLORIA

Ai mi Tigre!!!!

Gloria hugs Claire and jumps up and down for a few beats. Phil watches, somewhat entranced. Gloria breaks the hug.

GLORIA (CONT'D)

(to Claire)

Sorry.

PHTT

That's okay.

Haley suddenly gasps.

HALEY

No, no, no, no! My phone died.

ALEX

Okay, calm down. Let me see it.

Alex takes the phone. She pops out the battery.

ALEX (CONT'D)

No biggie. Your battery just statically defracticated.

HALEY

What?

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ALEX

It means you can recharge it with static electricity. Just rub it on your hair.

Haley grabs the battery and starts rubbing it on her head. Alex tries to stifle a smile.

Jay throws his arm around Phil.

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JAY

Incredible, isn't it?

Jay gives Phil a slug on the arm. Phil tries to smile through the pain again.

JAY (CONT'D)

I used to go to my friend's houses and see their kid's trophies -- it bugged me. I never had a trophy in my house. (re: Gloria)

Until this one.

He elbows Phil in the ribs. Phil laughs, then turns to Claire.

PHIL

(sotto)

Can we switch seats?

JAY

I know you're not supposed to care, but it's really cool knowing your kid's the best at something, you know?

Phil and Claire think about that for a second, then:

8 CLAIRE & PHIL INTERVIEW

PHIL

Our kids are great.

CLAIRE

The greatest.

PHTT

Gosh we're blessed.

CLAIRE

But the best at something? Uh, well, let's think...

PHIL

Alex is good at everything she tries, so, you know, she'll find her specialty.

CLAIRE

And Haley...

9 INT. GYM - MORNING

We see Haley frantically rubbing a battery on her head.

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10 CLAIRE AND PHIL INTERVIEW

PHIL

She's very pretty.

CLAIRE

Gorgeous.

PHTT

So she can meet someone who's the best at something. I guess that leaves Luke.

They look at each other.

CLAIRE

Sweet, sweet Luke.

Phil smiles at how sweet Luke is, then:

PHTT

We dropped the ball a little bit on that one.

11 INT. GYM - MORNING

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Near the end of Manny's semi-final match he performs a brilliant series of moves to win the bout.

JAY

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BOOM!

GLORIA

Manny wins! Manny wins!

The family cheers. The TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL steps out.

TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL

How about a round of applause for our winner, Manny Delgado. He now moves on to the championship where he'll be competing against Caroline Markum.

A junior fencer takes off her mask revealing a pretty little GIRL named CAROLINE.

TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL (CONT'D)

See you all back here at four-thirty.

Manny rushes toward the family and is hugged, hi-fived, and generally loved. Gloria heaps on tons of praise in rapid fire Spanish. Jay picks up Manny.

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JAY

What she said! We better come back in the big car, we're going to be bringing home some hardware.

CLAIRE

(to Mitchell)

Looks like Dad wants this even more than Manny does.

MITCHELL

Sure, it's his chance to be the father of a champion. Well, second chance. We all know how the first one went.

CLAIRE

What are you babbling about?

MITCHELL

Oh, so now I'm a babbler.

CLAIRE

Did I do something wrong?

MITCHELL

(falsely innocent)

What? No. I'm just happy for Manny. Everything isn't always about Claire.

JAY

Thank you all for coming down here and supporting the kid. You guys are the best!

He slaps Phil on the back, hard.

PHIL

(at the injustice of this, to the universe)

Why?!

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

12 INT. MITCHELL AND CAMERON'S HOUSE - DAY 12 Mitchell is in the living room. Cameron enters. * MITCHELL * That took a while. CAMERON She fell asleep twenty minutes ago. It just took me some time to sneak out without waking her. MITCHELL * Hmm, just like our first sleepover. CAMERON * I had a meeting. * (then) Okay grumpy-pants, can we talk about what happened between you and your sister? MTTCHELL Nothing happened. CAMERON Or... could this have something to do with... ice skating? We see this register on Mitchell's face. 13 MITCHELL AND CAMERON INTERVIEW 13 CAMERON When Mitchell and Claire were kids --MITCHELL This is interesting to no one. CAMERON Can I finish? When Mitchell was ten --MITCHELL Eleven. CAMERON -- and Claire was thirteen, they were competitive ice dancers --MITCHELL Figure skaters! Oh, for godsakes I'll tell the story.

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MITCHELL (CONT'D)

Yes, my sister and I were a team. A pretty good team. We were called "Fire and Nice."

INSERT: Old photos of a nine year old Mitchell on the ice with red hair and a fiery red costume with flames, posing with an eleven year old Claire dressed in an adorable Little Bo Peep skating outfit.

MITCHELL (CONT'D)

I was "Fire," because of the red hair, and she was "Nice," because it was ironic and she wasn't.

CAMERON

He's still a little angry because Claire quit right before some meet.

MITCHELL

It wasn't some meet. It was the Central California thirteen and under championship. Just the Emerald City at the end of my yellow brick road.

CAMERON

Wow. You just made figure skating even gayer.

14 INT. MITCHELL AND CAMERON'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

Mitchell and Cam are as we left them.

CAMERON

So, seeing your dad so proud of Manny didn't stir up any resentment?

MITCHELL

No!

CAMERON

You always do this, instead of letting your feelings out you bury them and they bubble up later in hurtful ways.

MITCHELL

Okay, maybe I was a little resentful. But that's embarrassing and petty and not a good color on me. It's like you and yellow.

CAMERON

What? You love my yellow shirt.

MITCHELL

It kind of makes you look like the sun.

CAMERON

See? Bubbling. Hurtful bubbling. Now you know why I left early that morning.

Cameron walks away. Mitchell follows him.

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MITCHELL

I knew you didn't have a meeting!

15 <u>INT. DUNPHY HOUSE - KITCHEN - DAY</u>

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Claire is making sandwiches. Alex is there with Haley who is placing the battery back into her phone.

HALEY

(re: phone)

Something must be wrong with this battery. I rubbed it on my head for like an hour.

CLATRE

What?

(then)

Alex.

Alex starts laughing.

HALEY

You're such a geek.

ALEX

At least I didn't give myself a bald spot.

HALEY

(hands flying to her hair)

Oh my god! Mom!

CLAIRE

Alex, be nice. Haley, stop being such an easy target.

Claire exits the kitchen and runs into Phil and Luke coming down the stairs, carrying baseball mitts and a ball.

CLAIRE (CONT'D)

What are you guys doing?

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PHTT

Pursuing excellence. We made a list of potential areas the boy might excel at and...

CLAIRE

Baseball. Why not? Someone's gotta play it, right?

PHIL

Exactly. He's got the raw skills. And from what I've read, it takes ten thousand hours to achieve excellence. (to Luke)

You've probably spent... how many hours playing ball?

LUKE

Well, I played one season so... like six thousand hours?

CLAIRE

I see why you ruled out math.

16 CLAIRE INTERVIEW

CLAIRE

Would I like Luke to be successful? Of course. But unlike my husband, I don't think a parent can force it. You just have to have faith that your kid's gonna find his own way. Besides, Luke's already the best at one thing... being my son. (beat) I promise that sounded a lot less lame

in my head.

17 EXT. DUNPHY HOUSE - FRONT YARD - DAY

Luke puts on his glove.

PHIL

Oh yeah, I can already feel it. This is your sport.

LUKE

Last year you said basketball was my sport.

PHIL

Look, I've said a lot of things I wish I could take back, but I can't. (MORE)

MODERN FAMILY "En Garde" 9/10/09 Shooting Draft 11. PHIL (CONT'D) What I can do is be the dad you need to help you become... masterful. Do you want to be masterful? LUKE I guess. PHIL There's my killer! Phil squats several feet away. PHIL (CONT'D) Okay. Our journey of ten thousand hours starts with a single pitch. * Luke assumes the pitcher's stance. PHIL (CONT'D) I believe in my boy. Okay, let's burn one in here. He winds up and throws a wild pitch well over Phil's head. PHIL (CONT'D) Good start! CUT TO: 17A EXT. DUNPHY HOUSE - FRONT YARD - MOMENTS LATER 17A * Luke throws wildly again. PHIL Now we're gettin' there. * CUT TO: * 17B EXT. DUNPHY HOUSE - FRONT YARD - MOMENTS LATER 17B * Luke throws another wild pitch. * PHTT That one was my fault. * CUT TO: *

17C <u>EXT. DUNPHY HOUSE - FRONT YARD - MOMENTS LATER</u> 17C *

Luke throws another bad pitch. *

PHIL *

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17D EXT. DUNPHY HOUSE - FRONT YARD - MOMENTS LATER

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Another wild pitch.

PHTT

Are we a hundred percent sure you're

not a lefty?

CUT TO:

17E EXT. DUNPHY HOUSE - FRONT YARD - MOMENTS LATER

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After three more wild pitches:

PHIL

The glove goes flying over Phil's head.

Okay, good first hour. Toss me that glove, I'll put some oil on it.

INT. JAY AND GLORIA'S HOUSE - DAY

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Gloria paces around the living room shouting in rapid-fire Spanish into the telephone. To the non-Spanish speaking audience she should seem angry. Jay enters carrying several T-shirts. Gloria hangs up.

JAY

Is everything okay?

GLORIA

Of course. I was just telling my grandmother how great Manny did today.

JAY

So that wasn't angry talk?

GLORIA

No silly. That was happy talk.

JAY

I'm beginning to understand why there's so much conflict on your continent.

(then, re: T-shirts)

Check it out.

Jay holds up one of the T-shirts. A caption reads, "Who da Manny?!" Under the caption are two crossed swords.

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19 JAY AND GLORIA INTERVIEW

GLORIA

Jay likes to make T-shirts for special occasions. Show them.

JAY

A few years back my granddaughter Haley ran in a 5k so I had a bunch of these made...

Jay holds up a T-shirt that reads "HALEY'S COMETS" with the picture of a comet with two legs running across the sky.

JAY (CONT'D)

It's just fun.

20 INT. JAY AND GLORIA'S HOUSE - DAY

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GLORIA

I love seeing you like this. So proud of Manny.

JAY

I'm not going to lie, seeing him out there slicing those kids to pieces... It gets to ya.

Gloria grabs Jay and plants a nice kiss on him. Manny enters carrying his epee (sword). They separate.

MANNY

I'm sorry to interrupt.

GLORIA

It's okay, Papi.

Yeah, Champ! I have a little something for you.

Jay goes to grab one of the T-shirts.

MANNY

And I have something for you. Here.

He hands Jay the sword.

MANNY (CONT'D)

I will not be needing it anymore.

But the finals --

MANNY

I am retired.

Manny crosses away leaving two confused adults holding his foil.

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

21 INT. JAY AND GLORIA'S HOUSE - DAY

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The three are as we left them. Jay stops Manny from exiting.

JAY

Wait, wait, wait. You can't retire!

MANNY

It's just not fun anymore.

JAY

Oh, it's probably just butterflies. You're gonna be fine.

GLORIA

Look, if he doesn't want to, it's his decision.

JAY

The hell it is.

GLORIA *

He shouldn't be doing something if it makes him so nervous.

(to Manny)

Manny, I support you.

MANNY

I'm not nervous. I just don't want to fight a girl.

GLORIA

(turning instantly)

What?

MANNY

Defeating a woman would be a mark on my honor.

GLORIA

Because the man is always superior to the woman?!

MANNY

Uh...

GLORIA

Uh, uh, uh... so superior, can't even finish his sentence.

Manny looks to Jay for help. Jay's been here before.

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JAY

(compassionate)

Dude.

GLORIA

Manny, you say you're this lover of women, but if you don't compete with this girl, you show me and all women that you don't respect us.

MANNY

I'm sorry.

GLORIA

Then take back your sword and go fight this girl like a bull.

MANNY

Okay.

GLORIA

I can't hear you.

(his full game face restored) OKAY!

JAY

I can't hear you!

MANNY

That's really as loud as I can go.

Manny grabs his foil from Jay and exits.

2.2 INT. OPEN HOUSE - DAY

Phil is showing a beautiful home to MRS. KRISTA FLUM. The home is very modern and open, with a floating staircase (no handrail) and white marble floors. Luke walks around the kitchen. He is in awe of the place. Mrs. Flum is polite as Phil makes his pitch, but it is clear she has lost interest.

PHIL

...and this is the great room, although "great" hardly seems to do a room like this justice.

MRS. FLUM

(polite) It's very nice.

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23 PHIL INTERVIEW

PHTL

Did I need the sale? Yeah. Was I worried? No. Why? Because. Because why? Because I won't sell anything I don't believe in. And when I believe... you believe. I could sell a fur coat to an Eskimo.

24 INT. OPEN HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

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PHIL

...all custom built-ins, and you'll notice tons of natural light.

MRS. FLUM

I'm sorry, Phil. It's a beautiful house but I'm just not sure how kidfriendly it is. We have two small children and --

Luke walks up.

LUKE

Dad, this place is awesome!

PHIL

Not now, Luke.

LUKE

Did you see the back yard? It's got room for like ten tree houses. And the bedroom's got a window on the ceiling. I wish we could live here.

MRS. FLUM

Do you really?

LUKE

Oh yeah. Our house sucks compared to this one.

PHIL

It really does.

2.5 INT. DUNPHY HOUSE - DAY

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Claire is turning off lights in the house getting ready to leave. Note: She is wearing an old T-shirt with crossed tennis rackets and the caption, "Claire and Present Danger!" Phil and Luke enter triumphantly.

	CLAIRE I was about to leave without you. We're going to be late for Manny's match.	* * *
	LUKE Dad doesn't want me to go.	* *
	He exits upstairs.	*
	CLAIRE What?	* *
	PHIL Remember when you were all worried that our son's a dud?	
	CLAIRE That's not exactly how I remember it.	
	PHIL Turns out he's a natural.	
	CLAIRE At what?	
	PHIL Selling!	*
26	PHIL INTERVIEW	26
	PHIL Hey, titans of residential real estate yeah, I'm talking to you Betty Brewster, Skip Woosnum, JJ McCubbin hear those footsteps? Someone's comin' for ya. His name's Luke Dunphy and he's gonna drink your milkshake.	* * * * *
27	INT. DUNPHY HOUSE - DAY	27
	CLAIRE Oh my God, that's amazing!	*
	PHIL So, the buyer's coming back with her husband in an hour and I need him. I'm telling you the kid's a genius.	*
	Luke comes back down the stairs. He has his iPod in his mouth.	
	PHIL (CONT'D) There's the rainmaker.	

CLATRE

Wait a minute, why is your iPod in your mouth?

LUKE

I'm charging it.

As Claire exits:

CLAIRE

(calling O.S.)

Alex!

2.8 EXT. GYM - DAY

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Mitchell and Cam walk through the parking lot toward the Gym entrance. They spot Claire, Alex and Haley approaching from another direction.

CAMERON

(re: Claire)

So, there's no part of you that wants to clear the air with your sister?

MITCHELL

No.

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CAMERON

Fine, that's your family's way and I'll respect that. But you should know it's very hard on people who love you. We feel the tension, we hear the snide words that cut like knives.

CLAIRE

Hi guys! I brought orange slices.

CAMERON

I can't bear this!

(then)

Claire, Mitchell still resents you for quitting the figure skating team when you were kids.

Mitchell and Claire stare at Cameron.

CAMERON (CONT'D)

(to Haley & Alex)

Come on ladies.

* Cameron steers the girls inside, leaving Mitchell with Claire.

CLAIRE So, is that what your little jab was * about this morning? MITCHELL Okay, I guess I am still a little * * angry. You stole my moment. * CLAIRE Twenty-one years ago. MITCHELL It didn't matter to you because you had plenty of your own moments -cheerleading, school plays, making out * with the quarterback --CLAIRE Hey, you made out with him, too. MITCHELL * But we had to keep it a secret. You shouldn't have quit, it was selfish. CLAIRE * Okay, fine. You want to know why I quit? I did it to protect you. MITCHELL From what? Glory? CLAIRE Look, I was bigger than you. I was afraid that you couldn't lift me. You dropped me a lot at practice. I didn't want to see you humiliated in front of everyone. Mitchell seems to soften. CLAIRE (CONT'D) Now can you please just forgive me and move on? MITCHELL Of course.

Mitchell and Claire hug. During their hug:

MITCHELL (CONT'D)

I'm sorry. I know it probably seems so petty.

CLATRE

Well, a little, but we all have our stuff. I'm just glad you finally got it out of your -- Are you trying to lift me?

Sure enough, Mitchell has moved from hugging her to trying to lift her.

MITCHELL

(struggling)

Well sure, it's harder now, you've let yourself qo.

29 INT. GYM - DAY

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Jay and Gloria wear their "Who da Manny?!" shirts. Cameron enthusiastically slips his on. The Dunphy girls do the same, but less enthusiastically. Manny, in his fencing regalia, leans in for a pre match huddle with Jay and Gloria. Manny's mask covers his face.

JAY

Stay focused, stay loose, and stay angry. Now who's the toughest?

MANNY

(lifting his mask)

I am.

GLORIA

Who is the bravest?

MANNY

(lifts mask again)

I am.

Who's the baddest?

MANNY

(lifting mask again)

Can you guys ask all the questions now so I don't have to keep lifting this?

A BUZZER sounds to signal the start of the match.

JAY

Okay, go get 'em!

Manny runs off. He takes his place in his corner as Caroline takes her place.

DENISE, A MIDDLE AGED WOMAN, approaches Jay and Gloria.

DENISE

Excuse me, is this seat taken?

JAY

It's all yours.

She notices the shirts.

DENISE

Oh, is Manny your boy?

GLORIA

Yes.

DENISE

He's quite good. I saw him earlier.

GLORIA

(pointing at the girl fencer) Thank you. Is she your daughter?

DENISE

Caroline? No. Sadly, her parents have passed away. I'm her nurse down at children's hospital. But all my patients are like family to me.

On Jay and Gloria's expression of horror we...

30 INT. OPEN HOUSE - DAY

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Phil shows the house to Krista and her husband MR. DONALD FLUM. We hear Luke and THE FLUM'S SON upstairs laughing.

MR. DONALD FLUM

Well, our boys are enjoying themselves.

PHIL

Yeah, I could talk about crown mouldings and built-ins until the cows come home, but nothing compares with that sound right there.

We hear Luke scream O.S. The camera swings around to catch him topple down the last few steps off the staircase. Everyone rushes over. Phil just keeps smiling his salesman smile. The Flum's son looks on in shock.

LUKE

Oww!

PHIL

He's fine.

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LUKE

My foot. I think it's backwards.

PHTT

It's not backwards.

DONALD FLUM

What happened? Did my son push you?

LUKE

No, it's the stupid floors! They're too slippery.

PHIL

Italian Marble. Va Bene!

LUKE

It's like ice!

PHIL

Well, let's not blame the floors. You shouldn't have been running.

LUKE

I thought I saw a ghost!

The Flums look at Phil.

PHIL

So... keep looking, but we'll keep it on the list?

31 INT. GYM - DAY

> The match hasn't started yet. Nurse Denise continues to chat with Gloria and Jay.

> > DENISE

She's our little miracle. I only wish her dad had made it back from Afghanistan to see this.

(then, to O.S)

Oh, our cheering section. Over here kids!

We see a few KIDS in wheelchairs, crutches etc. making their way toward Denise, helped by other NURSES AND ORDERLIES. Denise gets up and makes room for them.

GLORIA

Oh, my God! We have to stop him!

They try to signal Manny waving their arms frantically and mouthing "Lose!" "Let her win!" etc.

Jay gives the "Cut it off" sign, brushing his fingers across his neck. Manny, misunderstanding, smiles, gives a thumbs up and draws his sword across his own neck promising to defeat her.

JAY

Maybe we should pull the fire alarm.

ANGLE ON Manny and Caroline meeting in the center of the pitch.

MANNY

Expect no mercy.

CAROLINE

Bring it, big boy!

They each drop their masks.

32 INT. GYM - DAY

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Mitchell and Claire sit on a curb by the parking lot. is slightly less visible animosity between them.

MITCHELL

Look, I'm glad Dad's proud of Manny. But... I don't know... it would have been nice to see him that proud of us... of me.

CLAIRE

(laughing a little)

And you thought the path to Dad's approval was through figure skating? I'm pretty sure his proudest moment came when you finally hung up the fire red unitard.

MITCHELL

I never claimed any of this was rational. I'm sorry for being such a pill.

CLAIRE

No. Believe it or not I always felt bad that I quit. I know how much you loved skating.

MITCHELL

I never really loved skating.

CLAIRE

What?

MTTCHELL

Okay, this is going to sound a little gay...

CLAIRE

I can take it.

MITCHELL

When you and I skated together, you weren't the mean older sister and I wasn't the clingy little brother. We were a team. And let's face it, as teenagers, or when Mom and Dad got divorced, and even now, we're always on opposing sides. I guess I... miss being on your team.

Claire starts to tear up.

CLAIRE

That is... a little gay.

Claire gets up and starts to walk away.

MITCHELL

Where are you going?

Claire stops then turns around.

CLATRE

Get up.

MITCHELL

What?

Claire strikes a skating pose.

MITCHELL (CONT'D)

Oh my god, you're not serious?

CLAIRE

Just don't drop me.

Mitchell assumes a skating position as Claire starts running toward him.

33 INT. GYM - DAY

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Manny and Caroline begin their match. Manny is destroying her. After few hits he seems as though he's taunting her.

Jay and Gloria slump down in their chairs as Nurse Denise and the sick kids look on in horror. We WIDEN to reveal Cameron taping the event. Jay grabs his arm.

JAY

Put it away or lose it.

34 EXT. GYM - DAY

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Claire runs the last few yards toward Mitchell. She jumps and he lifts her over his head perfectly. They beam with pride.

35 INT. GYM - DAY

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Manny shows off with an incredibly cocky move to win the match. He whips off his mask, dances around and celebrates. There is a smattering of nervous applause from Jay, Gloria, Cameron, Haley, and Alex. Cameron and the girls are zipping up sweatshirts to conceal their Manny t-shirts from the crowd.

GLORIA

So, can we take you and Caroline out for ice cream?

DENISE

(coolly)

We can't. She's diabetic.

JAY

Of course she is.

36 EXT. GYM - MOMENTS LATER

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Jay, Gloria, Cameron, Haley and Alex exit the gym led by a beaming Manny. Jay tries in vain to look inconspicuous carrying a giant trophy.

JAY

(to Gloria)

I can't decide if I'm feeling more proud or mortified.

GLORIA

(looking O.S.)

How about now?

We PULL OUT to show Mitchell and Claire performing their old routine in the parking lot. Mitchell has his arm around her waist as they run/glide/spin between the parked cars.

ALEX

(to Haley)

Quick, give me your phone.

Alex takes the phone and starts to capture Claire and Mitchell's dancing on video. As Mitchell and Claire dance we hear...

JAY (V.O.)

We tell our kids it doesn't matter if you win or lose, but let's be honest...

Claire jumps into Mitchell's arms. Alex shoots this and we see the image in Haley's phone. We ZOOM IN on the phone's display screen and...

DISSOLVE TO:

36A INT. DUNPHY HOUSE - DAY

36A

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TIGHT ON a computer screen. We see Alex's video of Claire and Mitchell ice dancing playing on You Tube. PULL BACK to see Claire, Mitchell, Cameron (wearing a yellow shirt), Alex and Haley laughing as they watch the video. Alex and Haley have called a truce as they focus their attention on mocking their Mom.

JAY (V.O.)

...winning feels pretty great. There's nothing like having that moment in the sun.

36B OMITTED 36B *

36C EXT. DUNPHY HOUSE - BACK YARD - DAY

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Luke and Phil play badminton. Luke is excellent and runs Phil ragged. He's impressed with his son but exhausted.

JAY (V.O.)

I guess every parent wants that for their child. And maybe a little bit for themselves too. So sometimes we push them too hard. And that leads to a lot of resentment and quilt. So, how much is too much? Here's where I come out...

36D JAY INTERVIEW

36D

Jay stands at the mantel in front of Manny's trophy.

JAY

Guilt fades.

(he points over his shoulder at the trophy)

Hardware is forever.

Jay smiles. The camera pans down the mantel where we find Jay has placed a SMALL FRAMED PICTURE of young Mitchell and Claire as "Fire and Nice."

37 <u>OMITTED</u> 37 *

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38-39	OMITTED	38-39	*
40	EXT. OPEN HOUSE - DAY	40	*
	Phil places a "SOLD" banner over a "FOR SALE" yard sign.		*
	PHIL (V.O.) What makes a great salesman? No big secret. Simply follow the ABC's of salesmanship.		* * * *
41	PHIL INTERVIEW	41	*
	PHIL Always Be Closing. Don't Ever Forget, Great Home Ideas Just Keep Lurking Mostly Nearby. Often People Question Realtor's Sincerity. Take Umbrage. Violators Will uh. X, X, X, Xylophone Your Zone. Boom! That's how you sell a house.		* * * * * * *
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