

The Card

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INT. LIVING ROOM - AFTERNOON

A young boy of 6 or 7 is sat on the floor of a clean and tidy living room. Surrounding him are stickers, glue, glitter, pens and a card. The young boy, JACK, carefully decorates a card. His tongue slightly poking out of his mouth in concentration. The inside of the card reads; 'To Milly, I love you, From Jack'. A woman in her early 30s enters the room.

MUM

Come on JACK it's time to go.

JACK continues to colour in the card. Eventually he jumps up and runs out of the room.

INT. HALLWAY - AFTERNOON

JACK waits excitedly by the front door clutching the card. MUM pulls a coat off of a hook, hanging beside a calendar with 'Milly's party' written on 14th February. MUM puts the coat on JACK as he holds tight onto the card. MUM opens the door and JACK runs out, MUM slowly following.

INT. CAR - AFTERNOON

MUM glances in the rear view mirror and smiles at JACK. JACK is sat in the back of the car on the passenger's side, holding tightly onto the card whilst staring out of the window.

EXT. MILLY'S HOUSE

MUM opens the back passenger door. JACK jumps out and runs towards a house with two balloons on the front door.

MUM

(laughing)

Slow down.

MUM knocks on the door and smiles at JACK, amused by his excitement. A flustered looking woman, ANNA, opens the door to them. She sighs then smiles.

ANNA

Come in, come in.

JACK hurries past ANNA as MUM calmly walks in.

INT. MILLY'S LIVING ROOM - AFTERNOON

JACK runs into the living room excitedly and looks around the room. His smile drops as he sees a pretty young girl, MILLY, throw her arms around another boy and give him a peck on the cheek. JACK looks at the card in his hand and slowly walks towards a bin in the corner. He drops the card into the bin and sits on the nearest chair. JACK sits, sulking, with his elbows on his knees and his chin resting on his hands. MUM walks into the room, towards JACK. ANNA follows and clears some plates up.

MUM

Do you want to take your coat off
so you can play?

(pause)

What's wrong JACK?

ANNA

Don't worry I'll look after him.
We'll have some fun won't we JACK.

MUM smiles and walks to the door of the room. She spots MILLY stood with another boy, then turns to look at JACK. MUM sighs then leaves.

EXT. MILLY'S HOUSE - EVENING

One of the balloons on the front door is now deflated. MUM walks towards the front door as another mum walks out with a young girl, party bag in hand.

INT. MILLY'S LIVING ROOM - EVENING

MUM walks into the room and sees JACK sat on the same chair as before, with his coat still on and looking unhappy. MUM walks over to JACK and bends down slightly. She pauses for a second. JACK remains looking unhappy. MUM looks over to see MILLY dancing with some children, then looks back to JACK.

MUM

Would you like to go and get some
ice cream?

JACK looks up and smiles. MUM stands up and holds out her hand. JACK takes her hand. They walk towards the door. JACK suddenly lets go and runs off towards the bin. MUM looks on confused. JACK finds the card in the bin and searches for a pen. JACK begins writing on the inside. JACK walks back up to MUM and gives her the card. Inside it now reads; 'To Mummy, I love you, From Jack'. MUM smiles, bends down and hugs JACK and kisses him on the cheek.