

I'll Never Be The Same

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Cast of Characters

Samantha – Mother. Gets abused by Jim and wants the best for her kids. She loves Jim but doesn't want to be abused any longer.

Cassie – Daughter. 9-year old that cares about her family. She knows that her dad is abusive but still cares about him. She loves her family very much.

Carlos – Son. 13 ½-year-old boy who loves to play sports but also suffers from what his father does to him. He does his best to protect his mom and sister.

Jim – Dad. Abusive father that wants to change but can't. Had a rough childhood which made him how he is now. Hard to trust.

Grandma Marie – Jim's mother.

Synopsis

Jim is an abusive father that mistreats his family. Samantha doesn't want to continue like this and decides to run away with Cassie. Carlos is now left alone and has to find a way to get back up to the so-called family that has left him.

Outside/Sidewalk

(Carlos and Cassie are walking home with ice cream)

CARLOS

How's the ice cream, Cass?

CASSIE

(Thumbs up)

The Living Room

(Jim spots kids walking home with ice cream and angrily goes home to yell at Samantha)

JIM

WHY ARE THEY NOT INSIDE?!? They are supposed to be inside!

SAMANTHA

I-I let them go get ice cream
(Sounds worried and scared)

JIM

I've told you they can't leave this house. MY HOUSE without permission!

SAMANTHA

I'm-I'm sorry.

JIM

Why don't you ever listen?!?

SAMANTHA

Because of our kid—

JIM

The kid's ar—

SAMANTHA

I said our kids they're our kids Jim.

(Carlos and Cassie walked into the living room to find their parents fighting and are scared)

JIM

Well... *(walks over to Carlos and grabs his shoulder)* if your kids *(shoves Carlos a little)* are the reason you aren't listening *(shoves Carlos a bit more)* then maybe I should fix them so they fix you *(pushes Carlos to the floor and slaps him)* Right?!

SAMANTHA

No stop, please Jim.

JIM

(Pushes Samantha)

No, you stop!

(Looks and walks over angrily to Cassie)

SAMANTHA

Jim, I said stop!

Cassie and Carlos's Room

CASSIE

What's going on Carlos? Why do Mom and Dad keep fighting?

CARLOS

Don't worry about it, Cassie. Everything is going to be okay I promise.

(Samantha barges into the room crying with her hand covering her eye from where Jim hit her)

CARLOS

Mom, what's wrong

CASSIE

Mom, are you okay?

(Gets up and goes toward Samantha)

SAMANTHA

I'm okay...Hey, Cassie, do you want to go to grandma's house?

CASSIE

When are we coming back?

SAMANTHA

Umm- Okay, grab your stuff and put it in a backpack.

The Next Morning

(Carlos wakes up very confused to find that his sister isn't in the room with him)

CARLOS

Mom? Cassie? Wh-where did they go?

(Carlos walks into the living room to find his dad passed out on the couch and throws water on him)

JIM

Wha-What!?

CARLOS

Where is mom? Where is Cassie?

JIM

What? Did they leave?

CARLOS

Yes they left *dad*, they left but you wouldn't know since you are over here passed out with that poison. Your PATHETIC JIM!

JIM

Why is someone like YOU talking to ME like that? You know what, get out.

CARLOS

Wait, what! Where am I supposed to go?

JIM

I don't care just, GET OUT!

CARLOS

NO, I can't

JIM

GET OUT NOW!

CARLOS

Okay, Fine. You're going to regret saying that
(Carlos goes to get his clothes and they walk back and leaves)
Goodbye, DAD. Thanks for nothing

In The House

JIM

I can't believe that he left, wow. Unbelievable no wonder this kid is mine. This is not fair. They don't know the life I had and my father hasn't been there for me. He left me and mother to rot but we became better and I need to be a better father you know. For My Wife and my Kids...or I might end up losing them

On The Street

CARLOS

It's been some time since I left the house and saw Mom and Cassie. It's a lonely life in the streets. *(Walking around the streets)* I got no money to buy food. I'm tired of just walking, I have been asking if anyone needs help any exchange for money but no one wants to help a 13-year-old boy.

(Carlos is walking down the street with no place to go and is scared and alone)

RANDOM GUY

Hey, you! Give me your money!

CARLOS

I-I don't have any money.

RANDOM GUY

Then you're coming with me.

(Grabs Carlos by the arm)

CARLOS

Why do you keep hurting us
It's because he's always drunk

He doesn't care about us

I wouldn't call him my father

It's hard to live with him
I wish I had a good father
I wish things could change

JIM

Why do I keep hurting you?

It's because I love them

They don't know what I been through

It's hard to be a father

I wish things could change

CARLOS *(continued)*

Life isn't fair for me and my family

Why can't we just be a normal family

JIM *(continued)*

I want to be a better father and husband!

I just want to start over

CARLOS

I wish I was with my mom. She was always there for me whenever dad would do this. It's too hard to be myself. I don't know who I am anymore. I have to stop living like this. I want to be a normal family where we could laugh and love each other. And things won't change.

CARLOS

But reality struck

I'll never be the same

I'm sorry

It's not fair!

JIM

But reality struck

I'll never be the same

I won't change

Later on...

(Jim is walking down the street going to buy some more beer then, sees a kid getting beat up and walks over)

JIM

What are those people doing to that kid? Hey! Get away from him!

(Jim gets closer to the kid and notices it's his son then called 911 and cries noticing what he has done)

JIM

Carlos, What are you doing here? I have to get you to the hospital quickly. Please stay.

In The Hospital

(Jim is on the phone with his mom)

JIM

Mom, I don't know what to do I want Samantha, Me, Carlos, and Cassie to be happy but we can't be happy when we aren't together.

GRANDMA MARIA

Jim, you need to get your act together, apologize if you want that baby Samantha is having to have a father and for your kids to have a father. Jim, you have to be the father that you never had.

JIM

What? (*Shocked*)

Samantha is what? She never told me!

GRANDMA MARIA

Yup, now tell her about Carlos and tell her what you told me because your kids don't deserve any father, you hear me.

JIM

Okay, mom.

(Jim calls Samantha and she answered)

SAMANTHA

Jim, I don't have time for you to yell at me.

JIM

No, Samantha, that's not why I ca--

CARLOS

Dad is that mom.

JIM

Yeah.

SAMANTHA

Put me on the phone with Carlos

JIM

Okay

CARLOS

Mom? *(Starts to tear up)*

SAMANTHA

H-hi

CARLOS

Where are you?

SAMANTHA

I'm sorry I couldn't bring you with me, this place only takes woman but I'll pick you up and we can stay with a friend of mine.

CARLOS

No mom I-I think I want to stay with dad. I can see that he is starting to change, ever since he brought me to the hospital.

SAMANTHA

Hey, Carlos, could you put me on the phone with him?

CARLOS

Okay, mom.

(Hands phone to Jim)

SAMANTHA

So Jim, talk to me. What were you gonna say?

JIM

Samantha, I was wrong to treat you and OUR, children the way I did. Also, my mom told me about how you are pregnant. I'm so sorry, I want to be your husband again and be their father again, but better I want them to have a dad since I didn't. So Samantha, what do you say?

SAMANTHA

I guess, I say fine, fine Jim, but if you ever--

JIM

I know Samantha, I know.

(Hangs up the phone call with Samantha and is already in a better mood)

Mom and Cassie are coming home.

CARLOS

They are

JIM

Yeah, they are.

CARLOS

Dad?

(seems upset)

JIM

Yeah?

CARLOS

I'm sorry.

JIM

No Carlos, I'm sorry. I promise that I would never leave you guys alone.

CARLOS

Dad, Let's go home.

JIM

Yeah, let's go home.

Next Day

CASSIE

(sees Carlos is awake and is upset)

Good morning Carlos.

CARLOS

Good morning Cassie

(Looks around the house to find that Jim isn't home)

Hey, Cassie, do you know where dad is? Did he go to find a job?

CASSIE

(Nods her head but is about to cry)

Dad left us again, Carlos. It's not fair. He kept saying that he would always be there for us but it turned out to be the opposite of what he said. Mom is heartbroken. He's a liar, Carlos! A liar!

CARLOS

(Sits down and has mixed emotions)

B-But he promised that he was never going to leave us anymore. I knew it was too good to be true. I wish... I can just...go back.

THE END