

Bad Marriage

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Category: drama
Description: A mother and daughter discuss the youngers bad marriage

Characters

Name: Jane
Age: 50s
Race: n/a
Region: n/a
Sex: female
Description: A woman in her fifties with lots of life experience

Name: Ann
Age: n/a
Race: n/a
Region: n/a
Sex: female
Description: Jane's daughter struggling with a bad marriage

JANET, a woman in her fifties, is humming to herself as she potters in her garden, fussing with some small plants she intends to transplant into a flower bed. A car is heard pulling up, and then Janet's 30ish daughter ANN calls to her from off stage.

ANN:
Mom? Mom, where are you?

JANET:
I'm out here, dear. In the garden. What is it? You look bursting.

ANN:
Can you take the children next weekend?

JANET:
Probably. Next weekend...? (thinking)

ANN:
It's important.

JANET:
I have a Saturday meeting, but it's just 3 of us. I could ask them to come here.
(back to working with her trowel)

ANN:
Thanks.

JANET:
Rather last minute, though.

ANN:
I could put this off till the beginning of next month, but now's the best time.

JANET:
For? (still working)

ANN:
Telling Brian I want a divorce.

JANET:
There's a best time? (dropping trowel, paying full attention)

ANN:
Before school starts. I hope he'll do the right thing and move out, but if the kids and I have to go, it means changing schools--

JANET:
Annie, I -. You and Brian bought the house for the schools. (pause) Would you hand me that sprayer? (ANN does) Thanks.