CAROLINE
Do you think he’s safe?

JASON
I’m sure he’s fine.

CAROLINE
What if he’s not?

JASON
You really don’t give Benjy enough credit.

CAROLINE

Jason, stop.

JASON
Stop what?

CAROLINE

He almost left!

JASON
Left?

CAROLINE
When Greg and I started to separate, Benjy could sense it. He got angry all the time. He threatened to run away every time Greg and I got into a fight. Then, when we finally told him we were getting a divorce, that pushed him over the edge. I was about to run after him, but Greg stopped me. He said Benjy just needs to let off some steam. Well, he ran a mile out. Into the woods. We had to call the police to get a search party.

JASON
I thought he ran to the pet store?

CAROLINE
That’s where we took him when we finally got him.

*Pause*

JASON

You know, I talked to Benjy the other day?

CAROLINE
You did?

JASON
Yeah. I accidentally tried to talked to him about sex.

*Caroline laughs*

CAROLINE
You did not.

JASON
Yeah... But I also got to know him a little bit.

CAROLINE
Yeah?

JASON
He’s impressive. We talked about my job. He told me about his love for fish and animals and he even told me he wants to work with them when he grows up.

CAROLINE
Wow, that’s great.

JASON
I think you should get to know Benjy for who he is. Not for who you think he should be.

CAROLINE
What do you mean?

JASON
I think Benjy’s scared of you. I think he knows you’re always so worried about him and he’s afraid to be honest with you about the scary things in his life.

CAROLINE
*Starts crying*

I don’t want him to leave.

JASON
I know.