

ASSIGNMENT #4: PARENTHETICALS

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INT. KITCHEN TABLE -- NIGHT

RYAN is seated between SAMUEL and RUTH.

RUTH
(to Samuel)
Well? Don't you have something to
say to your son?

SAMUEL
(clears his throat)
Yes...I...that is, your Mother and
I are very disappointed...

RUTH
(interrupts)
Disappointed? Disappointed?
(to Ryan)
I...we...are shocked and humiliated
about...about...what went on next
door. What were you thinking?

RYAN starts to speak, but his Father shakes his head.

SAMUEL
(to Ruth)
Now, honey, I don't think all this
was Ryan's fault...

RUTH
Oh, so the woman is always the
blame, is it?

SAMUEL
I didn't say that...

RUTH
Young man, you are grounded for a
year!

RYAN
What?

Looks to his Father for help

RYAN
(cont.)
Dad, it was Mrs. Johnson's idea. I
swear.

RUTH
(starts crying)
How am I going to face our Sunday
School class?