

Monologues
Bill, Sr – page 27

BILLY. There's this thing, Dad, it's called being happy—
BILL SR. Oh don't talk to me about happy—happy can go fuck itself! Happy is overrated! No, I'm wrong—the pursuit of happiness—that's the problem. They put that in the Declaration of Independence and it's been screwing up this country ever since! We've been promised happiness so we chase it like it's a given! Like it's actually possible! Like you can have it all the time! Here's how life works, Billy—you do what you do and you live and you love and some of it's good and some of it's terrible and no matter what hand you're dealt, you find the happy in that. That's what smart people do—they find the happy in that. (*A beat.*) Do you ever look at me naked in the locker room?

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ALICE. Truthfully, no. The store was crazy today—crazy!—guess what happened? No, I can't tell you, I have no time. But I have to tell you this— Guess what best-selling blockbuster they've made a sequel to? You'll never guess but go ahead and guess— No, don't, you won't guess, it's shocking. Actually, it's not shocking—it makes total sense. Now you know I have nothing against mass-market best-sellers, they keep me in business, so go ahead, guess. You're going to despise our culture when you hear it but go ahead.

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BILLY. At first, that's what I thought, too! But Jane's so focused on Emily she barely notices if I'm even in the fucking room! I'm the invisible man in my own fucking house. And she's going back to work soon so it'll get even easier. That's the thing about lying to your spouse—it's so easy to do.

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BILL SR. He's always wanted to go there.
JANE. I never knew that. And the other night we're in bed and he's flipping with the remote and he comes to this stupid Elvis movie—he's in Hawaii and there are bikinis and luaus and for some reason Angela Lansbury—and I look over and I see that he's mesmerized, he's totally mesmerized. I could tell he wanted nothing more than to crawl into that TV and escape. So I was wondering—do you know if he's planning on surprising me with a trip to Hawaii?
BILL SR. Oh, uh, no, I don't think so.