

THE REAL HOUSEKEEPERS OF STUDIO CITY

(partial sample #2)

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ASHLEY

You were with the Bradys for how long?

OLIVIA

Five seasons.

ALICE

That can't be right! It seemed like I was there forever.

ASHLEY

Mike and Carol said you were the perfect housekeeper.

ALICE

Oh, I wouldn't say perfect. Not unless you think perfect means barely keeping six kids from destroying the house each day. Every one of these gray hairs came from them.

ASHLEY

You don't seem very gray.

ALICE

This one right here? A science project spewing fake lava all over the kitchen. And this one? Breaking Mrs. Brady's prize-winning sculpture after being pranked by six kids at once.

SCOT

So what did you do?

ALICE

Clairol medium ash brown.

ASHLEY

I think Scot meant, how did you manage?

SCOT

No, I didn't.

*Scot and Alice chuckle together.*

ASHLEY

But how did you manage?

ALICE

I suppose I was like the glue holding them together, As long as they didn't split apart, I knew that we could fix anything. Usually in less than 30 minutes.

ASHLEY

That's about how long I have to find a housekeeper.

ALICE

It's not like housekeepers grow on trees. Maybe some of us are a little fruity, but it always goes the same way. We start out by scrubbing your toilets, and we end up falling in love with every last one of you.

OLIVIA

I wish you could be ours.

ALICE

Well, thank you, Olivia. But the Bradys are my family, and they always will be.

ASHLEY

Then why aren't you still with them?

ALICE

I'll always be with them in my heart. But every family grows up. Like the poet said, nothing gold can stay.

**(17. THE SYNDICATION OF YOUR MIND.)**

FOR FAMILIES, A HOUSEKEEPER  
DOES SO MUCH MORE THAN WASH  
YOU MUST BE GOOD AND GIVING,  
PLAY THEIR GAMES  
SO WHEN THEY ASK YOU TO MAKE THEM  
THEIR PORK CHOPS AND APPLE "SHOSH"  
FOR EVERY SPARK OF GENIUS  
FAN THE FLAMES

THERE'S JUST ONE CHANCE TO PLAY WITH THEM  
YOU CANNOT PUSH REWIND  
BUT YOU CAN PLAY THE GAME AGAIN  
IN THE SYNDICATION OF YOUR MIND

THEY WANT TO TOSS THE BALL WITH YOU?  
JUST SAVE THE CHORES FOR AFTER  
THERE IS NO HARM UNLESS  
YOU BREAK A VASE  
SO OPEN UP, ENJOY YOURSELF  
YOU MUST EMBRACE THE LAUGHTER  
JUST DON'T TAKE A FOOTBALL TO THE FACE

WHILE THEY TELL YOU JOKES AND STORIES  
YOU SHOULD LEAVE THE CHORES BEHIND  
YOU'LL BE ROLLING IN THE AISLES  
IN THE SYNDICATION OF YOUR MIND

YEARS ON DOWN THE ROAD AFTER YOU  
TAKE THE FINAL BOW  
YOU MIGHT SEE THEM AT A REUNION SHOW  
OR IN SOME GOSSIP RAG THAT ASKS  
"WHERE ARE THE BRADYS NOW?"  
YOU LOVED THEM ALL ALONG  
BUT DID THEY KNOW?

YOU HAVE TO MAKE THE MEMORIES  
BEFORE THEY'RE GROWN AND GONE  
AND IN THE END YOU'LL FIND  
THE SYNDICATION OF YOUR MIND  
GOES ON AND ON