

# **FLUSHED**

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**EXT. BALCONY OF CYNTHIA ROSS' APARTMENT - DAY**

CYNTHIA (23) sits next to BRIAN (45) drinking tea at a small table. They look out at the ocean view before them.

CYNTHIA

It was one of those life  
defining moments, you know?  
I'll never forget her.

**INT. BATHROOM IN ROSS FAMILY HOME - YEARS EARLIER, DAY**

CYNTHIA (4) carries a small fish tank, home to two small turtles, into the room. She sets the tank down on the floor next to the toilet.

CYNTHIA

Adventure time!

CYNTHIA picks the first turtle up in her hand and drops it into the toilet bowl.

The TURTLE looks up at CYNTHIA, swimming in the toilet water, just as she drops the second one in to join it.

CYNTHIA pressed the flush down and the sound of the flushing toilet fills the room. CYNTHIA picks up the tank and leaves the room carrying it in both hands.

**EXT. ROSS FAMILY HOME - LATER**

CYNTHIA sits down by a gutter drain pipe and stares at the hole.

**INT. LOUNGE ROOM OF THE ROSS FAMILY HOME - SAME TIME**

FELICITY (25), Cynthia's mother, walks past the pet tank sitting on a display cabinet. She does a double take and walks over to the tank, inspecting it.

FELICITY

(shouting)

Honey?

BRIAN (26), Cynthia's father, rushes into the room.

BRIAN

What is it?

FELICITY

Where are Grover and Telly?

BRIAN walks over to the tank and inspects it himself. The tank is filled with water, but is also devoid of life.

BRIAN  
I don't know. Where's  
Cynthia?

FELICITY  
She was playing in her room  
last I saw her.

**INT. CYNTHIA'S BEDROOM - SHORTLY AFTER**

BRIAN ducks his head into the room, but there is no one inside.

**INT. HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS**

BRIAN looks up and down the hall.

BRIAN  
Cynthia?

There is no response.

**EXT. ROSS FAMILY HOME - SHORTLY AFTER**

BRIAN walks out the back door and finds CYNTHIA sitting on the grass near the corner of the house.

BRIAN  
What are you doing, Cynth?

CYNTHIA  
Hi, Daddy. I'm waiting for  
Grover and Telly to come home  
from their adventure.

CYNTHIA continues to look intently at the drain pipe. BRIAN moves closer and sits down beside CYNTHIA. He looks at the pipe, too.

BRIAN  
What kind of adventure?

CYNTHIA  
They're exploring the pipes  
inside our house! I hope they  
bring me back some chocolate  
from the gift shop.

BRIAN  
Cynthia... how did they get  
*into* the pipes?

CYNTHIA  
I flushed them down the  
toilet, of course.

BRIAN stares blankly at CYNTHIA. He looks back at the pipe. And then back to CYNTHIA again.

BRIAN stands and then moves back inside the house.

**INT. LOUNGE ROOM OF ROSS FAMILY HOME - SHORTLY AFTER**

FELICITY sits on the sofa with her feet up.

BRIAN enters the room, distracted.

FELICITY  
Did you find her?

BRIAN looks up at FELICITY

BRIAN  
Huh? Oh, yeah.

FELICITY  
And the turtles?

BRIAN  
She flushed them down the  
loo.

FELICITY is speechless.

BRIAN (CONT'D)  
Apparently she thinks they're  
going on an adventure... and  
will stop at a gift shop on  
their way back to her.

FELICITY cracks a smile.

FELICITY  
You know where she got that  
idea from?

BRIAN shakes his head, confused.

FELICITY  
My Mom. When she drove out  
here for the summer.

BRIAN sits down on the sofa next to FELICITY. They face each other.

BRIAN

Ah, yes. She did like to help Cynthia imagine up adventures for them to go on. But the gift shop?

FELICITY

Remember how she stopped at a gift shop in every state from Florida to here to get something for Cynth?

BRIAN smiles and nods.

BRIAN

I guess she's just missing her Grandma. But what are we going to do about the turtles?

FELICITY

Just let me deal with that.

**EXT. ROSS FAMILY HOME - LATER**

FELICITY watches CYNTHIA watch the pipe from her place, standing by the back door. After a few moments, she walks over to CYNTHIA and sits down next to her.

FELICITY

Honey?

CYNTHIA still doesn't take her eyes off the pipe.

CYNTHIA

Yes, Mommy?

FELICITY

Grover and Telly... they're not going to end their adventure here.

CYNTHIA turns her head to look at FELICITY.

CYNTHIA

How do you know, Mommy? Is there another exit?

FELICITY

Well... I suppose you could look at it that way. Honey, your turtles... their adventure has taken them elsewhere.

CYNTHIA

Where?

FELICITY

Remember when you played pirates with Grandma?

CYNTHIA

Yes! Oh my goodness, that was so much fun. Like when she made me a pirate hat and when she let me drive the ship and then when we made you walk the plank! But then... then she said the ship had to take her away from me.

FELICITY

That's right, honey. Do you remember where Grandma told you the ship was sailing to?

Tears start to form in CYNTHIA's eyes.

CYNTHIA

I guess heaven.

FELICITY

That's right. Well, Grover and Telly decided they wanted to keep Grandma company for you because they knew how much you miss her.

CYNTHIA turns her attention back to the pipe.

CYNTHIA

Are they going to come back?

FELICITY

I'm afraid not. I'm sorry, Cynthia.

CYNTHIA stands and runs toward the back door while wiping tears away from her eyes.

**EXT. BALCONY OF CYNTHIA ROSS' APARTMENT - MOMENTS AFTER  
SCENE 1**

CYNTHIA stands and places her hands comfortably on the railing, still looking out at the ocean.

BRIAN nods.

CYNTHIA (CONT'D)

I hope Mom sailed the same  
pirate ship Grandma did.

BRIAN

No doubt in my mind.