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(Upstage, OFFICER KOWALSKI sits with KATHERINE, ELLIE, and TORREY.
MIKE enters.)

MIKE

I told everyone to go home. We'd call them when we had news.

(ELLIE hands OFFICER KOWALSKI photos of Fletcher.)

ELLIE

Here's his school picture. His hair is longer now. Here's his soccer picture. He's not very good at soccer. You should put out an A.P.B.

OFFICER KOWALSKI

Honey, I need to talk to your mom.

(to KATHERINE)

What was your son wearing the last time you saw him?

KATHERINE

A shirt. Pants.

ELLIE

(blurting confidently)

Beige pants, white t-shirt with fish on it, red sneakers, medium blue hooded sweatshirt that's almost too small.

OFFICER KOWALSKI

(a bit confused, turning to KATHERINE)

Mrs. Blake, can you describe your son's personality?

KATHERINE

He can be very annoying.

OFFICER KOWALSKI

(taking notes)

Your son's "annoying."

ELLIE

Don't write that down.

OFFICER KOWALSKI

(to KATHERINE)

Has Fletcher experienced any recent emotional trauma?

MIKE

Fletch was his regular happy self this morning.

KATHERINE*(anguished)*Except... I did hurt him.*(off MIKE and OFFICER KOWALSKI's reactions)*Not physically! Gah! Psychically!**OFFICER KOWALSKI**

You "psychically" hurt your son?

*(FLETCHER and ADAM enter.)***FLETCHER**

Mommy!

ELLIE*(emotional)*

Fletcher!

*(FLETCHER runs past ELLIE to KATHERINE and hugs her. ELLIE runs and hugs them both.)***ELLIE**

How did you find your way back?

FLETCHER

He brought me home.

*(Everyone turns to stare at ADAM.)***ADAM**

Yo.

KATHERINE

Hellooo.

FLETCHER

I'm hungry.

OFFICER KOWALSKI

I could eat.

MIKE

Come on in the kitchen. I'll make everyone something.

c Adam & Kat
Don't touch the pâté!

TORREY, ELLIE*(ALL exit except KATHERINE and ADAM. On the way out, OFFICER KOWALSKI addresses KATHERINE.)*