

Daddy's Little Girls

Characters (In Order of "Appearance")

Gretchen - Sister

Meg - Sister

Dad

Mom

GRETCHEN

"I'm gonna order pizza."

(In a Children's Playground
Chant)

"What do you want on your pizza?"

MEG

I want "*Teddy Bears*" on my pizza!

GRETCHEN

"Teddy Bear pizza!

Teddy Bear pizza!

Teddy Bear pizza!"

MEG

Teddy Bear pizza!

Teddy Bear pizza!

Teddy Bear pizza!

GRETCHEN

"I love you *girls!*"

*Gretchen hops back on the bed. They
start jumping.*

MEG

Love you dad!

GRETCHEN

Boys you want to kiss. Go.

MEG

Ryan Gosling.

GRETCHEN

Peter McCradle.

MEG

Mark Shapiro. I want some Big Love with him.

GRETCHEN

"Careful of that one girls."

MEG

"His brothers are monsters."

GRETCHEN

I like monsters.

Meg jumps off bed.

MEG

"Girls! Quit jumping on the bed!"

GRETCHEN

Sorry dad.

MEG

"I want you home at midnight. Nothing good happens after midnight. I got enough to worry about. Have you seen the price of gas? It's a goddamn outrage. Goddamn politicians."

GRETCHEN

Sorry about the politicians, dad! Love you, dad.

MEG

"I'm gonna order some pizza, girls."

(Playground chant)

"What do you want on your pizza?"

GRETCHEN

I want "boyfriends" on my pizza!

GRETCHEN & MEG

Boyfriend pizza! Boyfriend pizza! Boyfriend pizza!

MEG

"I hate that pizza, but I love you *girls!*"

Gretchen and Meg start jumping on the bed.

GRETCHEN

Do you think mom and dad will ever get divorced?

MEG

"No, goddamn way. I love Margaret as much as the first day I laid eyes on her."

GRETCHEN

"Goddamn it, I love her even more than drinkin' a Budweiser on a boat."

MEG

"And that's a whole hell of a lot."

GRETCHEN

"When we got married it was "until death do we part.""

MEG

"We said it in front of God."

GRETCHEN

"And that may not mean much to a lot of people."

MEG

"But it means something in this goddamn house."

Mom enters.

MOM

Girls, what are you doing?

MEG & GRETCHEN

Sorry, mom.

GRETCHEN

Come and jump on the bed with us, mom.

MOM

The limo is out front ready to take us to your father's service. Peter & Mark and your kids are outside waiting for us.

MEG

Just for a minute. They're not going to leave without us.

MOM

We are burying your father today. What's gotten into you two?

MEG

You'll feel better.

MOM

I'm not jumping on a bed on the day of my husband's--

GRETCHEN

"Listen, to your mother, girls."

MEG

"She's the smartest woman I know."

GRETCHEN

"She's foxy too."

MEG

"Why do you think you got all these stupid boys calling the house at all hours of the night?"

GRETCHEN

"It's not cause of me or my genes that's for certain."

MEG

"It's that foxy mom of yours."

GRETCHEN

"All the guys at the VFW are jealous. I'm goddamn lucky. Goddamn lucky your foxy mom picked me."

MOM

Enough!

MEG

Is that a smile?

GRETCHEN

"All this nonsense talk of solar power. They should use your mom's smile to power this town. The mayor's too stupid to figure it out."

MOM

You two are incorrigible.

MEG

We miss him too.

MOM

It feels so heavy. How are you jumping? I can barely stand.

GRETCHEN

We're just trying to jump the heaviness out. It feels so much lighter when we jump.

MEG

Jump with us.

MOM

Your cheapskate dad bought that bed on sale at Sears for \$35. No way, I'm getting up there. It's gonna collapse into a hundred pieces.

GRETCHEN

Believe me, mom, this bed can handle more than you think.

MOM

What's that supposed to mean?

GRETCHEN

Don't worry about it. Come on up.

Gretchen and Meg help their mom up.

Meg and Gretchen start jumping.

MOM

This is just ridiculous.

MEG

C'mon. You know you want to!

Mom starts jumping.

MOM

Oh my goodness, this would drive your father crazy.

GRETCHEN

Three things you love about dad. Go!

MEG

Ice cream sandwich Tuesdays.

GRETCHEN

Blasting Rolling Stones on road trips.

MOM

Taking out the trash without ever asking him.

GRETCHEN

Oooo sexy. Taking out the trash!

MOM

That's hot, mom. That's hot.

MEG

"Get off the bed, Margaret!"

GRETCHEN

(Smacks mom's ass)

"Margaret, get that sexy ass off that Goddman bed."

MEG

(Smacks mom's ass)

"What's your mother's sexy ass doing jumping on that Goddamn bed?!"

GRETCHEN

Sorry, dad!

MOM

Sorry, Jack!

Meg & Gretchen hop off the bed.

MEG

I love you **girls!**

GRETCHEN

I love you **girls!**

MOM

I love you, **Jack!**

(A realization)

Who's going to take out the trash now, girls?

A small beat.

GRETCHEN

Mom, when we get back from the service, let's order a pizza.

MEG

You can order anything you want on it just like we used to.
Okay?

MOM

Okay.

GRETCHEN

(Sotto Voce)

What do you want on your pizza?

MOM

(Sotto Voce)

I want "Big Love" on my pizza.

Lights fade as...

GRETCHEN AND MEG AND MOM

(Sotto Voce)

Big love pizza. Big love pizza. Big love pizza.

END PLAY