

**#1 JEFF & KAREN**

JEFF

Why are you cooking so much?

KAREN

Do you know how many people we're going to have?

JEFF

But don't they have church ladies for that stuff?

KAREN

We'll have them back here at the house too. Family anyway.

JEFF

Did I tell you who I saw at the airport? Wade Generelli.

KAREN

Oh my god, the kid who snorted all the time when he laughed?

JEFF

Yeah. He's an electrical engineer now. Has five kids. Home-schooled.

KAREN

By his wife, I assume?

JEFF

Or wives, possibly. He seemed a little scary religious.

KAREN

Haven't thought about him in years.

JEFF

When will the boys be home?

KAREN

In a couple hours. I asked Charlie to get them out of my hair for a little while. They were driving me crazy. ... God, that sounded terrible.

JEFF

There goes your mother of the year award.

KAREN

Oh, I lost that a long time ago. Sometimes I hear myself screaming and I think, "They're little boys. Why are you screaming at them?"

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You don't scream.

KAREN

I do. I'm out of control. Not always ... just lately.

JEFF

They have to understand that.

KAREN

Right. Because grade school boys are so very sensitive to others' needs?

JEFF

How are they handling it?

KAREN

Oh, you know. I don't know. They're sad. But not really? It's hard to explain. When I told them Grandma died, they both cried a little. But she hadn't been part of their lives for a while, in any kind of significant way, I mean. It was a chore just to get them out to see her and Dad. I think she kind of scared them, seeing her like that. And God knows Dad doesn't know how to talk to kids.

JEFF

Dad doesn't know how to talk to adults either. I don't know what we're going to do on the phone now that he can't say, "Good to hear from you. Here's your mother."

KAREN

Just put in the perfunctory call every week. He really does appreciate it.