EXT. BACKYARD - DAY
(Tim, Mandy)

TIM IS CLEANING THE GRILL. MANDY COMES FROM THE HOUSE. SHE SEEMS ANXIOUS, TENSE.

MANDY
Dad, have you seen Mom?

TIM
She’s running errands. She said she’ll be back in an hour.

MANDY
Which in Mom time is like three hours. One hour is three, three hours is ten... I’m sure if she ever said she’d be gone ten hours we’d never see her again.

TIM
Funny.

MANDY SIGHS LOUDLY.

TIM (CONT’D)
Is there something wrong?

MANDY
No. Not really. Sort of. Yes. And I really need Mom’s advice.

TIM
I could give advice.

MANDY
No, I need good advice.
TIM
You know, when Kristin was your age she was a mess and I gave her advice.

MANDY
Is that when she joined the Army? Or when she came home pregnant?

TIM
My point is, you girls always go to your mom for advice and, let's face it, none of you are doing too well.

MANDY
Hey.

TIM
Maybe what you need is a man's point of view.

MANDY
I guess that might be true. I mean, this is about a guy, and you --

TIM
Do not say I used to be one.

MANDY
(LYING) I wasn't. (THEN, STRUGGLING TO BE HONEST WITH DAD) Okay, like when you were seventeen did you think about nothing but... (TRYING TO FIND RIGHT WORD) stuff. (THEN) Sex! (CRINGING, SOFTER) Sex stuff.
TIM

Maybe you should talk to your mother.

MANDY NODS: “GOOD IDEA.” BUT THEN SHE JUST STANDS THERE, TRYING VERY HARD NOT TO CRY.

TIM (CONT’D)

Oh God, don’t cry. Don’t be sad. Do you want some money?

MANDY

(NOW STARTING TO CRY) I’m not crying! I’m frustrated. Why do guys always confuse frustration for crying and sad?

TIM

Because with women there’s no obvious difference. When guys are frustrated they punch a wall and when guys are crying they’re watching “Field of Dreams.” It’s very clear.

MANDY

Would it make you happier if I just laughed? (FORCED CRAZY LAUGH) I’m doing great! Rainbows and fluffy clouds and lollipops and puppy dogs! Yay! (MORE CRAZY LAUGHTER)

TIM

Fine, I said you could ask me for advice, so let me have it. Your problem is your boyfriend is pressuring you to have... (CAN’T SAY IT)
MANDY

Sex.

TIM

Such a horrible word.

MANDY

No, the problem is he isn’t. (THEN QUICKLY) Which isn’t to say that I want... that word... and even if I did I wouldn’t tell you --

TIM

Good instincts.

MANDY

-- but all my girlfriends spend all their time fighting off their dudes --

TIM

Good girls.

MANDY

-- or not fighting them off --

TIM

Bad girls.

MANDY

Dad, please! And the thing with Andrew is he’s not even trying anything. I mean, we have fun together. We both like shopping. And tanning. And “Glee.” But when we’re alone... he doesn’t even seem like he likes kissing me. That’s weird, right?

(MORE)
MANDY (CONT'D)

Boys want to kiss me. And men.
Teachers. I’ve flirted my way to more than a few A’s.

TIM
I’m glad we had this talk. We’re sending you to Catholic school.

MANDY
Oh please, if there’s anyone who likes me more than teachers, it’s nuns.
(SHAKES HEAD) There’s just something strange about a guy who wants to be my boyfriend but doesn’t want... the stuff.

TIM
Maybe you should...

MANDY
Talk to Mom.

TIM
Yeah.

MANDY
Yeah. I’ll take that money now.

MANDY HOLDS OUT HER HAND.