

JOHN + CHRISTIAN

WITH SMALL ALISON + BRUCE

BRUCE. Kids, get out of there.

(Nothing.)

Now!

*Christian and Alison appear from the closed ends of a casket.*

Where's John?

*John appears as well.*

How many times have you been told Do Not Get In the Caskets.

JOHN. We were making a commercial for // the Fun Home.

SMALL ALISON. Shhh!!

CHRISTIAN. We're sorry, Dad.

BRUCE. We've got two bodies. We've got work to do.

SMALL ALISON. My turn to do the directory! Who are they?

BRUCE. (Handing her the directory letters.) Muriel Swartz. Dwight Johnson.

SMALL ALISON. Wait— Benny's dad?

CHRISTIAN. Benny's in my class!

SMALL ALISON. What happened?

BRUCE. He fell off a ladder. Broke his neck. Get this cleaned up.

(To himself.)

It's going to be a long night. (HE EXITS.)

CHRISTIAN. When you break your neck is it just like crack you're instantly dead?

JOHN. Probably his head was hanging from his neck and then he couldn't see, and he couldn't eat or anything and then he died from not eating and running into things.

CHRISTIAN. That's not right.

SMALL ALISON. You guys, we gotta practice the commercial.

*She fetches the tape recorder.*

JOHN. Yeah, we messed it up before.

*The kids all try to grab the tape recorder.*

SMALL ALISON. Give it to me.

JOHN. I want it.

CHRISTIAN. My turn!

SMALL ALISON. Shhh!

(THEY HEAR THEIR DAD. When they're sure he's gone they return to their game.)

CHRISTIAN. Should we start at the top?

SMALL ALISON. Yeah.

CHRISTIAN. Hold on, should we say Fun Home? We only call it that in the family?

JOHN. Yeah, that's right.

SMALL ALISON. It's our commercial. We can do what we want.

JOHN. That's right too.

CHRISTIAN. I guess.

SMALL ALISON. Come on!

CHRISTIAN. Okay, okay!

JOHN. (Into a fake megaphone.) Places everybody!

*They take their places. Small Alison turns on the tape recorder.*

SMALL ALISON. Fun Home commercial. Take seven million billion thousand.

JOHN. + CHRISTIAN:

*Your uncle died*

*You're feeling low*

*You've got to bury your momma but you don't know where to go*

*Your papa needs his final rest*

*You got you got you got to give them the best*

*Oh—*

SMALL ALISON & CHRISTIAN.

*Come to the Fun Home*