

INT. SWAGGER HOME - MOMENTS LATER

JULIE SWAGGER (30s), cheerleader and school class president turned military wife, Julie's managed to hold her family together through Bob Lee's multiple deployments. She's smart, hardworking and a solid partner in the marriage.

START
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JULIE

Bob Lee?
(finds him in kitchen)
You forget to say hello?

Bob Lee smiles --

BOB LEE

Sorry, thought you were sleeping.

JULIE

Two days of hunting and all you shot was three cans of beer?

BOB LEE

I had something...I missed.

Julie takes Bob Lee's beer, helps herself to it.

JULIE

You don't miss, Bob Lee.

Bob Lee kisses her, not passionate but familiar - grabs his beer back as he passes her to the dining room with a plate of cold chicken.

JULIE (CONT'D)

Nikki got that part in the school play.

BOB LEE

She awake?

JULIE

You know she listens for your truck.

Bob Lee doesn't reply, Julie picks his food up, heads back to the kitchen with it.

JULIE (CONT'D)

I'm not playing the role of the nagging wife tonight. And you don't get to eat my dinner when you're five hours late with no explanation.

BOB LEE

Come on, I'm sorry I got home so late. I sorta lost track of the day.

JULIE

Not even a call? Thought the mission days were behind us.

BOB LEE

There's no cell reception at Yale's cabin.

JULIE

Jasper Yale has been dead for eleven years.

BOB LEE

That explains why he's never there.
(off Julie's look)
I'm sorry, I'm a smart ass. I should've called.

JULIE

While you were clearing your head I was doing the bills - so by way of apology you can finish the porch tomorrow. Cause we really need to get this place on the market.

BOB LEE

You got it. Straight away.

Bob Lee leans in to kiss her again, Julie leans back.

JULIE

What do you think you're doing --

BOB LEE

-- kissing my wife. And maybe something more if she's not too tired.

JULIE

She might be too tired.

BOB LEE

Might?

JULIE

Go say good night to your daughter, take a shower and we'll see if I'm still mad at you later.

END