

Modern Family – Appearances Beat Sheet

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Plot A - As Gloria struggles to come to terms with getting older, Manny struggles to keep her from finding out that video of her false win at a Drag Queen competition is trending on social media.

Plot B - As he struggles to come to terms with no longer being at his physical peak, Cam begins a radical new diet, much to the dismay of Mitch who struggles to get him to break it.

Plot C - Haley has finally adjusted to being a mother, and her body has "normalized" again, however she must now come to terms with the fine stubble sprouting on her chin and upper lip.

• ACT 1

EXT. PARK – LOCATION 1 – DAY

- ♦ A - Manny sits on a bench staring into space.
- ♦ A - His hands twitch occasionally.
- ♦ A - Children play around him; animals scurry near his feet; a frisbee narrowly misses his head – yet he notices nothing.
- ♦ A - The clouds pass, and the shadows of the trees grow long – yet he remains oblivious.

EXT. PARK – LOCATION 2 - DAY

- ♦ B - Cam sits on a bench beneath a large tree.
- ♦ B - He watches as numerous couples mingle.
- ♦ B - He waves at a few people – they don't notice.

EXT. PARK – LOCATION 1 – DAY

- ♦ A – Manny's phone vibrates in his pocket and he snaps to attention instantly.
- ♦ A - He pulls the phone out rapidly as his face lights with excitement.
- ♦ A - He rises from the bench and begins to rush out of the park as he signs on.
- ♦ A - The expression falls from his face at what he sees.
- ♦ A - He freezes in place.

ZOOM IN ON PHONE

- ♦ A - A YouTube video is open showing Gloria, while an angry man criticizes the insecure old woman that entered a drag competition.

EXT. PARK – LOCATION 2 - DAY

- ♦ A,B - Cam sees Manny rushing through the park.
- ♦ B – He tries to catch up to Manny – who is now frozen in place.

EXT. PARK – LOCATION 3 – DAY

- ♦ A - Manny watches the video to the end – mouth agape.
- ♦ A - Checking the time Manny rushes home.
- ♦ B - Cam fails to catch up before Manny leaves.

- ♦ B - Stopping on the path Cam looks around morosely.
- ♦ B - Two young men (gay) are conversing and don't notice Cam as they plow into him.
- ♦ B - One sneers at him, while the other rudely implies that the “fat geezer” should stay out of traffic.

INT. PHARMACY – SHAVING AISLE – DAY

- ♦ C - Haley shops with the twins.
- ♦ C - Haley examines various razors while rubbing her chin.
- ♦ C - A woman winks at Haley as she grabs her own razor.
- ♦ C - The kids begin stirring in their carriers.
- ♦ C - Groaning she blindly shoves a razor in her cart.
- ♦ A,C - Her phone vibrates, and she sees a YouTube video featuring Gloria.
- ♦ C - She gasps in shock and looks around.

INT. PHARMACY – DAY - CONTINUOUS

- ♦ B - Cam stands in line at the pick-up window.
- ♦ A,B - While in line his phone vibrates, and he watches a silent YouTube video.

INT. PHARMACY – SHAVING AISLE – DAY - CONTINUOUS

- ♦ A,B,C – Haley notices Cam as he pulls out his own phone ...
- ♦ C - She rushes through checkout and leaves the store.

INT. PHARMACY – DAY - CONTINUOUS

- ♦ B - The line moves, and he reaches the window.
- ♦ B - After a brief conversation, Cam pays for a bottle of pills.
- ♦ B - Cam leaves the store.

INT. BUS - DAY

- ♦ A - Manny sends a text to Phil asking him to stall Gloria at work.

EXT. JAY AND GLORIA'S HOUSE - DAY

- ♦ A - Arriving home at the same time as Jay and Joe, Manny rushes past them and hurries down the hall.

INT. JAY AND GLORIA'S HOUSE - DAY

- ♦ A - Jay inquires as to the rush as he takes a drink.
- ♦ A - Manny tells him that the world has finally realized what happened on Halloween.
- ♦ A - Jay chokes on his water.

• ACT 2

EXT. DUNPHY HOUSE – DAY

- ♦ A,C - Gloria speeds away from the house.
- ♦ C - Haley and the kids go inside.

- ♦ C - Luke greets her and scoops up one of the kids.
- ♦ C - He leans in to kiss her ... than jumps back in shock, rubbing his lips.

INT. MITCHELL & CAMERON'S DUPLEX – KITCHEN – EVENING

- ♦ B - Cam enters the room and sets the bottle down on the counter.
- ♦ B - He forgets the bottle and begins working on Dinner.

INT. JAY AND GLORIA'S HOUSE – EVENING - CONTINUOUS

- ♦ A - Joe is amused, confused, and wants to know what is happening.
- ♦ A - Jay shoos Joe into the back yard.
- ♦ A - Manny opens the link to the video to show Jay.

INT. MITCHELL & CAMERON'S DUPLEX – KITCHEN – EVENING

- ♦ B - Lily arrives home with Mitch.
- ♦ B - Cam inquires to Lily's day.
- ♦ B - Lily comments on some event from school before dropping her bag on the counter.
- ♦ B - The bag knocks the bottle onto the floor.

INT. JAY AND GLORIA'S HOUSE – EVENING - CONTINUOUS

- ♦ A - Gloria bursts through the door complaining about Phil.
- ♦ A - Hearing her, the boys hurriedly attempt to close the video.
- ♦ A - The video is accidentally streamed to the living room television

INT. DUNPHY HOUSE – BATHROOM – EVENING

- ♦ C - Haley leans in close to the mirror and examines her face.
- ♦ C - She looks down in despair at the razor sitting unopened on the counter.
- ♦ C - Returning her gaze to the mirror she sighs forlornly, at the fine stubble reflected there.

INT. JAY AND GLORIA'S HOUSE – EVENING - CONTINUOUS

- ♦ A - Gloria is midsentence, pouring a glass of wine as the television transitions.
- ♦ A - Her mouth drops.
- ♦ A - The wine glass falls to the floor.
- ♦ A - Wine continues to pour from the bottle onto the counter.
- ♦ A - Finally, Manny terminates the connection.
- ♦ A - The entire house is silent.
- ♦ A - Jay moves toward Gloria.
- ♦ A - She throws the wine bottle at him.
- ♦ A - He dodges, but still gets wet.
- ♦ A - Joe comes in to find out what daddy did to make mom mad.

INT. MITCHELL & CAMERON'S DUPLEX – KITCHEN – EVENING

- ♦ B - Cam freezes as Mitch picks up the bottle and reads the label.

- ♦ B - Mitch demands to know what the pills are for.

INT. DUNPHY HOUSE – BATHROOM – EVENING

- ♦ C - Closing her eyes and breathing deeply she reaches for the unopened razor

• **ACT 3**

INT. JAY AND GLORIA’S HOUSE – LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

- ♦ A - Jay explains what happened to Joe.
- ♦ A - Gloria demands to know why she was never told the truth.
- ♦ A - Jay sputters some typical Pritchett wisdom...

INT. MITCHELL & CAMERON’S DUPLEX – BEDROOM – NIGHT

- ♦ B - Cam reveals that he is tired of feeling invisible.
- ♦ B - Mitch doesn’t understand.
- ♦ B - Cam explains that the pills are for weight loss.
- ♦ B - Mitch argues against the pills.
- ♦ B - Mitch becomes emotional.
- ♦ B - Cam won’t budge.

INT. DUNPHY HOUSE – BATHROOM – NIGHT

- ♦ C - Claire knocks on the door before entering.
- ♦ C - Haley sobs in the corner, her chin covered in shaving cream.
- ♦ C - The razor lies forgotten on the counter.
- ♦ C - Claire lowers herself to sit beside Haley a towel in hand.
- ♦ C - Claire speaks softly while wiping the cream from Haley’s face.

INT. MITCHELL & CAMERON’S DUPLEX – BEDROOM – NIGHT

- ♦ B - Lily bursts into the room and calls them idiots.
- ♦ B - She grabs the bottle and leaves the room.

INT. JAY AND GLORIA’S HOUSE – LIVING ROOM - NIGHT - MOMENTS LATER

- ♦ A - Manny reveals that the video is trending on all platforms.
- ♦ A - Jay tries to be humorous – and fails.
- ♦ A - Gloria is furious at being called an old grandma in the video.
- ♦ A - Joe innocently reminds her that she is a grandma.

INT. MITCHELL & CAMERON’S DUPLEX – KITCHEN – NIGHT

- ♦ B - Lily flies into the kitchen, opening the bottle as she moves.
- ♦ B - Cam and Mitch are hot on her heels – panting.
- ♦ B - Lily turns on the faucet, dumps the pills down the drain, and turns on the disposal.
- ♦ B - Frozen in awe the men watch as she tosses the bottle away.
- ♦ B - She opens the fridge while dropping some wisdom on Cam.
- ♦ B - She closes the fridge and smirks.

- ◆ B - As she leaves the kitchen she shoves a head of Broccoli into Cams hand.
- ◆ B - The men are flabbergasted.

INT. JAY AND GLORIA'S HOUSE – LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

- ◆ A - The entire family freezes and looks to Gloria.
- ◆ A - She takes in a monstrous breath.
- ◆ A - She lifts Joe up into her arms
- ◆ A - A smile spreads across her face.
- ◆ A - Manny watches carefully.
- ◆ A - Jay silently prepares to pounce.
- ◆ A - Gloria laughs, hugs Joe, and puts him down.
- ◆ A - She pulls out her phone.
- ◆ A - She sends a text to Haley.
 - *Grandma says HI!*
- ◆ A - She leaves the room.

INT. DUNPHY HOUSE – BATHROOM – NIGHT

- ◆ C - Haley questions why this is happening to her.
- ◆ C - Claire tells her to look closely at her own chin.
- ◆ C - Haley notices the fine hairs on Claire's face and smiles.
- ◆ C - She coyly comments on how hers is less noticeable than Claire's and skips out of the bathroom.
- ◆ C - Claire grimaces and groans before leaving the bathroom.

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EXT. JAY AND GLORIA'S HOUSE - YARD – NIGHT

- ◆ A - Gloria looks to the stars and basks in their glow.
- ◆ A - Her phone goes off and she pulls it out.
- ◆ A - A text is flashing on the screen from Haley.
 - *WHAT? Grandma's dead!*