

## Session 1 Drama 1

Narrator - In this drama Mary and her daughter, Stacey are at home relaxing in each other's company. Their attention focuses on the Carey boy who has been recently cautioned by the Law for anti-social behaviour. Will it be the only thing that evening that captures their attention?

Characters :

John (father) – Liam Lenihan, John is a prominent member of society, involved with local church choir, member of local Golf Club and Officer of Local Credit Union.

Mary (wife) – Fiona Mc Donnell. Mary is a florist with her own business in the town. Regular church goer and member of local gym. Well known and respected.

Stacey (daughter), Alison Mc Donnell. Stacey is a 16yrs old, a pupils at her local school. Outgoing personality, though, at times sensitive. Popular among school-mates. She helps out in mother's shop and attends the local Youth Club.

**Setting:** Evening in the living room of the Collins household. Mary and daughter Stacey. Mary reading a magazine, glass of wine beside her, and wine bottle on the sideboard. Stacey on her ipad.

**Mary:** There used to be good recipes in these magazines

**Stacey:** Yea.

**Mary:** No decent Irish dishes anymore

**Stacey:** Yea

**Mary (noticing that she is being ignored)** "Is that Jamie Oliver looking over your shoulder?"

**Stacey:** Yea.

**Mary raising eyes upwards and realising that Stacey is not interested.**

**Stacey:** That Clown.

**Mary:** Jamie Oliver?

**Stacey:** What? Are you alright Mom. I'm just looking at Facebook, that Carey boy I was telling you about.

He's been cautioned for Anti Social Behaviour. He's all the news in School and down at the Club.

**Mary :** His mother called into the shop today, needless to say she had no mention of it.

**Stacey:** Poor woman, and she's so respectable. Where did they get him from? He's a right little troublemaker, always looking to pick a fight, always getting into arguments, AND he drinks. Well I'm delighted, that'll put manners on him.

**Mary:** Mrs. Carey never drank in her life, and certainly wouldn't encourage any of her family.

**Stacey:** Silly Guy, he deserves everything he gets, thinking he was above the law. He's all the talk in School. Some of the guys were saying that it could affect his place in the team, and him the Captain.

**Mary:** When you make your bed you lie in it.

**Stacey:** What do you mean?

**Mary:** Well when you do something wrong, you should realise the consequences.

**Stacey:** Oh, yeah, good saying, didn't hear that one before.

**Mary :** It's an old one.

**Stacey:** He has no one to blame but himself. It's all over Facebook, and I wouldn't be surprised if it made the papers.

**Mary:** It wouldn't be in the papers, they'd have to be careful about naming youngsters. Be a good girl and get me a top up.

**Stacey goes to cabinet and tops up Mary's wine glass.**

**Enter John, paper in hand and settling into his favourite chair.**

**John :** Well, aren't we very cosy.

**Stacey:** Young Carey was warned for anti social behaviour.

**John:** (Treating the news lightly) Aah, he's young, he'll grow out of it.

John starts to read his paper, Mary resumes reading her magazine.

Stacey is still on her ipad.

**Stacey:** Oh, Yessss, they're coming to Ireland, quick Dad, give me a look at the entertainments page.

**John :** No, wait 'till I get a read, you have all you need on that contraption.

**Stacey:** Aaagh come on, pleeease.

**John:** You're a pest, I'm only after opening it.

**John:** Who's coming?

**Stacey:** You wouldn't know, different generation, c'mon, just the entertainments page.

Stacey pulls a section of the paper from John's hands, much to his annoyance.

Stacey starts to read the paper, flicking through the pages, then

(Alarm)

**Stacey:** Mam, Dad, what's our address? DAD, what's this.....John Collins, 15 Tyrell Ave, fined €300 and banned from driving for 3 years, having been convicted of excess alcohol in the breath. The offence occurred at .....DAD, what's this about. It's not about you is it ? It has to be a mistake.

**Mary:** John?

**John:** They didn't print it, did they? ( head in hands and sighs )

**Stacey:** When ? How ? Oh my God, how could you. How am I going to face my friends. How am I going to face school. You of all people. An officer in the local Credit Union.....the Church Choir. Do they know about this at the Golf Club?

**Mary:** You're saying very little John. When did this happen.....when were you going to tell us.....were you going to tell us? Sure you couldn't have kept that quiet.....what about the car, were you just going to park it up and say nothing.....when were WE going to be told.

**John:** I was going to tell you.

**Mary:** But you didn't, your own wife.....how am I going to face my customers

**Stacey:** How am I going to face my friends. Everyone will be talking about this now.

**John:** Hold on there a minute, what's all this about. I'm here in the room you know. Right I made a mistake, it was the night of the quarter final and we had a few drinks. I got caught. Did I kill anyone, did I? Was I caught for stealing or anti social behaviour.

**Stacey:** Drink driving is anti social behaviour. What if you had crashed the car or hit someone. How many times had you drink on you when you were leaving me off to the disco? how could you?

**John:** I made a big mistake, I know that. I got caught and I've been penalised but I didn't expect to be judged a second time, and in my own home.

**Mary:** We're not judging you but why didn't you say. We're going to be the talk of the town now!

**John:** We ? We? who's this about....I had a few drinks, I made a mistake and got into my car and got caught. Right it was a big mistake but it's me who did it, no one else, not ye, not Mrs. Carey, not the neighbour's dog but ME.

**Mary:** Yes but John, we're not judging you, we're merely pointing out what's going to be said. You let yourself down, you let us down, you let Stacey down. I mean she has to go into school now and face ridicule.

**Stacey:** Yes Dad, you didn't think of us when you had your drinks and got into your car. Oh, no, but you're the very one who lectured me when you were dropping me off to the disco and warned me about "Not Drinking" and make sure you keep "Good Company",

What's that other big one oh yes " Be very careful with boys." So now who are we seeing the double standards from. Whose morals come into question now? This is terrible. ( Stacey storms out of the room. )

**John:** As if I deliberately went out to get caught.

**Mary:** Nobody is suggesting that but I'm your wife, I shouldn't have to hear this through the media.

**Silence as John settles into his chair. He has no interest in the newspaper now.**

**Mary:** ( as she again tops up her glass ) What's happening us John? I mean, as a family. This would have been unheard of before. Did you not think that you could have rung me up to come and collect you? From my point of view that's very upsetting. I've always told you to just lift the phone and ring. I am your wife and support.

**John:** I know, I know, I blew it. I suppose that'll be me out of the Choir and the Credit Union now. You're going to have to drive me to the Golf.....

**Fades out with music.**