CHET
That doesn't change the fact that if I didn't know you better, I'd think you were trying to sabotage me.

JESSICA
Sabotage? Sabo - Oh, no. It was nothing like that.

CHET
You realize that I'm trying to help Michael sell his house. Otherwise...

MICHAEL (O.S.)
Otherwise, I won't be able to complete my purchase of her father's house.

Jessica turns around and sees Michael and Rod over her shoulder.

MICHAEL (CONT'D)
Isn't that right, Rod?

JESSICA
Oh, boy.

INT. JESSICA'S PARENTS' HOUSE - KITCHEN - LATER

Jessica sits at the table, Rod PACES around her. It's as if Jessica is 8 years old, and her father is getting ready to ground her.

ROD
What in the world were you thinking?

JESSICA
I don't see what the big deal is -

ROD
The big deal is that you're misrepresenting yourself.

JESSICA
You make me sound like I burned the house down. I just suggested they look at another house.

ROD
You're interfering.

JESSICA
Who's side are you on? You're out eating lunch with the enemy -
ROD
The enemy? You're really over reacting, dear. You know if you got to know Michael, he's actually a very nice guy.

JESSICA
I'm sure he is.

ROD
He's available.

JESSICA
Dad.

Rod sits down.

ROD
What is it?

JESSICA
What?

ROD
This isn't like you at all. Are you alright?

JESSICA
Of course I'm not alright. This is my house and you're selling it to a stranger!

ROD
Your house? Your house? Sweetheart. You haven't been here in three years. And now that your mother and I are moving out of town, you're finally dropping by for a visit?

JESSICA
It's not like that.

ROD
How is then? Please explain it to me. Because I've missed you.

JESSICA
Oh, dad.

They look at each other...no one's breaking down. Not yet...

JESSICA (CONT'D)
When...Barry died. I...didn't want to...be here.

ROD
Why wouldn't you want to be around your family?
JESSICA
Because...the most important part...of my family was gone.

That does it, they hug each other.

JESSICA (CONT’D)
But. After a few years in the City...without him. That doesn’t feel like home either...

Jessica laughs, as if remembering the clouds clearing...

JESSICA (CONT’D)
And one day. A few months ago. I thought to myself, I like it. At home. I always did. When we moved here - Remember when we went camping here in the summers? Before you built the house -

ROD
It’s why I built the house -

JESSICA
I know! I left this place because of Barry. He wanted to live in the City. I...

Jessica drifts off.

JESSICA (CONT’D)
I just want a home of my own now. And...believe me dad, I wasn’t trying to avoid you and mom and...I just wish you weren’t moving so far away. But I can promise you this:

ROD
What?

JESSICA
I will definitely visit you in Florida.

Rod LAUGHS. Then...

ROD
Your mom and I would like that.

They look at each other.

ROD (CONT’D)
I just wish you would have said something earlier.

JESSICA
I’m sorry, dad.
ROD
I'm sorry, too. But for now, you've just got to let this house go. It breaks my heart. It does. But it's just too late.

JESSICA
I don't know.

ROD
Sweetheart. I raised you to be honest. To be thoughtful. No house is worth compromising your honor. As tough as it is. This is just a house. You can make a home anywhere.

Jessica sits with that a long moment.

INT. MICHAEL'S WORKSHOP - DAY

The DOG and Madeline watch MICHAEL as he CARVES WOOD, speaking animatedly about:

MICHAEL
A time capsule.

MADELINE
A what?

MICHAEL
It was like...a collection of memories of the whole summer. Little...

He drifts a little...

INT. JESSICA'S PARENTS HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - SAME

Jessica sits on the couch, FLIPPING THROUGH AN OLD PHOTO ALBUM, looking at PICTURES of herself as a child...

MICHAEL (V.O.)
Reminders.

- THE SUMMER IN THE FOREST
- A BIRTHDAY

MADELINE (V.O.)
What kid of reminders? Treasure?

- GROWING UP IN THE HOUSE
- HER FROM PICTURE WITH CHET