

JANINE – 20's-30's woman

Justin returns with the sobbing baby in his arms. He tries to soothe the baby by rocking him gently.

JUSTIN

What the hell is going on?

Janine stops brushing the spew from her hair and looks up at Justin.

JANINE

I'm just taking a moment.

JUSTIN

Don't you reckon your son needs a moment?

JANINE

What's that suppose to mean?

JUSTIN

Jesus Christ Janine he's bawling his eyes out. And you're ...I don't know what you're doing...just...just sitting here.

JANINE

Is that what you think I've been doing all day?

JUSTIN

Hello! I walk in and ...and ...

JANINE

That kids been driving me mad all day, he hasn't stopped crying.

JUSTIN

He's a baby Janine, they cry, it's their job.

JANINE

It's their job. What's my job? Hey, what is it? Is my job to have spew in my hair, not have a shower, not wear clean clothes...sleep, ooh sleep..is my job to have no sleep.

JUSTIN

You're his mother Janine.

JANINE

And you're his father.
JUSTIN

Yeah I am, and I'm doing my part.

JANINE
And what part is that?

JUSTIN
Working. Providing for you, for him for this house. I think I'm more then doing my part.

JANINE
Bragging to your mates at work about your new baby son. Having a lunch break, fresh air, conversations, a life. What about my life?

As the tension escalates so does the baby's screaming. Justin struggles to calm him.

JUSTIN
Hey buddy it's alright...it's ok..shhhh. Have you fed him?

This is the last thing Janine wants to hear.

JANINE
Ooh my god. Is that your answer to everything, feed him.

JUSTIN
Well have you?

JANINE
I haven't stopped feeding him, nursing him, patting him, changing him, bathing him, feeding him...you want me to go on.

JUSTIN
What's the big deal? Can't you just be a mother?

Justin has just stepped over the line.

JANINE
Aww you're an ass hole, a real ass hole.

JUSTIN
What? What makes you so different? Women all over the world have kids, it can't be that hard. There's women who plough fields with one kid on their hip and another one hanging off their tit. Fuck me, how many fields you ploughed today? The way I look at it look, you got it pretty good I reckon.

Justin's last comment has riled Janine to the point where she can't even respond.

There's an uneasy silence in the room broken only by the sobbing of the baby.

Justin has nothing left to say.

Janine is disgusted with Justin's outburst.