

MY FATHER'S WIFE

Dramatic

After Jason's mother passed away, his father remarried. Jason can't stand his stepmother and resents her for trying to take his mom's place. Today, Jason's teacher, Mr. Beckman, phoned his stepmother to tell her that Jason was causing trouble in class. Jason has just arrived at home when his stepmother confronts him about the phone call.

Jason: Mr. Beckman called you? God, he's so over-the-top. I admit, I was talking in his class. But the real reason he got so mad was because he thought I was talking about him. And I wasn't. He's way too paranoid. So he gave me a detention. It was no big deal. *(Beat.)* Grounded?! What are you talking about? You can't ground me. You're not my mother. Ya know, you have some nerve. You just waltz into the picture and screw with my dad's head until he's so confused and blind that he actually marries you. Oh, I mean after you threaten him with an ultimatum. *(Beat.)* You did too. He even told me he didn't really want to marry you, but he was scared of being alone. I told him to get a dog, but no, he didn't listen. So now he's stuck with you. And hey, that was his choice. But not mine. I have a mom. She's dead, but she's still my mom. And nobody will ever take her place. Not you. Not anyone.