

TAINTED LOVE

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FADE IN:

INT. A SMALL HALLWAY IN A NORMAL HOUSE - DAY

The door bursts open and a teenage schoolgirl HEATHER rushes in, slams the door, runs past the kitchen door and disappears up the stairs.

MUM (O.S)
(With concern)
Heather? Heather? Is that you?

There is no reply but there is a sound of CRYING coming from above.

Mum appears from the kitchen wiping her hands on a towel. She looks up the stairs, puts the towel down and goes up.

INT. BEDROOM - DAY

Heather is lying on a bed crying. On the floor are two Valentines Day cards. They are torn up.

Mum enters and sits on the bed and leans forward gently touching Heather.

MUM
Heather. Darling. What's the matter?

HEATHER
I love Matt and he didn't send me a card. I hate him. I hate him!

MUM
You have got two cards from people who think something of you. If Matt doesn't love you then you must wait for someone who does.

HEATHER
It's all right for you. You have got DAD! You don't understand. You don't understand anything.

MUM

I was young too. Like you! I
loved someone who didn't love me
and I had to move on. It happens
to all of us. The right person
will come along. They always do!

Mum leans forward and gently kisses Heather on the forehead. Mum stands up and leaves the room. Heather continues to sob.

INT. KITCHEN - DAY

Mum opens a drawer. Inside is a Valentine's Day Card. She opens it and reads the message.

"To the only man I ever truly
loved"

She HEARS the front door and hurriedly hides the card in the drawer.

DAD (O.S)

Hello. I'm home.

Dad walks into the kitchen. He has a bunch of flowers and an envelope which he hands to her.

DAD

Happy Valentines Day darling.

Dad puts his arms round mum and kisses her. He smiles affectionately and leaves the room.

Mum opens the card and quickly scans the message.

She bites her lip and glances at the drawer with the other card in. Tears well up in her eyes. She dries them with kitchen towel.

MUM

(To herself)

Yes I do understand Heather.

Mum opens the drawer, takes out the card and tears it up.

She puts Dad's card on a shelf and the flowers in a vase.

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