

THE PURGE

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INT. LIVING ROOM

DAD

Tonight allows people a release. A chance to let go of the things they don't need.

SON

Why don't we purge this year?

MOM

Because we don't feel the need to.

DAD

We'll be fine just like always, ok?

We hear a door bell ring. Security camera footage of Marie Kondo at the front door. The family looks at the door terrified, the daughter cries.

MOM

What should we do, I mean she can't get in right?? She can't get into our home?

DAD

She can get in anywhere, she's so tiny.

Marie Kondo is now in the living room with the family. She is beaming with happiness.

MARIE

Hello!

DAD

Please. I'm begging you please don't do this to us.

Marie smiles and giggles.

MARIE

I just want to help you find the joy in your life.

DAD

Why?? Why do you do this, what's so wrong with having stuff??

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MARIE

Ok, lets get started!

Marie jumps up and down and smiles, she looks around and finally her eyes land on a fireplace mantel filled with family photos and other items.

MARIE

Tell me about your mantel what all do you keep up here.

MOM

These are my parents we unfortunately lost them last year but we like to keep them close.

Mom pats two urns lovingly.

MARIE

Some nice family photos and essentially two giant containers of dirt...

MOM

The family photos ok we can take them down maybe put them in an album, but my parents?? Where else would I put them?

Marie arm swipes everything off the mantel

MARIE

They don't go anywhere, they burn. Again.

She proceeds to light the items on fire.

MARIE (CONT'D)

It all burns.

Marie looks around, stopping on the family's two dogs and a clutter of dog toys, beds and blankets

MARIE (CONT'D)

Ok ok how do we all feel about these?

MOM

I mean...I guess we could stand to get rid of --

MARIE

I mean you certainly don't need two.

DAUGHTER
Don't need two...?

DAD
dogs?!

MARIE
I just don't know why you have two
when one would do. Do they both
bring you joy?

The family all share a look, then look at the daughter

DAD
Honey, you know Buttercup always
pees on the carpet.

MOM
And she tracks mud in the house
constantly!

SON
I didn't want to say anything but
it was Buttercup who crashed the
car last week not me.

The daughter looks astonished

DAUGHTER
I can't believe you guys are
seriously suggesting we get rid of
Buttercup!

MOM
Honestly we've been putting this
off too long.

MARIE
When we let go of things we should
hold them tight and thank them for
all the joy they once gave us. And
then we let them go.

The daughter hugs Buttercup.

DAUGHTER
Thank you for all the joy you've
given me Butter cup.

The daughter stands up and takes a step back.

MARIE
It's time to purge.

Marie holds up a gun takes aim and shoots. Marie moves on to her next target.

MARIE

And what about all of this?

Marie gestures towards an insane amount of sports memorabilia and trophies.

DAD

Oh all of this...

He laughs and polishes one of his larger trophies.

DAD (CONT'D)

Just cherished physical reminders
of my glory days.

The two kids share a disgusted look.

MARIE

So what exactly is your role in
the household? What do you bring
to the table?

DAD

nervously
Uhhh well I work, and I... umm...
do the yard work...

MOM

Honey, you do work hard and we
appreciate everything you do.

SON

I'll always cherish the time we
had together.

DAUGHTER

We'll never forget you, thank you
for all the joy you've given us.

DAD

What! Come on family, I'm
indispensable, I love y--

Marie Kondo moves closer to the dad, plunges a knife into his stomach and whispers into his ear

MARIE

No one is indispensable during
the purge.

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