PARTY MOM

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FADE IN:

EXT. CHUCK E. CHEESE - DAY

MOM, a hot 40, dressed in a mini-skirt and high heels, stands outside the restaurant with her daughter KAYLA, a very cute 10-year-old with pigtails and glasses. They wave to the cameraman, DAD.

MOM

We're here at Chuck E. Cheese for Kayla's tenth birthday party! Woo!

Kayla looks at the CAMERA, shakes her head.

INT. CHUCK E. CHEESE - MOMENTS LATER

BIRTHDAY TABLE

Kayla sits at the head of the brightly decorated table surrounded by five GIRLS, all about ten years old.

GIRL 1

My dad had to tell my mom I was going to the mall.

GIRL 2

I thought your mom was banned.

KAYLA

No, that was the Chuck E. Cheese in Fresno. They don't know us here.

Mom kneels down beside Kayla.

MOM

Hey, girls, what are you talking about?

KAYLA

Nothing, Mom.

MOM

Okay, then. Come on, girls! Let's get this party started! Woo!

WHACK-A-MOLE GAME

Mom looks on as GIRL 3 taps lightly at the moles.

MOM

Come on, Jill. You're killing me.

Mom grabs the club from her and pounds the moles into submission, lets out a loud grunt with each whack.

AIR HOCKEY MACHINE

Mom and Girl 1 play an intense game of air hockey. Mom slaps the puck wildly, as it ricochets from one end of the table to the other. Girl 1 gives up, folds her arms. The puck finally slams into the slot.

MOM

In your face! Yes!

ROCK WALL

Kayla and GIRL 4, in proper protective gear, climb the wall. Over to the side, Mom, in her mini-skirt and high heels, ascends the wall next to them.

MOM

Come on girls, I'll race you.

Mom yodels as she climbs higher. Kayla looks up and notices Mom's leopard skin panties, shakes her head.

SODA FOUNTAIN

Mom waits in line with a group of KIDS, refills her cup. She takes a flask from her blouse, empties it into the cup. Mom chugs the soda as the children in line look at her.

MOM

I have allergies.

ROPE LADDER

Kayla runs up to the camera.

KAYLA

Dad, I can't find Mom. The pizza's coming soon.

Dad's finger enters the frame, points.

Kayla turns to see --

MOM

still in high heels, climbs the rope ladder. Lets out a drunken Tarzan yell. She laughs uncontrollably and screams as the rope ladder wobbles then spins and dumps her face down into the ball pit.

Mom laughs and snorts as she swims through the ball pit.

BIRTHDAY TABLE

Kayla and her friends sit and eat pizza. Mom staggers back and forth in the background. Her words begin to slur.

MOM

I can't find my shoe. Bob, put down the camera and help me find my shoe.

BIRTHDAY TABLE TWO

An ASIAN FAMILY sit and celebrate their son's birthday.

ASIAN DAD stands and makes a toast to his SON, 8, in fluent Chinese. Everyone at the table raises their cups.

Mom slowly appears from under the table.

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I'm sorry. Did you see a black high heeled shoe? Size eight?

She stands up. Embarrassed. Bows to Asian Dad.

MOM

I apologize. So sorry. So sorry.

Mom walks away as the Asian family watches, perplexed.

CHUCK E. CHEESE STAGE

The animatronic puppets perform a song. After a beat, Mom wanders on from backstage. She soon realizes where she is, seizes the opportunity.

The crowd cheers as Mom staggers over to the puppets and performs a go-go dance.

MAN (V.O.)

Attention, co-workers. Nick to the stage, please. Nick to the stage.

Mom flips off the audience.

MOM

Suck it, San Diego!

BIRTHDAY TABLE

Kayla sits before her birthday cake as her friends sing The Happy Birthday Song. Mom, now totally plastered, kneels next to Kayla and sings a drunken version. After the song, Kayla blows out her candles. Her friends clap and cheer.

Mom bawls. Tears and mascara stream down her face. She kisses Kayla repeatedly on her cheek.

MOM

My baby girl, My baby girl is ten. I love you so much. You're growing up so fast. Are you getting boobies?

Kayla cannot take this anymore.

KAYLA

Mom! Stop it! You ruin everything!

MOM

What? I love you. I just want you to have a nice party. You're ten!

KAYLA

This isn't about me turning ten! This is about you turning forty!

MOM

What? Honey, that's not true. I'm only thirty-nine.

KAYLA

Mom, you can't be a party girl forever. Just grow up!

Kayla storms off. Mom sits. Wipes her tears on a Chuck E. Cheese napkin. Weeps hysterically.

MOM

Who wants cake?

SKEEBALL MACHINES

Kayla's friends roll the wooden balls into the white hoops, scream and clap as tickets spit out.

Mom sits on the edge of a broken skeeball machine, sobs. She wipes away the tears, looks around the room.

Innocent, happy children run and laugh all around her.

Mom breathes in, takes off her shoe, and stands.

BIRTHDAY TABLE

Kayla opens a present and hugs GIRL 5. Kayla notices something O.S. She puts down the present, stands, and walks over to--

DARK CORNER

Mom stands alone in the corner, watches her daughter.

Kayla walks up to Mom. They talk calmly, but their conversation is drowned out by the noise of the room.

Both Kayla and Mom wipe away tears. Mom kneels down and gives her daughter a huge hug. Kayla takes Mom's hand and leads her back to the--

BIRTHDAY TABLE

Mom, Kayla, and DAD, 40's, huddle together for the camera.

GIRL 1 (O.S.)

Okay, say Chuck E. Cheese.

KAYLA

Chuck E. Cheese!

MOM

Happy birthday, Kayla. We love you.

DAD

Happy birthday, pumpkin.

Mom and Dad each turn and kiss Kayla on the cheek.

MOM

We love you, San Diego! Woo!

Kayla laughs and shakes her head.

KAYLA

Mom!

MOM

Okay, it might take a little time.

A FLASH, as a camera SNAPS a picture.

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A photo with a Chuck E. Cheese border develops. Mom, Dad, and Kayla smile at us. Mom's fingers give Kayla bunny ears.

FADE OUT