

EXT. FRONT YARD - DAY

YOUNG ASHLEY: sits on her steps. A car pulls up outside and EMILY Davis, Late 20s: gets out of the car. Ashley sees her mother and runs up to her. Her mom is holding a small box behind her back. She presents the box to Ashley. Inside the box is a beautiful necklace. Ashley lets her mom put it on her. The two go inside.

Gets out of the car and walks up to Ashley and smiles

EMILY
Hi sweetie! I have a special
present for you!

Ashley has an excited look on her face as she runs over to Emily

YOUNG ASHLEY
present for me?! What is it Mommy?

Emily hands Ashley a box

EMILY
You're just gonna have to open it
up and find out!

Ashley takes the box and opens it

YOUNG ASHLEY
A necklace! It's beautiful!

Emily takes the necklace from Ashley's hands and clasps it around Ashley's neck

EMILY
This is a special gift. I'm glad
you like it. Now every time you
look at it, you'll think of me.

YOUNG ASHLEY
I love it Mommy. Thank you.

Emily smiles at Ashley and gives her a hug

EMILY
I'm glad you like it sweetie.

SERIES OF QUICK SHOTS (EMILY AND ASHLEY MONTAGE)

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

A) YOUNG ASHLEY PLAYING A GAME WITH EMILY ON THE LIVING ROOM FLOOR.

YOUNG ASHLEY
(Ashley laughs and smiles
at Emily)
I'm going to beat you!

EMILY

No, I'm gonna beat you!

Ashley looks down at the game

YOUNG ASHLEY

This is fun!

B) YOUNG ASHLEY WATCHING EMILY AND GEORGE ARGUING FROM THE HALLWAY. THERE IS BEER BOTTLES ON THE KITCHEN TABLE.

INT. FAMILY HOME - DAY

George gives Emily an angry look and yells

GEORGE

I'm sick of this! I've had enough!

Emily is swaying drunk and points her finger at George
angered

EMILY

You listen to me, I can do whatever
I want, whenever I want! You're not
the boss of me!

George walks over to Emily and shakes her by the shoulders
showing concern

GEORGE

Look at me Emily! You are only
thinking about yourself right now.
You're not thinking about the
family!

EMILY

What the hell are you talking
about? I'm not doing anything
wrong!

GEORGE

(George looks sadly into
Emily's eyes)

You're drunk Emily! Think about
Ashley! She needs a mother!

Emily looks over at Ashley, tries to walk over to her and
falls

EMILY

I'm a good Mother and she knows
that.

George picks Emily up from around her waist

EMILY

(Emily smacks Georges
hands away and pulls
herself up)

I don't need your help! I'm fine.

GEORGE

Emily, I think you should go take a
walk or sometihng.

EMILY

(Emily's eyes widen and
she looks angry at
George)

Go for a walk?! I don't need a
fuckin' walk! I'm outta here!

Note

FLASHBACK C: George answers door and a policeman is standing there. The cop informs George that Emily was drinking and had an accident, and was killed at the scene. The cop leaves as Ashley 8 yrs old comes running out into the room and hugs George.

C) YOUNG ASHLEY WATCHING EMILY RUN OUT THE DOOR AND JUMP IN HER CAR AND DRIVE AWAY. GEORGE IS STANDING WITH HER AND PUTS HIS ARM AROUND HER SOFTLY. SHE HOLDS UP THE NECKLACE EMILY GAVE HER.

EMILY

(Emily stumbles to her
car)

I'm leaving George! Just leave me
alone! Don't you dare call me!

GEORGE

(George looks at Emily
concerned)

You shouldn't be driving Emily!
You're making a mistake!

EMILY

(Emily opens her car
door)

Just shut up! This is your mistake!

GEORGE

(George tries to catch up
to Emily and pounds on
the car door)

Emily, you can't go! It isn't safe!
Think of your daughter!

EMILY

(Emily turns away from
George and pulls out of
the driveway)

GEORGE

(George walks over to
Ashley and puts his arm
around her with a sad
look on his face)

Don't worry sweetie. She'll come
home.

Young Ashley Looks up at George and back down at her
necklace with a sad look on her face

END FLASHBACK.