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THE  
SECRET

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# The Secret

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*It's family board game night, scrabble is on the table. You can cut the tension with a knife.*

**Hailey** Bastard.

**Michelle** Hailey!

**Hailey** What? It's my word.

**Chris** 60 points, your turn dad!

*\*Hailey scoffs\* Dad.*

**Michelle** Hailey, stop it with the attitude, please.

**Peter** Loyal. 13.

**Hailey** Yeah, right.

**Peter** Huh?

**Hailey** I saw you.

**Michelle** Saw what Hailey?

**Hailey** I saw you with her. Cheater.

**Peter** It's not what you think.

**Hailey** Mum, he's cheating on you.

*Michelle sighs*

**Michelle** Hailey, we didn't want to tell you this right now, but I guess we have to.

**Chris** What mum?

**Michelle** Your father and I have been living together, but we've been separated for months.

**Chris** What? Peter: We didn't work as a couple, but we're content living together.

**Hailey** I'm going to my room.

**Michelle** Hailey wait!

**Peter** Let her go.

*Hailey disappears upstairs. The family sits in silence.*

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