THESE THINGS HAPPEN

SCENE ONE

(We open to a dark stage. We hear pandemonium on stage. ROGER and SARA are mid-fight. It has been a long time coming and they are both talking very fast. Their lines should over lap.)

SARA. It's one of those girls at the hospital! God!
ROGER. Sara. Would you calm down—
SARA. I never should've married a nurse.
ROGER. (*Lights up)* Sara!
SARA. Christ! I should have known this—
ROGER. Stop rambling and talk to me!
SARA. (*Takes just a second to think)* You think I'm so stupid don't you?
ROGER. When have I ever said that?
SARA. You thought I'd never figure it out.
ROGER. Figure what out!?
SARA. You're cheating on me, Roger.
ROGER. Sara.
SARA. It's the truth!
ROGER. I am not cheating on you. I would never do that—
SARA. You are so full of shit!
ROGER. Would you explain what the hell is going on?
SARA. I have proof!

(RICKY opens his parent's bedroom door. Both parent's heads quickly look at the door. They try to hide that they were fighting.)

ROGER. Hey, buddy.
SARA. Did we wake you, honey?
ROGER. We're having grown up talk, Ricky, you don't want to hear this. Why don't you head back to bed?
SARA. Go on, I'll come in soon and tuck you in.

(Both watch RICKY close the door and leave. The fight starts at somewhat of the same intensity but begins at a more subdued volume.)

SARA. I have proof you are cheating on me.
ROGER. Well then prove it.
SARA. Tonight I went to Michelle's across the street and I—

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ROGER. You said you were going to the movies?
SARA. I was lying.
ROGER. (*To himself*) Now you're lying.
SARA. I went to Michelle's house and spied on you through the window. And I saw that black Volkswagen pull into the garage!
ROGER. You saw a black Volkswagen?
SARA. Don't deny it, Roger. I saw it. I've known something was up. You've been acting different for months—
ROGER. Sara.
SARA. And I have proof now—
ROGER. You saw my friend Daniel.
SARA. What?
ROGER. My friend Daniel drives a Volkswagen. He came over and we hung out.
SARA. No. No that's not possible.
ROGER. Daniel was the only person who came over. What? Am I not allowed to hang out with my friends when you're at movies?
SARA. There was a woman here!
ROGER. Or just not when you're spying on me? You've got some nerve, you know that? Accusing me—
SARA. (*Blurting out, confused*) But it broke!
ROGER. What? What the hell are you talking—?
SARA. Michelle said if I wanted to prove you were cheating I should put an egg under our mattress. So if you got in bed the egg would break. And it broke, Roger. Don't give me this shit about Daniel or whoever. You were sleeping with someone.
ROGER. (*Knows he's caught)* Okay look—
SARA. Why would you be in the bed if you were just with one of your friends?
ROGER. I can explain.
SARA. He wasn't the only person over! Who is she? One of those stupid bitch nurses, isn't she!?
ROGER. Please just listen to me.
SARA. Jesus Christ Roger! (*She rambles very quickly)* Why? What am I not good enough? Fuck! Are we supposed to get counseling or what does this even mean? What am I supposed to do? What do I tell Ricky?
ROGER. Sara.
SARA. I'm never going to be able to trust you after this! Never! This is too much. God damnit. Some stupid fucking nurse. She's good looking, isn't she?!
ROGER. Sara I'm trying to—
SARA. The egg broke, Roger! Who are you sleeping with?!

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