

# HANGING UP

EVE  
Hey, Mom.

MOM  
Are you taller?

EVE  
I don't think so.

MOM  
You're prettier than I remember.

EVE  
Mom, I wanted to ask you about the roses. Are you supposed to cut them back to a three-leaf configuration or a five?

MOM  
Get some cups here. in the cabinet.-is it locked?-No, it's open. Right there.  
Lemon? Milk with your tea?

EVE  
I don't care.

MOM  
Lemon's better for you. Lemon?

EVE  
The roses are all leggy and sad. Dad's not that much of a gardener.

MOM  
it's a five-leaf configuration, by the way.

EVE  
Mom, just come home. You have to, because everything is a mess.

MOM  
Eve, dear, this is my home.

EVE

What are you talking about? This is nowhere. This is like you're living with a bunch of squirrels. Come home and visit, and just come and talk to Dad. You know, he tried to kill himself.

MOM

But he didn't succeed.

EVE

No, he took an overdose of Percodan, Mom.

MOM

Your father.

EVE

Well, look, I'm very worried about Maddy. She's dropped out. She's living at the beach. She thinks she'll be a rock star and she can't carry a tune.

MOM

Let me think how to put this. Motherhood doesn't turn out to be a reason.

EVE

For what?

MOM

What I mean is, I'm not one of those women who needed to be a mother. When I was growing **up**, all the girls wanted to be, so I thought I did too. But it didn't take, just being honest.

EVE

Well....Thank you.